



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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

Shepherd Care

(724)423-8275

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

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

The old saying, "Our hands are God's hands" takes life as this ministry combines knitting or crocheting and praying as beautiful prayer shawls are made with love and care for those in need.


For the beginner or the advanced, gatherings are held every Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Formation Building. If you cannot join us, but would still like to support this ministry, donations are accepted for the purchase of yarn.



Past recipients have been thrilled to receive the shawls made by the group of ladies who add their prayers and God's love and care to them.

For those who are ill or hurting (as well as their families), the shawl symbolizes God's love surrounding them during their illness.

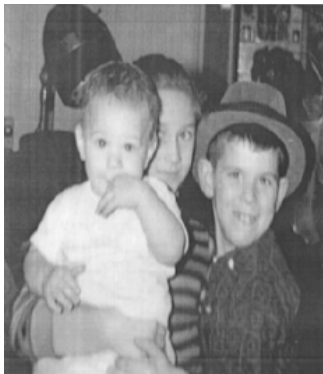
MASS INTENTIONS (Form to schedule on back of bulletin)
Saturday, August 22 5:00 PM +Agnes Frena by John Frena & Family; +Ethel Tracy by Bill & Mary Kristofeck
Sunday, August 23 9:00 AM +Nick Vidakovich by Wife Dorothy, Children & Grandchildren; +Jim Kepins by A Friend; + John & Anna Marinchak by John Marinchak
Sunday, August 23 11:00 AM +Paulette Gridler by Brian & Sandra Tlumack; +Pauline Budney by Leona Weir
Mon., August 24 8:00 AM +John E. Dreistadt by Bruno & Diana Holnaider
Tues., August 25 8:00 AM +Paul J. Bitner by Mary Jo & Jim Malia
Wed., August 26 +Thomas Appleby by Andrew Garbon Family
Thurs., August 27 8:00 AM +Donald Mizikar by Parents, Brothers, Sisters, & Son Nicholas
Fri., August 28 8:00 AM +Louis & Elizabeth Rich by Anna Rich
Saturday, August 29 5:00 PM +John Harvan by Stephanie Ungvarsky & Ed Ungvarsky; +Ann Peshko by Wayne & Dorothy Hill
Sunday, August 30 9:00 AM +Jane Frye by Martin, Peggy, Dom & Naya Frye; +Joe Swiderski by Family
Sunday, August 30 11:00 AM People

 Pray for ... Those in the hospital including John Yasher, Francis Pipak

People of St. Florian - 100 Years

As we approach the 100th Anniversary of our parish, we would like to feature pictures from the past. Since a parish and its history are dependent upon the PEOPLE who make up the parish, we are specifically looking for pictures of members of the parish so that all can try to guess who is pictured. We will identify those pictured in the following week's bulletin.

Please submit photos to Pat's attention; be sure to include your name and phone number as well as the identity of the parish member who appears in the photo. If you can scan the original and e-mail it to Pat (plucas@dioceseofgreensburg.org) please do so in black and white and PDF format.



Can you identify one of the children pictured at left?

THIS WEEK
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Pastoral Council
 Finance Council

Tuesday, 1:00 PM
 Wednesday, 7:00 PM
 Thursday, 7:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22 , 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... C. Czarniak
 Eucharistic Ministers D. Gardner, D. Dickinson
 D. Zelenak, H. Rylander
 Altar Servers..... E. Uhrin, P. & B. Bitner

Sunday, August 23, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... T. Jackson
 Eucharistic Ministers M. Yuhas, E. Zider,
 D. Shimko, J. Mizikar
 Altar Servers..... Vidakovich Family

Sunday, August 23, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... D. Dick
 Eucharistic Ministers L. Yanek, T. Jackson,
 K. Johnson, D. Mizikar
 Altar Servers..... R. Dickinson, A. Dick, N. Hicks

Saturday, August 29, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... H. Rylander
 Eucharistic Ministers D. Gardner, S. Makar,
 J. Lesko, K. Kelly
 Altar Servers..... Chovanec Family

Sunday, August 30, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... M. Johnson
 Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson, J. Lawrence,
 D. Zelenak, E. Zider
 Altar Servers..... L. & Z. D'Amico, A. Gamrat

Sunday, August 30, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... S. Makar
 Eucharistic Ministers P. Fullman, S. Bertoni,
 W. Bossart, M. Klimchock
 Altar Servers..... B. Fullman, N. Irgang, M. Juliano

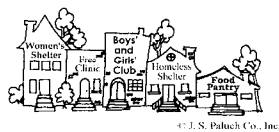
READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32/
 Jn 6:60-69
 Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32a
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8/Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27/Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-2

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1123 and on Sunday, 1041.

