



St. Florian Parish



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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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www.saintflorian.org

Phone Numbers

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FAX: 724-423-4438
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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 Hidak
Preschool Aides: Mandy Kelly
Diane Kauffman
Music Director: Steven Makar
Parish Secretary
and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council

Terry Foriska
Nicole Stull
Dave Shimko
*Recorder
Tammy Sofranko*
Don Scekeres

Finance Council

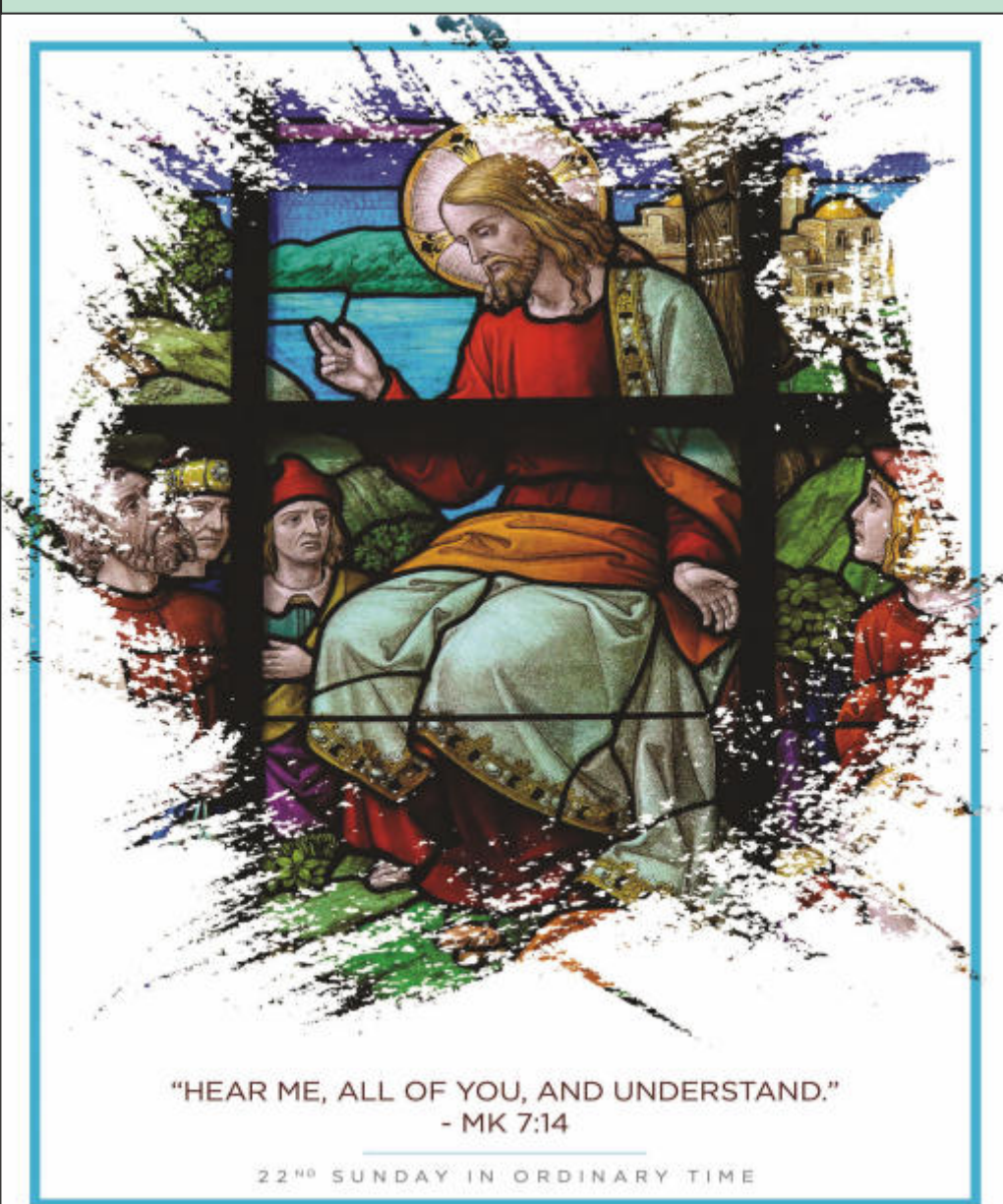
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Stephanie Soflak
David Lazor*
*Chair
Kathy Sobinsky
Jerry Yasher
Mark D'Amico

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 29, 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.*



"HEAR ME, ALL OF YOU, AND UNDERSTAND."
- MK 7:14

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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. 28 *St. Augustine*
8:00 AM +Mary Ann Y. Sopko by Mary Ellen Sopko
5:00 PM +Marilee Butler by Family

Sun., Aug. 29 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:00 AM +Carl Nagy by Pendrick Family

