



St. Florian Parish



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Charitable Trust

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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: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(Angela)

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& Evangelization (CFFE)
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Preschool: 724-423-4437
Social Hall: 724-423-9008
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline:
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Staff

CFFE Director: Dr. Joseph Dreliszak
Preschool Director: Lottie Hirak
Preschool Aides: Mandy Kelly
Diane Kauffman
Steven Makar
Music Director:
Parish Secretary
and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council

Terry Foriska
Nicole Stull
Dave Shimko
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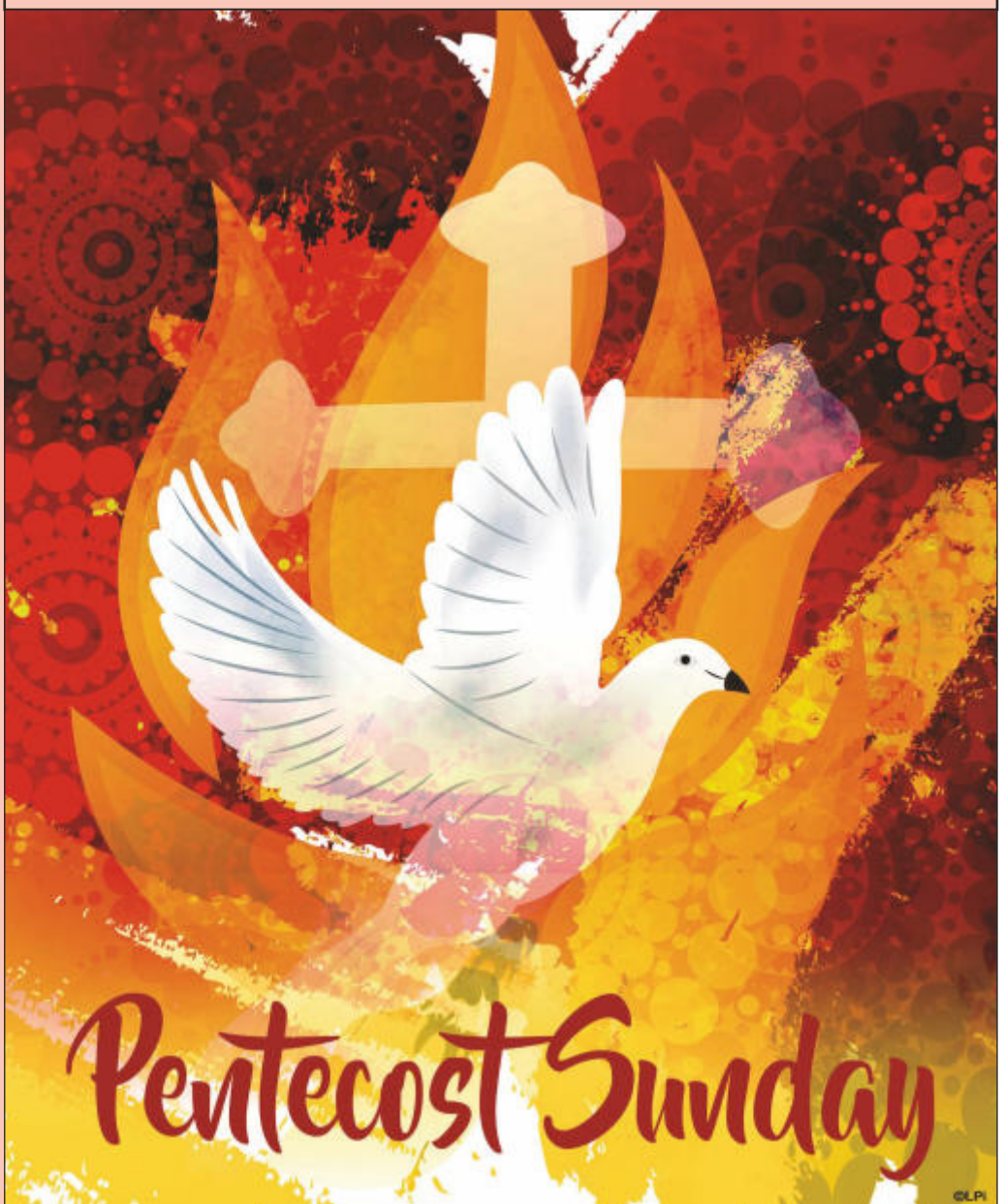
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

