



# St. Florian Parish



A Parish of the  
Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania  
Charitable Trust

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 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**  
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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

www.saintflorian.org

#### Phone Numbers

**Parish Office/Rector:** 724-423-4431  
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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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Nicole Stull  
\*Recorder

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



# 27<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:6*

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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., 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 AM +Emil Lucas by Family  
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

**Mon., Oct. 4** *St. Francis of Assisi*  
8:00 AM +Thomas Schwalke by Family

**Tue., Oct. 5** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Lillyan & Chauncy McCann by Family

**Wed., Oct. 6** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Elyse Stockberger by Francie Hill

**Thu., Oct. 7** *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
8:00 AM +Joseph Sosko Jr. by Joe & Lita Sosko

**Fri., Oct. 8** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Mary Ann Potoka by David & Debbie Urban

**Sat., Oct. 9** *Weekday*  
8:00 AM +Helen Kissell by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mondock  
5:00 PM +Adriane Ponzetti by Family

**Sun., Oct. 10** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00 AM +Frank & Mary Sevcik by Frank & Patti Sevcik  
11:00 AM For the Parishioners

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**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. Szweczyk  
Altar Server ..... J. Mizikar

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

**Saturday, October 9, 2021 ~ 5:00 PM**  
Lector..... M. Sopko  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... R. Mizikar  
Altar Server ..... R. Mizikar

**Sunday, October 10, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM**  
Lector..... T. Jackson  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... S. King  
Altar Server ..... L. King


**Sunday, October 10, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM**  
Lector..... B. Miscovich  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... W. Bossart  
Altar Server ..... D. Reese

**ST. FLORIAN OFFERTORY STEWARDSHIP:**  
**September 25-26:** Adults: \$3,021.00; Loose: \$183.00; Parish Endowment: \$25.00; Candles: \$161.00; Repairs and Improvements: \$90.00; St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00. **TOTAL: \$3,485.00.**

**God Bless you!**

**Readings for the week of October 3, 2021**  
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  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
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**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
are presented this week  
In Memory of  
**Ron Klejka**  
**50th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance**  
*By: Wife, Dolores*

  
**Sanctuary Light**  
In Honor of  
**Richard and Phil Susa**  
By Daughter & Family

**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.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

With deepest gratitude we acknowledge the following gifts

As a Donation to St. Florian Church:

In Memory of  
**Andrew Smail**  
By: Pat & Valerie Altman  
The Hecla Sportsman's Club  
Terry & Anita Foriska  
Jane Crosby & Family

**ALTAR FLOWER ORDER FORM**  
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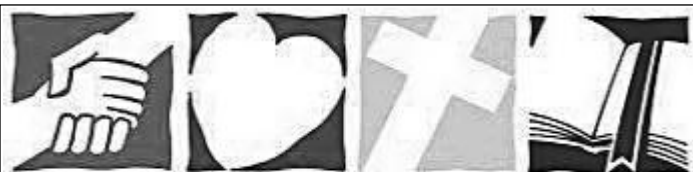
In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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 7 FORMATION CLASS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 6:00 — 7:15 PM**  
All Are Welcome!

Mark your Calendars... **Annual Blessing of Pets** will take place this 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, October 3 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, October 7 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!

### **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.

***"Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, we beseech you through the heart of Jesus Christ, grant us to your fatherly protection."***

— St. Francis de Sales

### **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

#### ***Would You Like to Be a Helping Angel?***

Our Pre-School is renewing its "Helping Angel" Program for the 2021-2022 School Year. We are looking for Benefactors to support this program by making a one time donation or one that can spread over the next ten months. Gifts may be given in Memory of a Deceased Loved One or in Honor of a Living Family member or friend. Donations received will help families who may have difficulties with meeting their tuition obligations. Money received also supports the pre-school's operating budget.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Pre-School at 724-423-4437.**

**Helping Angel Forms are also available in the back of church.**

***Thank You!***

### **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.

Matt	Dani	Eleanor	Candice	Ron
Eric	John	Walt	Eugene	Pam
Dorothy	Audrey	Leona	Wilbert	Kelly
Karen	Greg	Jeremy	Tiffany	Greg
Trish	Fred	James	Amelia	Jeff
Robert	Page	Richard	Abbey	Bob
Fr. Tom	Richard	Abbey	Jane	Ed
Phil	Fred	Milly	Rita	Mick
Fr. John Moineau		Kathy		

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The biblical passages for this week highlight the union of man and woman as helpmates. The Genesis passage centers on woman's creation stemming from Adam's rib, for God has discovered that Adam needs a helpmate not just another live creature. This helpmate must be a creature who has a similar nature to Adam's. Mark's narrative accounts Jesus' interpretation of the indissolubility of a union between a man and a woman in marriage. Mark also reteaches the childlike behavior needed by mankind needed to enter the kingdom of the Father.

