



St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 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

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
(Angela)

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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 Hirak
Preschool Aides: Mandy Kelly
Diane Kauffman
Steven Makar
Music Director:
Parish Secretary
and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council

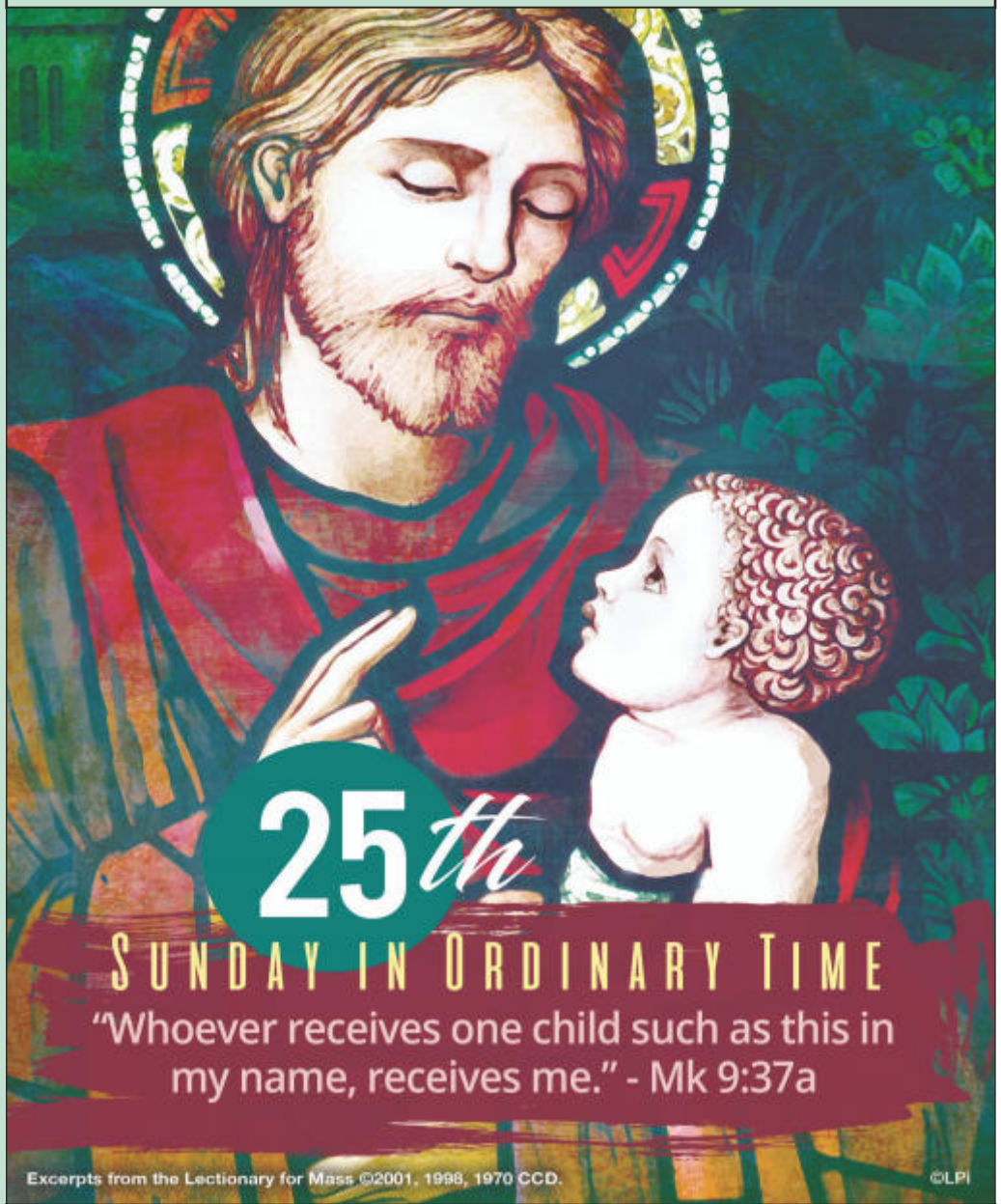
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Finance Council

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

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.



