



# St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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## Staff:

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Business Mgr: Jerry Spallino

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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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# May Crowning

Monday, May 4th

6:45 p.m.

St. Florian Church

Join us for an ice cream social in  
the school hall following the service.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 2** 5:00 PM +Mark Macey by Parents Jack & Jean Macey; +Frank Puskar, Sr. by Wife Frances Puskar

**Sunday, May 3** 9:00 AM +Anne M. Whisdosh, Birthday by Stephen & Kathy Whisdosh; +Ron Myers by John & Mary Ann Burkhart & Family

**Sunday, May 3** 11:00 AM +Elaine Marlis by Family

**Monday, May 4** 8:00 AM +Paul J. Bitner by Steve & Mary Jane Makar

**Tuesday, May 5** 8:00 AM +George Lawrence, Jr. by Wife Helen

**Wednesday, May 6** 8:00 AM Health & Welfare of Todd Zimmerman by Mom Juanita

**Thursday, May 7** 8:00 AM +Marie Pravlik by Dorothy & Frank Boldy

**Fri., May 8** 8:00 AM +Agnes Palcic by Anna Rich

**Saturday, May 9** 5:00 PM People

**Sunday, May 10** 9:00 AM +Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Czarniak & Mr. and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Suscovich by Chet & Eleanor Czarniak; +Agnes Pinsky by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nayock

**Sunday, May 10** 11:00 AM +John A. Brehun by Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren; +Kathleen Rusinko by Tom & Cindy Gricheck & Family

**THIS WEEK**

Religious Formation Closing & May Crowning Monday, 6:45 PM

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All Pastoral Councils & Pastors of the Diocese will meet with Bishop Brandt on Monday, May 18. St. Florian Finance Council will meet at the rectory on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.

**DON'T FORGET!**

The annual festival will be here before we know it. This year, it will again be one day: Sunday, August 16, 2009. While the date has changed, the location will remain the same.

Spring is here, summer will be before we know it so we need everyone 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
- Collect items for a theme basket for the basket booth

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 2, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM**

Lector.....M. L. Yothers  
 Eucharistic Ministers .....j. Lesko, K. Kelly, , D. Shimko, L. Yanek  
 Altar Servers..... Bitner Family

**Sunday, May 3, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM**

Lector..... T. Jackson  
 Eucharistic Ministers ..... M. Yuhas, W. Bossart , C. & J. Myers  
 Altar Servers..... A. Gamrat, J. Lucas, N. Hicks

**Sunday, May 3, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM**

Lector.....M. Johnson  
 Eucharistic Ministers ..... K. Johnson, D. Mizikar, J. Mizikar, S. Makar  
 Altar Servers.....K. Johnson, G. & T. Stercho

**Saturday, May 9 ~ 5:00 PM**

Lector..... J. Lesko  
 Eucharistic Ministers .....H. Rylander, L. Dick, M. Ceroni, L. Yanek  
 Altar Servers..... A. Dick, N. Irgang, H. Kromer

**Sunday, May 10, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM**

Lector..... D. Yasher  
 Eucharistic Ministers ..... J. Bertoni, D. Zelenak, W. Bossart, J. Mizikar  
 Altar Servers.....M. Juliano, K. Porter, J. Prue

**Sunday, May 10, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM**

Lector..... B. Mizikar  
 Eucharistic Ministers ..... J. Lawrence, D. Dickinson, D. Shimko, D. Mizikar  
 Altar Servers.....R. Dickinson, A. & H. Macey

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK\***

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

\*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1098 and on Sunday, 962.



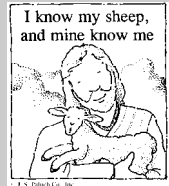
Pray for ... For the soul of Benjamin Malesky, brother of Jane Smail

**From Matthew Kelly:** "It is true that Jesus came to comfort the afflicted, but as Dorothy Day pointed out, he also came to afflict the comfortable."



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.  
— 1 John 3:1



**SEEKING SOLUTIONS  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD!**

Ruth Apone will retire this summer and has been working with Catechesis of The Good Shepherd for our young people. Keep her in your prayers.

Shepherd Care Ministry may be tested this year if the swine flu becomes a pandemic or epidemic. We can shepherd one another by buying disposable gloves for the money counters and by having pumps of waterless hand sanitizer at the doors of the church.

Pray to The Good Shepherd to bring us through!

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL**

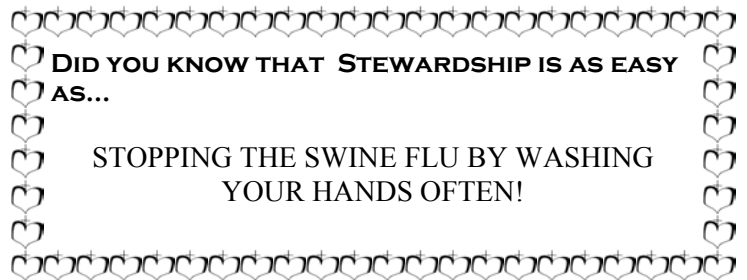
This year, the DLA letters have been sent from the Diocese rather than from the parishes. When a pledge/donation is received here at the parish, it is recorded and reported to the Stewardship Office. Based on the reports we sent them, they created the database of recipients for the follow up letter that was recently sent out.

We have been informed by the Diocese that an error occurred on their end when the database was created causing some parishioners who had already donated to receive the second request.

If you are one of those who received the second mailing in error and would like to confirm that your gift was received and recorded, you are invited to contact the Stewardship Office at 724-552-2502.

