

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of January 9/10

4:00 PM + Elaine Boganski - SVDP

8:00 AM + Elaine Boganski - Hogleund Family, Deborah,
John, Patricia & Children

9:45 AM + Barney Zielinski - Family

11:30 AM + Purgatorial Society

Monday, January 11

7:15 AM + Krystyna Abram - Mom & Dad

Tuesday, January 12

7:15 AM + Mary Ann Moll - Family

Wednesday, January 13

7:15 AM + Mary Mistarz (2nd Anniv.) - Grandchildren & Son

Thursday, January 14

7:15 AM + Olga Pekala - Regina Przybyla

Friday, January 15

8:15 AM + Eddie Kosmala - Leona & Stanley Panek

Saturday, January 16

7:30 AM + Peter Orzelski - James Cummings & Family

4:00 PM + John Noworyta - Family

Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM + Olga Pekala - Helen Zurawski & Dolores Campagnolo

9:45 AM + Elaine Boganski - Gibson Family

11:30 AM + Stanley Pietruszka - Donna Andrysiak

Week of January 10 - January 16

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
Henry Abram - Virginia Cap

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
Walter Lenckos - Family

LECTORS January, 2010

4:00 PM	B. Frederisy
8:00 AM	R. Kopaczewski
9:45 AM	V. Maccagnano
11:30 AM	O. Guajardo

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, January 16

4:00 PM B. Meyer, R. Meyer, N. Mooney

SUNDAY, January 17

8:00 AM D. Ranos, R. Carlassare, T. DeCook

9:45 AM B. Echevarria, E. Echevarria, K. Mallee

11:30 AM M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January, 2010

4:00 PM

A. Bonczek
B. Frjelic
R. Abram
M. Cowperthwaite
J. Gibbons
C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
K. Gibson
M. Piaskowy
B. Peak
N. Moll
P. Gadus

9:45 AM

P. Maccagnano
C. Michalik
C. Malone
P. O'Rourke
L. Morse
D. Karczewski

11:30 AM

O. Cruz
A. Davila

USHERS January, 2010

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite,
P. Krasinski, E. Pindara,
A. Lubanowski, T. Zalewski,
N. Zalewski

8:00 AM

A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
A. Jasek,
M. Noworyta, J. Shanahan,
A. Bruder,

9:45 AM

E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
T. Baker,

11:30 AM

M. Gasior, M. Aducci
T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
S. Gonzalez



Come Home to the Catholic Church

We are people of hope

(A Reflection on Catholics Come Home)

Today's Gospel story of the Baptism of the Lord seems so fitting now that we have entered the second half of the Catholics Come Home evangelization initiative. During the time of John the Baptist people were waiting in great anticipation for the coming of the Christ. They continued to live in hope that God would save them just as he had promised Abraham and all the generations that came afterward. It was their faith in God and their hope for the future that kept them watchful for the messiah.

Today we have the joy of knowing Jesus, the Christ through our baptism and in our practice of faith. No longer do we wait for salvation for we have tested it in the Eucharist and felt it in the water and oil of our Baptism. Jesus called us to go out and spread the Good News. That is the reason for the Catholics Come Home evangelization effort. Today we have an opportunity to talk to others about our faith by simply asking, "Have you seen those commercials on TV?" Just by getting people to talk about Catholics Come Home you may be planting the seeds of faith that could blossom in the future.

The first line of today's Gospel may ring true in your hearts today, "The people were filled with expectation." At the halfway point in the Catholic Come Home advertisement schedule some parishes have seen and heard of those who have been moved to return to the Church and others wait expectantly. It is helpful to remember that God is present in all things and we may never really know how our efforts and this invitation back to the Church has touched the lives of those who have drifted. It is through prayer that we can stay grounded in our faith and it is prayer that nurtures the seeds of hope within us.

HEARING SCRIPTURE

by Paul Turner

Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations, and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as Word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the Word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We'll hear the Word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine Word resounds in our assembly - heads up! And listen.

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ST. FLORIAN'S MISSION STATEMENT

We are Roman Catholics of prayer, service and long-standing tradition guided by the spirit to meet the direct needs of our parishioners and neighboring communities in a demanding social environment.

We strive to achieve a sense of justice, responsibility, prayerfulness, communication and unity by providing:

- All individuals the opportunity of receiving Sacraments;
- The proper educational environment—spiritually, morally, academically;
- A channel for corporal works of mercy; and
- A time and place for social gathering and fellowship.

