THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 24, 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.
MASS INTENTIONS
(Request Form on back of bulletin)

Sat., Mar. 23 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +Mary E. Zimmerman by Terry & Janice Frederick
5:00 PM +Leonard Lucotch by Wife, Rita
Sun., Mar. 24 Third Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM +Mary Tandarric by Barb Tompko
11:00 AM For the Parishioners
Mon., Mar. 25 The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 AM +Betty Holoman by Mr. & Mrs. William Kuhar & Family
Tue., Mar. 26 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +Martha Palcic by Children, Diana, George & Karen
Wed., Mar. 27 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +Pauline Barnhart by Patty Hollis Wisnewski, Tom & Family
Thu., Mar. 28 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +John W. Keslar Sr. by William Kuhar & Family
Fri., Mar. 29 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +Verna Spirko by Joanne & John Boggess
Sat., Mar. 30 Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM +Helen Mikita Smith by Family
5:00 PM For the Parishioners
Sun., Mar. 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM +Betty Holoman by Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Mizikar
11:00 AM +John Stercho by Scott, Christen, Tyler and Garrett Stercho

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

March 9-10: Adults: $5,500.00; Loose: $220.05; Candles: $350.00; Parish Endowment: $100.00 St. Vincent de Paul: $275.00; Home Missions Appeal: $285.00; Catholic Church: $15.00; Solemnity of Mary: $5.00; Easter Flowers: $50.00

TOTAL: $6,800.05.

March 16-17: Adults: $4,435.00; Loose: $234.00; Candles: $171.00; Parish Endowment: $30.00 St. Vincent de Paul: $98.00; Home Missions Appeal: $86.00; Catholic Church: $5.00; Easter Flowers: $105.00. TOTAL: $5164.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS

With deepest gratitude we acknowledge the following gifts:
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 23, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector ........................................ J. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers...... C. Kelly, C. Gricheck, G. Kovacina
Altar Servers................................. J. & M. Labuda
Greeters.................... F. Kernicky, J. & E. Kovalik
Ushers.............E. Carpenter, D. & T. Ulishnye, K. Labuda

Sunday, March 24, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector ........................................ E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers...... T. Jackson, K. Kit, H. Szewczyk
Altar Servers................................. J. & J. Kit, Zider
Greeters.................... D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers......................... D. Seekeres, E. Uhrin, J. Mizikar, J. Burik
Children’s Liturgy ................. A. Reese, J. Reese

Saturday, March 30, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector ........................................ A. Reese
Eucharistic Ministers...... M. Ceroni, D. Mizikar, J. Lesko
Altar Servers................................. A. & M. Reese
Greeters.................... S. Jackson, N. Logan
Ushers......................... H. Szewczyk, S. Sniely, G. & D. Vidakovich

Sunday, March 31, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector ........................................ T. Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers...... S. King, J. Lawrence, M. Monticue
Altar Servers................................. J. & L. King
Greeters.................... S. Jackson, N. Logan
Ushers........................ D. Seekeres, J. Burik, J. Mizikar, J. Mylant
Children’s Liturgy ................. W. & B. Back

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: Is 7:10/4:810/Ps 407:8b9, 10, 11 [8a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 2638
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25-4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Jd 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81-6:8a, 8bc9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
[cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18, 19-20/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34-2:3-4, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Sanctuary Light
In Memory of Cecilia Casterwiler
By Delmar & Mildred Overly

THIS WEEK
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday—Wednesday
Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesday, 1:00 PM
St. Vincent de Paul Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Bulletin Deadline: submissions for the Bulletin are due by Monday at 9 AM to: areece@dioceseofgreensburg.org
CATECHESIS, FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION
Week to Week: March 24-31, 2019

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

Monday — Faith Formation Classes K to 7 — 6:00 to 7:15 pm
Wednesday — Praying the Rosary –
Seven Sorrows of Mary after 8AM Mass
Lenten Series—“No Greater Love” - 9—10:30 AM

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

Faith Formation News
Faith Formation News:
Elementary Classes for Grades K-7
March 25th — 6:00 — 6:50 pm
Dismissal will take place this evening at 6:50 pm so parents can
take their child/ren to our regional Penance Service for Lent.