**Hunger Garden HELP NEEDED** The Hunger Garden provides fresh produce to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. All are invited to help with this worth cause on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Call Toni Chovanec at 724-423-5087 for more information.

**Vacation Bible School** will be from July 27 – 31. Mark your calendars!!! More details will follow.



Sanctuary Light , Week of May 3, 2009  
In Memory of  
**George Lawrence, Jr.**  
By Wife Helen

**SHEPHERD CARE MINISTRY ASKS FOR YOUR HELP**  
We are in need of a donation of a wheelchair for a parishioner. If anyone has one that has a weight capacity of over 300 pounds and would like to donate it, please contact Lori Whalen at 724-423-4529 or write to *shepherd-care@zoominternet.net*.

If you have any wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. that are no longer needed, we will gladly take them as a donation to our ministry. We will store them for others who are in need.

Thank you and God bless you.



**? Guess What ?**

Did you know that snacks like yogurt, cheese, and nuts are loaded with protein? When trying to lose weight, protein is the ultimate fill-me-up food - It's more satisfying than carbohydrates or fats and keeps you feeling fuller longer. It also helps preserve muscle mass and encourages fat burning. Try it today!

*Shepherd Care Ministry*



**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
May 2 and 3  
In Memory of  
**Mark Macey**  
by  
Connie, Acacia & Hannah Macey

In Honor of  
**61st Wedding Anniversary of  
Jim & Betty Takitch**

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 221.

**THANK YOU FROM THE BIG TICKET COMMITTEE**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all who sold and bought tickets for the raffle last week. Your continued support is very much appreciated. As usual, our next Big Ticket will be in September.

The winning numbers were:

Wednesday: 7606      Thursday: 7528  
Friday: 5080      Saturday: 7078

**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, 724-335-4966. The next scheduled weekends in Greensburg are June 26 - 28 and November 6 - 8.

**Put Your****Faith in Action****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:  
**Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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

**CAMP "R" SERVES AREA YOUTH**

The Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh's Camp "R" is preparing for its 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary in camping this summer. The co-ed residential camp is located in Laurel Hill State Park, an hour and a half from Pittsburgh. The camping season begins July 5 and ends the week of August 14. Call 412-621-3342 for a brochure.

**CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY\***

This program is a joint venture of Seton Hill University and the Diocese of Greensburg. Designed originally to develop and promote competent women and men for service as lay ecclesial ministers, the program now also serves as a resource to the diocesan Office for the Permanent Diaconate. The goal of the certificate program is the integration of the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation of adults who are committed to the mission of Christ within the Roman Catholic Church. Students have as their main focus service to the People of God in a variety of ecclesial contexts.

\*Information from the invitation to the celebration for the 2009 recipients of the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

**GREETING CARDS NEEDED**

The new Shepherd Care Ministry and other groups offering care to our parish community need all-occasion cards to send to parishioners. Please put them into the box in the back of church.

**TRIP TO NASHVILLE**

The St. Edward Church Sunshine Club in Herminie is planning a trip to Nashville, TN from July 19-22, 2009 featuring show at the Grand Ole Opry and General Jackson Luncheon Cruise & Show. Cost is \$509 per person. Includes Motorcoach; stay at the Radisson Opryland Hotel; 2 shows; most meals, and more. Call Dee Holmquist at 724-446-7772 for information and reservations by May 27th.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of "trampling" on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today's scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.

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**AT WORK**

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous

# ST. FLORIAN PRESCHOOL

Registration for 2009-2010 is underway.  
Call 724-423-4437 for information/forms.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~  
Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee

## KNIGHTS TO SPONSOR D.C. TRIP

The Greensburg Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. on July 17-18, 2009. Places of interest include Ford's Theater, Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Monuments, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and possibly a tour of the White House. Cost is \$240.00 per person based on double occupancy. Call 724-953-3099 if interested.



### Need a gift for an upcoming summer wedding or shower?

Cookbooks are \$8 each  
Cookie sheets, which are double ply, heavy duty, 13" x 18", are \$8 each or 2 for \$15  
Call Mag, 724-423-4056

## FESTIVAL BASKETS

Most of you have heard the term "re-gifting". For those who haven't, Wikipedia defines it as the "act of taking a gift that has been received and giving it to somebody else, sometimes in the guise of a new gift." Did you receive perfume for Christmas that you just don't like? Or a vase that doesn't fit with your décor? We all have items that we don't want/use that we could "re-gift" by making a basket for the festival. If you prefer theme baskets, pick yours and build a basket around it. The chairs for this booth this year will be George & Ginny Trout and you are welcome to call them at 724-423-4944 for more ideas.

### Matthew Kelly workbook/DVD series coming to St. Florian this fall!

From amidst a culture preoccupied with speed, noise, and activity, has emerged a man with a unique vision of life and a tireless passion for sharing that vision. Dynamic, and extraordinarily engaging, Matthew Kelly comes to the aid of a generation searching for some meaning in life deeper than the pursuit of pleasure and possessions. He clarifies the hazy path of right-living in our world of compromised values with a message that is too clear to be confusing and too persuasive to be ignored - "Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do, or what you have."

Continue to be inspired by his quotes in our weekly bulletin.

More details on our upcoming program will follow.

## Thank you

- ◇ A special "thank you" goes out to the Baker's Dozen Group 2 for hosting the reception honoring firemen and other emergency responders this past Monday.
- ◇ To all those who supported your parish Pancake Breakfast last weekend by working, baking, and/or eating!

## SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The following are the Sundays available for flower dedications: June 7,14

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested date for flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$25.00  
(Please include payment with your request.)

