EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
March 3, 2019

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission is to build up the Kingdom of God by offering ourselves with Jesus for the true good of every person.

Eucharistic Self-Offering Prayer
I am all Yours, O most loving Jesus, through Mary, Your Mother.


REV. JOHN A. SEDLAK
Pastor/Trust Administrator
jsedlak@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mass Schedule
Weekday & Sat. Morning: 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Holy Days: As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Weekday & Sat. Morning: 7:30-7:50 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday: 8:30-8:45 am & 10:30-10:45 am
(30 minutes before all other Masses)

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8:15 am - 3:45 pm

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Office: 724-423-5087
Preschool: 724-423-4437
Social Hall: 724-423-9008
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 724-205-4406

Staff
CFFE Director: Dr. Joseph Dreliszak
Preschool Director: Lottie Hirak
Preschool Aide: Karen Dlugos
Music Director: Steven Makar
Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council
Terry Foriska
Mike Reese
Don Scekeres
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Nicole Stull
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Recorder

Finance Council
John Boggess
Stephanie Soflak
Jerry Yasher
Emily Uhrin
Kathy Sobinsky
Mike Johnson
David Lazor*
Chair
MASS INTENTIONS
(Request Form on back of bulletin)

Sat., Mar. 2 Weekday
8:00 AM +Edward Bilik by Wife & Children
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sun., Mar. 3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM +Joseph Yanok by Helen, Mother & Michael, Brother
11:00 AM +Catherine Cibulas by Tom & Helen Kissell

Mon., Mar. 4 Weekday
8:00 AM +Andrew Vahaly Jr. by Mother

Tue., Mar. 5 Weekday
8:00 AM +Leona Maczka by Ken & Donna Polakovsky

Wed., Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM +Mary Hutira by Bernie Fulz
7:00 PM +Betty Tirdil by Tirdil Family

Thu., Mar. 7 Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM +Eleanor Grischeck by Tom & Cindy Grischeck

Fri., Mar. 8 Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM +Rich Duhon by Veronica & Ray Mrozek

Sat., Mar. 9 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM +Dorothy Ludvik by Gerry Kovacina
5:00 PM +Mary Ellen Haas by Victor & Arlene Murray

Sun., Mar. 10 First Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM +Joseph Kapura by Barb Dombrosky
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:
February 23-24: Adults: $3258.00; Loose: $213.00; Candles:
$156.00; St. Vincent de Paul: $20.00; Easter Flowers: $25.00.
TOTAL: $3,672.00
God Bless you!

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 2018
Masses will be held at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

Please join us in prayerfully commemorating the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of +Fred Skrabski, the brother of Carol (Jack) Myers from our parish. May he rest in peace.

Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal
March 9-10, 2019
Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

THIS WEEK
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday—Wednesday
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, 1:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 2, 2019—5:00 PM
Lector ..................................................... E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers .................. D. Mizikar, C. Gricheck, J. Lesko
Altar Servers................................. M. Reese, J. Hornyak
Greeters ......................... F. Kernicky, E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar
Ushers .. E. Carpenter, T. & D. Ulishney

Sunday, March 3, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector ..................................................... C. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers .. C. Szewczyk, M. Ceroni, M. Monticue
Altar Servers........................................ G. & T. Sofranko
Greeters ............................................. N. Tracy, J. Mott, N. Logan
Ushers ..................... H. Szewczyk, R. Mizikar, M. Bilik, P. Bitter

Sunday, March 3, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector ..................................................... B. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers .... W. Bossart, R. & B. Obusek
Altar Servers................................. M. & C. Reese
Greeters .............................................. D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers ..................... D. Seekeres, J. Burik, M. Bilik, J. Mylant
Children’s Liturgy ................. A. Reese & J. Reese

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 ~ 8:00 AM
Lector ..................................................... Daily Lector
Eucharistic Ministers ...... C. Kelly, M. Monticue, J. Lawrence
Altar Servers................................. Daily Servers

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM
Lector ..................................................... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers .. W. Back, M. Klimchock, C. Szewczyk
Altar Servers................................. A. & M. Reese
Greeters ............................................. E. Carpenter, B. Mondock
Ushers ..................... E. Carpenter, H. Szewczyk, T & D. Ulishney

Saturday, March 9, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector ..................................................... A. Reese
Eucharistic Ministers ...... C. Kelly, J. Lawrence, J. Lesko
Altar Servers................................. A. & M. Reese
Greeters ............................................. M. Ludvik, C. Mizikar, E. Carpenter
Ushers ..................... E. Carpenter, D. & C. Mizikar, A. Smial

