EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 21, 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., Apr. 20 Holy Saturday
9:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass
For the Parishioners

Sun., Apr. 21 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

Mon., Apr. 22 Monday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +Gertrude Schmidt by The Schmidt Family

Tue., Apr. 23 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +Mary Lou Yasher by Jim & Twila Schmidt

Wed., Apr. 24 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +Mary Ann Mizikar by Children, Anita Brak & Matthew Mizikar

Thu., Apr. 25 Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +Catherine Cibulas by George Kuhar

Fri., Apr. 26 Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +Dan Lackner by the Faith Formation Catechists

Sat., Apr. 27 Saturday within the Octave of Easter
8:00 AM +John & Agnes Lucas by Ronald Lucas Family
5:00 PM +Judy Henry

Sun., Apr. 28 Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:00 AM +Bill Rosky by Sue & Ron Firment

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:
Due to an early bulletin deadline, the April 13-14 offertory report will be in next week’s bulletin.

2019 Paschal Candle
In Loving Memory of
Carl Mizikar
By Mom & Dad
Jennifer & Denis
and Charleston

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.

Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
Mary Burik
By Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, April 20, 2019 ~ 9:00 PM
Lector .................................................................A. Reese, J. Lawrence, E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers .......... W. Bossart, S. King, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers ................................................. A., M. & C. Reese, J. & L. King
Greeters.................................................... E. & J. Kovalik, C. Mizikar
Ushers..............................E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar, T. & D. Ulshney

Sunday, April 21, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector .................................................................J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers .......... R. Mizikar, M. Ceroni, K. Kitz
.............T. Jackson, J. Mizikar, H. Szewczyk, C. Szewczyk
Altar Servers ................................................. J. & K. Kitz
Greeters.................................................... Z. Koch
Ushers..............................D. Scekeres, J. Burk
...............E. Carpenter, P. Bitner, T. & D. Ulshney

Saturday, April 27, 2019 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector .................................................................J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers .......... C. Kelly, J. Lawrence, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers.................................................. T. Dillon, A. Kelly
Greeters.................................................... M. Ludvik, J. & E. Kovalik
Ushers..............................E. Carpenter, J. Lawrence, E. Zider
...............E. Carpenter, P. Bitner, T. & D. Ulshney

Sunday, April 28, 2019 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector .................................................................R. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers .......... Jackson, Monticue, C. Szewczyk
Altar Servers................................................ G. & T. Sofranko
Greeters.................................................... B. Mondock, S. Jackson, N. Logan
Ushers..............................H. Szewczyk, S. Snively, G. & D. Vidakovich

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Eucharistic Ministers .......... C. Kelly, J. Lawrence, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers................................................ T. Dillon, A. Kelly
Greeters.................................................... M. Ludvik, J. & E. Kovalik
Ushers..............................E. Carpenter, J. Lawrence, E. Zider
...............E. Carpenter, P. Bitner, T. & D. Ulshney

Sunday, April 28, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector .................................................................M. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers M. Klimchock, W. Bossart, C. Gricheck
Altar Servers.................................M. Reese, J. Hornyak
Greeters.................................................... D. Scekeres, J. Burk
Ushers..............................D. Scekeres, J. Burk, J. Mizikar, J. Mylant
Children’s Liturgy ..................W. & V. Back

Readings for the week of April 21, 2019
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22
Tuesday: Acts 2:36
Wednesday: Acts 3:1
Saturday: Acts 4:13
1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
No gathering on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, First Communion Mass and Mothers Day. We will meet on April 28th and May 19th and then take a break during the summer months and will resume in September.