A reminder that our first Communion class and their parents will
be sharing in the second Intergenerational Experience. Children
and parents are to gather in church by 6:00 pm for a tour and
then will finish the evening by completing their First
Communion banners for their special day in May.

Our next Confirmation/Youth Group gathering will be Today
following the 11:00 am Mass. Confirmation students are
reminded to bring in the forms recently distributed concerning
Baptism certificates, sponsor approval form and Confirmation
name. Confirmation will be celebrated on May 7.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019
JUNE 24-28 FOR STUDENTS – KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 6 –
Our next VBS planning meeting is set for Sunday, April 24
following the 11:00 am Mass. Volunteers with all clearances
are needed for music, crafts, Bible stories, etc. Contact the
Faith Formation Office if you are able to help.

WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A “VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS” FROM JUNE 17-21. 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!

St. Florian Preschool
Wilson Candy Fundraiser
St. Florian Preschool is selling Wilsons Easter Candy. Order information is
available at the preschool or at the rectory. Orders are due by March 28.
Candy available to pick up on April 12. Call the Preschool at 724-423-4437 for more information.

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.

Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary
During the Season of Lent, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows
of Mary will be prayed AFTER the morning Mass. Interested
individuals are welcome to join those who are praying this
devotion.

Adult Education Opportunities
Adult Faith Sharing: Sunday, March 24th after the 9:00 am
Mass in the Faith Formation Building. New participants are en-
couraged to join this group. Please contact Dr. Dreliszak for
more information

Book Club: “No Greater Love” — next session is on
Wednesday, March 27 after the 8:00 am Mass. Cost 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.

We will once again be car-pooling to the Chrism Mass on
Holy Thursday – April 18. The Mass begins at 10:00 am but
fills up quickly. We will be leaving St. Florian parking lot at
8:45 am. If you are able to come, please contact Dr.
Dreliszak at the faith formation center at 724-423-5087.
We went last year and it was an awesome experience.
Please consider joining us.

Prayers for Michael Homulka and Ronald Klejka
who died recently. May we continue to
pray for them and their families during this time
of sorrow.

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!

Rick Sue Amber Michael Ed-
Pam Debbie Sheri Nicole Mark
Luke Zachary Mark Forrest Anita
Kim Crystal Bill Ronnie Fred
Greg Marie Gloria Ken Ron
Joan Kelly Cindy Brandon Kelly
Katie Millie Wanda Joshua Hank
Noah Lisa Amy Ann Karen
Ron Paul Fred Bill Mark
Curtis Adrian Georgia

May we continue to remember these
individuals in our daily prayers!
Third Sunday of Lent

The story of salvation for God’s people contuse during this Lenten season. The Exodus passage begins God’s call of Moses to rescue His people from Egypt. Moses encounters God at a burning bush. (as so many times in salvation history, God initiates the first encounter). As a balance to Moses incident, Luke’s Gospel reports the importance of repentance stated by Jesus as many Galileans are discredited by Pilate who has slaughtered them in a way that their “blooded mingles with the blood of their sacrifices.

After Moses had escaped from Egypt, he settles in Midian and marries a priest’s daughter and settles to become a shepherd. The time for this passage is about 40 years after his arrival in Midian. He is tending the flock of his farther-in-law. He herds the sheep to Horeb, the mountain of God. This is significant, for Horeb is another name for Mount Sinai, the place where God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses. The fire flaming from a bush may refer to God or His angel. Most likely it is a symbol of God to make Himself known to His chosen people. Old Testament literature uses this means for God to speak to a human. The encounter shows God’s resolve to free the descendants of the patriarchs from their slavery in Egypt. Moses is His chosen instrument of deliverance. God has intervened for He has seen and heard the suffering of His people.

