FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 31, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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. 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

Mon., Apr. 1  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +Betty Tindil by Richard & Phil Susa

Tue., Apr. 2  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +Frederick Skrabski by Terry & Sharyn Jackson

Wed., Apr. 3  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +Linda Thomas by Donald & Emma Staszl & Family

Thu., Apr. 4  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +William Kuhar by Sue & Gene Leonard

Fri., Apr. 5  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +Sons Adam & Joseph Lawrence by Mother

Sat., Apr. 6  Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM  +Helen Rylander by John & Debbie Brehun
5:00 PM  For the Parishioners

Sun., Apr. 7  Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM  +Ed & Elise Grabowski by Margi & Dick
11:00 AM  +Wilfred Casterwiler by Pamela Ritson

Mass Intentions: Any family member who is attending a Saturday/Sunday Mass with a Mass intention for a deceased family member or friend: you are invited to carry the gifts in the Offertory Procession. Please see an usher before Mass.

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:
March 23-24: Adults: $3985.70; Loose: $184.00; Candles: $145.00; Catholic Accent: $25.00; Easter Flowers: $179.00; Assumption: $5.00; Ascension: $6.00. TOTAL: $4,529.70
God Bless you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS
With deepest gratitude we acknowledge the following gifts:
To St. Florian Church Capital Campaign

In Memory of William Kuhar By:
John Kolonsky  Scott & Pam Kroh
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Kathy Haines & Jessica Haines Jerry & Ann Gumbita
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Sanctuary Light
In Memory of Pauline Forish
By Jim & Debbie Gari

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

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 30, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector ................................. A. Reese
Eucharistic Ministers .......... M. Ceroni, D. Mizikar, J. Lesko
Altar Servers...................... A. & M. Reese
Greeters............................ C. Specht, J. & E. Kovalik
Ushers......................... E. Carpenter, E. Kovalik, T. & D. Ulishney

Sunday, March 31, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector ............................. T. Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers ...... S. King, J. Lawrence, M. Monticue
Altar Servers..................... J. & L. King
Greeters......................... B. Mondock, S. Jackson, N. Logan
Ushers......................... H. Szewczyk, S. Snively, G. & D. Vidakovich

Sunday, March 31, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector ................................. M. D. Amico
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart, D. Neiderhiser, C. Griceck
Altar Servers......................... W. & J. & M. Labuda
Greeters............................... D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers....................... D. Seekeres, J. Burik, J. Mizikar, J. Mylant
Children’s Liturgy ............... W. & B. Back

Saturday, April 6, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector ................................. J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers .......... C. Kelly, J. Mizikar, J. Lesko
Altar Servers......................... M. Reese, J. Hornyak
Greeters............................... F. Kernicky, C. Mizikar, M. Ludvik
Ushers....................... E. Carpenter, A. Smail, C. & D. Mizikar

Sunday, April 7, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector ................................. E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers .... R. Mizikar, M. Monticue, M. Ceroni
Altar Servers........................ T. & G. Sofranko
Greeters................................ B. Mondock, N. Logan, N. Tracy
Ushers.......................... Ron Mizikar, P. Bitner, M. Bilik, S. Snively

Sunday, April 7, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector ................................. B. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers ...... Klimechok, Kovacina, Bossart
Altar Servers......................... M. & C. Reese
Greeters............................... D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers....................... D. Seekeres, E. Uhrin, J. Mizikar, J. Burik
Children’s Liturgy ......................... A. Reese, J. Reese

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4-5, 4:6-11a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Ws 2a:12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6[3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Bulletin Deadline: submissions for the Bulletin are due by Monday at 9 AM to: areese@dioceseofgreensburg.org
CATECHESIS, FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

Week to Week: March 31—April 7, 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 — 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
Youth Ministry / Confirmation Prep—After 11 am Mass

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News:
Elementary Classes for Grades K-7
April 1st — 6:00 — 7:15 pm
A part of the evening will be spent making Easter cards for our parish shut ins. Dismissal will take place from the social hall.

Our next Confirmation/Youth Group gathering will be on Sunday, April 7 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. Following our time of fellowship, students will share in their “interview” with Fr. John. The day will end with the students receiving the sacrament of Confession. Confirmation will be celebrated on May 7 at St. Anne Parish, Rostraver.

On Palm Sunday – our Youth and other interested parishioners are invited to view Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ”. This is a wonderful way to begin the Holy Week experience. For planning purposes, please contact the Faith Formation Office if you plan to attend!

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
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 31st 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: “No Greater Love” — next session is on Wednesday, April 3rd 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.

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!

Forrest Anita Kim Crystal Bill
Ronnie Fred Greg Marie Gloria
Ken Ron Joan Kelly Cindy
Brandon Kelly Katie Wanda Millie
Joshua Hank Noah Lisa Amy
Ann Karen Ron Georgia Fred
Bill Mark Curtis Adrian Paul
Georgia Gene Christopher Mary Anna
Jeanne Josh Katie Kelly Bud
Polly Danielle Patty Brandon Cheryl
Tim Ron Melissa Steve Jeff
Sue Fred Greg Joey

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Lutare (Latin, meaning “rejoice”) Sunday or Rose Sunday—rose for the color of the chasuble. The previous Sundays the priest has worn purple. This is a special Su7nday for believers to ponder the new beginning that comes with Christ’s resurrection, a kind of homecoming, our homecoming to God the Father our Creator.

