Rev. John A. Sedlak
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Mass Schedule
Weekday & Sat. Morning: 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Holy Days: As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Weekday & Sat. Morning: 7:30-7:50 am
Saturday Vigil: 4:00-4:45 pm
Sunday: 8:30-8:45 am & 10:30-10:45 am
(30 minutes before all other Masses)

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8:15 am - 3:45 pm

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Preschool: 724-423-4437
Social Hall: 724-423-9008
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: 724-205-4406

Staff
CFFE Director: Dr. Joseph Dreliszak
Preschool Director: Lottie Hirak
Preschool Aide: Karen Dlugos
Music Director: Steven Makar
Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council
Terry Foriska   Tammy Sofranksky*
Mike Reese     Nicole Stull
Don Scekeres Dave Shimko
*Recorder

Finance Council
John Boggess Kathy Sobinsky
Stephanie Sofiak Mike Johnson
Jerry Yasher   David Lazor*
*Chair

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.

**ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:**

May 4-5: Adults: $5365.00; Loose: $421.00; Candles: $136.00; Parish Endowment: $165.00; Easter: $470.00; Catholic Accent: $20.00; St. Vincent de Paul (Holy Thursday): $20.00; St. Vincent de Paul $485.00; Immaculate Conception: $5.00; Christmas: $10; Christmas Flowers: $5.00. **TOTAL: $7102.00.**

God Bless you!

**Second Collection for Communications Media Collection**

May 18-19, 2019

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) next week. By generously supporting this collection, you are spreading the Gospel and helping others encounter Christ every day. Your gifts not only support projects on a national and international scale but also here in our own diocese. Please be generous.

**Mass Intentions**

(Request Form on back of bulletin)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

- Lector: Richard King, Richard B. Obusek
- Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jackson, E. Carpenter, C. & D. Mizikar, K. Labuda
- Altar Servers: E. Carpenter, C. & D. Mizikar, K. Labuda
- Ushers: H. Szewczyk, Ron Mizikar, M. Bilik, P. Bitner
- Greeters: D. Scekeres, J. Burik, J. Mizikar, J. Mylant
- Sanctuary Light: In Memory of Richard Solomon
  By Wife, Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

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**Altar Server Training**

Monday, 6:00 PM

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday—Wednesday

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, 1:00 PM

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**Catholic Daughters of America Meeting**

Tuesday, 1:00 PM

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**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

Tuesday, 7:00 PM

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**Festival Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, 6:30 PM

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**Finance Council Meeting**

Wednesday, 7:00 PM

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**Catholic Daughters Bingo**

Thursday, 4:00 PM

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**Sanctuary Light**

In Memory of Richard Solomon

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**Readings for the week of May 12, 2019**

- **Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 79:14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- **Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
- **Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:19-20
- **Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
- **Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8, 9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
- **Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 89:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Happy Mother’s Day**

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**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: May 12 — 19, 2019

Sunday —  Adult Faith Sharing after 9 am Mass
Wednesday — Book Club following the 8:00 am Mass. All are welcome.
Festival Planning Meeting — 6:30 pm in Social Hall
Sunday —  Adult Faith Sharing after 9 am Mass
—Final Session until September
Children’s Liturgy of the Word — 11:00 am Mass

The CFFE Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays. The phone is checked daily for messages. For immediate attention, please contact Dr. Dreliszak at home – 724-887-8079.

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!

FamilyFest June 9 at Christ Our Shepherd Center
You are invited to a day of fun, games, food and faith at the diocese’s second annual FamilyFest on Sunday, June 9, at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day will include parish food vendors, an evangelization project #FindJesusRocks, and activities for people of all ages, including an Indoor Bingo. The day begins with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 11 a.m. with music provided by a Diocesan Youth Honors Choir. We look forward to seeing you and your family there! For information and to register your child, go to FamilyFestGreensburg.org.

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Sharing: Sunday, May 12th 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 continue on Wednesday, May 15 after the 8:00 am Mass to 10:00 am. For more info, contact the Faith Formation Center.

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 3:45 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!

“Catholic Come Home”
“Catholic Come Home” discs are now available in the back of the church for those who would like to borrow and view past episodes. Each disc lasts for 90 minutes with three stories (each 30 minutes in length) of individuals who have “returned home” to the Catholic Church. Just return when finished! Great viewing for individuals or families.

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.

Have you Joined our Birthday Club?
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.

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!

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 Asa
Caitlyn Natalie Harry Brenda Patty
Ann Joel Amber Brenda

For those in our Communion and Confirmation Classes
May we continue to remember these individuals in our daily prayers!
Fourth Sunday of Easter

After establishing the Church in Jerusalem, the disciples reached outward with Philip going to Samaria and Peter going to Lydia and Joppa and then to Antioch. Paul traveled more extensively than the other disciples. He had taken three missionary journeys. Each was longer in time and further in distance from Jerusalem than this previous one and then a concluding journey to Rome where he joined Peter. Both were martyred there.

