



St. Florian Parish

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Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

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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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

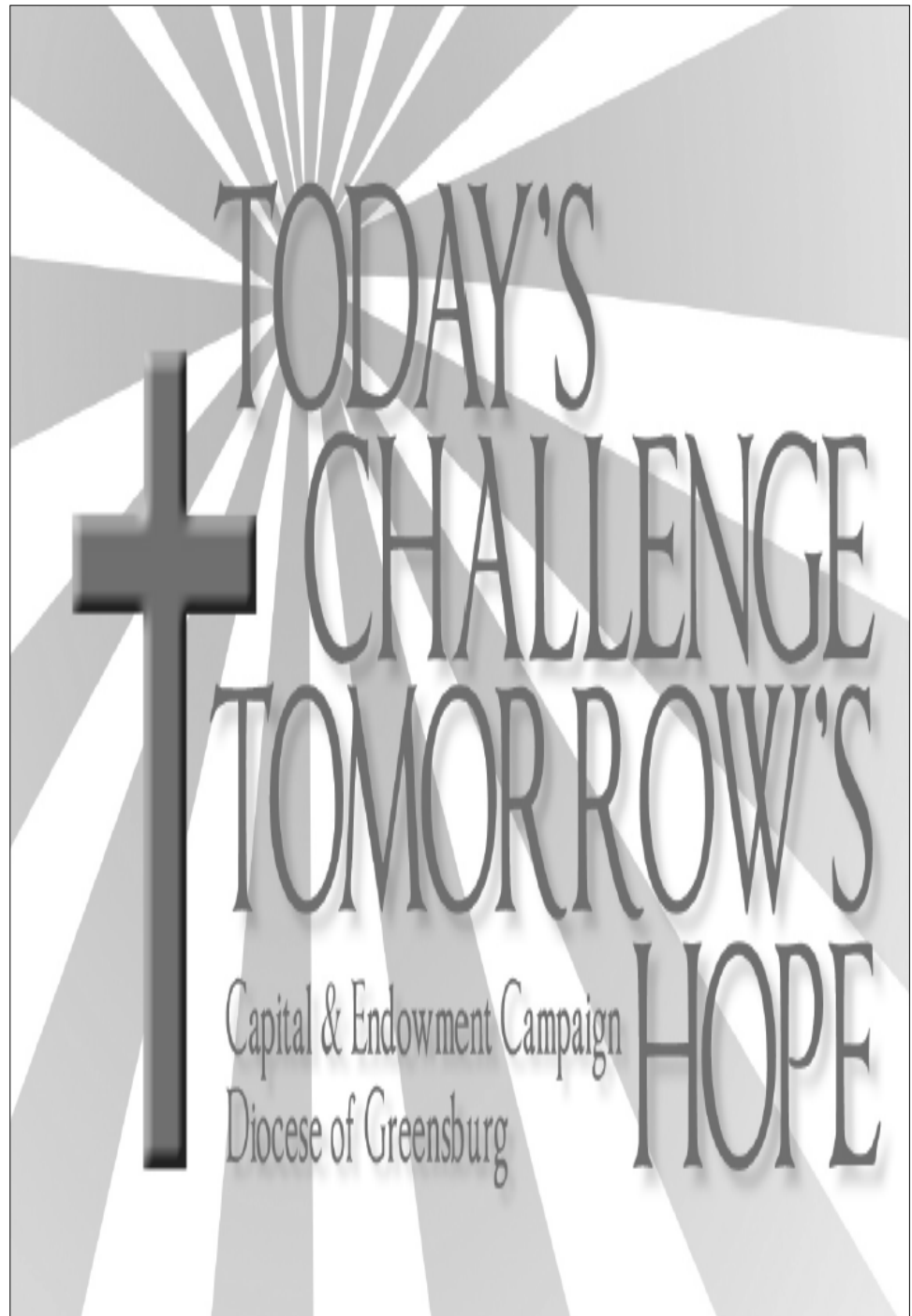
Dr. Steve Whisdosh,

Choir Director

Preschool, Dir: Lottie Hirak

Preschool, Aide: Karen Dlugos

Parish Secretary: Pat Lucas



MASS INTENTIONS (Form to schedule on back of bulletin)

