

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend of April 17/18**

- 4:00 PM + John & Lottie Sabados - Helen & Evelyn
 8:00 AM + Mary Smith - Family
 9:45 AM + Josephine Raczak - Family
 11:30 AM + Raquel Chaves - Friends

Monday, April 19

- 7:15 AM + Theresa Jasek - Phyllis Serafin

Tuesday, April 20

- 7:15 AM + Peter Orzelski - Friends & Family

Wednesday, April 21

- 7:15 AM + Gladys Piaskowy - Stan & Marie Maciejewski

Thursday, April 22

- 7:15 AM + Sandra Blaszak - Edward & Barbara Blaszak

Friday, April 23

- 8:15 AM + Casimir Lapinski - Wife & Children

Saturday, April 24

- 7:30 AM + Thomas Zurawski - Family & Friends
 4:00 PM + Louise Maciejciek - Ron & Irene Nawracaj

Sunday, April 25

- 8:00 AM + Nell Pugh - John, Patricia, and Deborah Hoglund
 9:45 AM + Peter Zroka - Glenn & Cheryl Boske
 11:30 AM + Josefa Rivas - Alicia Davila

Week of April 18 - April 24

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Stan & Betty Maciejczak - Irene & Ronald Nawracaj

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Peter Orzelski - Friends & Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**April, 2010**

4:00 PM

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

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 M. Piaskowy
 E. Podsiadlik
 N. Moll
 K. Gibson
 P. Gadus

9:45 AM

D. Karczewski
 C. Michalik
 P. O'Rourke
 P. Maccagnano
 M. Czarobski
 C. Malone

11:30 AM

A. Davila
 R. Oseguera

LECTORS**April, 2010**

4:00 PM B. Frederisy
 8:00 AM L. Wopinski
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM C. Ramirez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, April 24**

7:30 PM D. Ranos, R. Carlassare, N. Mooney

SUNDAY, April 25

8:00 AM T. DeCook, G. Bonczek, J. O'Keefe
 9:45 AM H. Walsh, V. Velasco, C. Haro
 11:30 AM X. Gutierrez, M. Ortiz, S. Zaragoza

USHERS**April, 2010**

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite,
 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,
 M. Gasior, M. Aducci

11:30 AM

T. Favela, J. Gonzalez,
 S. Gonzalez

Many Easter Thanks....

Let's begin our thanks with all those who prepared for Easter with the 40 days of Lent: our faith-sharing groups, as they discussed the book "Who is my neighbor?" and to those who prayed the Way of the Cross on Friday afternoons and benediction before the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. A special thanks to parish organizations who prepared and served the delicious homemade soups for our simple suppers and to those who attended them. We wish to thank all of those who came to experience Fr. Terry's spiritual reflection on Christ's crucifixion and to those who attended the Tenebrae service and the Táize Prayer around the Cross.

As we entered Holy Week with Palm Sunday, we thank all those who were involved with the processions for that day; to those who weaved and distributed palm branches and to all who "stayed and prayed" on Holy Thursday evening.

A special thanks to all the lectors, cantors, instrumentalists, organist, communion ministers, altar servers, ushers, choirs, hand bell choir and priests who prepared, rehearsed, and prayerfully led us into a deeper faith of Christ's Easter Mystery. Thank you also to those who signed up for the foot washing and to those who picked up and presented the oils for Holy Thursday; to the Knights of Columbus for their participation at the Good Friday Stations of the Cross; to the Ministers of Care; to those who cleaned the church, to our sacristan, maintenance man, Holy Name Society, Liturgy team and many others who diligently prepared and beautifully decorated the church for Holy Week and the Easter season.

Thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who participated in the Holy Week services this year, especially those who returned to our faith. The increase in turnout and participation is very much appreciated as we continue to celebrate the Easter Mystery during these 50 days.

The joy of the 50 days of Easter continues when we celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2nd, at the 9:45 a.m. Mass; Fr. Bill's 60th Anniversary as a priest on Saturday, May 15th, at 4:00 p.m.; and also Confirmation with Bishop Thomas Paprocki, on Saturday, May 22nd, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Peace in the risen Christ,

Fr. Jim



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

This year's celebration will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 3 PM at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL. Couples married in 1960 interested in attending should call the rectory at 646-4877 to register. For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Spring Brunch!



**Sunday, April 18, 2010
9 AM - 12 PM**

(in St. Florian's Gymnasium)

Brunch Tickets

\$10 Adults and \$5 Children (4 -10)

Did you forget to buy your ticket??? We'll have some available at the door - don't miss out!!

Grand Prize Raffle - \$1,000!

