



St. Florian Parish

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



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 8, 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

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**Menu includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,
Ham, Home fries, Bread, Coffee, Tea & Juice**

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

@ St. Florian Social Hall

Adults: \$6.00;

Children, 12 & under: \$4.00;

under 2: Free


Also featuring bake sale and 50/50

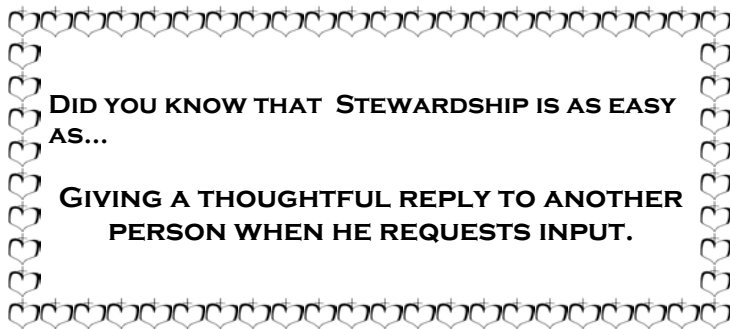
ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

February 1: Adults: \$4402.50; Children: \$5.00; Candles: \$55.00; Repairs & Improvements: \$135.00; Loose: \$407.00; Catholic Accent: \$39.00; Initial: \$5.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$2.00; Catholic Schools: \$30.00; Slovak Institute: \$112.00; Missions: \$5.00
TOTAL: \$5197.50 Capital Fund: \$441.55 God Bless You!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 7 5:00 PM +Regis Adamrovich by Family; Paul J. Bitner by Ed & Janet Pospisil
Sunday, Feb. 8 9:00 AM +Patricia Mathews & Joseph Forish by Pauline Forish Family; +Mary Ann Gasowski by Kathy Sobinsky
Sunday, Feb. 8 11:00 AM +John J. Magda by Wife Margaret & Family;
Monday, Feb. 9 8:00 AM +Rudy Kovacina, Sr. by Family
Tuesday, Feb. 10 8:00 AM +Ann Yarabinec by Mike Boytim
Wednesday, Feb. 11 8:00 AM +Agnes Sickora by Anna Rich
Thursday, Feb. 12 8:00 AM +Elaine Oravets by Jeff & Kelly Niehaus
Friday, Feb. 13 8:00 AM +Lib Hubert, Anniversary by Giles Ungvarsky
Saturday Feb. 14 5:00 PM +James Budney by Brian & Sandy Tlumack; +Thomas Appleby by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Denis
Sunday, Feb. 15 9:00 AM +Walter Herszyk by Bob & Mickey; +Joseph, Anna & Joseph, Jr. Sobinsky by Kathy
Sunday, Feb. 15 11:00 AM +Joe Swiderski by Grandchildren

 Pray for ... Those in the hospital including Frank Chappell


DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
GIVING A THOUGHTFUL REPLY TO ANOTHER PERSON WHEN HE REQUESTS INPUT.

Looking ahead at St. Florian...

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., Feb. 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, February 7, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... C. Czarniak
Eucharistic MinistersJ. Lawrence, M. Ceroni, E. Zider, D. Shimko
Altar Servers..... N. Hicks, A. & H. Macey

Sunday, February 8, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic MinistersL. Yanek, M. Yuhas, J. Mizikar, G. Kovacina
Altar Servers..... A. Miscovich, J. Prue, J. Scekeres

Sunday, February 8, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... H. Rylander
Eucharistic MinistersS. D'Amico, D. Dickinson, D. Zelenak
Altar ServersL. & Z. D'Amico, H. Kromer

Saturday, February 14, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... B. Mizikar
Eucharistic MinistersJ. Macey, J. Lesko, K. Kelly, D. Gardner
Altar Servers..... A. & T. Salopek, K. Bulebosh

Sunday, February 15, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... J. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers C. & J. Myers G. Kovacina
Altar Servers..... F. & L. Severa, N. Irgang

Sunday, February 15, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... R. Mizikar
Eucharistic MinistersM. Klimchock, D. Dickinson E. Zider, D. Shimko
Altar Servers.....B. Fullman, E. Uhrin, R. Dickinson

THIS WEEK

Prayer Shawl Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Lector Training Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 15, 8 AM - 1PM

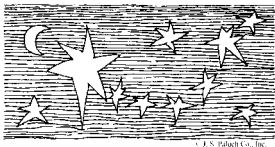
READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2,44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1107 and on Sunday, #996.

