



St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
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Charitable Trust

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

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)

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& Evangelization (CFFE)
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Social Hall: 724-423-9008
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724-205-4406

Staff

CFFE Director: Dr. Joseph Dreliszak
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Preschool Aides: Mandy Kelly
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Parish Secretary
and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council

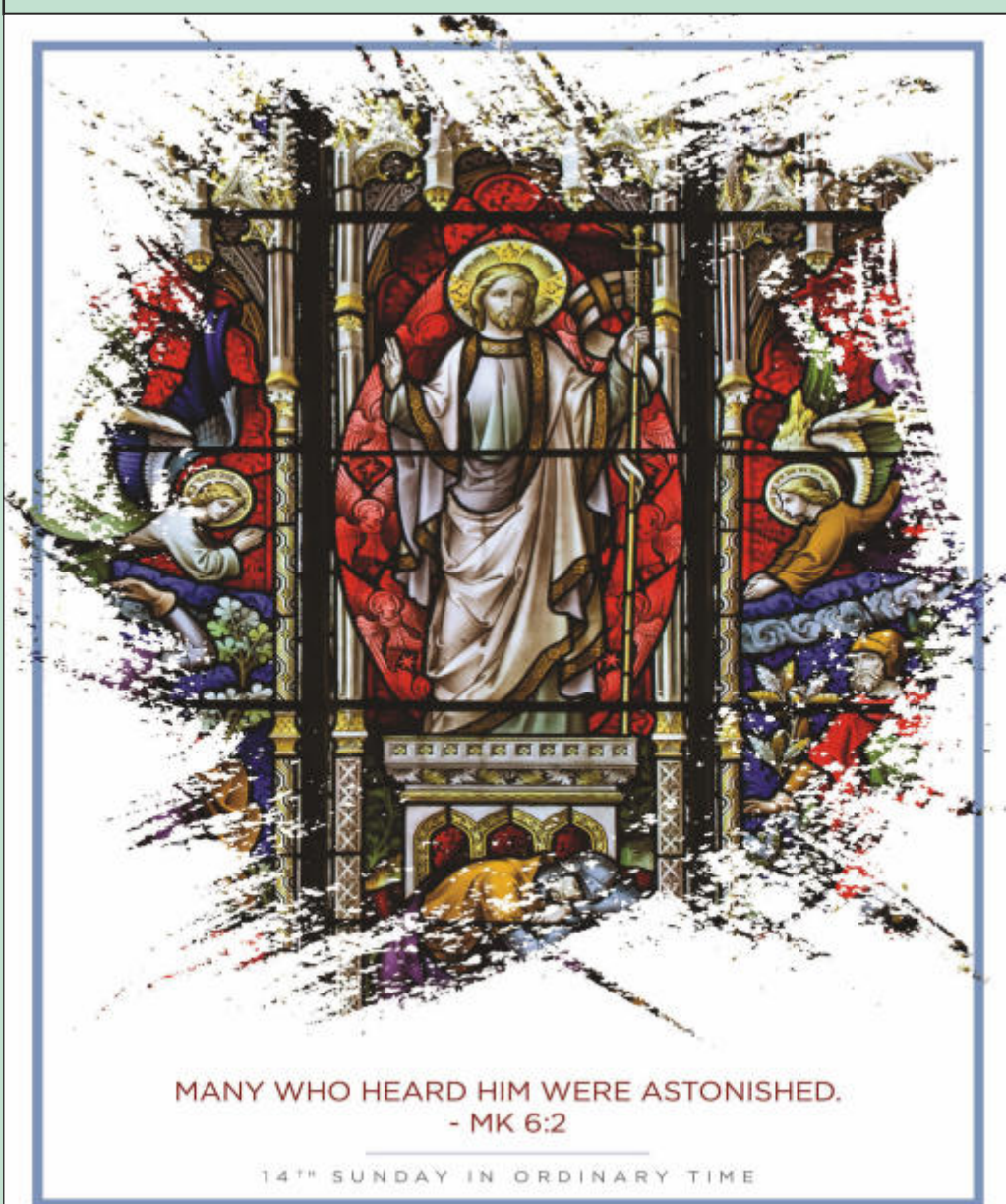
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to build up the Kingdom of God by offering ourselves with Jesus for the true good of every person.



MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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., Jul. 3 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Mary Zimmerman by Terry & Janice Frederick
5:00 PM +Helen Smith by Husband Clarence Smith

Sun., Jul. 4 *Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Marilee Butler by Family
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

Mon., Jul. 5 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Agnes C. Lesko by Son

Tue., Jul. 6 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Sue Baird by Ed, Karen, Megan & Erik

Wed., Jul. 7 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Robert Larko by Wife, Children, & Grandchildren

Thu., Jul. 8 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Joseph Yasher by Children & Grandchildren

Fri., Jul. 9 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Steve Makar by Pauline Kuhar

Sat., Jul. 10 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Catherine Lawrence by Kathy Miscovich & Larry Miller
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sun., Jul. 11 *Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Frank Tracy by Children & Grandchildren
11:00 AM +Steven Sosko by Dorothy Bishop Boldy

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 3, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers D. Mizikar
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, July 4, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... M. Sopko
Eucharistic Ministers H. Szewczyk
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Sunday, July 4, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... M. D'Amico
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart
Altar Server R. Mizikar

Saturday, July 10, 2021~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers C. Kelly
Altar Server R. Mizikar

Sunday, July 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... M. Sopko
Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson
Altar Server T. Jackson

Sunday, July 11, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... J. Scekeres
Eucharistic Ministers R. Obusek
Altar Server D. Reese

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

June 26-27: Adults: \$3244.00; Loose: \$500.00; Parish Endowment: \$4.00; Candles: \$150.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$30.00; Peter's Pence: \$123.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00; Catholic Accent: \$20.00; Missions: \$10.00. **TOTAL: \$4086.00.**

God Bless you!



Sanctuary Light

In Memory of
Andrew & LaVerne Klejka
By: Paul Klejka

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
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The Parish office will be closed

Monday, July 5, 2021

In observance of Independence Day



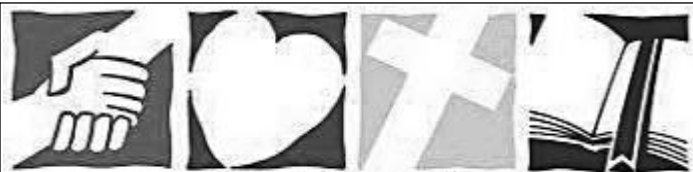
Elementary Teacher Opening

Verna Montessori School in Mount Pleasant, PA is seeking a teacher for our upper elementary classroom (children 9-12 years of age) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Verna Montessori School has provided a private, religious Montessori education to children in the Fayette and Westmoreland Counties since 1969. Presently, our school serves children ages 3 to 14.

VMS is looking for an individual who has a valid Pennsylvania certificate in education and necessary background clearances. Applicants who apply must have excellent oral and written communication skills and proficient computer competencies.

Please contact Mrs. Cindy Copeland by phone (724-887-8810 extension 104) or email mrs.copeland@vernamentessorischool.org, if interested.



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, July 8 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

"It is precisely the intrepid faith of St. Joseph that the Church needs today in order to courageously dedicate herself to the urgent task of the new evangelization."

— St. John Paul II

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!

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.

Len	Louise	Sarah	Barbara	Lois
Charles	Liz	Diane	Anthony	Justin
Sharon	Barb	Ruth	Jeremy	Avis
Jeff	Doug	Fred	Louise	Len
Anthony	Janice	Maggie	Andrew	Eric
Faye	Jane	Trish	Marie	Ron
Bucky	Barb	Ruth	Jack	Karen
Paul	Ron	Anna	Hudson	Phil

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.

VIRTUS/MANDATED REPORTING TRAINING

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
FROM 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

For all new volunteers in need of receiving the necessary training as required for all "Ministers" who serve in our churches throughout our Diocese.

Refreshments will be provided.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OR FAITH FORMATION OFFICE BY AUGUST 8, 2021. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2021. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends **should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition.** Ideally, the Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Even though circumstances may not permit participation in this Mass, all couples who are registered will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

←Connections→
by Joe Lesko

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Book of Ezekiel is called a major work because of its length. Ezekiel, the writer, is also listed as a major prophet. He is one of the four so called major prophets. The others are Isaiah, Jeremiah, and David. Isaiah is classified as the greatest because his name is placed on the longest of the prophetic books in the Old Testament. Each of these is placed in chronological order in Catholic Bibles today. The Talmud speaks of an earlier order in which Jeremiah is put first and Isaiah is placed last. Biblical authorities summarize Jeremiah as all doom; Ezekiel as doom followed with consolation; and Isaiah as total consolation. This order moves from despair to hope for God's chosen people.

Most of the Book of Ezekiel takes place during 593 to 586 B.C. during the reign of Zedekiah and the period of devastation that follows the fall of Jerusalem. The passage for today occurs early in Ezekiel's tenure as prophet. The reading begins with the prophet speaking to acknowledge the spirit entering his being for his prophetic task. God is giving him the strength which will be needed to deliver His words. The prophet could not endure a direct experience of God; therefore the bridge is necessary to make a divine empowerment.