Mon., Aug. 30 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Lillyan & Chauncy McCann by Family

Tue., Aug. 31 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Helen Jackson by Terry & Sharyn Jackson

Wed., Sept. 1 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Steve and Stephanie Ungvarsky by Family

Thu., Sept. 2 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Janice Racan by Joan Moore

Fri., Sept. 3 *St. Gregory the Great*
8:00 AM +Linda Sosko by Gene & Nancy Sosko

Sat., Sept. 4 *Weekday*
8:00 AM Betty Sue and Paul Mondock,
60th Wedding Anniversary, by Family
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sun., Sept. 5 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Tracy & Tomechko Families
11:00 AM +Rudy Kovacina Sr. by Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 28, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers M. Ceroni
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, August 29, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... C. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers H. Szweczyk
Altar Server R. Mizikar

Sunday, August 29, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..... M. D'Amico
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart
Altar Server T. Jackson

Saturday, September 4, 2021~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers D. Mizikar
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... M. Monticue
Eucharistic Ministers L. Shearer
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..... L. Yanetsky
Eucharistic Ministers C. Gricheck
Altar Server A. Kelly

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:

August 21-22: Adults: \$4261.40; Loose: \$102.00; Candles: \$146.25; Parish Endowment: \$20.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$35.00; Catholic Accent: \$10.00; Assumption: \$97.00; Catholic University: \$31.00. **TOTAL: \$4,702.65.**
God Bless you!

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
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Financial Report for July 2021

	Income	Expenses
Ordinary	23,331.47	24,605.01
Extraordinary	6,647.66 *	2,794.12 **
Other		
DLA Refund	1,171.58	
Parish Endowment	311.00	311.00
Catholic Accent	185.00	
Religious Ed Tuition	15.00	
Second Collections		
Communications	5.00	5.00
DLA	40.00	40.00
Peter's Pence	5.00	5.00
Missions	100.00	100.00
Catholic University	10.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$31,821.71	\$27,755.13

*Extraordinary Income includes \$5280.00 in Ticket income; (\$244.70) in Picnic Expense, (\$299.00) in Oplatki Expense, \$1860 in outside donations, \$50 in Social Hall Rentals, and \$1.36 in interest.

**Extraordinary Expenses includes \$2794.12 in loan payments

Operating Surplus / (Deficit) (1,273.54)
Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) 4,066.58

St. Vincent de Paul Donations for July 2021: \$791.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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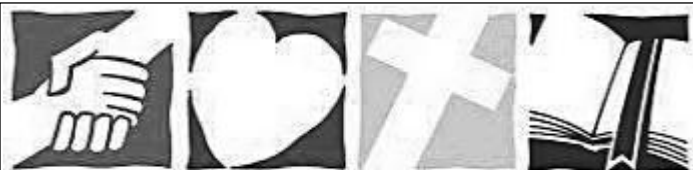
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ALTAR FLOWERS
are presented this week
In Memory of

Mary Ann Sopko
By: Mary Ellen Sopko



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In Memory of
Steve Makar
By: Family



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:

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

Registration forms have been sent electronically. If you have a child from Kindergarten – Grade 7 and have not received one, please contact the parish office.

First Confession Preparation

Important information meeting for parents in Grade 2 with Children preparing for First Confession is set for **Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 –10:30 am** with Fr. John. Children need not attend but at least one parent of each child should be present.

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS DIOCESAN POLICY THAT CHILDREN ARE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF FAITH FORMATION BEFORE BEGINNING TO PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFESSION AND FIRST EUCHARIST.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Sharing: Sunday Morning Faith Sharing for Adults will begin on **Sunday, September 12 from 10:00 – 10:50 am**. The group this year will focus on the Life of St. Joseph. Contact Dr. Dreliszak for more information

Book Club: Fall Book Club resumes on **Thursday, September 2 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm** in the Faith Formation Building. We will be reading the thoughts of Mother Angelica concerning Jesus and His Mother Mary. Please contact the Faith Formation Building for more information. Those unable to attend, may also purchase the book for individual use.

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.



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.

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.

“St. Joseph teaches us that prudence is correct knowledge about things to be done or, more broadly the knowledge of things that ought to be done and of things that should be avoided.”

— *Servant of God John Hardon*

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.

Milly	Fred	Barbara	Michael	Tom
Jeanne	Greg	Fr. Gerge	Leslie	Chuck
Jim	Ida	Chuck	Jeanne	Addie
Brandon	Barb	Mike	Mia	Ryan
Charlotte	Joan	Blanche	Len	Fred
Brandon	Louise	Isaiah	Milly	Kate
Eric	Danny	Danielle	Fr. John Moineau	

Those suffering in Haiti and Afganistan
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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background God has ordered Moses, now close to death, to reproclaim the Law that he receive on Mount Sinai. The people are gathered on the plain of Moab just prior to entering the promised land. Moses repeat the elements to a new generation of Israelites who were under the age of twenty when the exodus began. By this restatement of the Law, God is reminding them that the covenant is constituted for all generations for it is an eternal covenant. There is nothing is here with a few restriction being eased.

