



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

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A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009

Youth Ministry

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Mission Statement

We are an education ministry within the parish dedicated to the spiritual and moral development of the parish's youth (grades five thru eight). We provide a safe and caring environment in which young adolescents learn to apply the teachings of the Catholic Church to their everyday lives by participating in religious instruction, service projects, and recreational activities.

Our goals are:

1. To create an environment that nurtures the faith of young people while deepening their understanding and knowledge of the Catholic tradition.
2. To instill in young people a call to discipleship that includes ministry to peers, family, the parish, and the community at large.
3. To cultivate a spirit of service modeled on Christ and reflected in the social teachings of the Catholic Church.
4. To provide a safe and fun atmosphere where young adolescents can relax and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Join us:

Sunday, October 4, 2009

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Youth Room

*Parents are requested to return at 7:00 p.m.
for an informational meeting*

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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423-5087

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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Pastor:

Rev. William C. McGuirk

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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

MASS INTENTIONS (Form to schedule on back of bulletin)
Saturday, Sept. 19 5:00 PM +James Rylander by Boyd-Rylander Family; +Patricia Mathews by Pauline Forish
Sunday, Sept. 20 9:00 AM +Elizabeth Novotny by Debbie, Matt & Alussa Betzler; +Nick Vidakovich by Brother, John Vidakovich
Sunday, Sept. 20 11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society; +Richard Uhrin by Mary Ann, Rick, Denise & Dennis
Mon., Sept. 21 8:00 AM People
Tues., Sept. 22 8:00 AM Altar Society Living & Deceased Members
Wed., Sept. 23 8:00 AM +Gertrude & Walter Schmidt by The Schmidt Family
Thurs., Sept. 24 8:00 AM +Marie Pravlik by Mr. & Mrs. Len Monticue
Fri., Sept. 25 8:00 AM + Thomas Appleby by Ed & Pat Dlugos
Saturday, Sept. 26 5:00 PM +William Bilik by Paul & Dorothy Bucci; +Nick Vidakovich by George & Frances Vidakovich
Sunday, Sept. 27 9:00 AM +Ralph Richard by Family; +Lance Woodruff by Daniel Hall & Lissa Lindstrom
Sunday, Sept. 27 11:00 AM +Carol Ann Magda Link by Mother & Family; +Helen Sowka by Chet & Eleanor Czarniak

People of St. Florian - 100 Years

Continuing our feature of pictures from the past, how many of those pictured below can you identify?



Remember, we need your pictures from the past from St. Stanislaus, Forty Martyrs, or St. Mary Byzantine as well as those from St. Florian. 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(s) who appear(s) 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.

Cookbooks & Cookie Sheets

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 19, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... D. Yasher
Eucharistic Ministers H. Rylander, D. Zelenak
E. Zider, K. Kelly
Altar Servers..... Chovanec Family

Sunday, September 20, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... M.E. Sopko
Eucharistic MinistersD. Mizikar, G. Kovacina,
T. Jackson, W. Bossart
Altar Servers.....E.Uhrin, P. & B. Bittner

Sunday, September 20, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... B. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers C. & J. Myers, S. Makar,
K. Johnson, M. Ceroni
Altar Servers.....L. & Z. D'Amico, A. Dick

Saturday, September 26, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector.....M.L. Yothers
Eucharistic MinistersE. Zider, P. Fullman
J. Lesko, K. Kelly
Altar Servers.....B. Fullman, A. Gamrat, M. Juliano

Sunday, September 27, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... C. Czarniak
Eucharistic Ministers M. Yuhas, D. Zelenak,
M. Ceroni, J. Bertoni
Altar Servers.....R. Dickinson, N. Hicks, N. Irgang

Sunday, September 27, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... L. Bogucki
Eucharistic Ministers D. Shimko, L. Yanek,
C. & J. Myers
Altar Servers..... A. & H. Macey, H. Kromer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:39-43,45,47-48

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1127 and for this Sunday, 1053.

Sanctuary Light , Week of September 20, 2009
In Memory of
FRANK MIZIKAR
By Frances Puskar & Joe

From Matthew Kelly:

"When you acknowledge your imperfections, you are on the brink of tremendous growth and wonderful times.."



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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.
— James 3:18

PARISH ASSEMBLY -
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST
@ 3:00 PM in
Social hall

SEEKING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

The following is today's Second Reading.

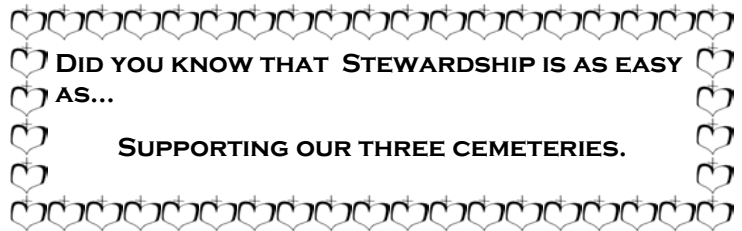
"Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconsistency or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not received, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

--James 3:16-4:3

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING will be on Sunday, October 4 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. All youth in grades 5 - 8 are invited to attend. Parents are asked to return at 7:00 for a brief meeting.