The second verse uses the name "Son of Man." The is not a messianic connotation here. Man who is mortal flesh is contrasted to God who is an immortal Spirit. They differ in substance, but alike in form.

The concluding verses announce God's charge to Ezekiel to speak His words to a people so hardened in disobedience that they do not heed any divine message. They will see him, Ezekiel, as a deadly enemy. Moses and Jeremiah had faced the same challenges that will confront him. As before with other prophets, the people will ignore his words, but he is divinely ordered to deliver the harsh realities that can not be ignored.

Mark reports an account that appears early in Jesus' public ministry in Galilee, which is His hometown. He receives rejection from His own people similar to Ezekiel's rejection. The people see Jesus as one of them not as a prophet or a man of God. They judge Him as the son of Mary, a neighbor which is a way of calling Him illegitimate. Jewish lineage is through the father not the mother. They add other derisive remarks regarding His legitimacy to teach and preach as He has been doing.

Because of this negativity toward Him, Jesus performs no mighty deeds there. The previous passages just prior to this homecoming narrates the wonders and signs He has done—healings of the ill, casting out a demon, and stilling the storm. He has been cheered not jeered.

Both readings show the reactions of people to a stranger and reactions to one who is known. These episodes demonstrate the jealousy of the success of one who is known and envied for his accomplishment and the difficulty to accept anyone who succeeds in spite of similar backgrounds.

Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing set for Aug. 6

Catholic Charities will host its 19th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing Friday, Aug. 6 at Ligonier Country Club. There will be a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The event will include skill prizes, theme holes, dinner and awards. For registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org. For questions, contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840, ext. 1504.

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 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 JULY WE ARE COLLECTING VEGGIES AND FRUIT:

Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, applesauce 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***

***Please RSVP by returning the flyer in last week's bulletin
or contact the Rectory or Faith Formation Office.***

***A PLANNING MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR
THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JULY
24 AT 10:00 AM IN THE SOCIAL HALL.***

MASS ATTENDANCE for June 26-27: 5:00 PM (76), 9:00 am (78) 11:00 am (88) for a total of 242. This is 78% of the pre-pandemic attendance (310), however the 11 am Mass attendance was inflated by a Baptism taking place immediately afterwards. Thank you for 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 this Wednesday and on the first Wednesday of each month during this Holy Year in honor of St. Joseph.

REBUILDING AS COVID RECEDES

Liturgical ministers who have been sidelined by COVID are asked to return to 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. *The next update and training session will be this Monday, July 5th, at 6:00 for Weekday and Sunday Servers (children, youths & adults), 7:00 pm for Lectors, and 7:30 p.m. for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.* Attendance is optional for those who have been taking assignments during the pandemic.

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.

THE ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK (EWTN) provides high-quality, solid Catholic programming 24/7 for ongoing faith formation through Scripture study and Church teaching, inspirational stories, prayer, news and commentary, and much more. Be sure to check it out. (Channel 8 on Citizens Cable). A favorite of many is *The Journey Home* on Mondays at 8 pm. The host is a former Presbyterian minister who has guests from all backgrounds who in seeking the Truth have become Catholics with great conviction. **WE ARE ONE BODY (WAOB) RADIO** also provides solid Catholic programming 24/7. Tune in to 106.7 FM while you're driving.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION can help to perfect us in love as we give ourselves more completely to the Father's will with Jesus. Consider what Jesus said to a certain Benedictine monk via locution: *"Souls are perfected in love....by a total adhesion to My will, and by a real death to all that is not My will....Tell Me, then, that what I will, you will. Tell me that all that is outside of My will for you is so much rubbish. Ask me to cleanse your life of the accumulated rubbish of so many years. Ask me to make you clean of heart and poor in spirit. Seek nothing apart from what My Heart desires you to have. Ask only for what My Heart desires to give you. Therein lies your peace. Therein lies your joy. Therein lies salvation and glory."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 171) For June 22-23, the following hours had only one adorer: **2 PM, 3 PM, 1 am, and 2 am.** Thank you! At least two adorers should be present for each hour. *If no one shows up after you, 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!

Today we will welcome

**Emma Jean Beers
and
Xochitl Laura Stell**



Into the church through Baptism following the 11:00 am Mass.

The Beers and Stell families would like to invite any parishioners who would like to stay and join them for this Celebration.

ALTAR FLOWERS
are presented this week
In Memory of

Jim & Betty Takitch
By: *Mary Ellen Sopko*

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.

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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.