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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.” - Jn 21:19b

Eucharistic Self-Offering Prayer
I am all Yours, O most loving Jesus, through Mary, Your Mother.
ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

April 27-28: Adults: $4067.70; Loose: $270.00; Candles: $154.00; Parish Endowment: $40.00; Easter: $535.00; Catholic Accent: $114.00; Holy Land (Good Friday): $18.00; St. Vincent de Paul (Holy Thursday): $15.00; St. Vincent de Paul: $5.00.

TOTAL: $52,188.70.

God Bless you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please use the form below to donate altar flowers. These can be in memory or honor or just because you like to see the beautiful flowers from Mt. Pleasant Floral enhancing our altar. The cost is $25.00 per vase. For special requests, which can be accommodated but will be priced accordingly, contact Mary Ellen Sopko, 724-423-4337.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Offered by:

Phone:

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Requested date for flowers:

Donation $25.00/vase (Please include payment with request.)

MASS INTENTIONS

(Request Form on back of bulletin)

Sat., May 4  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +James M. Drexler by Marty Drexler
5:00 PM  +Betty Yothers by Family

Sun., May 5  Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM  +Joseph Emanuele by Family
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

Mon., May 6  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +Rich Duhon by Cathy Duhon

Tue., May 7  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +Ron Klejka by Tom Toczek

Wed., May 8  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +Mary Ann Mizikar by Geraldine Mizikar & Family

Thu., May 9  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Kathy Lawrence, 98th Birthday by Len & Mary Ann Monticue

Fri., May 10  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +Florence Sprock by Joe Burik Sr. and Jo & Beth Burik

Sat., May 11  Easter Weekday
8:00 AM  +Kieran Mizikar by Margi & Dick
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sun., May 12  Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 4, 2019  ~ 5:00 PM
Lector..........................................................A. Reese
Eucharistic Ministers.........M. Ceroni, J. Mizikar, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers.................................A. & C. Reese
Greeters..........................C. Specht, E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar
Ushers.............E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar, S. Sniely, A. Small

Sunday, May 5, 2019  ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..........................................................T. Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers..........S. King, J. Lesko, H. Szewczyk
Altar Servers.................................J. King, T. Sofranko
Greeters..........................S. Jackson, C. Szewczyk, R. Mizikar
Ushers...............Richard Mizikar, M. Bilk, G. & D. Vidakovich

Sunday, May 5, 2019  ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..........................................................M. D’Amico
Eucharistic Ministers........Klimchok, Kovacina, Neiderhiser
Altar Servers.................................A. Kelly, J. Labuda
Greeters..........................D. Seekeres, J. Burik
Ushers.............D. Seekeres, J. Mylant, E. Uhrin, J. Burik

Saturday, May 11, 2019  ~ 5:00 PM
Lector..........................................................E. Zider
Eucharistic Ministers.........J. Lesko, J. Lawrence, D. Mizikar
Altar Servers.................................M. Reese, J. Hornyak
Greeters..........................F. Kernicky, E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar
Ushers...............E. Carpenter, C. Mizikar, T. & D. Ulishney

Sunday, May 12, 2019  ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..........................................................C. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers.........M. Ceroni, C. Szewczyk
Altar Servers.................................G. & T. Sofranko
Greeters..........................N. Tracy, J. Mott, N. Logan
Ushers.............H. Szewczyk, Ron Mizikar, M. Bilk, P. Bitner

Sunday, May 12, 2018  ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..........................................................B. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers........B. Mazik, J. Lawrence, C. M. Drexler
Altar Servers.................................W. Back, R. & B. Obusek
Greeters..........................S. Etling, T. Dillon
Ushers...............D. Seekeres, J. Burik, J. Mizikar, J. Mylant

Readings for the week of May 5, 2019
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Tuesday: Acts 751-81/Ps 31:4-6a and 7/19/17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Sanctuary Light
In Memory and Honor of
Ken Matthews
By Jim & Debbie Gari

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
No gathering on First Communion Mass (May 5th) and Mothers Day (May 12th). We will meet May 19th and then take a break during the summer months and will resume in September.
Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News:
Elementary Classes for Grades K-7
May 6th — 6:00 to 7:15 pm

This will be our final gathering for the current semester and a special time to say “thank you” to all those who keep us safe. We will pay tribute to our local fire personnel, first responders and others in our community who serve to protect us. All are welcome to the blessing that begins at 6:30 pm. After our program, an ice cream social will be held in our hall.

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, May 19 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!

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.

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!

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Sharing: Sunday, May 5th following the 9:00 am Mass. The group will meet until May 19 and then resume in September.

Book Club: Our Book Club will be reading a special book on Mary with the title: Rethinking Mary In the New Testament by Edward Sri. Cost of the book is $15.00 and may also be used at home. What a great way to celebrate the month of May! Group sessions will begin on Wednesday, May 8 after the 8:00 am Mass to 10:00 am. For more info, contact the Faith Formation Center.

