



St. Florian Parish



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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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FAX: 724-423-4438
Pastoral Emergencies: 412-582-0425
Catechesis, Faith Formation
& Evangelization (CFFE)
Office: 724-423-5087
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 Hiram
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
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Tammy Sofranko*
Don Scekeres

Finance Council

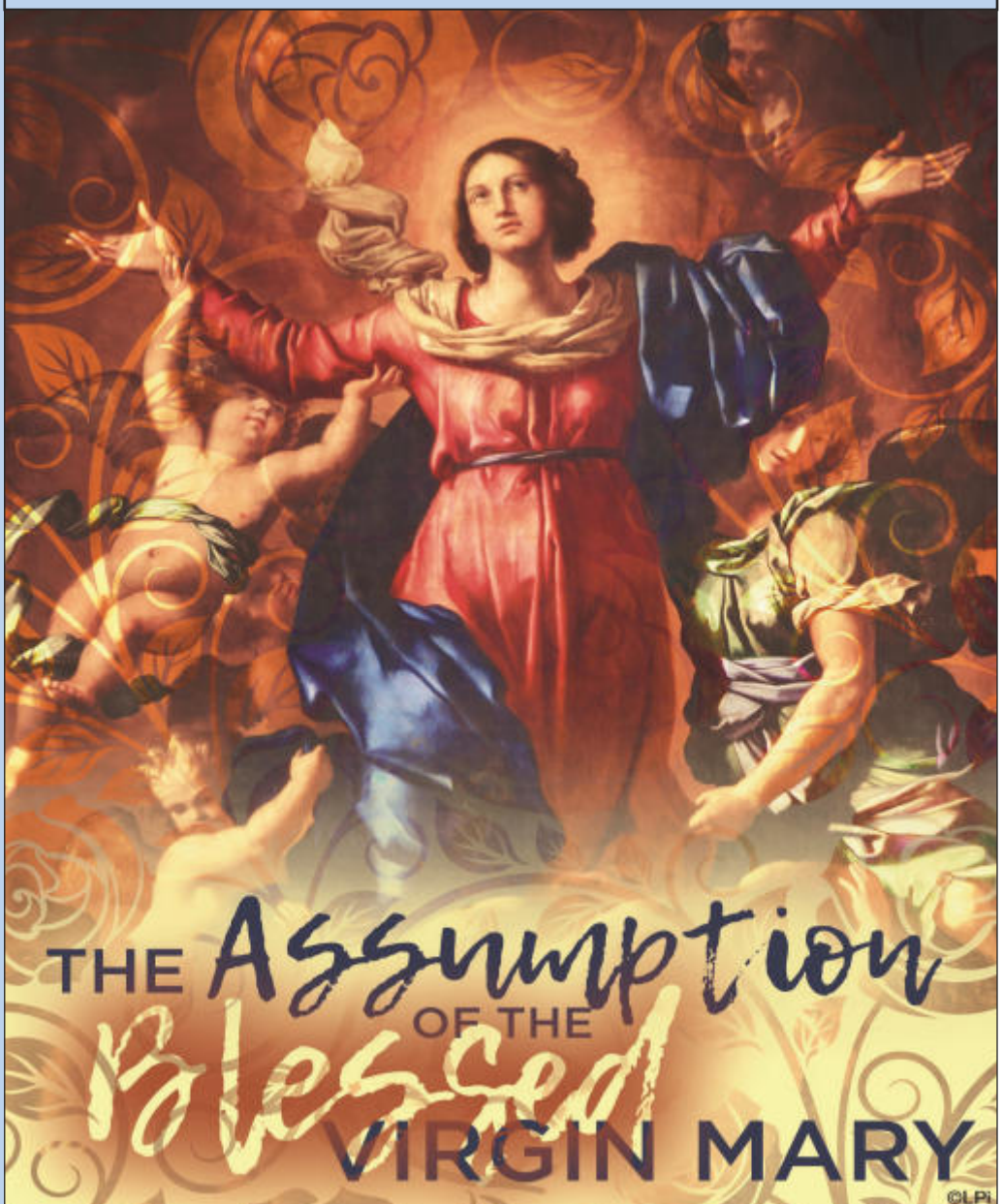
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Stephanie Soflak
David Lazor*
*Chair
Kathy Sobinsky
Jerry Yasher
Mark D'Amico

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, 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.*



THE Assumption
OF THE
Blessed
VIRGIN MARY

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EUCHARISTIC SELF-OFFERING PRAYER

I am all Yours, O most loving Jesus, through Mary, Your Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS
(Request Form on back of bulletin)

