



St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26, 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.

REV. JOHN A. SEDLAK

Pastor/Trust Administrator
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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)

Mailing Address

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Website

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Phone Numbers

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& Evangelization (CFFE)
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Preschool: 724-423-4437
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Staff

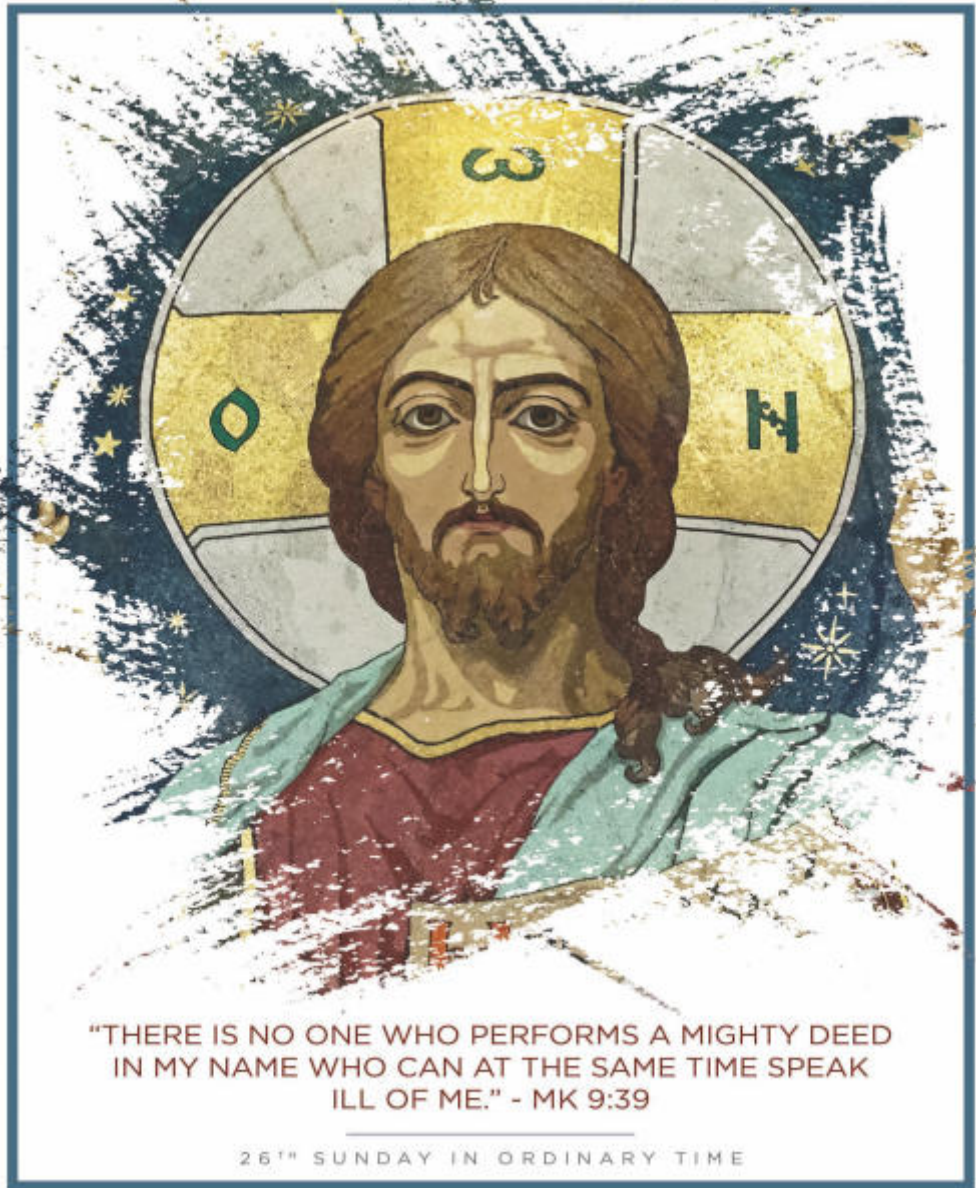
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Preschool Aides: Mandy Kelly
Diane Kauffman
Steven Makar
Music Director:
Parish Secretary
and Bookkeeper: Angela Reese

Pastoral Council

Terry Foriska Dave Shimko
Nicole Stull Don Scekeres
*Recorder

Finance Council

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



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., 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

Mon., Sept. 27 *St. Vincent de Paul*
8:00 AM Intentions of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by St. Florina SVdP Conference

Tue., Sept. 28 *Weekday*
8:00 AM +Andrew & Regina Smail by Jeanne & Ed Kovalik

Wed., Sept. 29 *SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*
8:00 AM Emma Zider, Health and Well-being

