

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Feb. 28 5:00 PM +Bridget & John Koslosky by Family; +Elizabeth Novotny by Tom & Anna Schwalke

Sunday, March 1 9:00 AM People

Sunday, March 1 11:00 AM +Betty Lou Hurney by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bilik; Health & Welfare of Staff Sgt. Todd Zimmerman by Mom, Juanita

Monday, March 2 8:00 AM +Richard C. Barnhart by Bill & Eileen Ranella

Tuesday, March 3 8:00 AM +Marianne Dreistadt by Louis Pietrandrea

Wednesday, March 4 8:00 AM +Thomas Appleby by Bill & Karen Balmert

Thursday, March 5 8:00 AM +Gertrude & Walter Schmidt by Schmidt Family

Friday, March 6 8:00 AM +George Hickey by Amy Hickey

Saturday, March 7 5:00 PM +Mary Adzima by Marge Kadylak; +Ron Myers by Fred & Shirl Skrabski

Sunday, March 8 9:00 AM +James Budney by John & Sharon Tlumack

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... L. Yanetsky
Eucharistic Ministers K. Kelly, M. Ceroni, D. Mizikar, G. Kovacina
Altar Servers..... M. Juliano, K. Porter, J. Prue

Sunday, March 1, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... D. Shimko
Eucharistic Ministers M. Yuhas, J. Macey, J. Mizikar, K. Johnson
Altar Servers..... K. Johnson, J. Lucas, J. Scekeres, C. Reese

Sunday, March 1, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... D. Yasher
Eucharistic Ministers C. & J. Myers, S. Makar M. Klimchock
Altar Servers..... N. Irgang, A. & H. Macey

Saturday, March 7, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... T. Chovanec
Eucharistic Ministers S. Makar, J. Lesko J. Bertoni, K. Kelly
Altar Servers..... Chovanec Family

Sunday, March 8, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... L. Bogucki
Eucharistic Ministers M. Yuhas, W. Bossart, D. Mizikar, J. Mizikar
Altar Servers..... Vidakovich Family, N. Hicks

Sunday, March 8, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... D. Shimko
Eucharistic Ministers M. Ceroni, D. Dickinson, P. Fullman, M. Klimchock
Altar Servers..... L. & Z. D'Amico, A. Dick

THIS WEEK

Outreach/Parish Care Groups Monday, 6:30 PM
Shawl Ministry Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Ecumenical Lenten Service
@ St. Florian Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Stations Friday, 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1090 and on Sunday, #908.

DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
Planning your time so that you attend all Holy Week Services:
Especially Holy Thursday April 9 @ 7 PM
Good Friday April 10 @ 3 PM
Holy Saturday Vigil April 11 @ 8:30 PM

Pray for ... Those in the hospital including Frank Chappell
Fr. Chris Burke
The Soul of: John Dreistadt

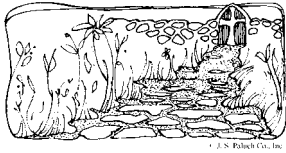
LENTEEN REFLECTION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

Looking ahead at St. Florian...

Youth Ministry Meeting..... Sunday, March 8, 6 PM
C.D.A. Meetings Resume Tues., March 10, NOON
Kolache orders due..... Sunday, March 15
Pastoral Council Meeting..... Wed., March 18, 7:00 PM
Taize Prayer Sunday, March 22, 7:00 PM

From Matthew Kelly: "Holiness is to become the-best-version-of-yourself. God calls us all to holiness, because God wants each of us to be all we can be."

First Sunday of Lent



First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

--Psalms 25:4



SEEKING SOLUTIONS

Lenten Rainbows & Washed Feet

Today we listen to the story of Noah's ark and the covenant of the rainbow.

Think of our three merged parishes as a different primary color: Blue, Yellow and Red! We are united as Catholics in a covenant relationship with the Holy Trinity!

On Holy Thursday we use the foot washing ceremony to stand in solidarity with our candidates who will not be rebaptized, but need to recommit to baptism with us all. Come and have your feet washed and stay after Mass to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in the Formation Building until 10 PM. There is much darkness in the world and only prayer can bring light.

Speaking of recommitting to baptism, come on Wednesday, April 1, to have your sins forgiven in reconciliation! The candidates want to see you giving them a good example!



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. FLORIAN C.D.A. will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. This will be a covered dish luncheon and will begin at 12:00 noon.