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.

St. Florian Preschool

Wilson Candy Fundraiser

A Big Thank You to all who purchased candy for Easter. Our Sale was a great success!

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!

Kimberly Alicia Gabriel Ryan Joan
Cindy Kelly Trish Jim Dolly
Rose Bill Ann Kim Sam
Brandon Keith Bob Erin & Baby Josh
Heather Millie Katie Kelly Kim
Brandon Sam Keith Elizabeth Mia
Darlene Rose Dustin Shaleigh Sue
Anna Karen Amy Fred Jane
Paul Don Mark

15 year old girl having surgery

May we continue to remember these individuals in our daily prayers!
Connections
by Joe Lesko

Third Sunday of Easter

The scripture readings for today concern the growth of the Good News. This amazing growth can’t be stopped even when stamped out. In Acts, the Sanhedrin brings in the Apostles for their attempts at evangelization of their fellow Jews in Jerusalem. John in his Gospel reports of the Apostles not knowing what to do without Jesus to lead them. A seemingly distraught Peter say that he is going back to his old way of life; he is going fishing. In each of these two instances of scripture Jesus’ presence spiritually and physically surface to stifle the attempts of spreading the Good News.

In the first reading, the Apostles are present for the second time to meet with the Jewish leaders. The first persecution occurs in Acts 4:1-22 where Peter and John are called to appear for questioning. Apostles’ defense against the charges by arguing from the Law itself, for the magnitude of the people’s shame is placing violent hands on their Savior. They further explain that God send the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him and they are obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Omitted from this passage is Gamaliel’s response. He advises the Sanhedrin to have nothing to do with these men. He continues with caution, “For this endeavor in this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them; you may find yourselves fighting against God.” Gamaliel, a member of the Sanhedrin, was Paul’s teacher (Acts 22:3).

The Apostles leave rejoicing; perhaps they have remembered Jesus’ words during the Sermon on the Mount. “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you because of me rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven” (Mathew 5:7-8).

The Gospel passage reports of Jesus’ third appearance to His Apostles who have left Jerusalem and returned to the Sea of Galilee, the area of their fishing days. Without a leader, they appear unable to know what to do. Peter announces that he is going fishing. The others go with him, for they have returned to what they know from their past. But on the shore the unrecognized Resurrected Jesus appears. He has come to share a meal with them. These sudden unrecognized appearances have become typical. Recall Mary Magdalene at the tomb, the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Still unidentified Jesus comes forward to them and directs them to a favorable spot for fishing. A person on shore can see fish that may be unseen to those in a boat. This brief encounter has a parallel to Luke 5:4-7 where Peter and his partner have been recruited. Jesus says, “I will make you fishers of men.” John, the beloved Apostle, recognizes Jesus and tells Peter “It is the Lord.”

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Our Evangelization Committee has started a Birthday Club. All you need to do is to give us your name and the date of your birthday, the year of birth is not necessary. Starting in January, we will list the names for that particular month. We agree to pray for them, they will receive a card from the parish and a phone call on their special day. Please consider joining! To date, our membership has grown to 85 parishioners and friends of the parish.

“Helping Moms Project”
Special thanks to all those who supported our “Helping Moms and their Babies.” Items were taken to Catholic Charities and were greatly appreciated.

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.
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DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019:
Our DLA pledges and gifts now total $42,402, surpassing our Diocesan Target by $13,161 and our Total Goal by $3,161. THANK YOU SO MUCH! All gifts over our DLA goal will help to pay off our loan ahead of schedule in order to save on interest. One hundred fifty-three (157) households have now contributed which is 70% 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.

TEN-YEAR LOAN REPAYMENT REPORT: Watch for it in our next bulletin!

THE OUTDOOR BENCH in front of the Church is a gift in memory of Joseph Emanuele donated by family and friends. It will be prayerfully dedicated today immediately after the 9 am Mass and will serve as an aid for our walking-impaired Mass attendees as they wait for their rides. It recalls Joseph’s readiness to offer help to the elderly.

LOOKING AHEAD: Update & Training Sessions for current and new liturgical ministers have been scheduled. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please call the parish office or simply show up for the appropriate session(s) below. All sessions will be in the church.

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The Pastoral Council and Finance Councils will also be meeting before June 9th.

FREE FOLDING CHAIRS!
St. Florian Social Hall will be getting new chairs. The old ones are free for the taking after the Masses (5 pm, 9 am and 11 am) on Saturday, May 25th, and Sunday, May 26th. First come, first served.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ANNA HOAK
- GIOVANNI NEWILL
- NOLAN KELLY
- LOGAN THOMAS
- MATTHEW LABUDA
- AWA YUHAS

May we pray for these children as they will receive their First Communion during the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday.

Read Fr. John’s Homily at www.saintflorian.org under the “Parish Life” tab.
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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.