25th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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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., Sept. 18 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +William Lakin Sr. by Joanne Krynicky
5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Sun., Sept. 19 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Zusana Voytek by Joseph & Linda Voytek
11:00 AM The Holomon Family by Mike Quinn

Mon., Sept. 20 *SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang*
8:00 AM +Joseph Dlugos by Marge Appleby

Tue., Sept. 21 *St. Matthew*
8:00 AM +Robert Huffman by Wife

Wed., Sept. 22 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Joseph Sosko Jr. by Sister Genevieve & Sam Snively

Thu., Sept. 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*
8:00 AM Living and Deceased members of the
St. Florian Altar Society

Fri., Sept. 24 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Joseph Papon by Mutual Neighbors

Sat., Sept. 25 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Beatrice Solak by Robert Solak & Family
5:00 PM +Joe & Betty Tirdil by Son

Sun., Sept. 26 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Cornelius Schachte by Mr. Lazor
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 18, 2021~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Lesko
Eucharistic Ministers C. Kelly
Altar Server N. Kelly

Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... C. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers H. Szewczyk
Altar Server G. Puskar

Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..... M. D'Amico
Eucharistic Ministers B. Back
Altar Server A. Reese

Saturday, September 25, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers J. Lawrence
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, September 26, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... R. Mizikar
Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson
Altar Server T. Jackson

Sunday, September 26, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..... J. Scekeres
Eucharistic Ministers W. Bossart
Altar Server D. Reese

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:
September 4-5: Adults: \$3867.00; Loose: \$100.00; Parish Endowment: \$80.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$95.00; Catholic University: \$50.00; Christmas: \$100.00; All Saints: \$2.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$254.00; Catholic Accent: \$5.00; Haiti Hurricane Relief: \$201.00. **TOTAL: \$4,754.00.**

September 11-12: Adults: \$3650.00; Loose: \$256.00; Parish Endowment: \$45.00; Candles: \$332.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$96.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$255.00; Catholic University: \$5.00; Haiti Hurricane Relief: \$45.00; Mission Co-Op: \$130.00. **TOTAL: \$4,814.00.**

God Bless you!

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befgh, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
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In Memory of
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By Phyllis Hudak

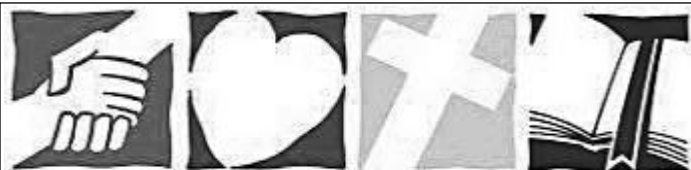
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In Memory of
Andrew Smal
By: Jim Lessick and Elizabeth Lessick
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ALTAR FLOWERS
Please use the form below to donate altar flowers. These can be in memory or honor or just because you like to see the 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.

Second Collection
Seminarian and Clergy Formatio Collection
September 25-26, 2021
Next weekend is the *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection* throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift in support of our Seminarians, men who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you, an envelope that was in the Accent magazine, a special collection envelope in your envelope set from the parish, or online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. Also, please support the seminarians and clergy of our diocese by your prayers as they *Grow in the Lord*.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDER FORM
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
Offered by: _____
Phone: _____
In Memory of: _____
In Honor of: _____
Requested date for flowers: _____
Donation \$25.00/vase (Please include payment with request.)



Faith Formation News

Faith Formation News for the 2021-22 School Term

Many thanks to those who have already registered for this year's Faith Formation Program. It is not too late to register.

K to 8th GRADE FAITH FORMATION CLASS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 6:00 — 7:15 PM
All Are Welcome!

Mark your Calendars... **Annual Blessing of Pets** will take place on Monday, October 4th in honor of the Feast of St. Francis.

The Blessing will take place outside of the Church at 6:45 pm.

If possible, participants are asked to bring items for animals that will be shared at a local animal shelter.

All Pets are Welcome!

Adult Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Sharing: Sunday Morning Faith Sharing for Adults will continue on **Sunday, September 19 from 10:00 – 10:50 am**. The group this year will focus on the Life of St. Joseph. Contact Dr. Dreliszak for more information. Not too late to join.

Book Club: Fall Book Club continues on **Thursday, September 23 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.



*Special Congratulations to
Paul and Betty Sue Mondock
who recently celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary.*



May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and give you many more years of Faith, Hope and Love!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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.

"Like St. Joseph,, let us life each day according to the dispositions of providence, doing whatever God suggests."
— **St. Joseph Marello**

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.

Millie	Scott	Eleanor	Candice	Joe
John	Dave	Rob	Ron	Milly
Kate	Fred	Zaviarna	Elizabeth	Dan
Fr. John Moineau		Karen	Bill	Ron
Paul	Anna	Mahlon	Hudson	Kim
Kelly	Audrey	Tony		

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Book of Wisdom is unique in the Bible as being the work of a Greek individual who is also a Jew and is thoroughly familiar with the culture of the Greeks. Against the backdrop of Egyptian worship of animal against Jewish trust in a God who will protect them when faced with harm, the writer uses the first part of his book, chapters 1 through 5, to such Egyptian mockery, for God has promised immortality to those who are faithful to Him. Mark's gospel connects the passage from Wisdom by presenting the second of three instructions that Jesus gives to His Apostles. If they are to follow Him, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and proceed in His steps. These Apostles are receiving these instructions with the knowledge that Jesus is the Messiah.