Saturday, Feb. 20 5:00 PM +Frank Tomechko by Tracy Family; +John Yasher by Wife Irene
Sunday, Feb. 21 9:00 AM +Rick Marinchak by Phil Nalepa; +Dorothy Hickey by Phyllis & Mike Hudak
Sunday, Feb. 21 11:00 AM +Mary Pocusus & Ludger Pocusus by Ron; +Antoinette & Joe Pianko by Pianko Family
Mon., Feb. 22 8:00 AM +Anna Marie Grec by Ginny Puskar
Tue., Feb. 23 8:00 AM +Veronica Dreskler by Dr. William Mizikar & Family
Wed., Feb. 24 Father McGuirk will celebrate Mass at Christ the Divine Teacher School @ 8:45 AM
Thurs., Feb. 25 8:00 AM +Richard Uhrin by Marie, Tim, Casey & Carrie
Fri., Feb. 26 8:00 AM +Bridget & John Koslosky by Family
Saturday, Feb. 27 5:00 PM +Joseph J. Tirdil by Joseph Tirdil Family; +Elizabeth Secker by Bob Barlock & Family
Sunday, Feb. 28 9:00 AM +Thomas Brown, Sr. by Chris Wesolawski; +George & Agnes Rusinko & George Stephen Rusinko by Michael & Aimee Kakos
Sunday, Feb. 28 11:00 AM People

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20, 2010 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector J. Mizikar
 Eucharistic Ministers R. Embree, H. Rylander, M. Ceroni
 Altar Servers.....Chovanec Family

Sunday, February 21, 2010 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector D. Mizikar
 Eucharistic Ministers K. Johnson, M. Zelenak, M. A. Yuhas
 Altar Servers.....Vidakovich Family

Sunday, February 21, 2010 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector A. Reese
 Eucharistic Ministers L. Yanek, D. Mizikar, D. Dickinson
 Altar Servers..... R. Dickinson, B. & P. Bitner

Saturday, February 27, 2010 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... L. Yanetsky
 Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson, J. Lesko, K. Kelly
 Altar Servers..... Z. & L. D'Amico, A. Dick

Sunday, February 28, 2010 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... D. Yasher
 Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart, C. & J. Myers
 Altar Servers..... N. Hicks, M. Juliano, H. Kromer

Sunday, February 28, 2010 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... M. L. Yothers
 Eucharistic Ministers S. Makar, D. Shimko, J. Bertoni
 Altar Servers..... J. Lucas, A. & H. Macey



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

SUPPORTING THE SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR MISSIONS

ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—
 As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.
 —Ovid

THIS WEEK

Bible Study	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Spaghetti Dinner	Sunday, Noon—3:00 PM
Women's Faith Sharing Group	Monday, 7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Tuesday, 1:00 PM
Lenten Ecumenical Service	Wednesday, 7:00 PM
TCTH Meeting	Thursday, 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross	Friday, 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1090 and for this Sunday, 906.



Pray for ... Those in the hospital including Joseph Kritz, Johnny Lawrence* For the soul of William Smail

*Johnny would enjoy hearing from you so please send cards to him at Latrobe Hospital (Excelsa), Neuroscience Rehabilitation, Room #136, 121 W. Second Avenue, Latrobe, PA 15650.



First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010
The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
 — Romans 10:8



Fridays in Lent @ 7:00 PM

SEEKING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

Dear Parishioner:

Lent is here. Please keep checking on your neighbors until this weather levels off.

Congratulations to the parish on the many cans of soup that have come in for the food bank. We have reached the high number of 1,329 which is half again as many as the goal. God bless you and the people who receive these gifts.

On top of the money sent to CRS for Haiti, many of you bought Valentine's Day Bags of treats for Haiti. About 130 bags were sold. Thanks and God bless.