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.*



Pentecost Sunday

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., May 22 *Easter Weekday*
8:00 AM +Betty Bohatch by Gregory Kuhar
5:00 PM +John Mizikar Sr. by Family

Sun., May 23 *Pentecost Sunday*
9:00 AM +Ethel Tracy by Children & Grandchildren
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

Mon., May 24 *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*
8:00 AM +George & Susan Drast by Connie Bankovich

Tue., May 25 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Mary Frank Ludger Pocus by Ron

Wed., May 26 *St. Philip Neri*
8:00 AM +Raymond Frederick by Terry & Janice Frederick

Thu., May 27 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Leonard Lucotch by Lucotch Family

Fri., May 28 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Carl Nagy by Wife, Children and Grandchildren

Sat., May 29 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Harry Waite by Victoria Swiderski
5:00 PM +Rose Hollis by The Hollis Children

Sun., May 30 *The Most Holy Trinity*
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:00 AM The Holoman Family by Mike Quinn

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 22, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector.....M. Sopko
Eucharistic MinistersC. Kelly
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers C. Griceck
Altar Server *Help Needed*

Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector.....J. Scekeres
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart
Altar Server R. Mizikar

Saturday, May 29, 2021~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers D. Mizikar
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers H. Szewczyk
Altar Server T. Jackson

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector.....M. D'Amico
Eucharistic Ministers R. Obusek
Altar Server D. Reese

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

May 15-16: Adults: \$4,153.00; Loose: \$221.00; Candles: \$126.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$107.00; Communications: \$6.00; Ascension: \$419.00. **TOTAL: \$5,032.00**
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
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Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested date for flowers: _____

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

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45


Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20


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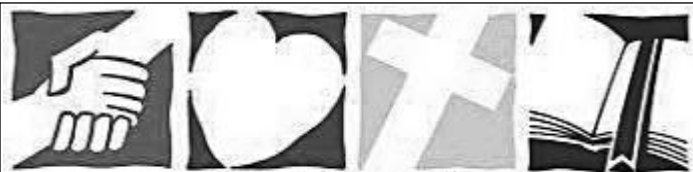


Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
Catherine Pianko
By: *Mary Ann Pianko*

THIS WEEK

Confirmation Wednesday, 7:00 PM

 Prayers for *Catherine Lawrence* who died recently. May we continue to pray for her and her family during this time of sorrow.



Faith Formation News

Adult Faith Sharing

Sunday Adult Faith Sharing Sessions will meet on **Sunday May 30 after the 9:00 am Mass.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please Note: Children's Liturgy of the Word will be postponed for the immediate future and will resume when restrictions at Mass are lifted.

Book Club

Book Club will meet this Thursday, May 27 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. We are currently reading The Seven Secrets of the Eucharist. All are welcome. Please contact Dr. Dreliszak if you have any questions.

'The Accent On Air Summer Event Guide' premieres May 23

"The Accent On Air Summer Event Guide" will premiere on WTAE Channel 4 on Sunday, May 23 at 11:30 a.m. This episode features stories about Bishop Larry J. Kulick celebrating "Mass around the Diocese," in-person and virtual liturgies that offer "hybrid" options for parishioners. There are also details on how to re-engage in your faith with an outdoor men's conference, car cruise or a dinner prepared by local priests. Plus, clergy talk about the return to in-person worship and a cleaning ministry to keep the faithful safe. The show will re-air on Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 a.m. "The Accent On Air" is always on The AccentOnline.org.

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to host takeout Slovak platters

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Mt. Pleasant will host walk-in/take-out Slovak platters Sunday, June 13 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (or until sold out). Menu will include halupki, pierogies and haluski. There also will be a Chinese auction, basket pic-a-ticket and a 50/50 raffle.

Prayer Chain

Those with prayer intentions are asked to contact the **FAITH FORMATION CENTER**. Please call **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.

Jack	Margaret	Paul	Mary Catherine	
Lisa	Thelma	April	Bonnie	Eric
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Phil	Hudson	Vicki	Lorraine	Leona
Joe	Louise	Catherine	Jeanne	Rita
Wendy	Kim	Kathy	Jeremiah	Rose
Larry	Alexis	Rose	Jane	Chris
Beers Family	Chris	Greg	Marie	Eric
Richard	Greg			

Those Suffering from the Corona Virus
Health and well being of ALL throughout the world



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

CALLING ALL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Our parish would like to recognize your achievement at our annual **"Mass For Seniors" on Sunday, June 6th—11:00 am Mass**. To help us in our planning, please **RSVP by June 1** to the Rectory or Faith Formation Office.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

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.

