



St. Florian Parish

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



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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:

Pastor:
Rev. William C. McGuirk
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



*Congratulations to the following
children upon becoming fully
initiated into the
Catholic Faith through
the sacraments
of Confirmation and Eucharist on
Sunday, May 17, 2009*

*Emily Paige Catherine Bednar
Richard William Regis Dickinson
Caleb Robert Christopher Harskowitch
Asa Girard Isaiah Klimchock
Sydney Jean Rose Koshar
Adam Michael Christopher Kromer
Alex John Luke Leeper
Allison Carrie Mary Ludvik
Hunter Allen Robert Morris
Michael Thomas Secosky
Zoe Elizabeth Mary Shaffer
Carson Jacob Francis Smith
Bryenna Alexa Nicole Velkey
Cameron John Christopher Yothers*



*May they accept God's help in using the gifts of
the Holy Spirit to help others and value receiving
Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16 5:00 PM +James Budney by Mary Levendosky; 60th Wedding Anniversary of Chet & Eleanor Czarniak

Sunday, May 17 9:00 AM Valerie & Pat Altman's 25th Wedding Anniversary by Family; +Parents by Chet & Eleanor Czarniak

Sunday, May 17 11:00 AM First Communicants

Monday, May 18 8:00 AM +Patricia Mathews by Sandra & Chris Bogdon

Tuesday, May 19 8:00 AM +Kathleen Rusinko by Mrs. Ann Kish & Jane

Wednesday, May 20 7:00 PM +Elaine Oravets by Patty Hollis-Wisniewski & Family

Thursday, May 21 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society

Fri., May 22 8:00 AM People

Saturday, May 23 5:00 PM +Frank V. Tracy by Wife Ethel, Children & Grandchildren; Health & Welfare of John Lawrence by Aunt Babe & Uncle Chuck Klosky

Sunday, May 24 9:00 AM +Richard C. Barnhart by Tom & Helen Kissell; +Frank Sevcik & Steve Conta by Mary Sevcik & Children

Sunday, May 24 11:00 AM +Theresa Marie Secosky by Hines & Keto Families; +Tammy Clara by Clara Family

THIS WEEK

Youth Ministry Picnic	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Shepherd Care	Monday, 10 AM - Noon & 6 - 8:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Altar Society	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Finance Council Meeting	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Christians Uniting Meeting	Thursday, 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 16, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... L. Bogucki
 Eucharistic Ministers E. Zider, J. Lesko,
 K. Kelly, & T. Jackson
 Altar Servers..... A. Miscovich, C. Reese, J. Scekeres

Sunday, May 17, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... D. Shimko
 Eucharistic Ministers K. Johnson, C. & J. Myers,
 J. Mizikar
 Altar Servers..... A. & T. Salopek, E. Uhrin

Sunday, May 17, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... C. Czarniak
 Eucharistic Ministers G. Kovacina, D. Zelenak,
 L. Dick, M. Klimchock
 Altar Servers..... B. Fullman, L. & Z. D'Amico

Saturday, May 23 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... D. Dick
 Eucharistic Ministers L. Dick, H. Rylander
 K. Kelly, D. Dickinson
 Altar Servers..... A. Dick, R. Dickinson, M. Juliano

Sunday, May 24, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... S. Makar
 Eucharistic Ministers P. Fullman, G. Kovacina,
 M. Ceroni, J. Bertoni
 Altar Servers..... F. & L. Severa, N. Irgang

Sunday, May 24, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... T. Chovanec
 Eucharistic Ministers M. Klimchock, J. Mizikar,
 J. Lawrence, W. Bossart
 Altar Servers..... Chovanec Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,11-13/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23a
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1100 and on Sunday, 969.

From Matthew Kelly: "The human heart is on a quest for happiness. The philosophy of Christ is the ultimate philosophy of human happiness."



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It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.
— John 15:16

ASCENSION THURSDAY
MASS SCHEDULE:

Wed., May 20 - 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 21 - 8:00 AM

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

HELP US, HOLY SPIRIT!

THIS WEEKEND CHILDREN WILL BE CONFIRMED AND RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO KEEP THEIR PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CHURCH SO THAT THE FAITH WE SEED TODAY WILL BE NOURISHED INTO THE FUTURE.