Plus five - \$100 Prizes

and ten - \$50 Prizes

Only \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 12 for \$10.00

"Brunch Menu"

All-you-can eat breakfast & lunch items served from 9:00-12:00

Scrambled Eggs - Breakfast Sausage - Chorizo

Freshly Made Waffles & Pancakes

Pierogi - Italian Beef - Chicken

Mostaccioli -

Polish Sausage & Kraut and more!



Baked Goods!

Be sure to bring those delicious treats for our Bake Sale! Just drop off the items in the morning at the Brunch!

Easter Water - Water blessed at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday can be taken home and be a sacramental reminder of the new life we share in the resurrected Christ. The newly blessed water can be found in the silver container near the Baptistry next to the gift table in the back of Church.

Your Family's Easter Gift to the Parish- Please be sure to use your special Easter envelope (mailed to your home with the Easter schedule) for your family's Easter gift to the Parish. As you have generously given to the Parish in the past, we ask for your support once again.

Easter Flowers

We will continually replenish our liturgical decorations with live flowers throughout the Easter Season which includes Mary's month - May, as well as the Feast of St. Florian, Mother's Day, and the last day of the Easter Season, Pentecost. We graciously thank all those who contributed thus far.

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, 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, Asunción Villalondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Barbara Burnette, Irma Cardenas, Anthony Gromek, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Marion Vargas, Martin Covarubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Ed Ronczy, Policarpo Naya, Raquel Chavez, Laverne Black, 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.



In Remembrance

Helen Kurnik

April 12, 2010

A Letter from Cardinal George to the Honorable Zygmunt Matynia

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

April 10, 2010

Dear Consul General Matynia,

I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear that President Lech Kaczynski and his wife Maria had been killed in an airplane crash earlier today, along with so many other Polish government officials, military officers, and cultural and business leaders. I offer my deepest condolences to you and to the families, friends and colleagues of those who died so tragically. At the same time, I extend my sympathy to the people of the Republic of Poland and Polonia throughout the world, particularly here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, as they grieve the sudden and overwhelming loss of so many of their brothers and sisters. When I celebrate this weekend, I will remember in a special way all those who perished and all who are filled with sorrow at this profound moment of loss for Poles everywhere.

This disaster took the lives of people who were on their way to remember other leaders of the Polish nation who had been murdered seven decades earlier in the massacre at Katyn Forest. I learned earlier today that Mr. Wojciech Seweryn, the artist whose father was killed at Katyn and who led the project to construct a Katyn memorial at Saint Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, was among those who lost his life in this terrible accident. May they be forever remembered for this final act of generosity and solidarity, and may God reward them eternally for their love.

I pray that the Lord, whose Resurrection we celebrate during this season, and who brings life out of death and hope out of despair, will have mercy on all who died and grant consolation and peace to those who mourn.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - Apr. 19

Reading Acts 6:8-15
Gospel John 6:22-29

Tuesday - Apr. 20

Reading Acts: 7:51—8:1a
Gospel John 6:30-35

Wednesday - Apr. 21 - St. Anselm

Reading Acts 8:1b-8
Gospel John 6:35-40

Thursday - Apr. 22

Reading Acts: 8:26-40
Gospel John 6:44-51

Friday - Apr. 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert

Reading Acts 9:1-20
Gospel John 6:52-59

Saturday - Apr. 24 - St. Fidelis

Reading Acts 9:31-42
Gospel John 6:60-69

Sunday - Apr. 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 13:14, 43-52
Reading II Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel John 10:27-30

Fr. Bill Lisowski's
60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Saturday, May 15, 2010
4:00 PM Mass
followed by a Pasta Dinner the gym
served by our Holy Name Society

Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Please join us. Helping hands are needed.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .

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

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BINGO! – There will be no Bingo today, Sunday, April 18 due to the Spring Brunch. Bingo will resume on Sunday, April 25th.

Market Day - Pick up is on Fri., April 23. Profit earned last month - \$71.28. Thanks for the support!

Aluminum Can Recycling - Bring your aluminum cans to the parking lot on Wed., Apr. 14, by 8 AM.

Turbo Exercise Classes for St. Florian School Parents and Parishioners: Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school cafeteria (gym entrance) from 6:30—7:30 PM. You must be 18+ years old. Donation \$15/month. Classes have already begun. Call 646-2868 for more info.

A Battle of the Bands - St. Florian School is hosting a Battle of the Bands on Friday, June 4. We are looking for High School bands to compete. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee should call the school office at 773-646-2868 or Ken Mooney at 773-646-2036. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, at 6:30 PM in the rectory.

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, please notify the school office at 773/646-2868.

March's Winner - Darlene Craven
April Raffle Sponsor - St. Florian Class of 1959

2010 - 2011 Registration!
Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now underway for 3 & 4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

Children's Caring Club - Students brought joy to many of our sick by making Easter baskets for them. Congratulations to our students on a job well done! Members of the Caring Club include Katie Blanco, Rachel Carlassare, Nadia Arnold, Maya Bensett, Jennifer Dejanovich, Danille Gaczowski, Katelyn Grabowski, Petra Sweis, and Cortney Zbinden.