Sanctuary Light , Week of August 23, 2009
 In Memory of
Louis & Elizabeth Rich by
 Anna Rich

From Matthew Kelly:
 "God has endowed us all in so many different ways.
 Engage your talents and abilities."



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2009**

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
— *Joshua 24:15b*

Say a prayer
for all students
and staff returning
to the classroom soon.

SEEKING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

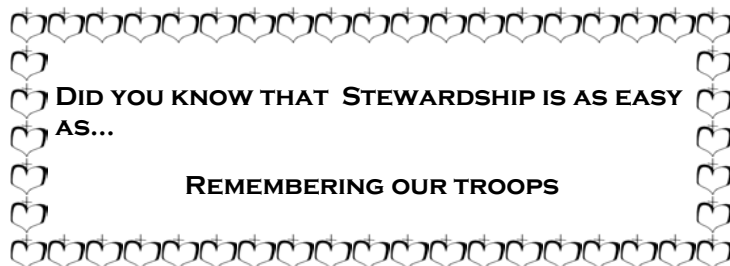
Our nation's military is in harm's way trying to protect us. There are things that they miss beyond the obvious of family.

Some have asked us for coffee. Bob Smail is in Afghanistan and he and his troops do not get good coffee. As I understand it, they need it to be pre-ground. I will send it to them if you get it to me marked: Coffee Bob Bill Smail and the Troops. Bags are easier to ship than plastic containers, but I will take it as it comes.

His address is: SSG. Robert J. Smail, B Co. 628, Task Force Keystone, APO AE 09331 should you want to send him a care package yourself.

Also serving in the military is Erik Brehun, A Company 5/158, CMR 454 Box 1385, APO AE 09250. While Erik may not be interested in receiving coffee, he would enjoy hearing from folks "back home".

Faith Formation Classes for preschool thru grade 4 will begin on Monday, September 14th. Registration forms have been sent out to all returning students. If your child will be a new student, please pick up information in the vestibule or call the formation office at 724-423-5087.



It's the little things in life that determine the big things.
--Matthew 25:21

A **BIBLE STUDY GROUP** is being offered to anyone who would like to join. This group will begin meeting on Sunday, September 13, and will meet from 10 AM to 10:45 AM each Sunday. Your facilitators will be Bill Back and Dave Shimko. Contact the Shepherd Care Ministry office at 724-423-8275 if you would like more information.

ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The Rosary Rally Contest is offered each year to all Diocesan Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion. This contest helps to stimulate an interest in the life and place of Mother of God in the Church.

SPECIFICS OF THE ESSAY CONTEST:

Entries from Grades 3 - 5: 150 words - Poetry or essay acceptable

Entries from Grades 6 - 8: 250 words - Poetry or essay acceptable

Theme: How did the Blessed Mother show her love for Jesus?

Entries must be typed or printed on 8½ x 11 paper and submitted by September 23, 2009. Send to Sister Catherine Meinert, S.C., St. Rita Convent, 212 S. First Street, Connellsville, PA 15425

Two entries will be selected. Winners must be able to read their composition at the Rosary Rally on October 4th, 3:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

ITEMS FROM FORTY MARTYRS BUILDING

Some parishioners have asked about buying items from the 40 Martyrs building. Some things to note relative to this are as follows:

Liturgical items will be handled more gingerly than those of another nature (social hall, for example). Before some liturgical items can be sold, the diocesan Bishop must be alerted.

We have received appraisal data and removal costs on the stained glass windows. Prices of these items will be substantial, reaching into the thousands for each.

Before the building can be sold, certain conditions must be met. For example, it cannot be used for profane purposes such as an abortion clinic. We are currently having the property appraised, evaluated, parceled, etc., so that the necessary paper work can be filed to obtain the required approval for sale by the diocesan Bishop.

If there is a specific item(s) that you wish to purchase, please write a brief description and address it to Fr. McGuirk in a sealed envelope. All requests must be received by Tuesday, September 8, 2009. No exceptions. Items will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. You will then be notified of the selling price of the item(s) you wish to purchase. **Please Note:** There will be NO "open house shopping events". If you wish to purchase an item, you must follow the guidelines at the beginning of this paragraph. Above all, please be patient with the process.