Pray for the whole Church that we will have vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Pray that young couples will be helped to discern about marriage.

Pray for the pope and our bishop and for all clergy.

Pray for all government leaders.

Pray for the sick and the poor.

Pray for world peace.

Pray for the dead.

HELP US, HOLY SPIRIT!

Youth Ministry picnic is this Sunday, May 17 at 6:00. All youth of the parish in grades 5 – 8 are invited to attend. Please bring a snack or covered dish to share.

GADGET'S GARAGE Vacation Bible School will help kids learn of the wonders of God's work in Christ! This week long adventure will be held from July 27 – 31. Early registration will begin the weekend of June 7. *All of those who register early will receive a FREE music CD!*

BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Sunday, May 24, all material must be in the office by **9:00 AM, Monday, May 18th**.

For Sunday, May 31, all material must be in the office by **3:00 PM, Thursday, May 21st**.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are scheduled to bake for this week:


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| Ellona Pendrick | Catherine Pennington | Janet Pospisil |
| Anna Puskar | Sally Puskar | Angela Reese |
| Anna Rich | Carol Rosebosky | Twila Schmidt |

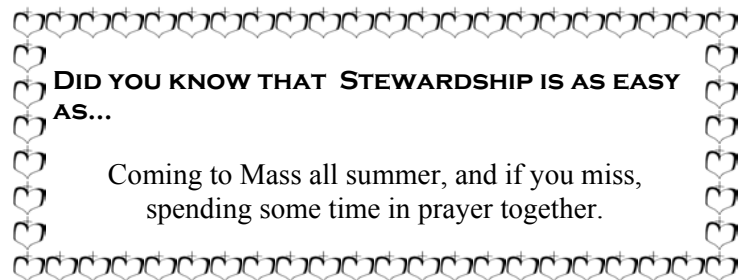
SHEPHERD CARE MINISTRY ASKS FOR YOUR HELP

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 shepherdcare@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.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their time and talent to help with Shepherd Care Ministry who hasn't signed up yet, contact Lori Whalen at 724-423-4529 to learn more about upcoming Volunteers' Meeting.

 Pray for ... For those in the hospital including Annamarie Grec, Gerard Stefanek, Dana McDowell


DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
 Coming to Mass all summer, and if you miss, spending some time in prayer together.

Sanctuary Light , Week of May 17, 2009
 In Memory of
Mildred Maurer
 by
 Dolores Maurer



ALTAR FLOWERS
May 16 and 17
In Honor of
The First Communicants

Congratulations! **SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**
The Agnes Rusinko Memorial Scholarship was established by Mrs. Rusinko's family to honor their mother, who developed a love of reading and writing while attending a one-room schoolhouse that is still standing in Mutual. The scholarships are awarded annually in our parish and this year's recipients are: Kaitlyn Johnson, Kayleigh Heide, David Grec, and Nicholas Bitner. Best wishes to these students as they continue their educations.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery & Retreat House announce an evening of recollection on Wednesday, May 27 from 3:45-9:00 p.m. Retreat master for the evening is Rev. Leon Hont, OSB, pastor of St. Bartholomew Church, Crabtree. Father Leon's theme is www.God. The evening includes Eucharistic adoration, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, several conferences, dinner and Mass. Cost for the evening is \$20. For additional information or reservations please call 724-834-3060 Ext. 139 or email reservations@stemma.org .

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.



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

ST. FLORIAN PRESCHOOL

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **Benedictine spirituality class** ~ Sunday, May 17, 3 - 4:25 PM ~ Topic: "The Liturgy of the Hours" presented by Fr. Wulfstan Clough, O.S.B.
- ◇ **Oblates of St. Vincent** invite all seeking to enhance their journeys of faith to Discussion of "The Eucharist" from *The Path of Life* ~ May 17 @ 6:45 PM
- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, May 19th ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The following are the Sundays are available for flower dedications: June 7,14, July 5, 19, 26

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.)

