



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

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A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 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

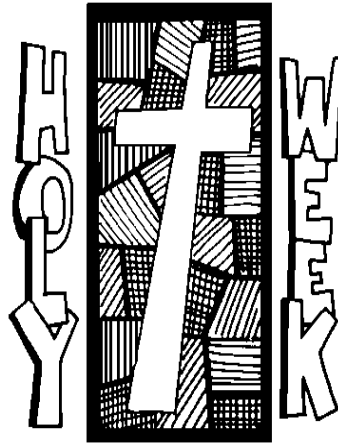
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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

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Monday, April 6, 6:45 PM Live Stations
Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM .. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday, April 9..... Following Mass until 10 PM,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Formation Building
Good Friday, April 10 3:00 PM, Veneration of the Cross
& Communion
Good Friday, April 10 ... 7:00 PM, Stations led by Fr. McGuirk
Easter Saturday, April 11, 3:00 PM Blessing of Baskets
Easter Saturday, April 11, 8:30 PM Easter Vigil*
Easter Sunday, April 12 Masses @ 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Monday, April 13 thru Thursday, April 16 No Masses

*Light reception in Social Hall follows

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4 5:00 PM +Stephen Ungvasky by Family; +Patricia Mathews by Jim & Debbie Gari
Sunday, April 5 9:00 AM +Adam Skowronski by Bertha Lewis; +Eva Kobistek by Ada & Ron Rummel and Eva & Bobby Sherrick;
Sunday, April 5 11:00 AM +John Mizikar by Wife Betty; +Mary Jo Hoffer by Chauncey & Lil McCann
Monday, April 6 8:00 AM +Thomas Appleby by Marge Forbes
Tuesday, April 7 8:00 AM +Mike Tandaric by Tom Toczek
Wednesday, April 8 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society
Thursday, April 9 7:00 PM The People and Pastor
Fri., April 10 3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross
Saturday, April 11 8:30 PM Intention of the Pastor
Sunday, April 12 9:00 AM +Thomas R. Appleby by Wife & Family; +Agnes Pinskey by Chet & Eleanor Czarniak
Sunday, April 12 11:00 AM +Elaine Oravets by Margaret Magda

THIS WEEK

(See cover for complete Holy Week schedule)

Bake Sale Following Masses this weekend
Live Stations Monday, 6:45 PM
Stations, led by Fr. McGuirk Good Friday, 7:00 PM

REMINDER: Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, April 11th.

From Matthew Kelly: "The essence of Catholicism is transformation. You cannot become more like Jesus Christ and at the same time stay as you are."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Is 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1095 and on Sunday, 923.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - continued
Sunday, April 12, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector D. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers..... E. Zider, M. Klimchock, P. Fullman, D. Zelenak
Altar Servers N. Hicks, J. Lucas, C. Reese

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 4, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Reading I D. Shimko
Reading II D. Yasher
Narrator J. Lesko
Voice A. Reese
+Christ Fr. McGuirk
Intercessions C. Czarniak
Eucharistic Ministers K. Kelly, J. Lawrence C. & J. Myers
Altar Servers A. & H. Macey, A. Dick

Sunday, April 5, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Reading I J. Mizikar
Reading II L. Bogucki
Narrator M.E. Sopko
Voice B. Mizikar
+Christ Fr. McGuirk
Intercessions D. Dick
Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson, K. Johnson, D. Zelenak, P. Fullman
Altar Servers F. & L. Severa, A. Miscovich

Sunday, April 5, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Reading I M. Johnson
Reading II H. Rylander
Narrator E. Zider
Voice L. Yanetsky
+Christ Fr. McGuirk
Intercessions M.L. Yothers
Eucharistic Ministers L. Dick, J. Bertoni, M. Ceroni, M. Klimchock
Altar Servers L. & Z. D'Amico, J. Scekeres

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009 ~ 7:00 PM

Reading I J. Lawrence
Reading II D. Mizikar
Intercessions T. Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers J. Mizikar, G. Kovacina, L. Dick, J. Bertoni
Altar Servers Bitner, Chovanec, Irgang, Juliano, Johnson, Salopek, Vidakovich