Today's first reading is from Paul's first evangelic journey. Here he encounters jealousy and violent abuse from the Jews who contradicted what Paul had preached. Their reaction to Paul's words tie with the Gospel where Jesus has explained that He knows His sheep and they know Him. Paul has seen heard the Jews' remarks and tells them that their rejections to his preaching the Word of God condemns them as unworthy of eternal life; for they were the intended sheep the Father wanted to redeem. They have heard but do not recognize these Words of God. Paul now turns to the Gentiles for conversion.

The Jews counter Paul by prompting the leading citizens of Antioch to persecute Paul and Barnabas. They expel Paul and Barnabas who "shook the dust from their feet in protest against them." (Shaking the dust expresses total disassociation from these Jews.) They now move on "with joy" in confidence that their mission has been inspired by God, for they have suffered and for the sake of the Lord. This is reference to one of the beatitudes.

The short Gospel for today introduces the concept of Jesus as the “Good Shepherd.” In Jesus’ time sheep and goats were raised for wool and milk and not usually for meat. The relationship between the shepherd and the sheep was like that of a pet for he provided everything for his sheep. They were not herded nor driven; they were led by a call with a singular whistle or voice command to follow. The sheep came to him and him only. His “call” came and they followed. This is unlike the Jews who heard Paul’s preaching as reported in the first reading who have heard but do not recognize God’s Word (the words of Jesus.)

Jesus’ analogy of a shepherd and his sheep is asserted to the Jewish question, “Are you the Messiah?” He states His response with assurance that He comes from the Father with a message of “eternal life.” Those who follow him have responded to the Father’s call though the voice of Jesus. He, Jesus, is the shepherd whom God has given the flock to lead. As a Son, acting for the Father, Jesus cannot lose what has been given by the Father’ omnipotence which is the guarantee of the gift. The Father and the Son are one in mind and action. Note that Jesus does not say merely that He and the Father are “as one” but that they are “one thing.” This is the second attempt of violent anger toward Jesus where they first picked up rocks to stone Him.

The readings work to reveal Jesus’ teaching of who He is and the inability of those for whom He has come to accept His words. Paul and Barnabas experience the Jews’ rejection too, but they see it as doing what Jesus has commanded them to do even if rejected. Jesus and Paul experience similar deaths Jesus suffers His passion and crucifixion and Paul is martyred. The voice and words of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, are rejected by the audience of Jesus and the audience of Paul and Barnabas.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

For April 30- May 1, the following hours had only one adorer: 2 am, 4 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 good government and the spiritual renewal of the Church.

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. Dreliszak 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!

We would like to add “face painting” this year for our children. If you have this talent, please contact Dr. Dreliszak. If you are 17 or under, you don’t need clearances. However those 18 and older must have all diocesan required clearances.

Tickets Sponsors: We will be selling two types of tickets: one 50/50 ticket and one with 10 prizes of money, $100 to $500, approximately 3000 of each.

We are looking for people who are interested in donating $100 to $500, in money or gift certificates, to be applied as one of the 10 prizes on the festival prize ticket. Your name would appear next to the amount won on the ticket and would be announced when calling out the winner. Please respond no later than May 27th.

BINGO

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Florian #2240

Thursday, May 16, 2019 ~ 6:00 PM
Admission $8.00
St. Florian Social Hall, United, PA
Light Lunch ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffle

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.
ST. FLORIAN EXTENDED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN pledge total stands at $725,404.97 and the amount collected as of May 1st is $706,020 which is $50,000 more than our original Campaign Goal! 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 during the one-year extension granted by Bishop Malesic to help us pay off our loan as soon as possible. All new or extra gifts add to our total pledged and collected. A monthly Capital Campaign envelope will continue to be included in your packet until the extension ends on April 30, 2020.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2019: Our DLA pledges and gifts now total $42,807, surpassing our Diocesan Target by $13,566 and our Total Goal by $3,566. 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 sixty-one (161) households have now contributed which is 72% of our Participation Goal (225). To make a DLA gift or pledge, please use the DLA envelopes in the back of church or any envelope. Make checks out to “Diocese of Greensburg – St. Florian DLA.” Credits cards can also be used. To make an online DLA donation go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

Loan Repayment Report Because of extra payments made, loan amortization of our 10-year, $300,000 loan is now 15 months ahead of schedule, with a projected parish savings of $8,672.18. 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.

LITANY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be prayed after all Masses this weekend in honor of Our Lady’s May Crowning.

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE & TRAINING SESSION is this Monday, May 13th at 6 pm in the Church. Both new and old servers should attend. New ADULT servers for weekday or Sunday Masses are also welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD: Please note the dates and times for Liturgical Ministries Update & Training Sessions. 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). All sessions will be in the church.

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Also, the Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 7 PM in the rectory, and a meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place 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

MATTHEW ANTHONY KOCH  
JOHN LUKE LABUDA  
BRENDAN RYAN KORPIEL  
COLE WILLIAM SURMA  
ISABEL ROSE TRICE

Who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday! Special thanks to their parents and catechists for preparing them for this special event.
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.