When God sees the discomfort of Adam without a helpmate He plans to create a "suitable partner for him." This creature, a woman, will complement man with a similar nature, not a mere service appendage to Adam. God has created animals and realizes that they are not suitable partners, for each is different from the other. Note that God has not breathed life into the animals as He had done to Adam. Scripture does not state if God has breathed life into woman. An assumption is made that He must have, since the helpmate is said to have similar characteristic as Adam but not his sex.

God fashions the helpmate from Adam's rib and earth and presents her to Adam who accepts her as a suitable helpmate and partner. He acknowledges this gift from God and sees that the partner is the same nature as his. Adam calls her "woman" which means "from the womb of man."

The passage ends with a summary to establish the unity of marriage and its monogamous nature is "God willed" through God's reason for creating this "helpmate" for Adam.

The accompanying Markian passage presents a discussion of the legality of divorce not one of reason for such action. The instigation for this discussion is begun by Jesus' ever present advisories, the Pharisees. Their challenge expresses in a way to indicate that they know Jesus' probation to divorce conflicted with the assumption behind Deuteronomy 24:1-4. This divorce question is designed to place Jesus into conflict with Herod. John the Baptist has been beheaded by Herod for John's condemnation of Herod's recent marriage.

Deuteronomy 24: 1-4 the institution of marriage in a simplistic way and states only the procedure to be followed for divorce. The reason for a divorce to dissolve a marriage are given vaguely and lead to rabbinic debate about how to specify a divorce.

The divorce was not a public nor a legal act in a judicial court. The husband simply wrote a decree stating, "release my wife and divorce her this day." He then gives the decree to her to dissolve the union. Jesus refers to this Deuteronomy teaching as a concession to human weakness and a negation from the original plan of God for marriage. Jesus also quotes Geneses 1:27 and 2:24 to assert God's plan for marriage as an institution to establish the inability for a divorce.

Jesus abrogates the Old Testament procedure for a husband is not a judge. The Deuteronomy passage has the husband writing without a witness present and there is no third party in such a procedure.

These passages are teaching sessions that display God's love for His creations. They reveal His plan for unifying life and the inability to dissolve that life. Jesus has been sent to clarify the Father's original intent as the Old Testament is expanded and reasserted by action of Jesus' words and actions in the New Testament.

## 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  
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- ◆ **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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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

2 – Emma Zider	23 – Olivia Dzik
2 -- Johnathan Gamon	26 – Marcy Billk
3 – Christian Tlumack	26 -- Brenda Makar
3 -- Shelva Mizikar	30 — Cindy Gricheck
5 – Barbara Madgar	31 — Susan Zylka
8 – Laura Chaybin	
9 – Carol Rodgers	
11 – Carolyn Tlumack	
12 – Maxwell Ramela	
15 – Frank Sevcik	
20 – Tom Ulishney	
22 – Zita Nitkiewicz	



## OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER THERE WILL BE A WEEKLY INSERT HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROSARY AND HOW THIS PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WAY TO LEAD US TO HOLINESS AND HEAVEN.

THESE QUOTES ARE FROM SOME OF OUR SAINTS, SOME LEADING TO SAINTHOOD AND POPES - PAST AND PRESENT.

BY THE END OF THE MONTH, YOU WILL HAVE 31 MINI REFLECTIONS ABOUT THIS SPECIAL PRAYER GIVEN TO ST. DOMINIC BY MARY,, OUR BLESSED MOTHER.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** for September 25-26 was: 5:00 PM (60), 9:00 am (86), and 11:00 am (79) for a total of 225. This is 73% of the pre-pandemic attendance (310). May we encourage one another in getting back to Mass even as we take precautions against the COVID virus.

**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. Sessions are held each week on Sunday, 12 Noon to 1:15 PM. *We are most grateful to the Lord for sending us four inquirers. Please keep them in your prayers!*

**Read Fr. John’s Homily at [www.saintflorian.org](http://www.saintflorian.org) under the “Parish Life” tab.**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is facilitated by the Blessed Mother, especially when a person feels unworthy because of failings. Consider these words of Our Lord communicated via locution to a certain Benedictine monk: *“My Mother...raises souls when they fall; she instills in them a confidence in My loving mercy, a readiness to believe in My merciful love, a desire to come into My presence and to expose to Me, the divine physician, the wounds suffered in spiritual combat. My Mother is the Mother of Holy Hope....One who entrusts himself to My Mother will never fall into the pit of despair.”* (In Sinu Jesu p. 206.) For September 21-22, the following hours had only one adorer: **10 am, 12 Noon, 3 PM, 7PM, 1 am, 2 am, and 5 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!

**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



**St. Florian New Year Ticket Update**

Since our last time was so popular, many individuals wanted additional tickets but none were available. For this ticket, please complete the form below and return by October 17 and your request will be granted. You may also contact Dr Dreliszak at 724-423-5087. Thanks and Good Luck

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**ST. FLORIAN NEW YEAR TICKET**

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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.