FESTIVAL REPLACEMENT TICKET III UPDATE

We are so proud to announce that our recent ticket was a GREAT SUCCESS!!!

**With 979 stubs returned we were able to realize a profit of \$15, 630.00.
This may change if the remaining stubs are returned (only 21 stubs).**

**The winning numbers were
\$500.00 - #965
\$750.00 - #191
\$2500.00 - #479**

All winning stubs were turned in on time and all prizes have been claimed. In the very near future, a report highlight the profit of all 3 tickets played this year will be reported and a look to our plans for the future.

Again, many thanks for ALL who bought and/or sold tickets for this project!

← Connections →

by Joe Lesko

Pentecost Sunday

The setting from the first passage from Acts is 50 days after the first Easter Sunday and ten days since Jesus has ascended into heaven and has given His disciples the responsibility to continue to build His Church. Before He had ascended, He told them not to leave Jerusalem. They returned to the Upper where they chose by lot a replacement for Judas. A disciple named Mathias is to be the replacement for Judas. The office of Bishop is to be a perpetual office. Here in the security of this room they will receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The symbols of the Holy Spirit, wind and tongues of fire, will cede the ability to speak in foreign tongues to the disciples.

This ability to speak in “tongues of fire” set into motion the conversion of 3,000 men this day. Jerusalem is crowded with Jews who have come from their dispersion among all the nations to celebrate Pentecost, a feast where all must come to Jerusalem to celebrate The Baptism of the Holy Spirit changes the disciples from timid locked up individuals to be courageous, daring, bold evangelists who begin immediately administering the teachings of Jesus to the people. This crowd of returning Jews and others who were not disposed represent a sweep of east and west of Israel that gives the sense of universality to expand Jesus’ Church which is born in one swell of conversion as the disciples, strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit are transformed to be assertive proclaimers of the marvels that God has accomplished through His beloved Son.

John’s Gospel should sound familiar, for it is the one used on the second Sunday of Easter. It repeats Jesus’ first appearance to the Apostles after His resurrection. Note that all of His appearances after the resurrection are dated on a Sunday. The oddity of this appearance is His entrance. The room is sealed as a means of safety, disciples fear that what has happened to Jesus would happen to them since they are known followers of Jesus. He just appears.

Jesus’ “peace” has been said many times during His earthly mission. It is a customary and ordinary Jewish greeting as a gift from God. The word in Hebrew is *shalom*, suggesting peace. The word has no equivalent English word that connotes the true intention of a blessing associated with its Hebrew use. Some of the connotive blessings are “a completeness condition in which nothing is lacking, perfection, completeness of all in one’s life..”

Jesus now gives them a new mission by establishing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sinful nature of mankind has kept him from God throughout the Old Testament. Jesus transfers the same authority that He has been given to Him to His disciples. They can now continue the Father’s will of reconciliation with His creation to make them truly sons and daughters. Reconciliation with the Father is the only means for them to receive salvation for eternity and to eat the family meal, the Eucharist, which will bind them as members of the Father’s family.

A sacrament is defined as an outward sign instituted by Christ. He breathes on the disciple (the outward sign), an outward action) instituted by Christ who is the actor or maker for He alone does the breathing on them) to give grace (received from the Holy Spirit). What greatness is created in one seemingly short statement.

These two testamental passages continue display the strength and resolve of the disciples to continue the mission of God through His Son Jesus, who must return to the Father. In all ways He has accomplished His mission. He has taught, blessed them repeatedly, passed on His divine authority on to them, and the gifts from the Holy Spirit have their effect on these disciples who now possess the ability to continue the Father’s will for His creation’s salvation.

WAYS TO GIVE

During this time of closures throughout the church, please consider keeping up your weekly contributions to St. Florian. Sunday Masses have resumed but the obligation to attend is still commuted. If you are not attending Mass, please consider these options for giving.