Sunday, March 10, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector ..................................................... T. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers .... S. King, R. & B. Obusek
Altar Servers................................. J. & L. King
Greeters .......................................... B. Mondock, C. Spech, N. Logan
Ushers ..................... M. Bilik, R. Mizikar, S. Snively, K. Labuda

Sunday, March 10, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector ..................................................... M. D’Amico
Eucharistic Ministers .. Neiderhiser, Klimchock, Kovacina
Altar Servers................................. T. Dillon, S. Etling
Greeters ............................................. D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers ..................... D. Seekeres, E. Uhrin, J. Mylant, J. Burik
Children’s Liturgy ................. W. & V. Back

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019
Sunday: Sir 27:4/Ps 92:2, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:2—6/2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
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Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News:
Elementary Classes for Grades K-7
March 4th — 6:00 — 7:15 pm
We thank our parents for their in bringing their child/ren to these sessions. God Bless You!

Our next Confirmation/Youth Group gathering will be held on Sunday, March 10 following the 11:00 am Mass. We will praying the outside Stations of the Cross at St. Stanislaus Cemetery. All from the parish are invited to join us. We will leave to pray the stations immediately following Mass. If weather is a factor, we will pray the Stations in Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019
JUNE 17-21 FOR STUDENTS – KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 6 – RESERVE THIS WEEK NOW.
Volunteers are needed to help with story time, teaching the lesson of day, music, and crafts. For those with all completed diocesan clearances and are able to help, please contact Dr. Dreliszak at the Faith Formation Center
WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A “VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS” FROM JUNE 10-14. MORE DETAILS TO COME. WE ARE MAKING HISTORY BY ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE A WEEK FOR SENIORS TO GATHER AND SHARE IN THE WONDER OF OUR FAITH. OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON THE “SACRAMENTS”. MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Divine Mercy Chaplet
A new practice has begun in our parish and ALL are welcome to join us as individuals pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet AFTER our 8:00 am morning Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays. The prayer takes no longer than 15-20 minutes and is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God’s mercy and love for us.

“The Little Black Book”
The Little Black Book is available for use for this Lenten Season. Please help yourselves while supplies last!

CATECHESIS, FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION
Week to Week: March 3 to 10, 2019

Sunday — Adult Faith Sharing after 9:00 am Mass — Faith Formation Center
Children’s Liturgy — During 11:00 am Mass

Monday — Faith Formation Classes K to 7 — 6:00 to 7:15 pm

Wednesday — Ash Wednesday

Sunday — First Sunday of Lent
Adult Faith Sharing after 9:00 am Mass — Faith Formation Center
Children’s Liturgy — During 11:00 am Mass
Praying the Stations of the Cross — St. Stanislaus Cemetery — Confirmation/Youth Group

Vacation Bible School 2019
June 17-21 for Students – Kindergarten – Grade 6 – Reserve This Week Now.
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS
March 2 — Joel Scekeres
March 4 — Brian Tlumack
March 4 — Brandon Tlumack
March 4 — David Tlumack
March 6 — Frank Mizikar
March 13 — John Tlumack
March 16 — Rachel Burke
March 16 — Stacey Mizikar
March 17 — Abbey Scekeres
March 26 — Karen Dlugos

Please keep those listed in your prayers not only on their special day but throughout the month of March.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Sharing: Adult Faith Sharing will be held on Sunday, March 3rd after the 9:00 am Mass in the Faith Formation Building. New participants are encouraged to join this group. Please contact Dr. Dreliszak for more information.

Book Club: Please consider joining our Parish Book Club! Our next session will be on Wednesday, February 27th from 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Faith Formation Center. We will be reading and discussing: Our Lady of Kibeho – Mary Speaks to the World From the Heart of Africa. The cost is $15.00. Please come and learn about this powerful apparition approved by the Catholic Church. All are welcome!

The Season of Lent is approaching...Ash Wednesday begins on March 6. Our parish will be using a new video/discussion series called “No Greater Love” beginning on Wednesday, March 13 following the 8:00 am Mass. Cost for material is only $10.00. Participants unable to join the discussion group may use the book at home. This series centers on the Passion of Christ and is a well recommended resource for this special holy season of the year. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to order materials or if you have any questions.

Prayer Chain
Please Note: If you have a particular prayer intention, please contact the FAITH FORMATION CENTER at 724-423-5087 and your request will be forwarded to those who have agreed to take part in this special ministry. New members on our Parish Prayer Chain are always welcome to join!