Our goals and objectives will be accomplished through encouraging active participation in dialogue, evangelization, stewardship, prayer and love.

We pray for . . .



Helen Golden, Wanda Podgorny, Ida Fasciana, Debra Mokrzycki, Charlotte Frjelic, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, Helen Kasper, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Pam Skowronski, Josephine Opiola, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lasseter, Chestine Trzuppek, Patricia Manley, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Sophie Borowiec, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Jesus Manriquez, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Helen Zurawski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Frank & Yvonne Graczyk, Raquelina Chavez, Ricardo Morales, Helen Slusarczyk, Irene Marszalek, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Virginia Bovino, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Florence Arendt, Lynette Kozlowski, Socorro Elizalde, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Christen White, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Irene Stincic, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Ed Ronczy, Residents of Hammond-Whiting Care Center and Residents of Dolton Health Care Center and Residents of Burnham Terrace.

We pray for the homebound, sick and hospitalized. If your name appears in the above list and you no longer wish to be included due to recovery, please contact the Rectory at 773/646-4877.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Jan. 11

Reading 1 Samuel 1:1-8
Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday - Jan. 12

Reading 1 Samuel 1:9-20
Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Wed. - Jan. 13 - St. Hilary

Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Gospel Mark - 1:29-39

Thursday - Jan. 14

Reading 1 Samuel 4:1-11
Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Friday - Jan. 15

Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Sat. - Jan. 16

Reading 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a
Gospel Mark 2:13-17

Sunday Jan. 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Isaiah 62:1-5
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel John 2:1-11

In Remembrance . . .

Amanda Montemayor December 24, 2009



Appreciation Party!

Saturday - February 6, 2010

5:00 - 8:00 in the gym

(Doors open immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Volunteers are people who are willing to give of themselves — time, talent, treasure—for the good of the whole community. Volunteers do not get paid for what they do. Many people volunteer at St. Florian and for this we are most grateful.

Please come and enjoy dinner, great music and a fun time as our way of saying thank you for all you do! (Spouses welcome.)

We appreciate you!

Please respond by Friday, January 29th.

**St. Florian Parish
Volunteer Appreciation Party
Saturday - February 6, 2010**

Yes, I have volunteered my time and talent and will attend the celebration!

Name(s): _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

(Please reply via the collection basket or at the rectory or school office.)

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

visit us at our website!
<http://florian.hegewisch.net>

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BINGO! – Doors open at 1:30
and games begin at 2:30!



SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE EVENTS!

Sun., Jan. 17 6:30 PM Family Fun Night at
Lynwood Bowl
Sun., Jan 31 Pancake Breakfast / Catholic Schools Week
Wed., Feb. 3 Grandparents/Special Persons Day
Luncheon
Fri., Feb. 5 Teacher Appreciation Day!

Market Day - Orders due Friday, Jan. 15th and
pick up is on Friday, Jan. 22nd from 2-3PM.
Profits earned last month: \$106.70. Free PB &
J Grahamwiches with \$40 purchase.
Thank you for your support!

Because St. Florian Students Care . . .

- A Thankful Banner was made at the Family Fun Reading Night. It was made by the parents and students of St. Florian School. The banner was presented to the Senior Suites to make their holiday bright.
- The Caring Children's Club made ornaments for the homebound of St. Florian Parish. This was to let the sick of the parish realize we care for them.



Go Blazers!!!!

**ST. FLORIAN ALUMNI
Men's Basketball Tournament
& Women's Alumni Volleyball**

All Classes Welcome 1960's - 2009
First Captain's Meeting
When: January 31, 2010 at 2PM
Where: Club 81 Too - 13157 Ave. M



Start getting your teams together!

Games will begin March 15 and Championship Night is March 26. Refreshments, food and M.V.P. awards will be available. \$30.00 per player. For more information, please call the school at 773-646-2868, Ken at 773-243-9548 or Steve at 773-646-0933.

*Sponsored by
St. Florian Athletic Association*

**Sponsors Needed for our Monthly
Tuition Raffle!!!**

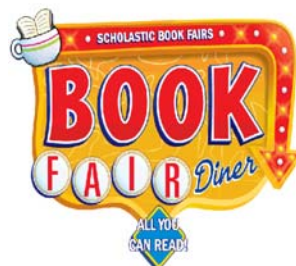
Each month school families are offered an opportunity to win a free month's tuition by purchasing raffle tickets for \$10 each.

