



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...
Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 PM
Sunday, 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM
Holy Days: As Announced

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 - 4:40 PM

Phone Numbers:

Administrative Center:
(724)423-4431
Fax Number
(724)423-4438
Formation Director
423-5087

St. Florian Pre-School/
Activities Bldg. 423-4437

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Mailing Address:

4261 Route 981
PO Box 187
United, PA 15689
Website: www.saintflorian.org

Staff:

Pastor:
Rev. William C. McGuirk
Business Mgr: Jerry Spallino
Directors of Faith Formation:
Toni Chovanec & Ruth Apone
Organists:
Mary Jane Makar,
Asst. Choir Director
Steven Makar
Dr. Steve Whisdosh,
Choir Director
Preschool, Dir: Lottie Hirak
Preschool, Aide: Karen Dlugos
Parish Secretary: Pat Lucas

Family Faith Night

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Monday, January 19

6:30 – 7:45

St. Florian Social Hall

*Sunday, January 25 is the Feast of the
Conversion of St. Paul*

Saint Paul was not always a good and
righteous man. Come and hear of his
conversion and how this once
persecutor became a great
missionary of the church.

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

Jan. 11: Adults: \$4391.20; Children: \$1.00; Candles: \$71.50; Repairs & Imp: \$337.00; Loose: \$441.01; Catholic Accent: \$178.00; Christmas: \$50.00; Initial: \$50.00; Immaculate Conception: \$20.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00; Catholic Schools: \$20.00 TOTAL: \$5579.71
Capital Fund: \$225.00 God Bless You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan. 17 5:00 PM +Joseph Tirdil by Wife Betty & Sons; +Paul J. Bitner, First Anniversary by Wife Pat, Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, Jan. 18 9:00 AM +Terry Lucotch, Anniversary by Lucotch Family; +Walter Herczyk by Mr. & Mrs. John P. Rusnock & Family

Sunday, Jan. 18 11:00 AM +Elizabeth Feddock by Bernie Urban; +Elaine Oravets by Bill & Cid Gillott; +Fr. Henry Paul Dinicco by Pat Morocco

Monday, Jan. 19 8:00 AM +Richard C. Barnhart by Mr. & Mrs. James Barnhart

Tuesday, Jan. 20 8:00 AM +Agnes Palcic by Richard & Mary Ann Uhrin

Wednesday, Jan. 21 8:00 AM +Carol Rock by Mr. & Mrs. William Kuhar

Thursday, Jan. 22 8:00 AM +Mary Ann Sopko by Helen Stemmler

Friday, Jan. 23 +Kathleen Rusinko by Renny & Dolores Rinier

Saturday, Jan. 24 5:00 PM +Andrew Forbes by Marge Forbes; +Margaret Muchoney by Joe & Valeria Wolk

Sunday, Jan. 25 9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Altar Society; +Thomas Appleby by Marge & Family; +Beverly Folcik by Frank & Carol Artuso

Sunday, Jan. 25 11:00 AM +Paul Kobistek by Sherrick & Rummel Families; +Mary Waggle, Anniversary by Scott, Christen, Tyler & Garrett Stercho

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 17, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... T. Chovanec
Eucharistic Ministers J. Lawrence, D. Dickinson, D. Gardner, J. Lesko
Altar Servers..... N. & J. Chovanec, A. Miscovich

Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... L. Yanetsky
Eucharistic Ministers C. & J. Myers, M. Yuhas
Altar Servers..... J. Lucas, A. & T. Salopek

Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... D. Shimko
Eucharistic Ministers M. Klimchock, M. Ceroni, E. Zider, J. Mizikar
Altar Servers..... J. Scekeres, F. & L. Severa

Saturday, January 24, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... D. Yasher
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart, J. Lawrence, J. Lesko, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers..... N. Hicks, E. Uhrin, K. Johnson

Sunday, January 25, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... S. Makar
Eucharistic Ministers M. Yuhas, J. Macey, T. Jackson, D. Shimko
Altar Servers..... J. & S. Vidakovich

Sunday, January 25, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers S. D'Amico, J. Mizikar, D. Zelenak
Altar Servers..... T. Stercho, B. Fullman


THIS WEEK

Family Faith Night Monday, 6:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Altar Server Training Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Eucharistic Min. and
Eucharistic Min. to the Sick Training Thursday, 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

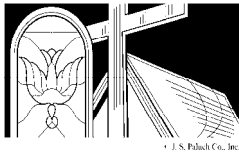
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3,15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3,11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1104 and on Sunday, #987.