Kelly Joann Katie Fred Mollie
Linda Cindy Patty Jill Trixie
Patty Danielle John Sue Jean
Kelly Jill Betty John Gwen
Tammy Ray Steve Jill Cindy
Kelly Joan Denise Jenna Ed
Joshua Heather Millie Kelly Katie
Bill Tom Eileen George Polly
Cheryl Patricia Melissa Marie Duke
Joann Nancy Fred Paul Amy
Lois Anne Karen Bob Bill
Fred Mark Chuck Ron

May we continue to remember these individuals in our daily prayers!

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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today is the end of a teaching cycle that was begun two weeks ago with Luke’s version of Jesus sermon on the plain. (Recall Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount). This final teaching is a signal with a passage from a book of wisdom attributed to Sirach. This signal is a remark to judge man by what he says for what comes from the mouth reveals what is hidden in his heart. Jesus first teaches the beatitudes and curses that accompany these blessings. Last week He centered on love of your enemy. Today He expands on the uprightness of the heart. The Church’s choice for these passages reveal, in these consecutive Sundays, God’s plan for man’s way or path to redemption and salvation. The Bible constantly feeds the interdependence of the Old Testament and the New Testament with each other for understanding God’s plan for man to return to the glory that He originally had given to Adam and Eve.

The purpose of the Book of Sirah is advice for everyone to live in accordance with divine laws. This life style must be the highest rule and the only aspiration for man’s religious social, and spiritual behavior. The Book of Sirach has played an important role in shaping the faith of the Jewish people. The Book has sought to equip the Jews to cope with the encroachment of Hellenism (Greek thought) for this philosophy runs counter to the monotheism of the Israelites who have been schooled in the Old Testament Covenant. Because this book is not included in the Hebrew canon of biblical books the Protestant Bible does not contain this Book which is one of seven hidden books. Some modernist Protestants now see the merit of these seven omitted books and find great use in teaching their thought on Christianity.

Sirach uses agricultural imagery to assert the judgment and belief of others, for speech attests what is in the heart. The core of all that is the body to the ancient Jews is in the heart. Praise no man before he speaks, for it is then that man is tested (vv6-7). Speech then is the principle means for evaluating a person. The metaphorical agricultural imagery attests how man can judge the worth of anything by finding the core that gives value to that thing.

Luke’s passage shows Jesus’ teaching His disciples who are blind until they have their eyes opened by His teaching. Once they have learned to apply His teaching, they will be able to teach others. Verse 41 uses a hyperbole, an exaggerated figure of speed, to explain man’s tendency to judge others while never seeing his own faults. The next verse again points to man’s inability to see his own condition. Luke gives a universal application for judgment. To distinguish the good from the bad, man needs to see what is produced (his deeds) and not his appearance (his words). God has given man all the resources he needs. Man can judge the good person out of their goodness that comes from his heart and an evil person from the evil in his heart. A heart converted by the teachings of the sermon on the plain can affect a person’s compliance with Jesus’ teaching on goodness.

Jesus teaches in parables which are wise sayings or fictional short stories. There purpose is to being the listener to concede a point which he does not see as applicable to him. The parable whets the curiosity and attracts attention. The listener becomes trapped in the story’s detail forcing the listener to listen and learn how the story line evolves into a formidable conclusion. There are many aphorisms that come from these passages: “Don’t judge a book by its cover”, “Look before you leap”, “Learn the facts to form a judgment”, and so on.

Sirach teaches that the worth of a person comes from his mouth. He wants to erase the tendency to overlook our faults but quick to judge others. Jesus expands on this sentiment. He teaches many wise saying about not judging others lest we come under judgment ourselves. Both passage then urge us to study and to erase own faults before we comment on the faults of others.

FESTIVAL 2019

Our Parish Festival 2019 is set for Sunday, August 11th. Keep this date open and encourage friends and family to join us for this special event. First planning meeting is set for Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm. It is not too early to begin plans for making your “baskets” for this event. Last year, our festival was a great success and we hope to make it even better this year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dr. Dreliszak at the Faith Formation center. All volunteers need to have all diocesan clearances but we will be offering two trainings to help you obtain the necessary paper work. We need you in order to make this a successful project!

The Mt Pleasant Township Lions Club and the Norvelt VFD
AYCE Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 17th 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Roosevelt Hall
Menu includes: pancakes, Belgian waffles with strawberries and whipped cream, sausage and breakfast beverages. Cost is $5.00 for adults, $3.00 for kids 6 to 12 and under 6 are free.

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING
WANTED: Property
for Possible Senior Affordable Housing in Our Area!
If you or someone you know has 3.5 acres of level property in the greater Norvelt area that could be donated or purchased for the site of Senior Affordable Housing units, please contact the parish office.