If you would like to sponsor a monthly raffle, or know of someone that would like to sponsor a month, please notify the school office at 773/646-2868.

**Mission Statement
of St. Florian School**

Our mission is to provide each student with a Catholic education in all areas. The faculty and school families join the parish staff and fellow parishioners to form a living Catholic faith community. Our school population is multicultural and fosters sensitivity to the needs of all. We promote the students' burning desire for learning. Through education, service, support, formation and challenge, the students are called to realize their potential spiritually, socially, and intellectually. For one hundred years our school has been committed to carry out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ on a daily basis.

Coming Soon!!



Be sure to join us!

***We're serving up
great selections at
St. Florian School's
Book Fair
Diner!***

St Florian School Library welcomes everyone to our Book Fair Diner. We'll be serving up a selection of children's best sellers as well as titles for their parents and older siblings. The diner will be open 9:00 am until 12:30 on Sun., January 31st, in the School Gym. Look for more information next week!

Christmas Offerings: Thank you to those who have responded so generously with your Christmas envelopes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete your Christmas offering to the parish, you may continue to do so throughout the month of January. We will then make a final report of all Christmas offerings received.

Initial Offering Envelopes: Please remember to use your Initial Offering Envelope in the January packet. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will help defray the cost of printing and mailing contribution envelopes.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS	
Jan. 2/3 2010	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,271.00
Loose	\$ 519.73
Energy Assistance	\$ 368.50
Actual Received vs.	\$4,159.23
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 112.00
Maintenance	\$ 239.00
Children's Offering	\$ 51.35
Votives	\$ 152.00

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box

We Are Listening The St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those in need. We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know of a parishioner in need of temporary assistance? Please call 1-773-646-4877 and leave a message.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to receive proper credit, please be sure to complete all 2009 church contributions by Jan. 23.

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2009 Charitable Contributions - Statements for the 2009 tax year will be processed by request only. Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by January 22nd. We will mail requested statements by the end of the month.

Please send a 2009 contribution statement to me:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(return request via collection basket or at the rectory)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 9/10 Latin America Collection
- Jan. 10 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 11 Ministers of Care (Rectory) 7:00
Confirmation Mtg (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 12 Parent/Teacher Club (KH) 6:30
Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
- Jan. 13 Athletic Mtg. (School) 3:00
Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 14 Faith Sharing (PMR) 6:00
Scouts (KH) 6:00
- Jan. 17 Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
- Jan. 18 Young at Heart (KH) 1:00
- Jan. 19 School Advisory Board (Rectory) 6:30
- Jan. 20 Scouts (KH) (5:30)
Liturgy Mtg. (Rectory) 6:00
- Jan. 21 Youth Group (KH) 7:00
- Jan. 22 Market Day (Gym) 2:00

Brrrrr!

Please be as generous as you are able with your Energy envelopes to assist with the fuel heating costs this winter. During the inclement weather this winter we also ask all parishioners to be mindful when turning in their church offerings. If you miss Mass due to the weather, please be sure to "catch up" with your offerings as soon as possible. We greatly rely on all donations to meet our monthly expenses. Thank you for your support!



Please pray for our

Service Members:



- Cpl Ryan Keene, U.S. Marine Corps -
- Chief Dennis Zmija, U.S. Navy - Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force -
- SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - SSgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force -
- LCpl Christopher Abram, U.S. Marine Corps - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot -
- SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - Chief Jim Pope, U.S. Navy -
- SPC Mark J. Dancer, U.S. Army - PVT Joshua Garza, U.S. Army -
- PVT Adam Garza, U.S. Army - Aaron Alvarez, U.S. Navy -
- MSgt James Ritchie, U.S. Air Force - Capt. Christopher Conner, U.S. Marine Corps -
- Sgt. Michael Marszalek, U.S. Army - Robert A. Islas, Jr., U.S. Navy -
- Sgt. Matthew R. McGivney, U.S. Army - PFC Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Lt. Lisa Klekowski, U.S. Army -
- PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army, PVT David Cook, U.S. Army - Seaman Laura A. Tomaczak, U.S. Navy, LTC Peter Allen Kubas -
- U.S. Army, A1C Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, - PFC Anthony Baracco, U.S. Army -
- Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force

If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.