SACRAMENTAL PREP parent meeting will be on Monday, October 12 at 6:30 in the social hall. This important meeting will outline the preparation process and inform parents of the changes to the Diocesan Catechetical Master Plan.



DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...

SUPPORTING OUR THREE CEMETERIES.

Pray for .. Those in the hospital including Christen Stercho

COFFEE FOR THE TROOPS

Recently Fr. McGuirk had learned that our troops overseas crave good coffee and had passed that information along to you. To date, he has sent more than 10 pounds to Sgt. Smail. Additionally, Karen Dlugos mentioned the need to her brother and his Rotary Club who then got involved as a group. This past week, we received notice from them that they, too, had sent coffee to Sgt. Smail and company. Hopefully the soldiers will be enjoying their coffee a little more thanks to these efforts.



BAPTISM PREP SCHEDULED

Recently new guidelines for the sacrament of Baptism were established for St. Florian. The first session of Baptism prep under the new system will be held this **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM.** Please call the Formation Office at 724-423-5087 to register.

CALLED BY NAME

Next weekend, the Called By Name program and the Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection will take place. Please watch for a letter from Bishop Brandt regarding this appeal. We are being asked to 'take a look around' and recognize if we see any possible candidates for priesthood in our presence. Our awareness and invitations can be the catalyst that prompts a person to respond to God's call in his/her life. Support for this program and collection is vital to make them a success.

Also, please continue praying for religious vocations in preparation for the Called By Name program and collection.



ALTAR FLOWERS
September 19 & 20
In Memory of
JAMES RYLANDER
by Family

THIS WEEK

- Sunday Bible Study, 10:00 AM
- Jednota Annual Meeting Sunday, 2:00 PM
- Religious Formation Monday, 6:30
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesday, 1:00 PM
- Baptism Prep Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- 100th Anniversary Committee Thursday, 7:00 PM



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

This year we are once again joining with other area churches to collect items to help the less fortunate of our community have a Thanksgiving meal. We are asked to provide boxed potatoes and stuffing by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.** Simply place them in the receptacle at the back of church any time you wish prior to that date. Last year approximately 80 families enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners through this project; let's each do our part to increase that number this year.

There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriages. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 25 - 27, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BRUCE A. MATTHEWS, DMD, MDS

Please support our sponsors.

(In case you weren't in church last weekend to receive a copy of the following report, we are reprinting it here for you.)

THE NEW ST. FLORIAN FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

At the August meeting of the Parish Finance Council, the "Parish Financial Review" report written by Delisi & Associates P.C., a Greensburg-based CPA firm, was reviewed and discussed at length. The Diocese of Greensburg had engaged this firm to conduct an in depth "Independent Accountants Agreed Upon Procedures" engagement for St. Florian Parish, United; PA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. This engagement was conducted in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

During this engagement, some of the items examined included a detailed examination of:

The handling of cash deposits; bank reconciliations; the Mass accounts; mathematical accuracy of financial reports and the timeliness of reports issued to the diocese; a 100% examination of all checks on all fund raising events and subsequent review of deposit of receipts; proper recording and timely deposit of parishioner contributions to ensure an accurate donation record; detailed examination of all payroll records; detailed examination of all cash disbursements for approval - review and correct classification and supporting documentation; review of any unusual disbursement items; a review of parish adherence to all financial guidelines established by the Diocese; a determination of excess cash calculation – is there more money on hand than needed to pay monthly bills; is the bingo and small games of chance license current; a review of the business expense reimbursement account; review all 52 parish bulletins and reconcile weekly financial reporting to the parish to the books for mathematical accuracy; compare all amounts on the parish books to the annual report submitted to the diocese; review the cemetery account; inspect the parish profile for the last 5 years; read and review finance council meeting minutes.

In essence, the exam was to insure that all cash collected was recorded and deposited into the bank accounts; that all cash payments were properly approved and recorded; and that all financial reporting to the diocese and the parishioners was accurate. The examiner determined that all receipts and payments reviewed were traced to the General Ledger accounts "without exception."

As in all engagements, the examiners issue "Recommendations for Procedural Improvements", and this occurred in this examination. A subsequent "Management Response" was given by the parish to the diocese. Some recommendations are already in place, others are being instituted, and some cannot be practically put in place as they apply to a much larger staff than just a Business Manager and a Secretary. And this is OK.

The Finance Council is pleased to report that the "bottom line" of the report is that the finances of St. Florian Parish are being managed in accordance with all diocesan financial guidelines and all required accounting principles. The cash is being deposited, bills are paid timely and financial reports from the weekly bulletins and those issued to the diocese are mathematically accurate and agree to the books. The financial reporting information is accurate and true.

In the future, the Finance Council will turn its attention to the financial requirements of the New St. Florian since the merger of the three parishes. It is our intent to meet regularly, to analyze the finances of the parish and to communicate to the parishioners our thoughts.