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

The annual collection for the U.S. Bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign will be held in the Diocese of Greensburg May 16-17. Half of the donations stay in the diocese to support local projects, including *The Catholic Accent* and the diocesan Web site. The other half supports multimedia projects developed by the Catholic Communication Campaign, an initiative of the U.S. bishops that promotes Gospel values through the media. For more information about diocesan communication projects, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org, which was redesigned last fall. For more information about national projects, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

TRASH 'N TREASURE SALE

The Rosary Altar Society of Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg will be holding its annual Trash 'n Treasure Sale on Friday, July 17 (9 a.m.-8 p.m.), Saturday, July 18 (9 a.m.-8 p.m.), and Sunday, July 19 (9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.). Donations will be accepted for housewares, baby equipment, toys, furnishings and other usable goods (no clothing, encyclopedias, college textbooks, tires, or anything with Freon). These items may be dropped off at the church parish hall, located at 820 Carbon Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday starting June 3. Items may also be dropped off on Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m., starting June 8. For more information, please contact the church office at 724-834-6880.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INSTRUCTION

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 JUNE1, 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/Catholic Charities/NFP/CM-BBT](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/CatholicCharities/NFP/CM-BBT).





? Guess What ?

In this beautiful season of spring and rebirth, we continue to think thoughts of nature and the garden. There is such peace, refreshment and fulfillment when we nurture our garden and our spirit. Feelings of peace, refreshment and fulfillment calm the winter weary body, mind and spirit as we continue to shed our winter stress. Garden spirituality is often expressed through wise words. You are invited to meditate and reflect on the following quotes.

Nobody sees a flower---really--- it is so small---we haven't time---and to see takes time, like to have a friend takes time. -Georgia O'Keefe

The temple bell stops
But I still hear the sound coming out of the flowers.
-Basho, Japanese Zen poet (1644-94)

Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day-like writing a poem, or saying a prayer. -Ann Morrow Lindbergh

To be overpowered by the fragrance of flowers is a delectable form of defeat. -Beverly Nichols
Flowers have a mysterious, magical, and miraculous influence on our feelings, much like the melodious sounds of music. Flowers relax the tenseness of our body, the clutter of our mind and sore our spirit.

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Shepherd Care Ministry



We welcome to the Church, through the sacrament of Baptism, Justin Lee Murdock, Jr., son of Kimberly (Whalen) and Justin Murdock, Sr. Please keep this young family in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

INVITATION FOR HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

St. Luke Society of the Diocese of Greensburg will meet Thursday, May 28, 2009 7:00 PM at the Bishop Connare Center. The speaker will be Dr. Bob Conte and his topic will be "Moral Challenges Facing Roman Catholics regarding the Respect for Human Life". All Health Care Personnel are welcome. For information call, Jean Rosky at 724-837-3805.



Communion from the Cup

Jesus' command to us at the Last Supper is clear: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it." In the three decades since the Second Vatican Council, communion from a common cup for all the faithful was gradually re-introduced as a sign of obedience to the Lord's command. But centuries before that, sharing both the body and the blood was so much the norm that to refuse the cup raised suspicions about one's beliefs.



For a number of reasons, the practice of sharing the cup became the exception rather than the rule. Popular piety placed an increased emphasis on seeing the sacred elements. Because of the difficulty of seeing the wine in the chalice, the wine became secondary. A change in the posture for communion from standing to kneeling made reception from the cup more awkward. Fears of spillage and disease also played a role. Complicated theological disputes eventually resulted in a decision at the Council of Trent in 1562 to avoid further misunderstandings and to withhold the cup from the laity.

Good liturgy demands that our actions be consistent with our words. At the preparation of the gifts, we bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. We pray that "the fruit of the vine and work of human hands" become "our spiritual food and drink." These gifts are offered to the Father, who changes them into the body and blood of the Lord and gives them back to us. The fullness of the mystery is lost when we do not accept the gifts in return. Good liturgy also demands respect for the power of our symbols. Wine calls to mind not only the joys of the heavenly banquet table, but also the price of the covenant which led to Jesus' suffering and death. We neglect the power of such images when we ignore the cup.

Prudence, of course, dictates that education and common sense be used so that sharing in the one cup is not a cause of fear or discomfort. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have not found it necessary to recommend that the church abandon its ancient practice; however, out of courtesy, a communicant with a contagious illness, whether a mild cold or something more serious, may wish to refrain from drinking from the cup. [This is especially true during outbreaks of sickness such as the current swine flu.]

"When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." May our actions be consistent with the words we sing. May we eat and drink in obedience to the Lord's command.