Luke’s Gospel provides another homecoming story and new beginning as well. Jesus creates a parable of a father yearning for the return of a wayward son who has squandered his inheritance much like Adam’s and Eve’s giving into temptation the eat the forbidden fruit.

Background: The Book of Joshua is the first of the historical books and has been placed after the Torah in the Bible. Today another chapter in the story of Israel is the focus. Moses has died and has placed Joshua as the new leader before he dies. The people have crossed the Jordan on dry land, much like their escape from Egypt through the Red Sea. God has commanded Joshua to name 12 men, one from each tribe of Israel to take a stone form the middle of the Jordan (remember the river is dry for the crossing). These stones are then used to create a memorial of their crossing into the Promised Land on dry ground.

They reconcile themselves with God by circumcising those who have been born during their 40 year journey in the desert. Today’s passage begins the celebration of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The opening verse contains the phrase “the reproach of Egypt.” Some have explained it as a reference to their being no circumcisions; others interpret it as slavery which has come to an end with their entry into the Promised Land. Either or both makes sense. They have achieved their promised homecoming.

The final two verses state the proper food which is the tradition for the Passover. Lord no longer supplies the manna, for now the Israelites produce food from the Promised Land, the land God has set aside for their new and permanent home.

Luke cites the parable of the prodigal son and his debauchery. The love of the father outruns the son’s misgivings. Jesus wants the listeners to recall other stories of brothers where the younger triumphs over the older to understand the parable. There are the stories of Esau and Jacob and Joseph and his brothers.

The son squanders his inheritance on a life of dissipation. We too can lose our inheritance (the kingdom of the Creator) through similar acts of sinning. The son has chosen excessive sensuality and wanton selfishness. Adam and Eve lose the Garden of Eden through sin. Sin separates us from God and God’s family. We become isolated like this son. We forego the freedom as a child of God and give ourselves to the power of Satan. However, We, like the son, know that reconciling with the Father can set us on the way to regain our inheritance. With humility and resolve the son returns to the love of his father, who welcomes his return as a son, a free person, not as a servant.

The older son’s reaction to this father’s joy with jealousy, for he does not understand the love a father can have for his child. It is not for the son to be a judge; it is the father’s right to do so. Even through the older son’s angry outburst, the father speaks with affection. He reassures his older son of his inheritance. The return (homecoming) of the younger son with his plea for repentance has done nothing to remove or diminish the love he holds for both.

To understand the New Covenant that Jesus brings, we too need to understand not only what faith demands but also understand the repentance and forgiveness found in the parable. Both passages illustrate the great love God has for His creations. The “homecoming”, a seeking of repentance for sin, brings joy to the heart of the “Creator”. Please join us in prayerfully commemorating the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

For March 19-20, the following hours had only one adorer: 9 am, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 3 am and 6 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.

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 11. Keep this date open and encourage friends and family to join us for this special event. 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. Dreiszak at the Faith Formation Center. All volunteers need to have all Diocesan Clearances but we will be offering one more training in July to help you obtain the necessary paper work. We need you in order to make this a successful project!

Next meeting is set for

Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

St. Florian Altar Society

Bake Sale!

April 6th and 7th

After all Masses

Mutual VFD Fish Fry

Every Friday of Lent

~ 4PM - 8PM

Eat-in/take-out ~ 724-423-4541

PA Childline — If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221. 
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.

CATHOLICS COME HOME! As we enter the second season of our Outreach Campaign to invite lapsed Catholics to return to Mass and un-churched persons to consider becoming a Catholic, we are to continue to pray, sacrifice, and offer ourselves for those to whom we have already reached out or will be reaching out. However, we will also be making use of methods and materials developed by Tom Peterson, the founder of Catholics Come Home. His program airs on EWTN three times a week: Sundays at 8:30 pm, Mondays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 5:30 pm. Over 200,000 Catholics have come back to the practice of our faith through the Catholics Come Home outreach. Watch his program, and watch our bulletin for more updates.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019
Our DLA pledges and gifts now total $31,872. You have surpassed our DLA Target ($29,241) by more than $2,600 and moved us to 81.2% of our Total Goal ($39,241). THANK YOU SO MUCH! All DLA gifts now belong to St. Florian’s assessment-free. One hundred three (103) household have now contributed, which is 45.7% of our Participation Goal (225). 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 we meet our operating expenses. Any amount over our goal can help us pay off the loan early in order to reduce interest costs. For example, if we can pay off the loan in 5 years instead of 10, we can save over $17,000 in 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, April 3rd at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church. All are invited. Remaining services are as follows:

- April 10 (Wednesday) 7 pm Kecksburg Church of God
- April 19 (Good Friday) 11 am Pleasant Unity Methodist Church

ATTENTION: A Woman’s ring was found in the Church recently. If you have lost a ring, please contact the parish office to determine if the ring is yours.
NEW MASS INTENTION POLICY

All Mass intentions must be in writing along with donation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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.