- Sat., Aug. 14** *St. Maximilian Kolbe*
8:00 AM +Emil Lucas by Joe & Rosemary Kennedy
5:00 PM For the Parishioners
- Sun., Aug. 15** *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00 AM +Steve Makar by Brian & Wendy Koch & Family
11:00 AM +George Sr. & Bob Lawrence by Family
- Mon., Aug. 16** *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Mom, Dad and Denny Moczydlowsky by Family
- Tue., Aug. 17** *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Ignatius Pianko by Ginny Trout & Family
- Wed., Aug. 18** *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Linda Sosko by Loretta Culver, Michele & Jeff Lipuma
- Thu., Aug. 19** *Weekday*
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the St. Florian Altar Society
- Fri., Aug. 20** *St. Bernard*
8:00 AM +Helen Kissell by Dennis & Connie Baluh
- Sat., Aug. 21** *St. Pius*
8:00 AM +Paul Nemeth by Terry & Janice Frederick
5:00 PM +Ann & Joe Bossick by Daughter
- Sun., Aug. 22** *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:00 AM +Richard Klimchock by Marge and Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers M. Ceroni
Altar Server R. Mizikar

Sunday, August 15, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

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

Sunday, August 15, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... M. D'Amico
Eucharistic Ministers R. Obusek
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Saturday, August 21, 2021~ 5:00 PM

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

Sunday, August 22, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers B. Obusek
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Sunday, August 22, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... J. Scekerez
Eucharistic Ministers C. Gricheck
Altar Server D. Reese

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:


August 7-8: Adults: \$7039.00; Loose: \$234.00; Parish Endowment: \$100.00; Candles: \$184.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$15.00; Catholic Accent: \$23.00; Assumption: \$15.00; Catholic University: \$10.00. **TOTAL: \$7,620.00.**
God Bless you!

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021
Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
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ALTAR FLOWERS
are presented this week
In Honor of
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50th Wedding Anniversary




Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
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The Parish office will be closed, Monday, August 16th
in observance of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

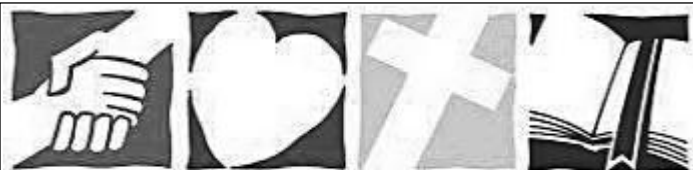
During the summer, we are looking for individuals who may be interested in joining the Catholic Faith at the 2022 Easter Vigil.

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.



Prayers for **Peter Dreistadt** who died recently. May we continue to pray for him and his family during this time of sorrow.



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News for the 2021-22 School Term

At this time, we are planning for "on-site" catechesis for ALL aspects of our Parish Faith Formation Program. A few important dates to keep in mind:

CONFIRMATION NEWS FOR THOSE IN GRADE 8 WHO WILL BE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR:

Information Meeting with Mr. Lesko and Dr. Dreliszak will take place on **Sunday, August 15 from 10:00 – 10:50** in the Social Hall

Initial Meeting with Fr. John – **Sunday, August 15 from Noon – 1:30 pm**

***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FOR MEETING WITH FR. JOHN ***

Each candidate and at least one parent are to be present!

FIRST FORMATION CLASS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:00 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED IN THE COMING WEEKS!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Catechist In-Service for the 2021-22 Year

will be offered on **Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 – 10:30 OR Sunday, August 29 from noon – 1:30 pm**. Catechists for our Elementary Faith Program only need to attend one of the meeting times.

Many thanks for sharing in this important ministry.

St. Florian Preschool

Now registering for the 2020-2021 School Year. Classes offered for 3 and 4 year olds. Half-day and Full-day options. Contact the Preschool at 724-423-4437 for more information.



Toys Needed For Preschool

The daily sanitizing of toys in our preschool has caused the need to replace many of our plastic toys. If you have any of these items that you would be able to donate, please contact the preschool to arrange a drop off time.

- ** Small Legos
- ** Potato Head Pieces
- ** Small toys, figures, animals that will fit into pencil boxes.

THANK YOU!

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.

"We wonder why the Gospel makes so little mention of St. Joseph. But did it not say everything when it taught us that he was the husband of Mary?"

— **Blessed William Joseph Chaminade**

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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.

Louise	Lois	Molly	Lorraine	Pat
Pete	Tina	Beth Ann	Ron	Tom
Leann	Anna	Dennis	Jeanne	Pete
Eric	Ron	Greg	Barbara	Fred
Milly	Kate	Ryan	Charlotte	Lacy
Joan	Jane	John	Dave	Rob
Paul	Dan	Norma	Joel	Fred
Barbara	Molly	Kate	Barb	Kim
Paula	Ron	Anna	Karen	Bill
Hudson	Tom	Shane	Fr. John Moineau	
Mahlon	Jeremy	Pete	Eric	Jean
Ron				

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!