The reference “a land of milk and honey” describes a place of great value. The milk used in Old Testament times is sheep’s or goat’s milk kept in skin bags. In regions where water is scarce or unsafe to drink, milk is used to satisfy their thirst. Honey is a sign of abundance. It is essential to the diet of nomadic tribes who do not cultivate cereal grain.

After revealing His name to Moses, God reveals a mission to Moses who will be God’s chosen instrument. This sets aside Moses’ objection to this mission from God.

The Gospel reading is a call for repentance that provides a continuing balance to the Old Testament series of covenants between God and His people. God demands the people of the covenant to live a life of repentance and return to God. Covenant relationships must be renewed daily with decisions that support the conditions to keep the Covenant true.

When Jesus is asked about Pilate’s killing Galileans, he does not condemn Pilate. He instead teaches the need to repent and to be ready for judgment, for if “you do not repent, you will all perish as thy did!”

The parable of the fig tree symbolically suggests that the care man must make to achieve repentance. The three year wait of partial growth refers to Jesus’ public ministry. His success will be shown in future time, if man accepts His teaching, for He has given man the tools to seek repentance and redemption. God waits patiently for man’s repentance. He wants man to be converted and to live.

Both passages show God’s love of His people. God Himself intervenes in man’s life with the hope that man will use what God has given to redeem himself.

Easter KOLACHE Sale

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

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.

FESTIVAL 2019

Our Parish Festival 2019 is set for Sunday, August 11th. Keep this date open and encourage friends and family to join us. All volunteers need to have all diocesan clearances We need you in order to make this a successful project!

Many Thanks to those who were able to attend our first planning meeting. We are off to a great start. Next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please support our Easter Food Drive to help our local food bank. Your generosity in sharing with those in need is SO GREATLY APPRECIATED. Please place your donations in the wooden case located at the entrance of the church!
LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE: The norms on fasting apply to persons age 18 to 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, and nothing in-between. The norms concerning abstinence from meat apply to persons at least 14 years of age. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence.

PRE-LENTEN SURVEY RESULTS are on the back of today’s bulletin supplement. One hundred fifty-four (154) responses were received. These indicate that in the last year, forty-six (46) of our parishioners – about 5.7% of those 18 and older -- reached out to 63 lapsed Catholics to invite them back to Mass and to 15 un-churched persons to invite them to consider becoming Catholic. As a result seven (7) Catholics returned to Mass, another ten (10) intend to do so, and 18 more are interested but not committed. Also, three (3) un-churched others are interested but not ready to do anything about it. Forty (40) follow-ups were made and in 45 cases new or additional follow-ups are planned. Forty-two (42) parishioners are still praying, offering small weekly sacrifices and themselves for the individuals to whom they have reached out. Many thanks to all who work to draw people to Jesus in the sacraments. Also, all survey responses, including comments, are greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019
Our DLA is off to a great start! The number of pledges and gifts now totals $27,772. This is 94.9% of our DLA Target ($29,241) and 70.7% of our Total Goal ($39,241). THANK YOU SO MUCH! Seventy-one (71) household have now contributed, which is 31.5% of our Participation Goal. Please use the DLA envelopes in the pews or the personalized pledge form found at the bottom of my March 1st letter to you. Monthly payments can be made. Credits cards can be used. To make an online DLA donation go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE. Reaching our parish goal will help us pay down our loan as meet our operating expenses. Any amount over our goal can help us pay off the loan early in order to reduce interest costs. Please watch the bulletin and the DLA Thermometer in the back of church for updates. May God’s abundant blessings be yours.

2019 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN AND HELL – *the four last things* – is the theme for this year’s Christians Uniting Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Services which continues this **Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm at The Trauger Mennonite Church.** All are invited. Remaining services are as follows:

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NEW MASS INTENTION POLICY

All Mass intentions must be in writing along with donation.

Requests must include:

Offered by: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Intention for: __________________________ Living _______ Deceased _______

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.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY