



# St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

**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 (Summer)

Monday-Wednesday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
(Angela)  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Dr. Dreliszak)

### Mailing Address

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### Website

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### Phone Numbers

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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

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Nicole Stull  
Dave Shimko  
\*Recorder  
Tammy Sofranko\*  
Don Scekeres

### Finance Council

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 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.*



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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### 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., June 19** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Emil Lucas by Butch & Mary Lou Zachuranic  
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Sun., June 20** *Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
9:00 AM Living and Deceased Father of the Parish  
11:00 AM Living and Deceased Father of the Parish

**Mon., June 21** *St. Aloysius*  
8:00 AM Salvatore Mollise, Health & Well Being by Jack Wilder

**Tue., June 22** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +William Kuhar by Pauline Kuhar & Family

**Wed., June 23** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Florian Altar Society

**Thu., June 24** *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
8:00 AM +Lilliyann & Chauncy McCann by Family

**Fri., June 25** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM Special Intention by RCC

**Sat., June 26** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Bilik Family by Michael & Marta Bilik  
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Sun., June 27** *Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
9:00 AM +Thelma Heide by the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Latrobe  
11:00 AM +James Feddock by Janet Yakubco & Family

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, June 19, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM**  
Lector.....M. Sopko  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... J. Mizikar  
Altar Server ..... J. Mizikar

**Sunday, June 20, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM**  
Lector..... T. Stercho  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... H. Szewczyk  
Altar Server ..... T. Jackson

**Sunday, June 20, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM**  
Lector.....M. D’Amico  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... W. Bossart  
Altar Server ..... R. Mizikar

**Saturday, June 26, 2021~ 5:00 PM**  
Lector..... J. Lawrence  
Eucharistic Ministers .....C. Kelly  
Altar Server ..... D. Mizikar

**Sunday, June 27, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM**  
Lector..... J. Lesko  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... C. Gricheck  
Altar Server ..... T. Jackson

**Sunday, June 27, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM**  
Lector.....J. Scekeres  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... B. Obusek  
Altar Server .....D. Reese

**ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:**

**June 12-13:** Adults: \$5476.40; Loose: \$192.00; Parish Endowment: \$105.00; Candles: \$5.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$177.00; Peter’s Pence: \$15.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$50.00.  
**TOTAL: \$6020.40.**

**God Bless you!**

**Second Collection**  
**Peter’s Pence Collection**  
**June 26—27, 2021**

Next week we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).

**Readings for the week of June 20, 2021**  
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
[1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 *Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17  
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
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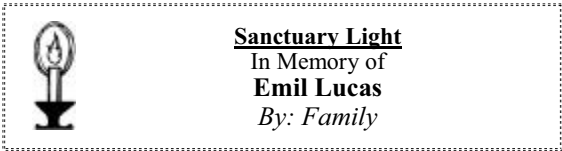
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED**

We need your help! Ministers are needed for all Liturgical Ministries including **Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Ushers and Greeters.** If you were once involved in these ministries and are now ready to return, or if you have not served previously and would like to help, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**MINISTRY TRAININGS**

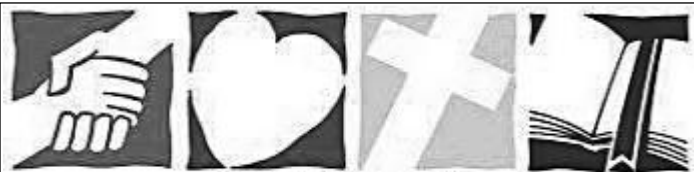
(You only need to attend one session!)  
**Monday, July 5, 2021** -- 6 PM Altar Servers, 7 PM Lectors, 7:30 PM Extraordinary Ministers  
**Monday, August 2, 2021** -- 6 PM Altar Servers, 7 PM Lectors, 7:30 PM Extraordinary Ministers

Also note that all Adult Ministers will need to be in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Clearances.



**THIS WEEK**

St. Vincent de Paul Tuesday, 7:00 PM



## Faith Formation News

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Please Note:** Children's Liturgy of the Word should be able to resume in September.

### Book Club

Book Club will meet this Thursday, June 24 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Social Hall.

### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As the Universal Church celebrates the "Year of St. Joseph" to December, we will be praying the "Litany to St. Joseph" each Wednesday following morning Mass. Wednesday is the day of the week to honor this man of faith and protector of Mary and Jesus.

Each bulletin will also be highlighting an excerpt from the Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. If you are interested in ordering this book, please contact the Rectory or Faith Formation Office

**"O Joseph, Virgin Father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the Son of God, that, armed with the weapons of his grace, we may fight as we ought in life, and be crowned by him in death."**

— St. Bernardine of Siena

### 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.

Kieran	Nicholas	Pat	Linda	Joan
Brandon	Louise	Ryan	Charlotte	Jill
Zachary	Nancy	Lisa	Randy	Dani
Regis	Fred	Barbara	Max	Ed
Sue	Paul	Ted	Jason	Dan
Juanita	Chad	Karen	Paul	Ron
Anna	Phil	Hudson	Salvatore	Karen
Carol	Jill	Charlotte	Ryan	Joan
Brandon	Cindy	Vicki	Mildred	Katie
Josh	Rene	Gloria	Elizabeth	Danny
Juanita	Chad	Fred	Baby Boy	Sarah
Mary Beth	Lorraine			

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!**

### ARE YOU OR DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND INTERESTED TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

*During the summer, we are looking for individuals who may be interested in joining the Catholic Faith at the 2022 Easter Vigil.*

*No commitment is needed at this time. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Please contact the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for more information.*

**We are also in need of creating an "RCIA Team" to serve as catechists, sponsors, and mentors.** If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Dr. Dreliszak. Individuals serving in this capacity would need all necessary Diocesan Clearances.

### St. Florian Labor Day Special – September 13-14-15

*Our NEW ticket that will play a week after Labor Day will be available to pick up in the back of church next Sunday. Each parishioner (family) is asked to purchase or sell at least 2 tickets at \$20.00 per ticket. The 3 digit number plays on the PA Lottery.*

**Our cash prizes have INCREASED!**

**First Day - \$750.00**

**Second Day - \$1200.00**

**Third Day - \$4000.00**

*Tickets will be available in the back of church until the weekend of July 10 and 11. Stubs may be returned in the collection or dropped off at the Rectory during Office Hours or placed in the locked mailbox near the office door.*

**Special Thanks to our Sponsors for this ticket:  
Electro-Glass Products "QUALITY FROM PEOPLE WHO CARE" & the Ticket Committee**

*Please contact Dr. Dreliszak if you have any questions or if you are able to sell additional tickets. Thank You for your support of this necessary fund-raiser to benefit our parish!*

## ←Connections→

by Joe Lesko

### *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The passages that were listed and published in last Sunday's bulletin belong to the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Today the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday's passages are presented to correct the mix up that this may have caused for the reader of last Sunday's bulletin. The Ezekiel passage is replete with a literary style to discern; hence a try is presented for those who found difficulty in their understanding of the passage of God's word presented through the prophet.

The structure of Ezekiel style is built on a sandwich of A-B-A. The A's are allegories and the B is an attempt to interpret the allegories which are essays that use details to signify some reality. Chapter 17 is the entire sandwich.

The passage begins with God's words spoken by Ezekiel. God's message is to give comfort and hope to His people. The Temple is destroyed; the people are crushed and humiliated; they are at the point of despair. The passage is a story of a future king from the house of David. The town of Nazareth is the root of Jesse who is the father of David.

The bird that uses the tree refers to God's remaking of things after the great flood as told in Genesis. The passage is a description of all living things.

The majestic cedar is the symbol of the royal house of Judah. If this special cedar is King Judah, then the trees and fields are also surrounding kings. All will come to know that God humbles the mighty and raises a new power from nothing. God will bring a new king for the Jews to rescue them from the lowly state of punishment into which Judah has fallen. The cedar is a symbol of the messianic tree of David. Some of these details appear as a prophecy of Jesus, being sent by the Father

Jesus has adopted the style for teaching through parables which He repeatedly uses after forming His group of twelve apostles. Each parable becomes a wise saying or short story to set forth a teaching and may contain allegorical statements to enhance His message. In this instance, He is telling His disciple about the Church that He has been sent to create. He and the disciple will scatter the seeds that will grow without their personal care, for others with the grace given by the Father will tend to the growth just as He has done with all creation. Each seed, actually the believers that Jesus and His disciples have created is the fruit produced for the Church for each seed or person is on its own to accept and follow their teaching.

Verses 30 refers to the action of grace which is the Father's gift to each soul to make transformation in the soul for resolutions that will shape the soul to resolve to be faithful and surrender to God's will as a response to that gift of grace. Each soul must make the decision to be a follower of Jesus. The Holy Spirit works within the soul to give a spiritual tone to thoughts, desires, and actions.

The major intent of the parable is the contrast between the great and the small. The seed of the Kingdom of God on earth is small to be planted. That seed begins with Peter and the twelve with its root set in Rome and has grown to a huge tree that covers the entire world.

Jesus had taught in the form of parables to the people, but it was to the disciple to whom He gave their meaning. It will be they who shall continue to work for the growth of His Church.

Ezekiel offers hope and comfort to return to God. Jesus teaches the apostles and disciples the keys to continue the growth of the Church that the Father has sent Him to create. Jesus seeds the path to journey to salvation that the Father had intended for His creation.

(Please forgive the mix up with the error of confusion created by placing the wrong passages for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday).

## WAYS TO GIVE

If you are not able to attend 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](http://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!

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS



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

### **IN JUNE WE ARE COLLECTING DINNER FOODS:**

Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper 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.**

## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SUNDAY, AUGUST 8  
ST. FLORIAN PARISH PICNIC**

*(Noon – 4:00 pm) here on the parish grounds!*

*Food, Entertainment, Games for Kids, and FUN for ALL!  
More Details to Come.*

***If you would like to help organize this event...  
please contact the Rectory or Faith Formation Office***

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

With deepest gratitude we acknowledge the following gifts  
As a Donation to St. Florian Church

In Memory of  
***Thelma Heide***

By: Cindy and Tom Griceck

In Memory of  
***Catherine Lawrence***

By: Donald & Anne Marie Scekeres  
Nino & Stephanie Rizza



**MASS ATTENDANCE** for June 12-13: 5:00 PM (69), 9:00 am (72) 11:00 am (54) for a total of **195**. This is about **63%** of the pre-pandemic attendance (310). It's time to start returning to Mass *without obligation*, hopefully even to surpass the numbers for October, 2019.

**LITANY TO ST. JOSEPH** will be prayed immediately after the 8:00 am Mass on the first Wednesdays during this Holy Year in honor of St. Joseph.

#### **DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL (DLA) 2020**

Total pledges now total **\$55,407.31**, with **175** households contributing. *Thank you so much for your amazing generosity. May God reward you!* And remember that assessment-free gifts to the DLA can be made until the end of 2021. Hereafter, DLA reports will be given monthly starting in July.

#### **10-YEAR LOAN REPAYMENT REPORT**

As of June 14<sup>th</sup>, we have paid back \$144,458.18 (including \$14,372.39 in interest) on our \$300,000 loan plus \$36,335.54 interest. Due to an increase in the interest rate from 2.25% to 2.5% last July, the loan will be paid off with regular payments in November, 2026, one month later than previously forecasted. This is still 20 months ahead of the original schedule due to extra payments made early, and is expected to save us \$9,754.93 in interest.

#### **REBUILDING AS COVID RECEDES**

It's time for liturgical ministers who have been sidelined by COVID to get back in the line-up. We need you. We also need *new* reinforcements in all areas: servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, cantors, choir members, catechists, Festival volunteers, members of Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Cemetery Committee and more. If you are reading this, it's a good bet that the Holy Spirit is prompting you to offer your services. Please do so. *Pretty please with molasses on it!*

**PASTORAL VISITS** have resumed. If a family member of yours living at home or in a care facility has not previously been on Fr. John's monthly visitation list, and is in need of pastoral visits, please call the parish office.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is a time to present our petitions to the Lord in *confidence, humility, and faith*. Consider what Jesus said about this to a certain Benedictine monk via locution: *"I receive your petitions and your prayers and take them into my Sacred Heart, the burning furnace of charity and the wellspring of every grace and blessing. Every prayer received into My Heart is wondrously fulfilled, for My Heart cannot remain indifferent to prayers offered in confidence, humility, and faith."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 167-168) For June 8-9, the following hours had only one adorers: **9 am, 12 Noon, 6 PM, 1 am, and 2 am**. At least two adorers should be present for each hour. Thank you! *If adorers do not show up, please call the parish office or Fr. John's cell phone before leaving.*

**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!

Father's Day Cards are available on the window ledges in the back of church.  
Please take one for yourself or for any father you know.



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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.