



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 25, 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

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Rev. William C. McGuirk

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Toni Chovanec & Ruth Apone

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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

SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE WALSH GALLERY OF THE WESTMORELAND MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Kathy Mendus Dlugos, who grew up at St. Florian and whose family is still active here, is a featured artist through February 1st at the museum located at 221 N. Main Street, Greensburg. Her exhibit is entitled "The Shape of Days" and is comprised of her creations which use mixed media shadow boxes.

*Kathy is offering a special guided tour of her show
on Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 PM
for all St. Florian members.*

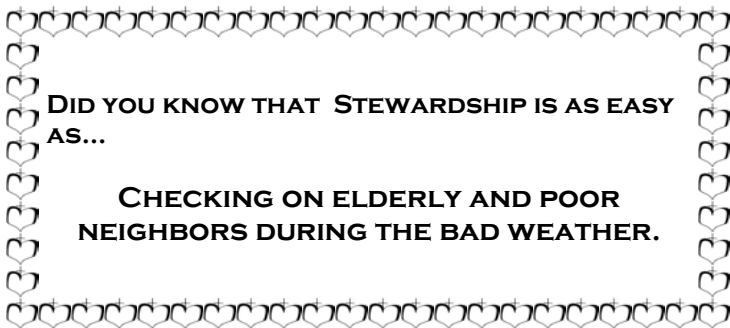
The following is found on the museum's website:

"The movement of human beings across the surface of the earth has captured Kathleen Dlugos' imagination in the last few years, and is at the core of the work in this exhibition.

According to the artist: "I conceive of my daily paths as drawings on the land, tracking my movement from different layers – the strata of the planet, the aerial view of the terrain I walk and drive across, the black power lines stitched across the surface. The physical mapping of my routine journey and the historical memories imbedded in this land are often laminated with unexpected occurrences; animals crossing my path, phenomenal weather events viewed from a high, broad expanse or a row of birds watching like sentinels on telephone lines, define remarkable moments that shape my days. My work presents layers of fragile paper, each documenting a particular consideration that combined to give visual shape to a particular day. It provides a meaningful way for me to tend to the simultaneous strata of stories and experiences that mark my time in this place."

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday, Jan. 26 8:00 AM +Agnes Pinskey by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mondock
Tuesday, Jan. 27 8:00 AM +Adam Skowronski by Sister, Bertha Lewis
Wednesday, Jan. 28 8:00 AM +Agnes Hollis by Cecilia Magda
Thursday, Jan. 29 8:00 AM +Agnes Lucas by Ed & Pauline Lucas
Friday, Jan. 30 8:00 AM +Paul J. Bitner by Ed & Janet Pospisil
Saturday Jan. 31 5:00 PM +Elizabeth Novotny by Eugene and Lorraine Cibusas; +Ignatius & Antoinette Pianko by Pianko Family
Sunday, Feb. 1 9:00 AM People
Sunday, Feb. 1 11:00 AM +Bernard Chismar by Family; +Susan & John Chismar by Family



MORE

Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous

Looking ahead at St. Florian...

Blessing of Candles..... Monday, Feb. 2 @ 8:00 AM Mass
Blessing of Throats Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8:00 AM Mass
Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 15, 8 AM - 1PM
Altar Society Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting... Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 PM
Youth Mass Saturday, Feb. 21, 5:00 PM
Ash Wednesday..... Wed., March 25, Mass @ 8:00 AM
Prayer Services @ Noon, 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM
(Ashes distributed at all services)
Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent, 7:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, January 31, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... M.E. Sopko
Eucharistic Ministers D. Mizikar, J. Mizikar, D. Gardner, J. Lesko
Altar Servers.....N. Irgang, M. Juliano, J. Lucas

Sunday, February 1, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector.....M.L. Yothers
Eucharistic MinistersG. Kovacina, D. Zelenak, M. Ceroni, J. Macey
Altar Servers..... Bitner Family

Sunday, February 1, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... T. Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers M. Klinchock,, D. Dickinson C. & J. Myers
Altar Servers.....R. Dickinson, K. Bulebosh, K. Porter

OFFICE HOURS
The office will be closed on
Friday, January 30 and Monday, February 2, 2009.
**DEADLINE FOR 2/1 BULLETIN IS
MONDAY, 1/26 @ 9 AM.**

THIS WEEK

Prayer Shawl	Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Lector Training	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Usher & Greeter Training	Thursday, 7:00 PM
Hall Set-up	Thursday, 8:30 AM
Discipleship Award Mass & Dinner	Saturday, 5:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1105 and on Sunday, #990.



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2009**

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your cookies, cakes, pies, breads, etc. for the bake sale at the Pancake Breakfast on 2/15/09

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

Respecting human life means more than not having abortions. It can be as simple as locking your car doors, even in the church parking lot, to keep tempted people from stealing.

Congratulations to the Steelers as they move on to the Super Bowl.