3rd Annual Flower Sale - St. Florian Parent/Teacher Club will be holding a flower sale on Saturday, May 8. Return your pre-order form by Friday, April 30th.

Family Fun Night - On Friday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. the St. Florian Parent-Teacher Club will be attempting a new kind of fun! We will explore the various ethnic cultures that make up our great school family. Families will be asked to bring a cultural dish to share with the group.

St. Florian Class of 1980 Reunion: A 30th reunion is planned for the fall of 2010. If you are an alumni or know the whereabouts of any, please contact Michelle Zmija McManus at 773/718-3654 or mcmanushth@yahoo.com



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland Baby Bottle Project

Your response to this project last year was tremendous! We once again ask you to participate in a special fundraiser to help **The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.**

In support of the pro-life movement, our church will be participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 33,000 babies from abortions since opening in 1984.

The fundraiser will begin at St. Florian next weekend on April 24/25. We will distribute baby bottles after each Mass for you to take home and put your spare change into. Please return the bottles to the Church or at the Rectory no later the weekend of Mother's Day-May 8/9.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS**April 10/11, 2010**

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,135.16
Loose	\$ 320.23
Energy Assistance	\$ 293.00
Actual Received vs.	\$3,748.39
Budgeted Goal	\$5,250.00
Bldg. Improvement	\$ 179.00
Maintenance	\$ 242.00
Children's Offering	\$ 47.50
Votives	\$ 118.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$274.83

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread - When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to provide our food. The majority of us receive sufficient food. Others do not. We can be our Father's instrument by providing "bread" for the needy. You do this by your contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.

Multi-Family Rummage Sale — The St. Florian Spanish Faith Sharing Group will host a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 8, from 7AM-3PM in our gymnasium. Tables/Spaces are available for \$20 each. Contact Olivia Guajardo at 708-466-5581 to reserve a space (no vendor sales please).

El Grupo Compartiendo la Fe de San Florian—Está vendiendo espacio de mesa para una venta multi-familiar de ropa y artículos usados. Para comprar un espacio/mesa favor de llamar a Olivia Guajardo al 708-466-5581. Por favor - no vendedors

Lugar: Gimnasio de la Escuela, 131st & Houston
Costo: \$20 por espacio/mesa
Fecha: Sábado, 8de Mayo del 2010
Horario: 7AM-3PM

Lebanon Lutheran Church

A Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, April 24th from 9AM to 3PM at 13100 Manistee. For appointments call, Phyllis Harnish at 773-646-2367. Walk-ins are welcome.

A Spring Tea will be held on Sunday, April 25th at 2PM. Tickets are available for \$8.00 for the Salad Lunch. Call for tickets to Phyllis Harnish at 773-646-2367 or Jane Marich at 773-731-4172.

April 2010 Book Rack Selections

The Love That Keeps us Sane by Marc Foley, OCD
The Catholic Handbook by William C. Graham
Just Peacemakers by Mary Evelyn Jegen, SNDde N.
Enjoying Retirement by Leonard Doohan
Survival Notes for Graduates by Robert Stofel
The Art of Affirmation by Robert Furey, PhD.
Devotions for Caregivers by Marilyn Driscoll
Peace of Heart by Marc Foley
Guiding Your Catholic Preschooler by Kathy Pierce
Jesus and His Message by Rev. Leo T. Mahon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 18	Spring Brunch (Gym) 9:00 - 12:00
April 19	Young at Heart (KH) 1:00 Battle of the Bands Mtg (Rec) 6:30
April 20	School Advisory Board (KH) 6:30 Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30 Youth Group (PMR) 7:00
April 21	Evangelization Mtg. (KH) 6:00
April 22	Fr. Bill's Anniv Comm. (Rec) 1:30 Scouts (KH) 6:00 First Communion Retreat (KH) 6:30 Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30
April 23	Market Day (Gym) 2:00 Family Fun Night (Gym) 6:00
April 25	Bingo (Gym) Doors open at 1:30
April 26	Faith Sharing (KH) 1:00 Faith Sharing (Rectory) 7:00
April 27	Turbo Kick Class (Cafeteria) 6:30 SVDP Pantry (KH) 3:30 Scouts (PMR) 5:30

"ACS Relay for Life" Pancake Breakfast - The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale will benefit the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" to be held on April 25th at the St. Columba Social Center. "All You Can Eat" Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs to order, Sausage, Coffee, Juice and Milk. Serving hours are 8AM-12:30. Cost is \$7.00 adults - \$3.00 kids 10 and under, & 3 and under free.

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 - 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.