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.



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 [The LORD] tells the number of the stars
 and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4

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

Last Month at Mass I preached about the '06-'07, '07-'08' Comparative Reports on parish finances. I mentioned that roughly 1/3 of our income goes out to pay for utilities. I then requested that we seek solutions together. Here were some responses:

One man from the Westmoreland Conservation district sent me information on green buildings. Samples of which can be toured at 218 Donohue Road in Greensburg. They have everything from solar to wind to geothermal samples for review.

Another man suggested that we close the church on weekdays in winter and say Mass in a smaller space.

A third man suggests closing the upstairs of the old convent and sealing it off so that no heat rises from downstairs.

A fourth man suggests that the chandeliers in the church have the incandescent upper lights replaced with fluorescent lights.

More drastic measures include the tearing down of the old school and replacing it with a newer energy efficient building.

There were other suggestions about geothermal and these are great, but we do not have the present income to make this happen at this time.

Keep thinking and suggesting.

For instance, many people hate the wallpaper in the church. Someday when there is more money we can get a company in to spray the back wall with insulation and that would keep the heat in there. I feel it on my back whenever I say Mass.

Youth Ministry meeting will be on Sunday, February 8 from 6:00 - 7:00 in the youth room. All youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited to attend.

Bowling for all youth in grades 5 – 12 will be held on Sunday, February 15 from 3:00- 4:30 at Main Bowling in Greensburg. Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. Call the Formation Office at 724-423-5087 or e-mail tchovanec@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 11. *Bring a friend!*

Youth Mass will be on Saturday, February 21 at 5:00. Any youth of the parish who would like to participate as a lector, usher, or server should contact the Formation Office by February 13.

Sanctuary Light , Week of February 8, 2009
 In Memory of

Jay and Stella Kromer

By

Jay and Phyllis & Family

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

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Home Fries, Bread, Coffee, Tea & Juice

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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

GOD CALLS YOU
 BY NAME...

Leona Weir



MINISTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

The following training sessions for those who are new to the ministry have been scheduled; all will meet in the church:

Lectors Tuesday, February 10 @ 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).



SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested date for flowers: _____ Donation \$25.00



WOMEN'S ANGER GROUP

Catholic Charities is hosting a Women's Anger Group which will be held on consecutive Mondays beginning March 2, 2009 through April 6, 2009. The group is facilitated by a therapist from Catholic Charities. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information please contact Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840.

ORGAN RECITAL

The Seton Hill Chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists) is hosting their annual Scholarship Recital on Sunday afternoon, February 15th at 3:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Chapel on the Seton Hill Campus. The proceeds from this concert go towards grants for SHU sacred music students. Performers are John Sittard, Organist at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Siegrid Marks Sittard, Soprano, and Roger Cazden Flutist. \$10.00 at the door. Students attend for free with Student ID. Meet the performers at the reception to follow.

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 _____

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Boniface Parish, Chestnut Ridge, Rt 130, will be having a fish or shrimp dinner every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) starting February 27th, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes a baked cod sandwich or fried shrimp, macaroni and cheese, fries, cole slaw and a dessert. Kid's meal includes a fried cod tail, fries, pierogies, applesauce and dessert. ADULTS: \$7.50 CHILDREN: \$4.50 EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT!

MEALS ON WHEELS BAKERS

The following are scheduled to bake for Meals on Wheels for the week of February 16:

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| Toni Chovanec | Jacob Chovanec | Justin Chovanec |
| Ashley Dick | Laurie Dick | Mary Ann Duda |
| Kristin Enberg | Karen Farzati | Ron Fullman |
| Kathy Kelley | Stephanie King | |

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED?

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an opportunity for Christian couples to prepare for a lifetime commitment. If you desire a loving, faithful, permanent and life-giving marriage, consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. This marriage preparation program presents a comprehensive, up-close and personal look at marriage.

