FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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., 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

**Mon., Apr. 8**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- +John Dzuban by The Varicalles

**Tue., Apr. 9**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America

**Wed., Apr. 10**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- +Robert Orange by Mom

**Thu., Apr. 11**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- +John W. Keslar Sr. by Chantal Trice

**Fri., Apr. 12**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- +Ron Klejka by Jim & Patty Klejka

**Sat., Apr. 13**
- Lenten Weekday 8:00 AM
- +Ellona Pendrick by Bob & Juanita Mizikar
- 5:00 PM
- For the Parishioners

**Sun., Apr. 14**
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 AM
- +John W. Keslar Sr. by Bill & Fran Kute
- 11:00 AM
- Stephen & Connie Urban — 50th Wedding Anniversary

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**ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:**

March 30-31: Adults: $4251.00; Loose: $330.00; Candles: $167.00; Parish Endowment: $30.00; Easter Flowers: $355.00; Catholic Home Missions: $10.00; Easter: $20.00; St. Vincent de Paul: $10.00. **TOTAL: $5,173.00.**

**God Bless you!**

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- To St. Florian Church Capital Campaign

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**ST. FLORIAN ALTAR SOCIETY**

BAKE SALE!
This Weekend
After all Masses

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**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: Klimchock, 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

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM**
- Lector: J. Lawrence, B. Mizikar
- Eucharistic Ministers: R. & B. Obusek, D. Mizikar
- Altar Servers: T. Dillon, S. Eiting
- Greeters: C. Specht, J. & E. Kovalik
- Ushers: E. Carpenter, K. Labuda, T. & D. Ulshney

**Sunday, April 14, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM**
- Lector: C. Stercho, R. Mizikar
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. King, M. Ceroni, C. Szewczyk
- Altar Servers: J. & L. King
- Greeters: B. Mondock, S. Jackson, J. Mott
- Ushers: H. Szewczyk, S. Snively, G. & D. Vidakovich

**Sunday, April 14, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM**
- Lector: M. Sopko, M. D’Amico
- Eucharistic Ministers: Klimchock, Neiderhiser, Gricheck
- Altar Servers: Z. Koch, A. Kelly
- Greeters: D. Seekeres, J. Burik
- Ushers: D. Seekeres, J. Burik, J. Mizikar, E. Uhrin

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**Readings for the week of April 7, 2019**

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 23, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

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**THIS WEEK**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday—Wednesday
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Tuesday, 1:00 PM
- Catholic Daughters of America: Tuesday, 1:00 PM, Social Hall
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 PM

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**Bulletin Deadline:** submissions for the Bulletin are due by Monday at 9 AM to: areese@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**Early Bulletin Notice:** submissions for the April 21st Bulletin are due no later than April Wednesday, April 10th.
CATECHESIS, FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

Week to Week: April 7 — April 14, 2019

Sunday —
Adult Faith Sharing after 9:00 am Mass—
Faith Formation Center
Children’s Liturgy—During 11:00 am Mass
Confirmation Class—gathers for lunch, interview w/ Fr. John and Sacrament of reconciliation

Monday —
Faith Formation Classes K to 7 — 6:00 to 7:15 pm
Practice for May Crowning that will be on April 29th

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
Showing of “The Passion” after 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the Faith Formation Center if you plan to attend

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News:
Elementary Classes for Grades K-7
April 8th — 6:00 — 7:15 pm
A part of the evening will be spent preparing for our upcoming May Crowning that will take place on Monday, April 29. More details to come.

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. 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 28 following the 11:00 am Mass. Volunteers with all clearances needed 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!

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, April 7th 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 10th 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!

Paul Georgia Gene Christopher Mary
Anna Jeanne Josh Katie Kelly
Bud Polly Danielle Brandon Patty
Cheryl Tim Ron Melissa Steve
Jeff Sue Fred Greg Joey
Angelina Catherine Ann Gabrielle Steve
Sue Jeff Karen Kelly Eileen
Homer Shirley Becky Mark Ann
Karen Bill Fred Bob Ron

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

Both Scripture of our discussion for Palm Sunday highlight the resolve of God's suffering servant and the resolve of Jesus. Both willingly fulfill God's will that they be the instrument for the atonement for mankind's sins. Ad many times before, Isaiah presents a situation that foretells Jesus the one who will duplicate this specific situation. The suffering servant's songs are the prophecy of Jesus' Passion.