Next weekend is the first St. Florian Discipleship Award presentation and dinner. Pray that all of us imitate the virtues of our four awardees.

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.

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. Kovacina

Recording Secretary

GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME...

Donna and Joe Walton
Jennifer & Joe



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.

MINISTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

Lectors Tuesday, Jan. 27 @ 7:00 PM
Ushers & Greeters Thursday, Jan. 29 @ 7:00 PM
Altar Servers Wednesday, February 4 @ 6:30 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).

Is your child enrolled in a Catholic elementary school?

If so, please provide the office with the following:

Child's name and grade
School name

(Call 724-423-4431 or email: plucas@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - COME TO THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Florian Social Hall

4263 Route 981, United, PA

Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Ham,

Home Fries, Bread, Coffee, Tea & Juice

Adults: \$6.00 ~ Children 12 & Under: \$4.00

Under 2 years of age: Free

Also featuring Bake Sale and 50/50

NOTE FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Training session has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 4 @ 6:30 PM.



SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS



Beginning the weekend of January 31st & Feb. 2nd, our parishioners will have the opportunity to provide floral arrangements for the altar. Each week, two families will be able to honor a special event/loved one or memorialize a deceased loved one.



Susie-Q's Flowers, our local florist, will provide the arrangements at a cost of \$25 per arrangement (payment to be included with your order form). If special orders (for example, specific kind of flowers) are requested, the cost will rise appropriately.



General Flower Fund collections will continue for Christmas and Easter. No floral arrangements will be used during Lent and Advent.



The following are the Sundays in the next six months when dedications will be taken:



February 1, 8, 15, and 22



May 3, 10, 24, 31



June 7, 14, 21, 28



If the response is good, we will continue the program into the second half of the year.



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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested date for flowers: _____ Donation \$25.00



STATIONS VOLUNTEERS

As we look forward to the coming of spring and better weather, we also look toward Lent. As in the past, we will have Stations of the Cross here on Fridays at 7:00 PM. We need volunteers to lead and ask that anyone interested in this ministry complete the form below and return it to the office.

I, _____ would like to volunteer to lead Stations.

Please check one and provide the appropriate information:

◇ I prefer to be contacted by phone _____

◇ I prefer to be contacted by e-mail _____

THE CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE

In the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics face many challenges. The strength of this Church is based on its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love, which has sustained it through trials and energized it for change. Stand in solidarity and make a difference to your Catholic brothers and sisters in Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Latvia, Belarus and other distant places. Please be generous in next week's collection with your gifts to this unique and faithful part of the Church. Learn more at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, January 27th ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ♦ **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

LENTEN PRODUCTION AT ST. VINCENT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

The Way of the Cross written by Brother Elijah Joseph, is returning this Lent to the Carey Center at St. Vincent College. This year parishioners and community members (7th grade to adult) are being invited to participate (singing, acting, set-building, costumes, publicity, etc.). The first **mandatory** meeting for all those interested in participating is Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in the Foundations Room located above the college cafeteria.

HELPING LITTLE CHILDREN

On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike, the third most destructive hurricane to ever make landfall in the United States, hit the Houston-Galveston area. Many homes, schools, businesses, and churches were destroyed or heavily damaged. St. Vincent Campus Ministry is seeking to help the children in this region whose lives were affected. As a result, we are collecting new or gently used children's books during the month of February. The books will be sent to the library at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Houston. We ask that you please sort through the books on your shelves or in your closet, set aside any that you no longer use, and consider contributing them to this project.

The books may be dropped off in the donation box located at the back of the church. Monetary gifts are also being accepted to help pay for the shipping expenses.

Thank you for your assistance in this undertaking as we help those who are in need.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE TIME IS SHORT**

A sense of urgency is reflected in all of today's readings. Jonah warns the Ninevites, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Paul reminds the Corinthians that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims that "this is the time of fulfillment." There is no denying that we humans tend to respond more readily to an urgent request; we seem to be much more motivated by something that must be done right now. This tendency makes it all too easy to put off less urgent things: "Oh, we've got time for that later."

For the people in Jonah's day, for the people of Jesus' time and Paul's time, the end was believed to be imminent. The words of the prophets and reformers frequently tried to evoke a sense of urgency.

We don't know, of course, how much time we have as individuals or as nations to reform our ways, but it's safe to say that there's less time left today than there was yesterday. Today's readings may be inviting us to revise our priorities.

BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' urgent message to the people of Galilee contains two important declarative statements. The command to "repent" is commonly heard. Far less common is a command that requires the hearer to have faith. Yet Jesus says, "Believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This is not a request or a suggestion. He does not say, "I hope you can believe" or "Would you consider believing?" Baptized Christians, believers by definition, are to live their lives as if their beliefs mattered. That is why we must repent as well as believe. Whatever our calling in life, our families, neighbors, friends, and co-workers should all be able to tell that we believe in the gospel by the way we live the gospel. Time is too short to do otherwise.

Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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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.)

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.

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.