- ◆ **ONLINE GIVING:** Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. **Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.saintflorian.org and selecting the “Donate” link in the top right hand corner.**
- ◆ **US MAIL:** Contributions can be sent through the mail service to: St. Florian Church
PO Box 187
United, PA 15689
- ◆ **STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE:** Parish Office Hours are listed on page 1 of the bulletin. Feel free to drop by anytime with your offertory envelope. A locked mailbox is available outside of the Rectory Front Door.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Please consider donating to the Food Bank donation box in the back of church.

IN MAY WE ARE COLLECTING SOUPS:

Canned Soup, boxed soup, crackers, etc.
(all items must be non-perishables)

All donations stay locally in our community.

Please be sure to place all Food Bank items in or around the Food Bank collection box located next to the candles on the Sacristy side of the vestibule.

Holy Family Church of Latrobe 17th Annual Motorcycle Blessing

Holy Family Church in Latrobe is hosting a motorcycle blessing on Sunday, May 23rd at 11:45 a.m. (following the 10:30 a.m. Mass). The blessing will take place in the Christ the Divine Teacher School parking lot located at 323 Chestnut Street, Latrobe, PA, 15650. Please contact Herb or Charlene Nicholson at 724-532-4135 for more information.



Thank you to **The Community Foundation of Fayette County**, who have generously donated the extra face masks that we have present for those who need them at Mass.

REVISED PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS are now in effect for Mass and other parish gatherings. *Limitations on the number of people gathered and requirements for social distancing have been lifted. Masks are no longer required, however persons who are not fully vaccinated are strongly urged to wear a face mask in these settings. Also, the confessional will now be used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in effect, along with other precautionary measures that have been in place.* See today's bulletin supplement for the complete Diocesan decree on these revisions. Also, see the announcement below on the resumption of *pastoral visits*.

ROUTINE PASTORAL VISITS WILL RESUME JUNE 4th! If you or a family member is homebound or in a care facility -- and was not on Fr. John's list for monthly Holy Communion visits – but would now like such visits, please call the parish office. Persons already on Father's pastoral visit list will be called a day or two in advance of his visit with the scheduled time of the visit. Routine pastoral visits to residences, care facilities and hospitals will normally be made each Friday. Urgent or emergency visits are made upon request at any time. Fr. John is currently required to wear a mask for all pastoral visits.

MASS ATTENDANCE for May 8-9: 5:00 PM (72), 9:00 am (82), and 11:00 am (55) – *First Communion*) for a total of **209**. *Thank you for coming!*

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2020

Total pledges have now climbed to **\$54,797.31**, with **176** households contributing. *Thank you so much for your EXCEPTIONAL generosity. May God reward you!* And remember that assessment-free gifts to the DLA can be made until the end of 2021.

Read Fr. John's Homily at www.saintflorian.org under the "Parish Life" tab.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is an opportunity to bring our shortcomings before the Lord and to ask Him to hide us in the wound He incurred to enable us to overcome these. As communicated by Jesus to a certain Benedictine monk via locution: "Finally, *the wound in My side is your refuge from every false love and every fleshly deceit promising sweetness, but giving bitterness and death instead.*" (*In Simu Jesu* p. 162) For May 11-12, the following hours had only one adorer: **2 PM, 4 PM, 9 PM, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am and 4 am**. At least two adorers should be present for each hour. Thank you!

CHURCH IS OPEN 24/7 for silent adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the *Tabernacle*. Everyone is encouraged to stop in each day if possible at a convenient time, and to sign our log-in time sheet so that we can gauge participation in this. Please help us toward perpetual adoration. These are unprecedented times invite our full turning to the Lord. Thank you for your response!

Parish Festival 2021 Cancelled

We have been deliberating this decision for many weeks now. However, due to the continued Covid related restrictions, the uncertainty in the lifting of such restrictions in a time frame in which we can plan, and the expected hesitancy of our volunteers to participate, we see no other choice at this point but to cancel.

Please know that a plan is already being formed to replace the income loss that this will create. As you know we ran 3 tickets fundraisers this past year to replace the loss of last year's festival. The first 2 profited over \$29,000 and the third is set to profit about \$13,000 more. This has done well to keep us financially stable this past year during the pandemic. The plan for this next fiscal year will be a similar ticket fundraiser, although the ticket will look slightly different. We are looking at making next year's prizes a little more attractive. While this will decrease our profit a bit, the hope is to keep the interest for the fundraiser going. Plans for this new round of tickets should be finalized soon.

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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.