The opening verse uses a standard liturgical address called a shema, meaning "hear" and "statues", meaning a positive decree of law and decreases a judicial decision as a basis for law. Moses is first a teacher and is presenting an instruction on the absolute adherence to the law as a necessary and essential condition for the possession of the promised land, for Canaan is a strong source of temptation. The land is already occupied by people who honor and glorify baals as their gods. He is asserting that no change can be made to the Commandments of absolute obligation in the covenant. The Book of Revelation 22:18-19 states a similar prohibition which is sometimes used by fundamentalist Protestations to attack Catholic traditions such as perpetual virginity of Mary and her assumption which are not based on Scripture. That ban applies to the Book of Revelation only. If this new ban were more far reaching, the Bible would end here and there would no books of the prophets and the New Testament.

The total decrees to the Law is wisdom itself which became identified with the law found in the Book of Sirach 24 and Proverbs 8:22-36. Moses is proclaiming a theology of the bond through the Ark of the Covenant between God who has created with His chosen people an intimate relationship. The Ark is also the political center for His people. The last verse is a tribute to the covenant. Moses has expressed a theology of the God who is near and connected through the Ark and His center of His actual presence with His people.

Mark's Gospel begins by introducing the Pharisees who represent the official attitude of the prominent leaders of the Israelites. They consider themselves to be superior to others and follow a life which is perfection. They accost Jesus for his disciples not having washed their hands before eating. This custom of washing has religious significance. It is a rite of purification as a symbol of the moral purity a person should have done when approaching God. The Pharisees have focused on the mere external action and not on the religious aspect. Jesus restores the true meaning of the Law whose purpose is to teach the proper way to give homage to God above superficial actions.

Jesus further berates the Pharisees instead of an answer to their complaint. He states, "What comes from the things of the heart defiles." He continue with a list of sins, really actions that come from within a person. The concluding verse summarizes His message, for He repeats what He has said of defilement or sins for they emanate from "within."

The readings for today stem from the Law for the specified behaviors are based on wisdom to live in a society of God's love and the love one must render to his neighbor.

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!

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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

PLEASE NOTE THAT STUBS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE THE LOTTERY DRAWING IN ORDER FOR WINNING TICKETS TO QUALIFY FOR THE DAILY PRIZE.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE GRANTED

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!*

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IS IN EFFECT 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.

MASS ATTENDANCE for August 21-22 was: 5:00 PM (71), 9:00 am (92), and 11:00 am (73) for a total of 236. This is 76% of the pre-pandemic attendance (310) and a good start to our return to obligatory Mass participation. May we encourage one another in getting back to Mass.

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.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME to inquire about the possibility of becoming a Catholic! A small group of interested persons is beginning to form. The process, called *the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*, is expected to get underway before the end of September. Just call the Parish Office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Monday, August 30th at 7 PM in the Rectory.

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is a time to make special requests of the Lord and to learn to trust that the outcome will be for the greatest good. Our Lord assured a certain Benedictine monk of this via locution: *"When you ask, do so with complete abandonment to My wisdom, My love, and My perfect will. Pray in this way, and you will begin to see wonders surpassing all that you can imagine."* (In *Sinu Jesu* p. 183) For August 17-18 the following hours had only one adorers: **10 am, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 11 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!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following who are Celebrating their Special Day in August:

1 – Jean Davis
5 – Zachary D'Amico
6 – Al Martinoski
11 – Lenore Rollinson
13 – Cyprian Kurilla
15 – Sandy Hoffer
19 – Anita Foriska
22 – Jacque Premus
23 – Rose Ann Dzik
27 – Carol Ramela
27 – Hank Szewczyk
28 – Jean Domurot
28 – Sandra Tlumack
28 – Carol Zgolacsak
29 – Carol Myers
30 – Valerie Back
30 – Edwin Zylka



Please say a prayer for those listed on their birthday.

Second Collection Haiti Earthquake Recovery September 4 – 5, 2021

The USCCB has asked every diocese in the United States to take up a special collection to help the Church and the people of Haiti who were devastated by the earthquake that occurred there on August 14, 2021. This disaster has left thousands dead, wounded others, and caused catastrophic damage across one of the poorest countries in the world. Pope Francis has called us to unite with the people of Haiti saying, "May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy!"

The Diocese of Greensburg will respond to this urgent need with a special collection to support earthquake recovery on the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2021.

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 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.