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION ANNUAL MEETING

The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 2:00PM in the Formation Building of St. Florian. We hope for a great turnout as we will discuss our annual "Stedry Vecer" and the upcoming FCSU National Convention. Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **Luncheon Buffet** ~ Sunday, Aug. 23, 11 AM - 3:00 PM ~ at Mutual Fire Hall to benefit the department ~ Hot foods, salad bar, bread, dessert bar & beverage ~ Tickets available @ door: Adults:\$8.00; Child, 5 - 10 yrs: \$4.00, 4 yrs. & under: Free
- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, August 25th ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee

**Need a gift for an upcoming 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

SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FUND RAISER

Christ the Divine Teacher School
November 2009 Cash Calendar Ticket
November 1 to 26, 2009
Donation \$20
Four 4-digit numbers per ticket
\$25,000 total cash giveaway
There are four 4-digit numbers per ticket
104 chances to win

November 1, 8, 15, 22 = \$600.00/day
November 7, 14, 21 = \$3,000.00/day
November 26 = \$10,000.00/day
Other 18 days until November 26 = \$200.00/day
Thank you for your support.
Call Bridget at 724-532-4230 for tickets.

FIRST ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The Central Council of St. Vincent de Paul needs your help. We are currently planning the first annual Friends of the Poor Walk to be held at the upper lake of Twin Lakes Park on September 26. We hope to raise significant funds for use in direct service to the poor. All money raised will be used in our diocese. Please join us at this event to celebrate the poor and honor those caring individuals who work directly in the community to bring about healthy change for children, women and men to live and grow as God intended. To sign up to participate or be a sponsor, please visit the official website at www.sydppfriendsofthepoorwalk.org. You can also contact your parish office.

**? Guess What?**

As summer draws to a close the fall of the year is a perfect time to try some of these simple steps to take control of STRESS.

Everyone knows about STRESS. Everyone has it and at times it is out of control. Out of control stress can make you sick. STRESS elevates levels of cortisol, a hormone produced by the body to fight or flight a dangerous situation. Sustained levels of cortisol put you at risk of impairing the functioning of your immune system and raising your blood pressure. Both of these happenings are health and wellness dangers.

Take a 20-minute walk or bike ride.

Chill out and focus on nature or your surroundings.

Put headphones on and listen to music.

Write about your stress and then tear it up and throw it away.

Watch the wind carry your torn paper up, up and away.

Breathe deeply and with each exhale breath out your stress.

Pick some summer flowers and arrange them for your dining table.

Sign up for the Stress Management Support Group at St. Florian Church!

Used by permission from "Wellness Tip of The Week" written by JoAnn C. Kauss, RN, MSN, St. Malachy Church, 2003.

Shepherd Care Ministry

SCHOOL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Christ The Divine Teacher School will hold an Open House for parents only on Thursday, August 27 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, purchase gently used school uniforms, and to have any questions answered that they may have.

An Open House for students will take place on Friday, August 28 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm. Students will be able to visit the classrooms at this time.

Registrations are also being accepted at this time for the upcoming school year. We offer a full-day Kindergarten program. Our early childhood programs offer an advanced academic program with new state of the art computer pods and age appropriate reading/math/science software to supplement those curriculum areas.

To learn more, please contact the school's office at 724-539-1561 or visit our website at www.cdtschool.org.

Stress Management Support Group
Registration Form

Please complete this form **ONLY IF** you are able to say "Yes" to all 4 items below:

- you can commit to attend each meeting,
- you can be serious and open to discuss issues and listen to others respectfully,
- you are open to learn different methods of stress relief (meditation, journaling ...), and
- you agree to sign and maintain a mandatory confidentiality agreement.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

2 Main Causes of Stress in Your Life: 1) _____ 2) _____

Check One:

I would like to attend the afternoon session. _____ (Third Thurs. of month - 1:00 to 2:30 PM)

I would like to attend the evening session. _____ (Third Thurs. of month - 6:15 to 7:45 PM)

Space is limited to 8 members per session! Age 18 and older. These will be 'closed' meetings (only those registered for sessions may attend). Group will run monthly from September 17, 2009 through April 15, 2010 in the Faith Formation Building (building to left of church).

*** If interested in a teen group, please note their information below. If enough interest is shown, one may become available :O)

Return registration form to Lori Whalen, c/o Shepherd Care Ministry, St. Florian Church, P. O. Box 187, United, PA 15689, no later than Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The following are the Sundays available for flower dedications:

September 6, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25



✂

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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

