



# St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania  
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 (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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Pastoral Emergencies: 412-582-0425  
Catechesis, Faith Formation  
& Evangelization (CFFE)  
Office: 724-423-5087  
Preschool: 724-423-4437  
Social Hall: 724-423-9008  
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724-205-4406

### Staff

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

### Pastoral Council

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### Finance Council

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11, 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.*



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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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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. 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

**Mon., Jul. 12** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Verna & Joseph Spirko by Joanne & John Boggess

**Tue., Jul. 13** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Linda Sosko by Terry Sosko

**Wed., Jul. 14** *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*  
8:00 AM +Rose Hollis by Wayne & Dorothy Hill

**Thu., Jul. 15** *St. Bonaventure*  
8:00 AM +Catherine Lawrence by Bernard Denis Family

**Fri., Jul. 16** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Joseph Jr. & Mary Sedlak

**Sat., Jul. 17** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Conrad Papier by Connie & Buck  
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

**Sun., Jul. 18** *Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
9:00 AM +Cornelius Schachte by John & Deb Wilson  
11:00 AM The Holoman Family by Mike Quinn

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**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

**Saturday, July 17, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM**

Lector..... M Sopko  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... M. Ceroni  
Altar Server ..... R. Mizikar

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM**


Lector..... C. Stercho  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... H. Szweczyk  
Altar Server ..... T. Jackson

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM**

Lector..... Joel Scekeres  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... W. Bossart  
Altar Server ..... J. Mizikar

**ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:**  
Due to an early bulletin deadline, last week's offertory donations will be reported in next week's bulletin.

**Readings for the week of July 11, 2021**  
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  
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21  
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/  
Mk 6:30-34  
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**THIS WEEK**  
Catholic Daughters of America Tuesday, 1:00 PM

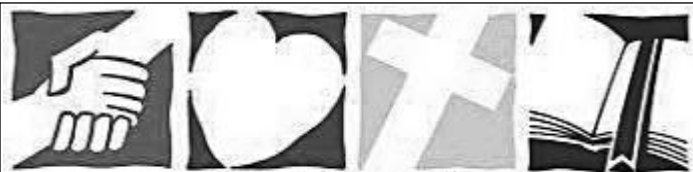
**Elementary Teacher Opening**

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](mailto: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 15 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.

***"When we receive Holy Communion, let us consider that Jesus comes to us as a little baby and then let us pray that St. Joseph helps us welcome him, as when he held him in his arms."***

— St. Joseph Morello

## 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.

Fred	Louise	Len	Anthony	Janice
Maggie	Andrew	Eric	Faye	Jane
Trish	Marie	Ron	Bucky	Barb
Ruth	Jack	Karen	Paul	Ron
Anna	Hudson	Phil	Doug	Gene
Fred	Carol	John	Robert	David

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

Because of an earlier bulletin deadline for the week, all names may not be printed. Please note though that the intentions requested are still being prayed for by those who share in this ministry

**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.

## 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](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org). For questions, contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840, ext. 1504.

## 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 personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

## **←Connections→**

*by Joe Lesko*

### ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

The passages for this day narrate events of those who leave their homeland to be emissaries of God's words. Amos is a reluctant prophet who is rejected and ordered back to his homeland. Jesus as preached, taught and performed acts that only a man of God could perform. All that he has said and all that He has done have been models for His disciples. Jesus sends them out on missions in pairs of to duplicate what He has been doing to teach the people repentance as a means of salvation. These disciples are the primary receivers of His modeling.

Amos has continuously reminded the people that the Lord has acknowledged Israel as His covenant people, but they have abused the privileges that come with the agreement. This ignoring the statues brings punishments and curses. Amos directs God's charges primarily at the leadership of Bethel, specifically at the king, the priests, and the upper class, however the approaching judgment will affect the entire nation because Israel has a common destiny.

In previous verses of this passage, the priest of Bethel has messaged Jeroboan that reports what Amos has declared. Jeroboan will surely die by the sword and Israel will be sent into exile. Amaziah, a priest of Bethel and not of the Lord, has charged Amos to leave Bethel for he is a Judiate. Bethel is a of the northern kingdom and an official sanctuary with immunity as a place of holiness under the protection of the king. Amaziah calls Amos a visionary which is a contemptuous name for a prophet. He orders Amos to leave to return to Judea. He is charged with interfering with Israel religious and political affairs.

Amos defends himself by asserting that he is a shepherd and not a true prophet. God has chosen him and he has no official training other than God's command to him.

Jesus send His apostles two by two is not just for their safety but two witnesses are needed in any life or death situation. Jesus gives advice for all situations they may encounter. In addition they have witnessed all that Jesus has taught and accomplished. They are sent with the authority of Jesus which is the same as being sent or authorized by God.

Much like last Sunday contrasts are heard one with failure and one with success. Both can be seen as life preparations. In spite of God's help, adversaries are ever present and man must be prepared to recognize and to face them with the graces that God may give.

### **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!**

## **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!

## **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** has been climbing back! Thank you for returning *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 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 last of three update and training sessions will be Monday, August 2, 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.

Read Fr. John's Homily at [www.saintflorian.org](http://www.saintflorian.org) under the "Parish Life" tab.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** can help to unite our bishops in teaching and courageously defending the truths of our Catholic faith. Consider these words of Jesus communicated to a certain Benedictine monk via locution: *"I have not set bishops over My flock to govern, to teach, and to sanctify out of their personal abilities and by making use of the wisdom of this passing world. I have set them as lights upon a lampstand to shine in every dark place, and I have equipped them with supernatural gifts and divine power to accomplish that for which I chose them and set them over My Church. Woe to those bishops who trust purely in human solutions to the problems that beset My Church! They will be grievously disappointed, and many souls will fall away because they have neglected to take up the supernatural weapons I have prepared for them in this time of spiritual combat. My presence in the Blessed Sacrament preached, And confessed, and surrounded by adoration, love, and heartfelt reparation is the single greatest remedy for the evils that afflict My Church and for the sorrows that weigh so heavily upon My priests."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 170) For June 22-23, the following hours had only one adorers: **10 am, 2 PM, 1 am, 2 am and 4 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!



With joyful hearts we welcome

**Emma Jean Beers  
and  
Xochitl Laura Stell**

Who was baptized into our church last week.  
Congratulations to the Beers and Stell Families!

### 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

**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.