



# St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...

Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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:

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423-5087

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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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## 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



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**MASS INTENTIONS (Form to schedule on back of bulletin)**

**Saturday, Dec. 12** 5:00 PM +Robert Klinchock by Mary Ann & Family; +Thomas W. Brown, Sr. by Judi & Steve Muchoney  
**Sunday, Dec. 13** 9:00 AM +Steve & Anne Whisdosh by Stephanie Ungvarsky & Ed Ungvarsky; +James Scekeres, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Don Scekeres & Family  
**Sunday, Dec. 13** 11:00 AM +Elaine Oravets by Chuck Bucciarelli; +Kurt Minichiello by Rita Minichiello  
**Mon., Dec. 14 11:00 AM** +Walter Herczyk by Ginny Puskar Family  
**Tues., Dec. 15** 8:00 AM People  
**Wed., Dec. 16** No Mass here; Fr. McGuirk will be saying Mass @ Christ the Divine Teacher @ 8:45 AM  
**Thurs., Dec. 17** 8:00 AM +Thomas Appleby by Elmer Knizner  
**Fri., Dec. 18** +Gertrude & Walter Schmidt by Schmidt Family  
**Saturday, Dec. 19** 5:00 PM +Steve Hollis by Wife Rose ; +Adam Skowronski by Sister Bertha Lewis  
**Sunday, Dec. 20** 9:00 AM +Agnes Pinskey by Rose & Phil Yoder; +Bernice Polcha by Husband Bob Polcha  
**Sunday, Dec. 20** 11:00 AM +John A. Brehun by Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren; +William & Catherine Uhor by Mary Jane & Steve Makar & Family

**People of St. Florian - 100 Years**



Pictured above is Sr. Mary Rosaire Sedory, V.S.C. who was principal of St. Florian school for a number of years. Quoting her column in the first issue of The St. Florian Angel, "...[we] can proudly boast that we do celebrate each child as an individual - recognizing their strengths and weaknesses and using one to build on the other."

**THIS WEEK**

Choir Concert	Sun., 3:00 PM
Sr. Citizen Mass & Luncheon	Mon., 11:00 AM
Religious Formation classes	Monday, 6:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Preschool Christmas Program	Fri., 7:00 PM

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 12, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM**

Lector ..... H. Rylander  
 Eucharistic Ministers..... K. Kelly, J. Lesko, L. Dick  
 Altar Servers.....R. Dickinson, J. Prue, E. Uhrin

**Sunday, December 13, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM**

Lector ..... M. Johnson  
 Eucharistic Ministers... K. Johnson, D. Mizikar, M.A. Yuhas  
 Altar Servers..... C. Reese, J. Scekeres, A. Gamrat

**Sunday, December 13, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM**

Lector .. L. Bogucki  
 Eucharistic Ministers .....S. Makar, W. Bossart, G. Kovacina  
 Altar Servers..... G. & T. Stercho, B. Fullman

**Saturday, December 19, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM**

Lector ..... T. Chovanec  
 Eucharistic Ministers.. R. Embree, J. Lawrence, H. Rylander  
 Altar Servers..... Chovanec Family

**Sunday, December 20, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM**

Lector ..... C. Czarniak  
 Eucharistic Ministers.....C. & J. Myers, G. Kovacina  
 Altar Servers..... N. Hicks, B. & P. Bitner

**Sunday, December 20, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM**

Lector ..... M.L. Yothers  
 Eucharistic Ministers..... J. Lawrence, M. Ceroni, T. Jackson  
 Altar Servers..... Vidakovich Family

**PLEASE NOTE**

Confessions will not be heard here on Saturday, Dec. 19. There is a Communal Reconciliation Service at St. John the Baptist in Scottdale at 1:00 PM.



The soul of Josephine Guzik

**REMINDER**

We are now taking up the second collection immediately following the first collection. We will no longer take a collection after communion.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK\***

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

\*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1084 and for this Sunday, 887.

***From Matthew Kelly:***

" Jesus never asked 'What is in it for me?' He was not motivated by the individualist creed: he was motivated by a spirit of service."