Very truly yours,
St. Florian Parish Finance Council



The Walk to Bethlehem by Christmas

Get out your walking shoes, put on your pedometers, gather our friends and family and join in "The Walk to Bethlehem". St. Florian's Shepherd Care Ministry is starting a journey with the parishioners which will begin on September 19, 2009 and end on Christmas Day. Throughout the months, we will have several group walks that you can join in, if you like, at Mammoth Park, around town, and at the church. Or, if that's not your bag of tea, walk on your own through the stores, on your treadmills, or wherever you'd like! Just log your miles along the way!

Call Shepherd Care Ministry office at 724-423-8275 to register and receive your starter pack for the journey. No cost is involved, just a little exercise, enjoyment, and camaraderie on the way to Bethlehem.

DISABILITIES RETREAT

Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg, will host a Retreat for People with Disabilities and Life-Challenging Illnesses, on Sunday, October 4, 1:30 -6 PM. The theme, "The Life and Teachings of St. Francis," will be presented by Fr. William McGuirk. The retreat will include a celebration of the Mass, teachings, fellowship, and dinner. Reservations can be made by calling Rita Shapiola at 724-537-3851. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Judith Huber at 724-837-8706. The cost is \$6.50 per person.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, Sept. 22nd ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **Holy Cross Festival** ~ Sat., Sept. 19, 6 - 9:00 PM & Sun., Sept. 20, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM ~ Homemade pierogies, halupki, Italian roast beef, and much more ~ games for all ages, basket raffle, live entertainment & cash drawing on Sunday
- ◇ **Bereavement Support Group** ~ Mon., Sept. 21, 7 PM ~ Conference Center @ St. Vincent Parish ~ All invited to attend ~ for more info, call Teri, 724-539-8629, ext. 15
- ◇ **LECOM Information Session** ~ Thurs., Sept. 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM info available on the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) at Seton Hill ~ Students interested in a medical career are encouraged to attend ~ For more info or to make reservations, email admit@setonhill.edu or call 1-800-826-6234
- ◇ **Quilt Show by Hill Top Quilters** ~ @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Trauger ~ Sat., Oct. 3, 1 - 4:00 PM ~ Large quilt display, demonstrations, door prizes, flea market, raffle, & crafts ~ Free admission ~ Lunch available
- ◇ **Fall Spaghetti Dinner** ~ St. Boniface, Acme ~ Sunday, Oct. 4, noon - 3:00 PM ~ Adults: \$6, children:\$3.50, 5 & under: free ~ Take-out available
- ◇ **Fall Open House @ Seton Hill** ~ Sunday, Oct. 4 ~ campus tours begin at 8:30 AM ~ Opportunities to learn more about admissions, academic programs, financial aid, and much more ~ For more info or to make reservations, email admit@setonhill.edu or call 1-800-826-6234
- ◇ **Craft & Vendor Show** ~ St. Bruno Church, S. Gbg. ~ Saturday, October 10, 8 AM - 2:30 PM ~ Free admission ~ Table rental: \$15 for 1, \$25 for 2 ~ Food & refreshments available ~ for more info: call Emma, after 6 PM, 724-834-5498

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 session is scheduled for Mon., Oct. 12 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.

SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

The following are the Sundays available for flower dedications: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25

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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.)

? Guess What ?



The fall of the year brings the start of school. We see new shoes, new books and new backpacks and sometimes an old common problem---HEAD LICE. Head lice are common among school age children. Head lice should not be a cause for shame. Anyone can be affected.

What are head lice?

- *Tiny insects smaller than a sesame seed
- * Live in human hair attached to the base of hairs
- * Lay tiny eggs called "nits"
- * Difficult to remove
- * Can live "off the body" for several days

How are head lice transmitted?

- *Direct contact from one person to another
- * From sharing brushes, combs, headphones, or helmets
- * Just being in the same area with someone who is infected

How do you know you have head lice?

- * Constant itching of the head and back of the neck
- * "Nits" can be seen at the top of the head, nape of the neck and behind the ears
- * "Nits" take on the color of their background which makes them hard to see

What is the treatment for head lice?

- * Prompt treatment is critical because they reproduce rapidly
- * Everyone in the household should be treated
- * Wash with medicated over-the-counter-shampoo-follow directions on product
- * Wash all combs and brushes with hot soapy water
- * Wash clothing and bed linens with hot water and detergent
- * Dry clean non-washable or place in an airtight plastic bag for two (2) weeks
- * Vacuum all carpets, furniture, mattresses and car upholstery thoroughly
- * Dispose of the vacuum bag immediately.

Is the child excluded from school with head lice?

* Regulations from the PA Department of Health state " a child is to be excluded from school until judged to be non-infected by the nurse in school, college, or preschool or by the child's physician." There is no shame in having head lice. The shame is in keeping them.

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

Shepherd Care Ministry

ADDRESS NEEDED

- * We are looking for an address for Christine Hull *
- * who expressed interest in items from Forty *
- * Martyrs. Please give to Pat our parish secretary. *