Good Friday, April 10, 2009 ~ 3:00 PM

Reading I S. Makar
Reading II L. Bogucki
Narrator M. L. Yothers
Voice A. Reese
Intercessions D. Yasher
Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson, J. Lesko
Altar Servers Bitner, Dickinson, Macey, Kromer, Lucas, Scekeres

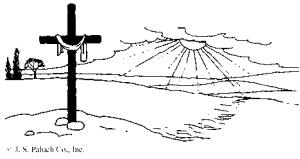
Saturday, April 11 ~ 8:30 PM

Reading I
Reading II D. Shimko
Reading III E. Zider
Reading IV L. Yanetsky
Reading V C. Czarniak
Reading VI M.E. Sopko
Reading VII J. Mizikar
Epistle T. Chovanec
Intercessions H. Rylander
Eucharistic Ministers G. Kovacina, L. Dick, D. Gardner, J. Lesko
Altar Servers Bitner, Chovanec, D'Amico

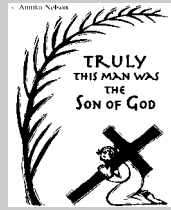
Sunday, April 12, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector J. Lawrence
Euch. Min M. Ceroni, M. Yuhas, W. Bossart, M. Yuhas
Altar Servers N. Irgang, J. Prue, E. Uhrin

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 5, 2009
[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.
— *Philippians 2:8*



SEEKING SOLUTIONS

Your Hands are the Hands of Jesus!

When Jesus Christ rose from death he said that you are his body the Church. He needs you to be his hands on earth.

- ◆ Hold your palm frond high and wave it at Mass!
- ◆ **WOMEN** should come to Holy Thursday Mass without silk stockings so that they can get their feet washed. All men should participate in the washing of feet.
- ◆ Take off work on Good Friday afternoon so that you can venerate the Cross with us.
- ◆ Come to the Easter fire at the vigil to welcome our four new members. Let your candle remind you of the graces of your own baptism.



EASTER LILIES

An opportunity to memorialize your deceased loved ones is available in Easter flowers. Potted Easter lilies will be placed in the sanctuary. All flowers will remain in the church for the forty days of the Easter season. **PLEASE USE THE EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPE IN YOUR PACKET.** If you'd like to include names of those memorialized, please print them legibly on the reverse side of the envelope.

DECORATORS NEEDED

We will prepare the Altar of Repose in the Formation Building on Wednesday, April 8th beginning at 6:30 PM. On Holy Saturday (April 10th), we will decorate the church for Easter. Please come out to help prepare our church for this holy season.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

All families in the Sacramental Program will be asked to attend one of the following meetings on the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Thurs., April 16 @ 6:30 PM Sat., April 18 @ 10:00 AM
Sunday, April 19 @ 2:00 PM

Please call Ruth Apone at 724-537-9750 beginning April 6th to set up the date you would like to attend. Remember the first people to call will get the date of their choice.

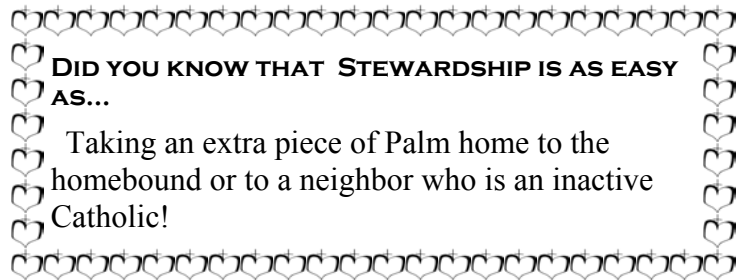
Practice for the children receiving the Sacraments for the first time will be on Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 PM.


The Mass for Confirmation and First Eucharist will be on Sunday, May 17th at 11:00 AM. The group photo will be taken prior to Mass at 10:30 AM and individual photographs will be taken at 10:00 AM.

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Catholic Daughters will be held on Palm Sunday at 12:15 (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. mass). All parish children up to age 12 should gather outside the front of the church. Refreshments will follow in the social hall.

Living Station practice will be on Sunday, April 5 from 1:30 – 2:30. *Note time change on April 5 due to Easter Egg Hunt.*

Sanctuary Light , Week of April 5, 2009
In Memory of
Frank Puskar, Sr. & Frank Puskar, Jr.
By
Frances Puskar


DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
 Taking an extra piece of Palm home to the homebound or to a neighbor who is an inactive Catholic!