Although the Today's Challenge/Tomorrow's Hope campaign has been slowed by the bad weather, we have 23% of the goal pledged. God bless these cheerful givers. The meeting that was scheduled for February 11 is rescheduled for Feb 25 @ 6:30 PM in the social hall.

The committee is made up of: HONORARY CHAIRS: George & Virginia Trout & Mike Reese, Betsy & John Mylant, Larry Welty, Mary Ellen Sopko, Joe Ferlin, Joe Tandaric, Ray & Karen Newill, Len & Jill Bertoni and Carol & Dennis Mizikar. Many other people are helping behind the scenes.

We want a new parking lot. We need to replace the old boilers in the boiler room and I estimate that will give us a savings of 3000 gallons of oil per year! We need to upgrade the insulation & heating in the Formation Building, Church and Rectory. I thank God in advance for your generosity.

The first reading for Mass on the First Sunday of Lent is from Deuteronomy 26: 4-10, 24: Moses spoke: **"The priest shall take the basket from you and set it before the altar of the Lord your God." Then you shall say: God took my ancestor safely out of Egypt and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore I bring you the first fruits of the soil and bow down before God.**

Youth Ministry Retreat will be from March 12 – March 14 at Jumonville. Cost is only \$40 for the entire weekend. Deadline to register is February 22 – contact the Formation Office for more details.

Thank You to everyone who purchased a Valentine Treat Bag. A donation of \$130.02 was made to the Diocese of Greensburg for Haiti relief efforts.

Soup Update Our new total for the soup collection is 1329. God Bless You for your generosity!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

C.D.A. will resume monthly meetings on Tuesday, March 9th with a covered dish luncheon. The group will gather at noon in the social hall. Watch for details on their annual card party which is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Agnes Rusinko Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to selected students who are active members of St. Florian and are continuing their education. The scholarship was established by Mrs. Rusinko's family to honor their mother, who during her lifetime developed a love of reading and writing while attending a one-room schoolhouse that is still standing in the small town of Mutual.

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County administers the scholarship fund on behalf of the family. Stop by the office for an application which must be completed and submitted to the parish office by 2:00 PM on March 30, 2010.

We have also been notified of a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors/graduates who seek to enter the Christian ministry and/or have exhibited a strong interest in community service and humanitarian service. The Kenneth P. Rutter Scholarship applications (including details on qualifications) are available in the parish office. Deadline to apply is 2:00 PM, March 13, 2010.



ST. FLORIAN USED BOOK SALE

Once again, we are planning to have the Used Book Sale at the festival so think of us when you are doing your spring cleaning. Please place books, CD's, and videos in the vestibule of the church. If you have a lot of books or any questions, please call me at 724-837-1185.

Pat Bush



Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. ~Edith Sitwell

St. Florian Church

Easter KOLACHE Sale

Nut, Apricot, Poppysseed, & Prune
(15-inch) Long Rolls

Fresh-baked by our parishioners—not frozen
Let us do your holiday baking!

\$11.00 each

(Freeze them special events)

We are taking ***advance orders only!***

Pickup Dates: Friday March 19 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(In Social Hall) Saturday March 20 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday March 21 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Please complete this section with your order and place in the Sunday collection basket **no later than March 8, 2010.**

(Or call *Phyllis* 724-423-5233, *Bobbi* 724-423-6619 or *Juanita* 724-423-2455).