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**CATECHESIS, FAITH FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION**

**Week to Week: April 21 — April 28, 2019**

**Sunday**
- EASTER SUNDAY…. ALLELUIA, HE LIVES
- NO Adult Faith Sharing or Children’s Liturgy

**Monday**
- NO Faith Formation Classes K to 7 this week.

**Wednesday**
- Book Club to meet after the 8:00 am Mass to view the final segment of Ed Sri’s Session. This week will focus on the “Resurrection”

**Saturday**
- Confirmation Retreat for our candidates, parents and sponsors at St. Emma’s Retreat Center, Greensburg 9 am to 1 pm

**Sunday**
- VBS meeting after 11 AM Mass. Volunteers still needed! Must have all diocesan clearances.
- NO Children’s Liturgy or Adult Faith Sharing

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**Faith Formation News**

**No Elementary Classes for Grades K-7**

April 22nd — Due to the Easter Season

Sessions will be held on Monday, April 29.

**Vacation Bible School 2019**

**JUNE 24-28** FOR STUDENTS – KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 6 –

Volunteers with all clearances are needed for music, crafts, Bible stories, etc. Contact the Faith Formation Office if you are able to help. Our next VBS planning meeting is set for Sunday, April 28 following the 11:00 am Mass.

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!

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**Helping Moms Project**

Continues until May 1. For the past number of years, our parish has been working with Catholic Charities to help moms and their babies in time for Mother’s Day. The following items are most needed:

- Diapers (size 3-6)
- Any size of clothes for newborns to 6 month
- Clothes for infants/toddlers – new or slightly used
- Baby blankets
- Booties

You may place your items on the marked table at the entrance of the Church. Items will be delivered to Catholic Charities on May 2. Thank You

**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.

**Adult Education Opportunities**

**Adult Faith Sharing:** No Adult Faith Sharing today—Easter Sunday. Sessions will continue on to May 19th.

**It’s Time to Say Thank You to Those “Who Keep Us Safe”**

Our annual tradition to honor those who keep us safe: fire personnel, first responders, police, etc. are invited to a special ceremony on Monday, May 6 beginning at 6:30 pm. This is our final Faith Formation Session for the year and in honor of the Feast of St. Florian (May 4), the patron of firefighters; we would like to say “thank you” to all who help and serve our community in a special way. The evening will end with an ice cream social in our hall. If you are able to attend, please contact the Rectory Office or the Faith Formation Office.

**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!

Because of early bulletin deadline, all names requested may not be listed. However, please know that the intentions requested will still be prayed by those who share in this special ministry.

- Cheryl
- Kelly
- Cindy
- Ryan
- Kyle
- Joan
- Louella
- Kenny
- Steve
- Bud
- Steven
- George
- Danielle
- Anna
- Patty
- Sandee
- Kathy
- Joann
- Erin
- Anna
- Karen
- Don
- Bill
- Bob
- Joan

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

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Mark Your Calendars! What a Great Family Tradition to Begin….We will once again be placing flags on the graves of our veterans buried at St. Florian, St. Stanislaus and Forty Martyrs cemeteries on Friday, May 17. You are asked to gather at our parking lot at 5:45 pm and we will depart by 6:00 pm. Please spend an hour to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Please contact the Faith Formation Center if you are able to attend. All are Welcome!
**Easter Sunday**

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! A day of excitement, joy, and expectation, among the disciples. The day is more about the future rather than the past; however, the past is important for it has set the pattern for the future.

The scripture passages account the Gentiles’ seeking the knowledge about Christianity in The Acts of the Apostles and Christ’s disciples discovering the empty tomb as proof of Christ’s resurrection as reported by John in his Gospel. The future is presented before we hear the news of Christ’s resurrection. The future presents the evangelization of the Gentiles which comes as proof that the Apostles, lead by Peter, are now in control of the Church created by Jesus. Jesus has completed His mission and commissioned His Apostles to advance the principles of His Church that He has taught them.

**Background**—Today we hear the beginning of the mission to the Gentiles. A Roman Centurian has had a vision. An angel tells him to summon a man named Simon but is called Peter. Peter too has had a vision. He sees heaven open. All kinds of animals appear. He is told to kill these and eat them. Peter surprisingly replies, “Surely not Lord! I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” These animals are considered to be ritually unfit for consumption by a Jew. The voice in Peter’s vision says, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” The vision appears three times causing Peter to ponder its meaning. In the meantime, the Roman Centurian, sends messengers to Peter to discuss his vision. When he hears Cornelius tell his vision, Peter sees the meaning of his own vision and says, “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but He accepts men from every nation who fears Him and do what is right.” Cornelius has anticipated Peter’s visit and has called relatives and friends to hear Peter’s tell of Jesus’ teaching.