We are looking for additional individuals to help in this special Prayer Ministry. You need not be a member of the parish to join. Names and intentions are shared on a weekly basis and are received by phone or email. A great way to pray for the needs of others. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested. All are Welcome!

←Connections→

by Joe Lesko

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The opening passion for this Sunday is from the Book of Revelation. John's use of symbols and figurative language makes it difficult for the ordinary person to discern his message. In this passage John is explaining a vision of the war that exists between God and Satan. The vision is a prophecy of God' plan an to achieve his inheritance of eternal salvation. The opening scene is the revelation that the arc of the covenant still exists and is clear for all to to see. This is the original arc, the one from Sinai that God and Moses created to the tablets of the Covenant. When the Temple was destroyed in 587 B.C. the arc was hidden by the prophet Jeremiah. The arc and its artifacts of the Temple will be seen when God brings the people together to show His mercy.

The natural happenings associated with cosmic activity suggest that John is experiencing a theophany, a manifestation of God.

The scene of a woman and a dragon may signify Mary or the Israelites, while the dragon is Satan. Mary is ready to give birth to the Messiah just like Jesus bringing salvation to the Father's people. Satan readies himself to destroy the force to rid the world of God's plan. God is ready with the one who destroy Satan through the passion death and resurrection of His Son Jesus

The Book of Isaiah and the Psalms express that a king who is God's Son and who will rule with an rod will thwart all of Satan's attempts for. The concluding verse declares the victory of the Son as originally planned by God.

Luke narrates a visit by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, who also is pregnant . Her baby is to be named John as deemed by God through an angel to the father Zechariah. Mary has come to help her aged cousin. Both the mother and the child in her womb give signs of recognition to who the child in Mary's womb, for they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth is so overwhelmed that she offers blessings three times. Both Mothers-to-be have experienced the gift that God gives to those with faithful service to Him. These gifts are a reminder that the Lord had promised Abraham his children for ever. Both passes give the primal persons who will complete God's plan for man to achieve his inheritance of eternal salvation.

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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In Honor of: _____

Requested date for flowers: _____

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

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS



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

IN AUGUST WE ARE COLLECTING BREAKFAST FOODS:
Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, 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.

The Accent On-Air premieres Aug. 22

"The Accent On-Air: Grow in the Lord," a television show produced by the Diocese of Greensburg, will air on WTAE Channel 4 at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29. The episode features Bishop Larry J. Kulick in his garden talking about planting the seeds of faith in our young people and what it means for all vocations, especially future priests; Father E. George Saletrik talking about "praying it forward" after he received special support as a seminarian; and a local dance teacher shot by a mass shooter in Las Vegas discussing how her faith helped her survive. You can also watch online at TheAccentOnline.org.

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.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS RESUMES TODAY (August 15th) for Catholics in the Greensburg Diocese and throughout Pennsylvania. May this blessed obligation be fulfilled with gratitude and trust in the Lord, along with prudence when it comes to COVID or other health issues. SEE THE SUPPLEMENT WITH TODAY'S BULLETIN for the new Diocesan Guidelines for COVID mitigation. Also, remember that Fr. John has resumed monthly visits for those unable to get to Mass. Call the parish office to be included.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 7-8 was: 5:00 PM (63), 9:00 am (92), and 11:00 am (93) for a total of 248. This is 80% of the pre-pandemic attendance (310).

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

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS ON-GOING WEEKLY SUPPORT of St. Florian Parish as COVID-19 recedes. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your families and our Parish Family as well!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. FLORIAN IN YOUR WILL. A bequest to our parish endowment fund will be a gift that supports St. Florian's in perpetuity. Please consider bequeathing 5% of your residual liquid assets to our parish or cemeteries. Thank you so much!



DURING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, when we pray for others, we should keep in mind these words of our Lord communicated to a certain Benedictine monk via locution: *"When you intercede for another, do so with boundless confidence in My love for that soul. At the same time, relinquish every desire to see the outcome of your intercession as you would imagine or desire it to be. Allow Me to receive your prayer and to respond to it in ways corresponding to My infinite wisdom, to My love, and to My perfect will for the person you bring before My Eucharistic Face. Do not come to me with solutions; come to Me only with your problems, and all Me to provide the solutions."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 182) For August 3-4, the following hours had only one adorer: **9 am, 10 am, 11 am (no one signed in), 12 Noon, 3 PM (no one signed in), 2 am, and 3 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!

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

*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

Stubs may be returned in the collection or dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the locked mailbox near the office door.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors for this ticket:
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*Please contact Dr. Drelisak if you have any questions.
Thank You for your support of this necessary fund-raiser to benefit our parish!*

If you are unable to sell or purchase tickets you picked up, please return to the Rectory Office. We will soon be putting additional requests for tickets on a WAITING LIST!

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 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.