Name _____ Phone _____

Long Nut Roll _____

Long Poppysseed Roll _____

Long Apricot Roll _____

Long Prune Roll _____

Total Rolls _____ X \$11.00 = _____ Total Amount Due

FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIP SCHEDULED

Mark D'Amico, a St. Florian parishioner and a student at St. Vincent College, and his family are sponsoring a spaghetti this Sunday, Feb. 21 following the 11:00 Mass until 3:00 PM. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks and the charge for adults will be \$6 and, for children 12 & under, \$3.00. The proceeds will be applied to Mark's expenses as he participates in a mission trip to Brazil.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **Mardi Gras Afternoon Bingo** ~ Adelphoi USA ~ Tuesday, Feb. 23rd ~ Bingo begins at 3 PM, doors open @ 2:30 PM ~ 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ free dessert & coffee
- ◇ **Ethnic Dinner** ~ featuring Polish, Slovak & German foods ~ St. Rose Parish, Latrobe ~ Sunday, Feb. 21, 11 AM - 1 PM ~ Tickets available in advance - call 724-532-1142, after 4 PM ~ Adults: \$8, 12 & under: \$5
- ◇ **Fish/Shrimp Lenten Dinners** ~ St. Boniface Parish ~ every Friday during Lent except Good Friday ~ 4 - 6:30 PM ~ Adults: Fish, \$7.50; Shrimp: \$8; Children: \$5 ~ Eat-in or take-out
- ◇ **All-you-can-eat Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast** ~ Sunday, February 28, 8 AM - noon ~ Visitation Community Center, Mt. Pleasant ~ Adults: \$5, children (10 & under): \$2.50 & toddlers: Free ~ Take-out and buckwheat cakes available ~ Tickets @ the door
- ◇ **All-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet/Flea Market/Craft Show** ~ St. Mary Center, Trauger ~ Sunday, March 7, 9 AM - 1 PM ~ Adults: \$6, 5-10 yr. old: \$3, 4 & under: Free ~ Sponsored by St. Mary Youth Group ~ Vendors needed ~ For information call Laurie, 724-423-7396

ST. FAUSTINA & THE MESSAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Church of the Seven Dolours, Yukon, will host Sister M. Wendy and Sr. M. Grace of the Sisters of the Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, February 28 at 1:00 PM. The Sisters will present the Message of Divine Mercy as given by Our Lord to St. Faustina. The message was endorsed by Pope John Paul II, and it leads to a deeper appreciation for the sacraments of Mercy - the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation.

All are invited to meet the Sisters and hear the special presentation which will be present in the context of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Following the devotion, there will be the opportunity to venerate a First Class Relic of St. Faustina.

Light refreshments will be available after the devotions and you will have the opportunity to see the display of religious articles and books.

Please bring your family and friends and learn more about this beautiful devotion to the Mercy of God. The Church is located at 102 Center Street, Yukon. For more information, please call the Seven Dolours parish office at 724-722-3141.

Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a proper bringing-up, a sound set of values - and witnesses.

~~~Franklin P. Jones

**CHRISTIANS UNITING LENTEN SERVICES\***

The following ecumenical services have been scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

February 24 @ St. Florian Church  
 March 3 @ Norvelt Union Church  
 March 10 @ St. Paul United Church of Christ Church  
 March 17 @ St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 March 24 @ Pleasant Unity United Methodist Church  
 Christians Uniting Good Friday service will be at St. Florian at 11:00 AM.

\*Service will be canceled if Mt. Pleasant Schools are closed that day.

**FESTIVAL 2010**

This year's festival will be held on  
 Sunday, August 15

Organizational meeting  
 scheduled for

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 @ 6 PM**

In the Formation Building

We need all Chairmen are to attend  
 this important meeting.

**ENVELOPE ETIQUETTE**

- 1 Use your Sunday envelope. If for some reason you are not receiving envelopes, please call the parish office. When you use these envelopes, you will receive an accurate statement for tax purposes.
- 2 If you write one check for different funds (Sunday, repairs, missions), please mark the amount on each envelope, insert the check in one envelope and staple the rest together. This is really helpful to the people who make the entries.
- 3 If you forget your envelope and write a check in church, please indicate in the memo section which fund the check should go into: Sunday Offering, Capital Fund, Repairs & Improvements, etc.

FYI: Some people think that if they write a check and don't use an envelope, no one will know what they contribute. On the contrary; when we receive a loose check, it has to be recorded manually—which is very time consuming for our counters—before it can be entered into the system. Thus it passes several pairs of eyes before it is finalized.

We really need your cooperation and we thank you for it.

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