Peter presents a summary of Jesus’ mission, passion, death and resurrection. As proof of Jesus’ Resurrection, he stresses that Jesus has appeared to His Apostles and has eaten a meal with them. Jesus has commissioned the Apostles to evangelize “all men.” Here Peter is speaking to Gentiles for the first time.

All Gospel accounts agree about the time the tomb is found empty. Matthew, Mark, and John name Mary Magdalene along with companions as the first witnesses to the empty tomb. Luke gives no names but writes of “women.” The empty burial garments are deflated, as though they have been emptied much like an empty cocoon shell. Jesus has come out of these wrappings without being unwrapped and passing through them. The head cloth is further evidence, for it would have been tied, rolled like a triangular bandage under the chin and over the top of his head to secure the mouth in a closed position. This was not with the other cloths. These conclude that Jesus has risen in a way which transcends the laws of nature.

These passages lead to Jesus’ remarks of the Temple will be destroyed and rebuilt in three days. His Resurrection is proof of a new life for all believers. Peter has cited these evidences to Cornelius and his company who are baptized that very day. The past and the future come together.

**Easter KOLACHE Sale**

Thank you to all of our Kolache Bakers! Your time and talent made our first Kolache sale in the new Social Hall a great success!
**ST. FLORIAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** pledge total stands at $723,617.97 and the amount collected as of April 8th is $701,512 which is $50,000 more than our original Campaign Goal! How wonderful! 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, and to make extra gifts, when able. All new or extra gifts add to our total pledged and collected.

A One-Year Campaign Extension has been granted by Bishop Malesic to help St. Florian pay down its loan. Our Capital Campaign will now officially end **April 30, 2020**. This provides an opportunity: 1) to fulfill past pledges, 2) to continue making regular payments beyond the original pledge amount, and 3) to occasionally make additional Campaign gifts. All Campaign donations are assessment-free and will help us to pay off our loan as soon as possible e.g., in 5 years instead of 10 years which would save us $17,000 in interest. A monthly Capital Campaign envelope will continue to be included in your packet until **June, 2020**.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019:**

Our DLA pledges and gifts now total **$39,137**, surpassing our Diocesan Target by almost $10,000 and taking us to just $104 from our Total Goal. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Any gifts over our DLA goal will help to pay off our loan ahead of schedule in order to save on interest. One hundred thirty-seven (137) households have now contributed which is more than 60% of our Participation Goal (225). To make a DLA gift or pledge, please use the envelopes in the pews or the personalized pledge form found at the bottom of Fr. John’s 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](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE).

**TEN-YEAR LOAN REPAYMENT REPORT:** Watch for an update in the May 12th bulletin.

Read Fr. John’s Homily at [www.saintflorian.org](http://www.saintflorian.org) under the “Parish Life” tab.

**EASTER MESSAGE**

The Resurrection of Jesus validates His message that He is the Way to fullness of life and love in the glory of the Father’s House. After He is raised from the dead Jesus appears a dozen times to His disciples over the span of 40 days to convince them that He is alive in His own human body. He is already beyond time and so is not subject to physical limitations. His body has been divinized, but His glory is veiled. His Ascension into Heaven will mark the end of His post-Resurrection appearances.

Later, to Saul, He will manifest Himself as a blinding light while speaking to him on the road to Damascus. Fifty days after His Resurrection, on Pentecost, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit upon the Church, and thereafter, through the sacraments, so that His Bride and Mystical Body will grow to full statue in His likeness. We, the members, contribute to this especially as we offer ourselves in Holy Communion with Him unto the Cross and Resurrection so that all might get to Heaven.

May Our Crucified and Risen Lord abundantly bless you and those you hold dear!
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:___________________________________________________________

Please print clearly.

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.