

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, December 27 & 28**

4:00 PM + Tony Smierciak - Children & Grandchildren
 8:00 AM + Tony Segvich Jr. - Family
 9:45 AM + Richard C. Serafin - Wife
 11:30 AM + John P. Bonczek - Charles Rymarczyk

Monday, December 29

7:30 AM + William F. Hayes - Ron, Sue, Norah & Mickey

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 AM + Joseph Kozial - Mr. & Mrs. L. Zelazo

Wednesday, December 31 - New Years Eve

7:30 AM + Frank O'Brien - Daughter
 4:00 PM + Ken Baker - Family

Thursday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM + Anthony Smierciak - Peg Gadus

Friday, January 2

8:00 AM + Carl Abram - Wife

Saturday, January 3

7:30 AM + Stephanie Paber - Mrs. G. Plys
 4:00 PM + Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

Sunday, January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM + Frances Skvarak - Arlene & Bill Bowers
 9:45 AM + Gerald Majewski - Ray & Marlene Kozlowski
 11:30 AM + Stanley Lenart - Steve Kaminski

**Week of December 28 - January 3**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

READERS**January 2015**

4:00 PM J. Struzik
 8:00 AM A. Bonczek
 9:45 AM V. Maccagnano
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera

December 31, 2014

4:00 PM A. Bonczek

January 1, 2015

9:00 AM R. Kopaczewski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**January 2015**

4:00 PM M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons
 D. Karczewski

8:00 AM C. Bozovic
 K. Gibson
 N. Moll

9:45 AM O. Haro
 P. Maccagnano
 C. Malone

11:30 AM A. Davila
 I. Jimenez

December 31, 2014

4:00 PM K. Gibson
 P. Maccagnano
 V. Maccagnano

January 1, 2015

9:00 AM C. Bozovic
 M. Cowperthwaite
 J. Gibbons

ALTAR SERVERS**WEDNESDAY, December 31 - New Years Eve**

4:00 PM A. Villanueva, D. Ranos

THURSDAY, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM R. Dejanovich, J. O'Keefe

SATURDAY, January 3

4:00 PM A. Komosa, J. Laskowiecki

SUNDAY, January 4

8:00 AM A. Villanueva, D. Ranos
 9:45 AM A. Shea, J. Kelly
 11:30 AM T. Meyer, S. Meyer

USHERS**January 2015**

4:00 PM C. Cowperthwaite, M. Adduci,
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,
 T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
 8:00 AM A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
 J. Young
 9:45 AM E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, T. Baker,
 M. Gasior
 11:30 AM R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez,
 M. Suarez, R. Ortiz

We pray for...



Barbara Anderson, Michael Auld, Edward Borek, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Mary Lou Cowperthwaite, Ann Cummings, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelich, Bob Frjelich, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, Otilia Haro, Helen Hennessy, Maryann Henney, Charlene Jones, Edward Kawa, Larry Kawa, Ron Keene, Karen Kil, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Helen Larson, John Larson, Beth Lasseter, Thomas J. Lohr, Katharina Makara, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, Pat Pirowski, Larry Potter, John Rosmanitz, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Anthony & Lillian Smierciak, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Chestine Trzupek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, Chris Wopinski, Loretta Wopinski, Stanley Wrona, Sr., Melissa Young, 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 - December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

Reading 1 John 2:3-11
Gospel Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday - December 30

Reading 1 John 2:12-17
Gospel Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday - December 31 - St. Sylvester

Reading 1 John 2:18-21
Gospel John 1:1-18

Thursday - January 1 - Mary, Mother of God

Reading I Numbers 6:22-27
Reading II Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel Luke 2:16-21

Friday - January 2 - St. Basil and St. Gregory

Reading 1 John 2:22-28
Gospel John 1:19-28

Saturday - January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus

Reading 1 John 2:29—3:6
Gospel John 1:29-34

Sunday - January 4 - Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

**Anyone interested in renting
Konsowski Hall, please call the rectory
for more information.**

**Don't forget to put your e-mail address
on your envelope.**

You only need to do this once. If you have already submitted your email address, you do not need to do it again.