For more information, please call George and Pat Ziringer at 724-335-4966. The next scheduled weekends will be held in Greensburg on March 6 - 8, April 24 - 26, June 26 - 28, and November 6 - 8.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **Valentine Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, February 10th ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **Healing Mass** ~ St. Paul Parish, Greensburg ~ Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 PM ~ Praise & worship beginning at 6:30 PM ~ Individual prayer available following Mass ~ For more info call the parish office @ 724-834-6880
- ◇ **Pasta Palooza** ~ Sunday, February 15, 1 - 4:00 PM @ Lakeview, Route 30, Greensburg ~ Menu of 3 different pastas ~ Auction ~ Prizes ~ All proceeds benefit Westmoreland County Humane Society ~ For tickets call the Shelter, 724-837-3779
- ◇ **Bereavement Support Group** @ St. Vincent Parish ~ no charge to attend ~ ~ Monday, Feb. 16 @ 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Conference Room ~ Open to anyone in community grieving the loss of a loved one ~ For more info, please call Teri at 724-539-8629 ext. 15
- ◇ **Jubilee celebration of the Apostle Paul** ~ St. Paul Parish invites you for a Holy Hour and a presentation by a nationally known Catholic speaker, Danny Abramowicz ~ Sat., Feb. 21 ~ Danny has a long history with the NFL as a player, coach, and football broadcaster and is a popular speaker at Catholic men conferences ~ Registration opens with free coffee & pastries at 7AM, with Holy Hour to begin at 7:30 AM, followed by a two-part presentation ~ Suggested donation of \$10.00 is requested
- ◇ **Prom Preview** ~ presented by GCC cheerleaders & emceed by WTAE-TV's Jennifer Miele ~ Sun., Feb. 22 @GCCHS gymnasium ~ doors open @ noon, show begins @ 1 PM ~ Door prizes, Chinese auction & bake sale ~ light lunch available for purchase ~ Tickets: \$7, contact Terri Grabiak, 724-650-4570

SISTERS OF CHARITY PLAN LENTEN VISIT

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will hold their annual "Lenten Visit" on Sunday, March 1, at Caritas Christi, motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Please visit www.scsch.org for directions. The program will begin with visits and refreshments at 2:30 p.m. followed at 4 p.m. by solemn evening prayer in the Chapel of the Assumption. Greensburg Central Catholic High School students will join with the Sisters of Charity Community Choir and Bell Ringers in singing and praying Vespers. Reservations are requested, so please RSVP by calling 724-836-0406, ext. 644, no later than February 23.

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.

OBLATES OF ST. BENEDICT

A series of monthly classes on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, February 15, from 3:00 PM to 4:25 PM in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary. The topic will be "The Eucharist in Benedictine Spirituality and Oblate Life". Brother Elijah Cirigliano, O.S.B., assistant choir director for the monastery and a seminary student, will be the presenter. To appreciate the teaching, one does not need to have attended previous sessions.

The Oblates of St. Benedict, affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey, will meet at 6:45 PM on Sunday, February 15 in Brownfield Room 202 of St. Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be "Silence", based on Chapter 5 of the book *The Path of Life*. Those who have copies of the book are asked to bring them; copies will be supplied to others.

All Christians who seek to enhance their journeys of faith with the help of the time-tested way of the *Rule* of St. Benedict are welcome to attend.

Those wishing to attend either of the above sessions and pray Vespers with the monks at 5:00 PM and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance.

LITTLE HANDS, BIG HEARTS

The Mount Pleasant Rotary Club is planning a special event, Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Nino's Restaurant, Laurelville: Little Hands, Big Hearts. Area children and their families will have the opportunity to explore different countries, discovering people in native costumes and cultures, sampling foods and enjoying a number of hands-on activities. Costumed international characters, including Big Bird and Ernie of Sesame Street, Bugs Bunny, Tweety Bird, and Barney will be present. A buffet-style dinner will be served by the sponsor, Nino's Restaurant. All profits from the event will be donated to the Westmoreland County Food Bank and Mount Pleasant Rotary Club international hunger project, in an effort to end hunger. Call 724-423-7232 for reservations. Cost \$9/child and \$16/adult.

Helping a Senior Neighbor in Need

Are you looking for meaningful service? Faith in Action is a nationally-recognized program that connects interfaith and community volunteers to their senior neighbors in need. Volunteers bring light back into their lives by providing services such as trips to the grocery store, telephone reassurance, escorts to doctor appointments, referrals to other senior resources, and more. Your personal contribution of time and energy is highly valued.

Jacob's Creek Area Faith in Action, in partnership with United Way of Westmoreland County, is the local site here in our community that needs your help. Just a few hours of your time could make a world of difference in the everyday life of seniors.

A Volunteer Training Session will be held:
Thursday, February 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on volunteering, please contact:
Melaney Hegyes @ 724.887.4641.