St. Florian Altar Society
2018 Membership Dues
Active and Associate Members are reminded to pay their $2.00/ yearly dues. New members are welcome.

The Altar Society continues to serve our parish. Their Christmas and Easter Bake Sales help them continue their mission to maintain the church sanctuary, altar linens, vestments and altar server clothing. Altar flowers are purchased for special occasions and monthly masses are said for all living and deceased members.

‘Active’ Altar Society members gather at monthly meetings for recitation of the Rosary and a short business meeting followed by light refreshments. ‘Associate’ members contribute to the semi-annual Altar Society Bake Sales and are invited to attend the Spring Banquet, Summer Family Picnic and Christmas Party.

Please return this section in the Sunday collection basket:
St. Florian Altar Society
2018 Membership Dues $2

Name__________________________
Address_______________________
Phone Number_________________
LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY! Get off to a good start by prayerfully deciding now what needs to be addressed in one’s life not just during this holy season but in preparation for one’s Passover into eternity. Remember, before we can enter Heaven, we must overcome and atone for all of our sins. We must be made holy as Our Heavenly Father is holy. Prayer, self-denial, and charitable giving or works of mercy are the traditional Lenten disciplines. They are like three legs that support a stool. For example, denying oneself entertainment can make time for prayer, spiritual reading, or visiting the lonely and make money available to help the poor. Also, think about the spiritual value of practical sacrifices like reducing one’s belongings, preparing a will, and getting one’s paperwork in order.

PLEASE PRAY for Our Parishioner and Lay Missionary Helper Karen Hunka, who is working in Ghana (Africa). Check out her blog: KHunkaInGhana.blogspot.com. See some of the photos she sent, located on the table by our Campaign Thermometer in the back of church.

ST. FLORIAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN pledge total stands at $717,803.97 and the amount collected as of February 11th is $684,839 almost $35,000 more than our original Campaign Goal! We are truly grateful to God and to all who have contributed to or prayed for the success of our Campaign, and to our Campaign Chairperson and co-leaders. Please continue to fulfill pledges, sooner rather than later if possible, and to make extra gifts, when able. All new or extra gifts add to our total pledged and collected. A monthly Capital Campaign envelope will continue to be included in your packet until June, 2019. The Campaign window for assessment-free donations will close at the end of April, with the possibility of an extension. This envelope can be used for payments on pledges or new gifts; please indicate one or the other on your envelope.

DECORATION REMOVAL
St. Florian, St. Stan and Forty Martyrs Cemeteries
All Christmas flowers and decorations and/or any unsightly flowers will be removed from all graves by our Cemetery Caretaker no later than Ash Wednesday. If you wish to keep any items, please be sure to remove those items before March 1st.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AGNES NOVAK RUSINKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Now Accepting Applications
The following Criteria apply:
1. Active member of St. Florian Roman Catholic Church
2. Incoming freshman college/university
3. Official school transcripts
4. Submit an essay about the biggest influence in your life and the impact of your volunteer/community activities
5. 2 Letters of Reference
Deadline is March 31, 2019

WILLIAM AND MARY ANN MIZIKAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
$1,000.00
Now Accepting Applications from High School Seniors
The following Criteria apply:
1. 750 word essay explaining what his/her Catholic faith means to him/her and how he/she believes he/she puts their faith into action in the parish, school, and community
2. Active member of St. Florian Roman Catholic Church with involvement in Youth Ministry and Parish Ministry
3. Be in good academic standing and be seen as a leader in the High School
4. Letter of recommendation from Fr. John Sedlak
Deadline is April 1, 2019

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
For February 19-20, the following hours had only one adorer: 5 pm, 7 pm, 3 am 5 am, 6 am and 7 am. Please call the parish office or (after hours) Fr. John’s cell phone if the next adorers do not show up. Please continue to pray for the reform of the Church and for good government at all levels.

Easter KOLACHE Sale
Nut, Apricot, Poppyseed, & Prune
(15 inch) Long Rolls
$12.00 each
(Freeze them for Easter & special events)
Advance orders only!

Pickup Dates: Sat. March 30 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sun. March 31 10 am - Noon
(In New Social Hall)

Place your order no later than March 18, 2019
Call: Phyllis 724-423-5233 or Juanita 724-423-2455
or Fran 724-423-5275

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All Mass intentions must be in writing along with donation.

Requests must include:

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Date requested: First Choice: ___________________________ Second Choice: ___________________________

Donation: ________________________________________

All requests must be dropped into the offertory basket in their own envelope marked "Mass Intention" or mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. No phone requests please.

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