 Pray for ... Those in the hospital including Joseph Kritz


DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
PRAYING FOR MARK D'AMICO'S MISSION TRIP TO BRAZIL.

Gift
What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.
--Anonymous



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2009**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

*Don't forget -
Make your reservation for
the St. Florian
Discipleship Award
Dinner.*

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

Thanks to everyone who is praying for Mark D'Amico or donated to his mission trip to Brazil. He will give us economic updates. If he exceeds what he needs for the trip, he will donate the excess to one of the places he visits in Brazil.

The Time & Talent registry revealed that there are people willing to learn to make pierogies and others to make goulash. We will be in touch for more.

There is interest in creating a second edition of the St. Florian Cookbook with recipes from St. Stanislaus & Forty Martyrs. How great to see good ideas going forward!

Altar Servers: If you are unable to minister at the scheduled time, please contact a replacement.

Youth Ministry Meeting will be on Sunday, January 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 in the youth room. All youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited. Upcoming activities and the schedule for 2009 will be discussed.

Welcome We welcome William Back, Steven Ludvik, and John Ludvik who have been accepted as candidates for catechetical instruction leading to reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Continue to pray for them as they continue on their journey.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

At a recent meeting, the Festival Committee set the date for the summer festival. This year, it will again be one day: Sunday, August 16, 2009. While the date has changed, the location will remain the same.

During these winter months, we need everyone to start to:

- Collect books, CD's, videos - Leave them in the back of church. Call Pat Bush, 724-837-1185, if you have questions or have items to be picked up.
- Make a craft for the craft stand
- Purchase on-sale items now for a Chinese Auction basket

BRANCH 181

St. John the Baptist Society of the F.S.C.U. will hold its first meeting on February 21, 2009, in the Formation Building at St. Florian. The meeting will immediately follow the 5:00 PM Mass.

All members are invited to attend.

G. Kouacina
Recording Secretary

2008 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

Anyone wishing to receive a record of their 2008 contributions to Forty Martyrs, St. Florian or St. Stanislaus for tax purposes is asked to please contact the office by phone or e-mail (plucas@dioceseofgreensburg.org) You will be able to pick up your records at the back of church.

GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME...

Martha and Andy Vilky



New Ideas Going Forward

We would like to start to offer families the opportunity to contribute floral arrangements each weekend in honor of/in memory of a loved one. This will give you another option if a date is not available for a Mass intention. We are working with a local florist to determine the costs and other details. Check next week's bulletin insert for the details.

MINISTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

The following training sessions have been scheduled; all will meet in the church:

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| Altar Servers | Tuesday, Jan. 20 @ 6:30 PM |
| (1 parent must accompany child) | |
| Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick | Thursday, Jan. 22 @ 7:00 PM |
| Lectors | Tuesday, Jan. 27 @ 7:00 PM |
| Ushers & Greeters | Thursday, Jan. 29 @ 7:00 PM |

If you are new to one of these ministries, you must attend the training session for that ministry. Please contact the office if you cannot make the scheduled time (phone: 724-423-4431 or e-mail: plucas@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

The New St. Florian "Discipleship Award"

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Annamarie Grec

A longtime member of Forty Martyrs, Annamarie is known for her cooking and her commitment to serving her church as well as many community organizations for more than 60 years;

Georgann Malesky

Although she has been a member of St. Florian all her life, Georgann has provided important service to all three of our churches as a volunteer for our pre-school program;

Juanita Mizikar

A member of St. Florian, Juanita is a go-to person for everything from baking to office help. She recently took it upon herself to organize and coordinate the cemetery records.

Posthumously
The late Leo Sroka

As the longtime custodian for St. Stanislaus, Leo was the faithful first contact for everything that took place at the church -- from special occasions and festivals, to the simple but vital task of making sure the doors were opened and locked as needed. He held more than the keys to the church; he continues to hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Make your reservation now to join me in congratulating our four award recipients and their families at the Vigil Mass and Dinner Reception on **Saturday, January 31 in the social hall** as we say thank-you to all of you for all that you do.