**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2009**

[T]he King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.  
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

**OPLATKI  
is available  
in the Sacristy**

**SEEKING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER**

*Advent Disciplines*

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we light the pink candle and wear pink vestments so that we focus on the joy of waiting both to welcome the infant Jesus into the crib at Christmas and to joyfully expect His second coming very soon.

Although the rest of the world thinks that it is already Christmas, The Bishop of Rome, The Bishop of Greensburg, and the whole church waits with restraint and discipline. We do not set up the nativity in the church or display the infant Jesus until Christmas Mass; it then remains up until the end of the Christmas Season on January 10, 2010.

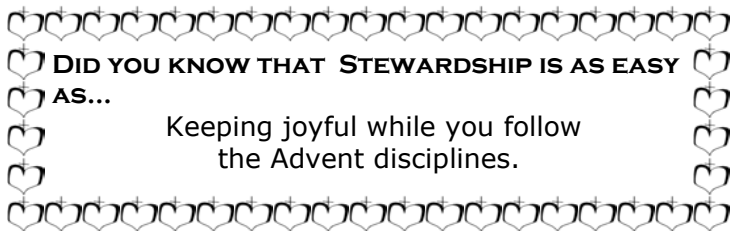
All good Catholics agree and adhere to this discipline and each pastor is accountable before Christ to hold his flock to this discipline. Partying should go on for twelve days, beginning on Christmas and ending either on January 7 (Russian Christmas) or on January 10, the Baptism of the Lord.

Check out the Vatican website from Catholic News Service. Pope Benedict and your pastor think alike. Both are celebrating midnight Mass at 10:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Flowers**

A poinsettia tree is planned to be part of this year's sanctuary decoration. Your past generosity made the purchase of the stand, which holds 30 pots, possible. All donations of \$10.00 or more will be published in January.

Decorating the church is tentatively scheduled on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m. Please join us for one or both of these evenings.



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

Keeping joyful while you follow the Advent disciplines.

Sanctuary Light , Week of December 13, 2009  
In Memory of  
**AGNES LUCAS**  
By Husband John and Son Ron & Family

**Thank You** to everyone who supported the youth ministry cookie mix sale! Four teens of the local area will receive Christmas gifts this year because of your generosity. The event went so well that we were also able to purchase 9 gift cards to donate to Catholic Charities to help additional families.

**Collection for Our Troops** enabled us to send 15 FILLED stockings to soldiers serving overseas. Each Faith Formation class participated, as well as many parishioners. *God Bless You!*

**Youth Ministry Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 20 from 6 – 7:30 in the youth room. Please bring a food to share.

**Faith Formation Christmas Program** will be Monday, December 21 at 6:30 in the social hall. Families are asked to bring 1 dozen cookies for the social that follows.

**THE NEW ST FLORIAN MISSION STATEMENT**

*Pope Leo XIII wrote Rerum Novarum, on the rights of workers, on 15 May 1891, in the midst of the Industrial Revolution. The ink was barely dry on this papal letter about the rights of workers when Catholics from Europe were coming to central Westmoreland County in Pennsylvania, finding jobs to support their families and continuing to practice their religious beliefs. From these roots the Catholic faith flourished for the past 100 years.*

*Today the new parish of St. Florian welcomes all Catholics to grow, develop, advance and build their faith in the new challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

*In the coming hundred years, under the guidance of the Bishop of Greensburg, we will continue to: gather for the Sunday Eucharist and have Worship, hear the Word, build Community, perform Service, create Leadership and give our Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure for the sake of the Kingdom of God and his Christ.*

**NEW MASS INTENTION POLICY**

In order to be in accordance with Canon Law and Diocese of Greensburg directives, in 2010 we will be implementing a new policy regarding the scheduling of Mass intentions. Watch the bulletin for the details which will be published in the near future.

***Any intentions received prior to that will not be scheduled until it is in place.***



Please pray for  
Zachary Koch  
who received God's loving graces  
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
at our communal service  
on Wednesday night.

"I tell you, in just the same way, there will be more joy  
in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-  
nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."



The BEST speaker you'll hear all year! Guaranteed.