The author of Wisdom discusses a plan of an Egyptian who attempts to debunk the beliefs of God's people in Egypt especially those who chastize the Egyptians for their beliefs in animals as their gods. This speaker bases his plan to refute the beliefs of God's people who assert that God shall protect from "revilement and torture." This speaker's plan will test this belief of God's protection.

Mark's gospel connects the revaluation of His passion and death to the Apostles. His earthly mission will give the means of salvation who have faith and who follow a life Jesus teaches. The Apostles show little understanding to Jesus' revelation, for Mark's statement about this revelation are made clear. However this lack of clarity is deliberate to suggest that Mark is creating an increasingly negative picture of the disciples at this point.

Mark alters his topic to the service demanded of the followers of Jesus. The followers must accept becoming servants to others. This service is the key to Christian life in general. They must do as Jesus is displaying, servicing the Father's will with accepting unquestioning obedience. To display this intent to serve others, Jesus chooses a child as someone without legal status that makes the child helpless. The child can do nothing for the disciple. For a disciple to serve the child is an exemplary act to someone of total insignificance without hope of any reward for his service.

The idea forming this explanation of service to a child is the life of Jesus who has been sent by the Father to accomplish the Father's will for the salvation of all mankind to regain his inheritance of eternal life. To whoever becomes a follower of Jesus also accepts the Father who has sent His Son. For both, the sender and the sendee possess the same characteristics of caring, loving, and service.

At first, these two passages have no connection or relationship. Jesus uses the service to a child who can offer no recompense for that service as a test of belief much like the speaker in the Wisdom passage testing the Jewish belief in God who is a protector when the believer is faced with harm.

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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QUILT SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, September 25

10 am to 4 pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Free Admission, Quilt Displays and Drawing, Lunch and Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Craft Sales!

Buses planned for Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27

Pro-life supporters from across the state will gather in Harrisburg for the first Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27. The event will include a rally on the Capitol steps at 11 a.m. and the march at noon. Four buses, one from each county of the Diocese of Greensburg, are planned; there is no cost, thanks to an anonymous donor, but meals will not be provided. Seats can be reserved by contacting the following coordinators (departure and return times and additional details will be forthcoming):

- **Armstrong:** Mary Anne Galonski, 724-664-4878; bus will leave from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittinging
- **Fayette:** Chuck Kosco, 724-437-3943; bus will leave from Uniontown Mall
- **Indiana:** St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, 724-465-2210; bus will leave from the parish
- **Westmoreland:** St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, 724-863-2626; bus will leave from the parish

MASS ATTENDANCE for September 11-12 was: 5:00 PM (74), 9:00 am (72), and 11:00 am (88) for a total of 234. This is 75% of the pre-pandemic attendance (310). 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.

IMPORTANT RCIA INTRODUCTORY MEETING will be held next Sunday, September 26th, 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Anyone who may be interested in inquiring about becoming a fully initiated Catholic should attend this meeting; feel free to bring along others with you who may or may not be Catholic. Fr. John will provide an overview of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and Children), along with a tentative schedule of meetings. Members of our RCIA Team will also be present.

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, for some, is a call to be hidden as Jesus is hidden in the tabernacle under the form of bread. Consider these words of Our Lord communicated via locution to a certain Benedictine monk: *"Observe Me in the Sacrament of My love. The Sacred Host that you see is silent, still, humble, poor, and hidden. Hide yourself in Me as I am hidden in the tabernacle, and as I am hidden beneath the appearance of the Sacred Host. Outside of Me there is nothing for you, and with Me, in My presence, is all that your heart desires....How I love hidden souls! In them I see a reflection of My Mother's hiddenness, and of the hiddenness of St. Joseph...."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 186.) For September 7-8, the following hours had only one adorer: **5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM, 1 am, and 2 am.** Thank you.

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

Our recent Labor Day Ticket was a GREAT SUCCESS.
We thank all those who bought or sold this ticket.

A FINAL PROFIT REPORT WILL BE SHARED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS



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

IN SEPTEMBER WE ARE COLLECTING SOUPS:

Canned Soup, Package Soup, crackers, 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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – 2021 - "SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL WILL BE HEALED"

This weekend the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. We are blessed to have a dedicated staff of "faith-filled" adults who share their love of God with teens and adults.

We recognize that PARENTS are the first "teachers of the faith" to their children.

A Blessing for Parents and Catechists will be shared at all Masses this weekend.

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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.