TAIZE PRAYER

Join us for an evening of prayer and song on Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. This time of Taize Prayer will help deepen our Lenten experience and help us draw closer to God.

REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT

All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to a retreat on Sunday, March 29 at Verna Montessori School. The youth will hear presentations and engage in activities focused on vocations with presenters sharing information on Christian vocations including married, single, ordained, and vowed religious life. The retreat will include Sunday afternoon Mass and will conclude with a pizza party. Call the Formation Office at 724-423-5087 by March 20 to register.

The Surly Bird

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

--Anonymous

Youth Ministry meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 8th will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Formation Building. This meeting will be only for those youth going on the retreat AND their parents.

Youth Ministry Retreat will be from Friday, March 13 thru Sunday, March 15. Continue to pray for the youth attending and their chaperones.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Bring last year's palms for burning
on this year's Easter fire.

OUTREACH & PARISH CARE GROUP

These two groups have been active respectively at Forty Martyrs and St. Florian and are planning to unify their efforts in the community. On Monday, March 2, a meeting will be held to discuss the aspects of each group and how to effectively merge them. The groups will gather at 6:30 PM in the social hall. Anyone who is interested in attending the meeting is invited to join them.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS

A bus trip to see the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C. is being planned for Thursday, April 2nd. The trip will also feature a 3-course luncheon cruise on the Potomac. Call Betty 724-423-4894 or Josie 724-423-2775 for details and to sign up.

TAKE HEART BEREAVEMENT GROUP

During the season of Lent "Take Heart" will meet every Sunday from 1:30 until 3 PM in the general meeting room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Trauger. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend; they do not need to be members of St. Paul. Each week we will look at a different aspect of death and grief. Pastor Mark Werner will introduce each aspect with a scripture devotion followed by time for general discussion.

March 1 - Denial

March 8 - Anger

March 15 - Bargaining

March 22 - Depression

March 29 - Acceptance

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BRUCE A. MATTHEWS, D.M.D., M.D.S.

Please support our sponsors.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Christians Uniting introduces the following mid-week Lenten Service schedule. As in previous years, worship will rotate among our participating congregations. The pastor of each home congregation will be the worship leader and preacher. Also, the theme of each service is listed below. All services begin at 7:00 PM.

- March 4 - St. Florian, Fr. McGuirk - "Stock Down and Pray with Habbakuk"
March 11 - St. Paul U.C.C., Pr. Ackerman - "Prayer"
March 18 - Norvelt Union Church, Pr. Greer - "Woman, Behold your Son"
March 25 - Pleasant Unity United Methodist Church, Pr. Scarff - "Meditation"
April 1 - St. Paul Lutheran, Pr. Werner - "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

ST. FLORIAN ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Please send the coupon below with your payment of \$1.00 for the current year's dues.

Form with fields for Name, Address, Associate Member, and Active Member, enclosed in a dashed box.

St. Florian Church

Easter KOLACHE Sale

Nut, Apricot, Poppysed, & Prune (15-inch) Long Rolls

Freshly-baked by our parishioners—not frozen
Let us do your holiday baking!

\$12.50 each

(Freeze them for special events)

We are taking advance orders only!

Table with pickup dates: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and corresponding times: March 27, 28, 29.

Please complete this section with your order and place in the Sunday collection basket no later than March 15.

(Or call Phyllis, 724-423-5233, Bobbi, 724-423-6619 or Juanita, 724-423-2455)

Name _____

Phone _____

Long Nut Roll _____ Long Poppysed Roll _____

Long Prune Roll _____ Long Apricot Roll _____

Total _____ X \$ 12.50 = _____ Total Amount Due

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The available Sundays when dedications will be taken:

May 3, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested date for flowers: _____

Donation \$25.00

GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME...