-- Father McGuirk

The New St. Florian Church
"Discipleship Award" Dinner Reservation Form

Name _____ Number attending _____
(Please Print)

Phone number _____

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 23, 2009
LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS REMAIN



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇**All-You-Can-Eat Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast** ~ Sunday, January 18, 8 AM - 12 noon ~ @ Visitation Community Center, Mt. Pleasant ~ Adults: \$5; Children, 10 & under: \$2.50; toddlers: Free ~ Buckwheat cakes and take-out available ~ Tickets can be purchased @ door
- ◇**Afternoon Bingo** ~ CANCELLED for Tuesday, January 20th ~ resumes January 27th
- ◇**Healing Mass** ~ St. Paul Parish, Greensburg ~ Wednesday, January 28 @ 7:00 PM ~ Praise and worship beginning @ 6:30 PM ~ Individual prayer available following Mass ~ More info: call the parish office @ 724-834-6880

GIRL SCOUT SPIRIT DAY

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girls will host a "Catch the Kateri Spirit" Day on Sat., Feb. 28, 2009 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg (Westmoreland Room) for all Girl Scouts in grades 2-12. The day begins with registration at 9:00am and will end with Mass at 4:30pm which fulfills your Sunday obligation. The program includes a Native American presenter who will be doing authentic Native American Folklore with the scouts including hands on crafts, songs, games, etc. Many artifacts of items used by the Native Americans will be on display. The cost is \$13 which includes lunch, crafts, snacks, program and patch. Although this is a Catholic Program, non-Catholics and non-Scouts may also participate. Registration forms by calling Glenda at 724-446-5197 or e-mailing her, gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Registration deadline is February 20th.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER/FUNDRAISER

Jacob's Creek Area Faith in Action will be holding a Valentine's Day Dinner fundraising event on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Scottdale Fireman's Club on Route 819 in Scottdale. Entertainment will be provided by Elvis tribute artist Mr. Eddie Steen. Dinner buffet will begin at 6:30 PM and "Elvis" will take the stage at 7:30. Call 724-887-4641 for tickets or more information. (See flyer at back of church.)

PRO-LIFE VIGIL

The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery announce their Pro-Life Prayer Vigil on Wednesday, January 21. The schedule for the prayer vigil is as follows: 2:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and conference, 3:45 p.m. conference, 5:00 p.m. sung Vespers with the Benedictine Nuns, 6:30 p.m. conference, 7:30 p.m. Compline and closes with Benediction at 8:15 p.m. Light refreshments are provided. There is no charge - you are our guest. If your schedule does not permit you to attend the entire Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, you are very welcome to join us for whatever time you are able. Please RSVP to benedictinenuns@stemma.org or call 724-834-3060.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to avoid, postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2009 at 6 PM at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only ONE session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional. Pre-registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext 658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. Additional information can also be found at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/CatholicCharities/NFP/CM-BBT.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING**

In today's first reading, Samuel hears the Lord's voice, but mistakes it for Eli's. Fortunately, Eli is familiar enough with the ways of the Lord to help Samuel make his response.

As we seek the Lord, it is good to have someone like Eli who is familiar with the Lord's voice. There are many voices that bid us "Follow this way," and the Lord's call is not always easy to discern. There are people, too, who would pretend to know the Lord and draw others to themselves rather than to God.

Eli could have taken advantage of Samuel's naïveté and claimed it was he who had summoned Samuel. But Eli claims neither to be God nor to speak for God. Instead, he encourages Samuel to listen for himself.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Perhaps the most profound line in all of today's readings is Jesus' question of the two disciples who begin to follow him. "What are you looking for?" he asks plainly and directly.

Finding the Messiah was partly a matter of what one was looking for. If one lived with the expectation of the Messiah's coming, there would be a certain alertness, a certain watchfulness to life, and a certain openness to God's movements. The two disciples had followed John the Baptizer, but as soon as John pointed to Jesus, they were ready to follow him.

It has been said that what we find in life is pretty much what we have sought. "What are you looking for?" is a challenging question for each of us to ask of ourselves. Our honest answer to this question can reveal much about our faith and our values. Those who, like Andrew and the other disciple, are looking for the Messiah will find the Messiah, dwelling now, as then, among the people. "Come and see!"

Today's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42