Thu., Sept. 30 *St. Jerome*
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union by Joshua Hunka & Debbie Elash

Fri., Oct. 1 *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*
8:00 AM +Sue Baird by Ed, Karen, Megan & Erik

Sat., Oct. 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*
8:00 AM +Betty Bohatch by Barb & Ed Mizikar
5:00 PM +Ron Klejka by Wife, Dolores
(50th Anniversary Remembrance)

Sun., Oct. 3 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM +Emil Lucas by Family
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:
September 18-19: Adults: \$4,110.00; Loose: \$215.00; Parish Endowment: \$10.00; Candles: \$172.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$61.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$30.00; Mission Sunday: \$20.00; Mission Co-Op: \$70.00. **TOTAL: \$4,688.00.**

God Bless you!

Financial Report for August 2021

	Income	Expenses
Ordinary	29,898.70	27,474.74
Extraordinary	12,324.27 *	19,444.12 **
Other		
DLA Refund	946.58	
Parish Endowment	276.00	276.00
JBL Reimbursement	300.00	
Catholic Accent	176.00	
Religious Ed Tuition	15.00	
Second Collections		
DLA	40.00	40.00
Mission Sunday	10.00	10.00
Catholic University	71.00	71.00
TOTAL	\$44,057.55	\$47,315.86
*Extraordinary Income includes \$12,226.00 in Ticket income; \$558.00 in picnic income, (\$738.09) in Picnic Expense, \$210 in outside donations, and \$1.36 in interest.		
**Extraordinary Expenses includes \$2794.12 in loan payments and \$16,650 for parking lot sealing		
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		2,423.96
Overall Surplus/ (Deficit)		(3,258.31)

St. Vincent de Paul Donations for August 2021: \$25.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, October 2, 2021~ 5:00 PM
Lector..... J. Lawrence
Eucharistic Ministers D. Mizikar
Altar Server D. Mizikar

Sunday, October 3, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM
Lector..... T. Stercho
Eucharistic Ministers H. Szewczyk
Altar Server J. Mizikar

Sunday, October 3, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM
Lector..... L. Yanetsky
Eucharistic Ministers C. Gricheck
Altar Server A. Kelly

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
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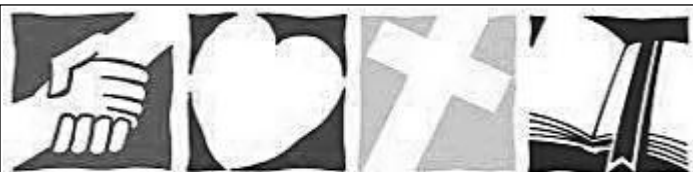
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By Ginny & Family

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In Memory of
Andrew Smail
By: Phyllis & Frank Yesh

THIS WEEK
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 PM



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 7 FORMATION CLASS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 6:00 — 7:15 PM
All Are Welcome!

8th Grade Confirmation Students will also meet at this time.

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 26 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 to late to join.

Book Club: Fall Book Club continues on **Thursday, September 30 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. Vincent de Paul Donation Box

If you are cleaning out your closets as we enter into the fall season, consider bringing your unwanted clothing and shoes to the St. Vincent de Paul collection box in our parking lot. All usable clothing and shoes are accepted, even if they are not perfect.

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Mass at Saint Vincent

If you have ever lost a child due to a miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or child death, you are invited to a very special Mass at Saint Vincent Basilica, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. Whether the loss was decades ago or recent, our faith community wants to remember and honor your baby. Anyone who has ever suffered from the loss of a baby is cordially invited to attend and share in this time of remembrance. Please invite others who you think might want to be a part of this memorial.

St. Florian Preschool

Holiday Turkey Giveaway (in place of Turkey Bingo)

One Turkey to be given away each day from October 31st to December 4th.



Tickets are \$5 and include 4 numbers. Contact the preschool for your ticket today! 724-423-4437

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.

"All Christians belong to St. Joseph because Jesus and Mary belonged to him."