 Those in the hospital including Ethel Tracy, Margaret Tomechko, Irene Yasher
Pray for ...

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY RENAMED

Health Care Ministry/Parish Nursing has been renamed **SHEPHERD CARE MINISTRY** to more accurately reflect our mission statement: *St. Florian Parish is a community of people bound by ties of faith, grace, love and action. We, The Shepherd Care Ministry, guided by the belief in the dignity of human life, seek to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all.*”



? Guess What ?

Qualifying for Food Stamps is only income-based! Your checking, savings, IRA's, etc. no longer affect eligibility. Call the Westmoreland Co. Assistance Office at 1-800-905-5413.

Shepherd Care Ministry

The Stations of the Cross



A live presentation by the
Youth Ministry
of our Parish

Monday, April 6
6:45 p.m.
St. Florian Church

THANK YOU, ST. FLORIAN PARISH

Following is an excerpt from a letter received from the St. Vincent College Campus Ministry for the many books donated for children affected by Hurricane Ike.

"...We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness...the books [will] be sent to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Houston...As a token of our sincere thanks, know that you are remembered in our daily Masses and prayers."

TAKE HEART BEREAVEMENT GROUP

This Sunday from 1:30 until 3 PM is the final meeting for "Take Heart". The group meets 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. Pastor Mark Werner will introduce the aspect with a scripture devotion followed by time for general discussion. This week's topic is "Hope".

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

The Good Friday collection is taken for the support of the services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land. These places are special to us because here Jesus taught, healed, forgave, and finally suffered, died and rose for our salvation. His life and ministry have made these places holy. We reverence them, and we are responsible for their upkeep and preservation for future generations in the faith. Monies of this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are desperately in need of our help.

Looking ahead at St. Florian...

April 13 thru April 16	No daily Masses
Tuesday, April 14	1:00 PM, Catholic Daughters Meeting
Tuesday, April 21	7:00 PM, Altar Society Meeting
Wednesday, April 22	7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, April 23	6:00 PM CDA Card Party

ADULT FACILITATOR TRAINING FOR BOY SCOUT POPE PIUS XII EMBLEM

Adult leaders of Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn their certification in order to work with Scouts seeking the POPE PIUS XII EMBLEM. The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boys will hold a Pope Pius XII Facilitator Training session on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Training time is 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Armstrong Room. Registration is required, please call Glenda Sekerchak at 724-446-5197 or e-mail gsekerchak@dioceseofgreensburg.org. No cost for the training. Adults trained prior to 2004 must update their certification.

GOD CALLS YOU
BY NAME...

Colleen & Elizabeth
Yothers

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, April 7th ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **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)

RESERVATIONS DUE

The Senior Citizens Dinner reservation for April 29 is due by April 15, 2009. Call 724-423-3272 or 724-423-5823

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009 @ 7:00 PM
- The St. Florian Pastoral Council is seeking new members. If you have a passion for spiritual growth for yourself and your parish please consider submitting your name for consideration. Thank you for your consideration.

COMPUTER DAY CAMP @ ST. VINCENT

This is an opportunity for girls entering grades 7 through 10 who want to learn more about computers. Among the classes will be designing and creating your own web page using HTML, designing and using your own database using Microsoft Access and building an animation application. All classes will be taught by St. Vincent faculty or professional women working in the discipline.

The camp will be held on June 17 and 18, 2009 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Tuition is \$30 for both days and includes lunch, snack, instructional materials and the use of available St. Vincent recreational facilities during breaks.

Camp size is limited to 18 girls so make your reservation now! Fill out an online application at <http://cis.stvincent.edu/camp.html> or call 724-805-2421 and leave a message to request a paper application.

FEELING LUCKY? COULD USE SOME EXTRA CASH?

Buy a St. Florian Big Ticket and get 4 chances to win
from \$500 to \$10,000!

REMINDER TO SELLERS: ALL TICKETS, SOLD AND UNSOLD, ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN, ALL STUBS MUST BE IN OUR POSSESSION PRIOR TO THE FIRST DRAWING.