Joseph & Valeria Wolk

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- ◇ **Fish/Shrimp Dinners** ~ @ St. Boniface ~ Fridays in Lent except Good Friday ~ 4 - 6:30 PM ~ Adult meal includes baked cod sandwich or fried shrimp, macaroni & cheese, fries, coleslaw & a dessert for \$7.50 ~ Kid's meal includes fried cod, fries, pierogies, applesauce & dessert for \$4.50 ~ Eat-in or Take-out
- ◇ **Lenten Dinners** ~ @ St. Pius X social hall ~ Fish & Specialty Pasta Dinners ~ Fridays except Good Friday ~ Served 4 - 7:00 PM ~ For more info call 724-547-0950
- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, March 3rd ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **St. Cecilia Church Bingo** ~ Sunday, March 1 ~ Doors open @ 1 PM and Bingo starts @ 2 PM ~ Mystery Jug, Specials, 50/50 & more ~ Refreshments available
- ◇ **All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast/Flea Market** ~ Sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Group ~ @ St. Mary Center, Trauger ~ March 1, 9 AM - 1 PM ~ Adults: \$6; 5 - 10 yr. olds: \$3; 4 & under: Free
- ◇ **Cash Bash** ~ @ N. Belle Vernon Fire Hall ~ sponsored by St. Sebastian School P.T.G. ~ Sat., March 7, 6:30 - 11 PM ~ Cost: \$20 ticket includes cash drawings, food & beverages ~ Contact Amy Zakrawski @ 724-872-4516 or amy-scrip@comcast.net ~ over \$13,000 in prize money ~ proceeds benefit St. Sebastian School
- ◇ **Fifth Annual Craft, Bake, Vendor Sale** ~ March 15, 10 AM - 4 PM @ St. Vincent Grove, Latrobe ~ Free admission ~ Great gift ideas, 50/50, Chinese Auction ~ Refreshments available ~ Sponsored by C.D.A., Court St. Xavier #230 to benefit the King Family who suffered a house fire on January 24 and lost everything ~ Your support is greatly appreciated

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

All candidates and their parents **must** attend one of the following meetings:

Thursday, March 26 @ 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 28 @ 10:00 AM

Sunday, March 29 @ 2:00 PM

All sessions will be held in the Formation Building.

Beginning the week of March 2nd, call Ruth Apone at 724-537-9750 to Register.

MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON**A Commentary by Dave Ross, CBS Correspondent**

Those of us who fly on a regular basis have many uncomfortable questions floating around in our heads as we pretend to ignore the safety lecture. But we suppress them because we know that strapping yourself in a metal tube to go hurtling through the atmosphere at 500 miles an hour surrounded by jet fuel is an inherently insane idea. And -- we have a suspicion that despite all the options they give you, what would actually happen in the unlikely event of a water landing is that you die. But now we have some answers: Will this plane REALLY glide with both engines out? Yes. Can a plane actually land in the water without breaking apart? Yes. Will a fully loaded plane actually float? Yes. Is it possible to send a text message under pressure? Yes -- one woman managed to message her husband -- "My plane is crashing." Is there really a reason to have able-bodied people in the exit row? Yes. Can you really evacuate a plane in 90 seconds? Yes. Will the life vests really inflate when you pull firmly on the cord? Yes. Can the wing really hold you when you step on it? Yes. Can a pilot like Chesley B. Sullenberger III ever be replaced by a computer? No! Is there any city more prepared for an emergency than New York City? I doubt it -- talk about a winning team -- the name of the first ferry captain at the scene was Vincent Lombardi! And I guess the biggest question of all: Do prayers get answered? Let's see: the plane missed the George Washington Bridge by 900 feet, it stayed intact, it didn't sink, the boats were right there, and nobody died. What do you think?

Reprinted with permission of author, January, 2009

COMMUNITY EVENTS (con't.)

- ◇ **Flea Market** ~ Saturday, April 25, 7 AM - 1 PM @ Our Lady of Grace Parish ~ Table space: \$15/table or \$25/2 tables ~ Contact Virginia to rent a space: 724-219-3948 ~ Sponsored by Rosary Altar Society
- ◇ **Polka Celebration Dinner Dance** ~ @ St. Cecilia's school hall, Whitney ~ Featuring "Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones" ~ Sunday, April 26, doors open @ 12:30 PM ~ Dinner @ 1:30, dancing 3 - 7:00 PM ~ \$25/person ~ Only 250 tickets will be sold ~ Reserved seating for groups of 8 or more is available ~ More information: 724-423-4361 (day) or 724-423-5840 (evening)
- ◇ **"Making a Bid for Our Future" Auction Gala** ~ hosted by Gbg. Central Catholic Parents' club ~ Saturday, March 28, doors open @ 6 PM ~ in the school gymnasium ~ Pre-purchased tickets: \$35/person; \$40 at the door ~ Featuring live, silent and ticket auction ~ Call 724-834-0310, ext. 234 for ticket information