**Matthew Kelly**  
At St. Vincent Basilica Parish

December 16, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

**BECOMING THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF**

This New York Times bestselling author of  
4 of the top 10 Catholic bestsellers is  
one of the world's best speakers.

Powerful, engaging and captivating!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the most  
Dynamic and sought-after voices of our time!

Ages 12+ are welcome and encouraged to attend

**ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

The following Reconciliation Services have been scheduled in Region 9 and you are invited to attend one at your convenience:

Monday, Dec. 14, 7:00 PM	St. Aloysius, Dunbar
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 PM	St. Joseph, Everson
Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:00 PM	St. Raymond, Donegal
Saturday, Dec. 19, 1:00 PM*	St John the Baptist, Scottdale
Monday, Dec. 21, 7:00 PM	St. John, Connellsville

\*NOTE: There will be no Confessions at St. Florian

**SENIOR CITIZEN MASS & LUNCHEON**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

MASS BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM

LUNCHEON (BY PRIOR RESERVATION) WILL FOLLOW

Entertainment by  
Cathi Rhodes as  
PATSY CLINE

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- ◇ **“Christmas in Salem Crossroads”** ~ Dec. 12 & 13, 6 - 9:30 PM ~ Admission: Saturday night, Adults, \$6 and Children \$3; Sunday night, Adults, \$5 and Children, \$2 ~ in Delmont ~ Take a walking journey through the past ~ for more information, call 724-468-4003 between 10 AM & 3 PM or visit [www.christmasinsalemcrossroads.org](http://www.christmasinsalemcrossroads.org)
- ◇ **“Christmas Lessons and Carols”** ~ presented by Diocesan Choir & Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra ~ Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 3:00 PM ~ Reception at Westmoreland Museum of American Art will follow ~ Both program and reception free & open to public
- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **Bereavement Support Group** ~ Saint Vincent Parish in Latrobe ~ Meeting on Monday, Dec. 21 @ 7 PM in Parish Center Conference room ~ Participants will make memorial candles for loved ones, so reservations are required ~ . Please call Teri Pomerleau at 724-539-8629 ext. 15 by Thursday, December 17 to register. The meeting is free of charge and open to all community members who are mourning the loss of a loved one

**ALL ARE INVITED**

Bishop Brandt will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 11:30 AM at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. An hors d'oeuvre reception will immediately follow in the Cathedral Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend this celebration.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. In today's busy world, many couples experience anger, coldness, frustration, and loneliness. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 8, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**MEALS ON WHEELS BAKERS**

The following are scheduled to bake for Meals on Wheels the week of December 21:

Liz Shay	Stephanie Soflak	Annette Solomon
Ginny Trout	Karen Uhrin	Mallory Solomon
Connie Urban	Dorothy Vidakovich	Josy Walton
Marge Wierzbowski		

**“SLEEP, LITTLE BABY, SLEEP”**

St. Florian Choir will present “Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep,” a special holiday concert consisting of classical and modern holiday music this Sunday, December 13. The program, under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Whisdosh, will begin at 3:00 PM in the church. Please come and join the choir in ushering in the Christmas Season!

**? Guess What ?**

THE NEW YEAR of (specific year) APPROACHES. This is the traditional time for RESOLUTIONS. Strategies for RESOLUTIONS can be accomplished by the belief that we can change our life by changing our pattern of thinking, feeling and behaving. The way we talk to ourselves affects our self-esteem and consequently our belief system about ourselves. We can change our self-beliefs through repetitive affirmations. If we focus our mind on a goal to be achieved and talk within ourselves as if the goal has already been achieved, we increase our chances of reaching the goal.

This concept can be found in Scripture, Mark 11:22-24.

Jesus said, "Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, all that you ask in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it shall be yours."

The following are examples of affirmations stated as if already achieved:

- \* I deserve to be prosperous and happy.
- \* I am full of radiant health and energy.
- \* I am relaxed and have time for everything I want to do.
- \* I love to love and be loved.
- \* I express myself freely, fully and easily.

Write and read your affirmations many times a day. Focus your thoughts, your energy, your creativity and your belief on its accomplishment.

*Shepherd Care Ministry*

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