The first passage is the third of four suffering servant songs in the Book of Isaiah. Although this servant is unnamed, Isaiah draws him as one who willingly surrenders himself to God's bidding. He describes how God has given him a trained tongue to "rouse" the people and continues with a list of abilities to be used in his evangelization of God's people. He believes that God is his blessed help regardless of how people may react to his God-driven messages. He sets his resolve as a "face like flint." He shall not be put to shame.

Every Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, we hear one of the Passion of Jesus according to one of the Evangelists. This liturgical season is Cycle C where Luke is the assigned Gospel writer. John's version of the Passion is used in every Good Friday. Luke writes primarily for a gentle audience.

Luke's account begins with the Passover meal which Jesus shares with his apostles. Luke concludes his version with Jesus' burial by Joseph of Arimatha. Early in Luke's version, Jesus presents what He calls a cup. Each cup is one of a series of four significant acts he is to perform. The first is the cup of thanks giving; the second is the Passover liturgy. The head of the family retells the story of the exodus; the unleavened bread is broken with half left on the plate to be eaten at the end of the meal. The third cup is consumed while eating the unleavened bread. The fourth cup is the conclusion. This cup is the consummation of the meal. In this instance Jesus and His apostles do not reach the fourth cup is Jesus' alone with His death and resurrection.

When Jesus says "do this in memory of me," He has instituted the ordained priesthood. The third cup, the up of blessing, becomes "the new covenant." This is the only instance where Jesus refers to a covenant which occurs at the Last Supper. In this He also establishes the institution of the Eucharist.

The next element is the mention of betrayal. Judas' name remains unspoken may be a reminder to all that every sin is like Judas' betrayal of love that all must hold for Jesus. Yet another betrayal occurs with Peter's denial of his knowing Jesus.

When Jesus goes to pray, He does not assume the Jewish position for pray with is standing. He assumes a posture of humility by kneeling. He says, "Father if you are willing take this cup away from me," he is referring to the cup of Passover, the cup on consumption. He knows that as soon as He drinks this final cup, He will become the sacrificed one to initiates the New Covenant.

Another note is Judas' kiss. This oriental form of greeting becomes the sign of treachery. This behavior draws a contrast between Peter and Judas. Judas' betrayal is done with one who does not repent, while Peter repents his act. This scene with Simon, a Cyrenian, is put into service of carrying Jesus' cross. In a sense this call for assistance is a call for discipleship. Note that he follows Jesus, as a disciple should. The good thief initiates a positive response to Jesus. He confesses and includes that Jesus 'to remember me when you come into your kingdom.' This thief has faith that the dying Jesus ia a king that can give pardon and mercy.

Jesus' burial is given great reverence. His body is placed in a tomb befitting a king, and it is given the appropriate cloths and spices that befits His status.

Once again, the Old Testament has given a prophecy through the "suffering servant" who becomes the Messiah in the form of Jesus. The relationship between both the Old and the New must always remain together.
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.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019
Our DLA pledges and gifts now total $35,637. You have surpassed our DLA Target ($29,241) by almost $6,400 and moved us to 90.82% of our Total Goal ($39,241). THANK YOU SO MUCH! All DLA gifts now belong to St. Florian’s assessment-free. One hundred three (122) household have now contributed, which is 54.2% 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. See our monthly 10-Year Loan Repayment Reports in the bulletin. Also, please watch the bulletin and the DLA Thermometer in the back of church for updates. May God’s abundant blessings be yours.

10-Year Loan Repayment Report

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Because of extra payments made, loan amortization is now 13 months ahead of schedule, with a projected parish savings of $7,780.18. Please note that these numbers are projections and may go up or down depending on the amount of extra payments we are to make to pay down the loan ahead of schedule.

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 10th at 7:00 pm at Kecksburg Church of God. All are invited. Remaining services are as follows:

- April 19 (Good Friday)          11 am    Pleasant Unity Methodist Church
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