— St. Leonard of Port Maurice

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	Matt	Dani
Eleanor	Candice	Ron	Eric	John
Walt	Eugene	Dorothy	Audrey	Pam
Kelly	Leona	Wilbert	Karen	Greg
Jeremy	Greg	Tiffany	Trish	Fred
Jeff	James	Amelia	Robert	Page
Richard	Abbey			

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Introduction The Book of Numbers is a narration that covers about 39 years wandering from the second year after the Israelites left Egypt to near the time of Moses' death. The first scripture passage for today comes from the account of the Israelites' trek through the wilderness in search of the promised land. After almost a year after they have arrived at Sinai, the Israelites break camp and continue to the promised land. They carry the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle, a tent, the ritual vessels, and the priestly vestments. Some continue to complain about the food. Moses is frustrate with these complaints and turns to God. "Why do you treat your servant (meaning himself) so badly?" He continues, "Why are You so displeased with me that You burden me with all these people?" God tells him to call forth 70 elders and He will spread the bourdon of leadership of the people among these 70 so Moses will then have only a portion to attend to. Moses gathers the 70 elders to a meeting to name the 70 who will be the new assistants for Moses.

The opening verse of today's Old Testament passage reveals God's bestowing upon these elders an ecstatic charismatic phenomena. They are not prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah or other prophets. Eldad and Medad are included among the 70 but they remain at the camp but receive the charism as well.

Joshua complains to Moses that Eldad and Medad are prophesying even though they remained in the camp. His protest serves to protect the independence of the prophetic gift from those who would subject it to instructional control. Note the parallel with Luke 10, when Jesus commissions 70 disciples to act as His emissaries as an advance units before He makes future to these towns.

Two weeks ago on the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time the Gospel passage reveals the first of three instructions to His Apostles. Last Sunday the second instruction was presented. Today an expansion of that instruction is presented.

In the first verse, the apostle John complains that an unknown person is acting as an emissary of Jesus because "he does not follow us." This incident is similar to Eldad's and Medad's actions in the first passage. Jesus presents a tolerant attitude to John's complaint. Jesus teaches that a person who acts as His representative should not receive ill words against him. He teaches that the apostles and all disciples should not see themselves as an exclusive group. Those who act in imitation of Him or any disciple to provide a good that person "will surely not lose his reward" (gifts of grace). Those who act in His name are acting as Jesus' substitute. To do an act of good show a strong will to act in His behalf. It is worst to ignore a needed act of good shall be punished in Gehenna a place similar to the nether world.

Complaints are the connector for both passages that are used today. They stress the need to follow all commandments, decrees and statutes instituted by God the Father. Jesus is acting in His Father's place which is the same as though God Himself is acting, for the name and person are sonorous. God the Father has sent His Son to act in His behalf for man to achieve salvation.

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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Fall festival Sept. 25-26 at Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood

Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, will host its annual fall festival Saturday, Sept. 25, from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Entertainment will include radio station WHJB Saturday and Gary Pratt Sunday. Games of chance, children's games, "Eleanor's Famous Basket Raffle" (maybe over 100 baskets), and ethnic and homemade foods. For information, call 724-925-7811.

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, Kittanning
- **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 18-19 was: 5:00 PM (72), 9:00 am (73), and 11:00 am (71) for a total of **216**. This is **70%** 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.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) is the process by which persons interested in learning about the Catholic faith can become fully initiated into the Church. **RCIA SESSION TWO** will be held next Sunday, October 3rd, 10:00 am – 11:00 am in the Social Hall. *An Overview of Our Catholic Faith, Part II* will be presented by Dave Shimko. Other RCIA Team members will also be present. Participants, please feel free to bring along with you family and friends who may or may not be Catholic.

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is a remedy for every situation. Consider these words of Our Lord communicated via locution to a certain Benedictine monk: *"Never let sin become a pretext for staying away from Me....My arms are open to receive repentant sinners into the embrace of My merciful love... into My inmost Heart: their hospital, their refuge, their place of healing....When you are weak, come to Me. When you are assailed by doubts, come to Me. When you are lonely, come to Me."* (In Sinu Jesu p. 202-203.) For September 14-15, the following hours had only one adorer: **9 am, 10 am, 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.

Winning Numbers

Monday -# 471 for \$750.00

Tuesday - # 612 for \$1200.00

Wednesday - #028 for \$4000.00

HAVE ALL BEEN CLAIMED!

Total Profit (including donations) totaled \$14,076.00!!!

Our Second of Three tickets will play on January 10, 11, 12, 2022

More information will be coming in the next several weeks. Since we had a "waiting list" for our Labor Day Ticket, individuals will be able to request additional tickets if needed.

THANKS TO ALL!

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.

Annual Rosary Walk

Event held at Whistling Winds Flower Farm,
Mt. Pleasant Twp

Sunday, October 3rd

Gather at 12:30 pm

Rosary starts at 1:00 pm

We will be outside and walking, please wear comfortable shoes
Optional covered dish to follow

At 3 PM we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

For more information contact Monica Puskar 724-244-5980

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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.