If you are new to the parish, stop in the rectory to register.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 4:00 PM
Thursday, January 1 9:00 AM

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3 (English) 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 4 (English) 8:00 AM
(English) 9:45 AM
(Spanish) 11:30 AM

The rush is over—the presents are unwrapped. Did you get everything at Christmas that you always wanted? If not—maybe we need to remember the virtue of gifts that are sent without even any pretty paper or bows:

Christmas Gifts

Alberta Dredia

*Of all the gifts that Christmas brings,
The best are made of little things:
Melody of carols all the year;
Cheer to friends that you hold dear;
Courage to someone else to start
Some task for which he hasn't heart;
Thoughts for those with less than you;
Faith though the future's not in view;
Fun and laughter to go everywhere;
Kindness to show how much you care;
Strength to begin all over again;
And love to seek the best in every man.
While other seasons come and go
And another year hurries past,
Let's give again the little things
—They are the gifts that last.*

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

2014 - 2015 REGISTRATION!

Registration is on going for 3 & 4 year old Pre-school through Grade 8. For further information, please contact 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.

How Can You Help Our Troops?

St. Florian School is seeking the following items to send to troops overseas. Please arrange for a possible drop off or pick up time by calling the school at (773) 646-2868.

- ❖ Flavored drink mixes (Like Crystal Light packets)
- ❖ Chapstick
- ❖ Socks
- ❖ Protein powder and bars
- ❖ Beef jerky
- ❖ Foil or paper packaged snacks (left over Halloween candy)
- ❖ Brand name toiletries (not hotel samples)
- ❖ Flash drives, memory cards, iTunes gift cards
- ❖ DVDs, cards, games, etc.

*"To get something you never had,
you have to do something you never did."*

A Blessed New Year

Numbers 6:22-27

"The LORD bless you and keep you!"

We begin the new year with hope. It is filled with possibility. Our calendars may look empty, but they will soon be filled with activity and events. We already have plans for some of them. Other events will surprise us. We realize this year will bring a measure of sorrow, but we trust it to also bring a measure of joy.

Let this day and this year be a blessing. Today we hear the words of blessing spoken by God to Moses. "The Lord bless you and keep you." They are words of favor. "The Lord give you peace!" They are words that wish the finest blessing, the gift of peace.

This new year, with all its promise, gives us the possibility of blessing. Perhaps you have withheld blessing from someone you know. Perhaps you especially need God's gift of peace. Perhaps you fear the absence of God's protection. Let this blessing calm your heart. Let it inspire you to breath God's gift of peace to all you meet this day and this new year.

In early January we're still enjoying the season of Christmas. We have many more days to sing carols, to invite guests over, to share the peace of the season. In this bright new year let the blessing of God, first spoken to Moses, echoing throughout the ages, enter your home and warm your heart.

*Written by Paul Turner
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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 con-tribution envelopes.

Year of the Sacraments

Pope Francis' Vision of Healing and Communion

July 2014 - June 2015



Year of Sacraments • One Word at a Time

Cry



Infants **cry**. We all know it. In their vulnerability, they let us know that they need nourishment or need to be held. We know that this is true of the newborn Jesus. The Eternal Word made flesh shares the human vulnerability of every other infant on earth. And this infant vulnerability—their need and their smallness—draws us close to them.

We may grow up, but we never leave behind our fundamental vulnerability. In different ways, we continue to cry for sustenance, for mercy, for strength, for healing, and for connection and communion. In our vulnerability, God draws close to us, as Scripture says, with bands of love. When our deepest needs and vulnerabilities prompt us to cry, the Lord draws us to himself through sacramental signs and rituals. He hears our every cry, and the sacraments of the Church tell us that this is true.

Año De Los Sacramentos • De Palabra En Palabra

Llorar



Todos lo sabemos. Los niños **lloran**. En su vulnerabilidad, nos hacen saber que necesitan comer o desean que los abracemos. Sabemos que esto es verdad también para el Jesús recién nacido. La Palabra Eterna hecha carne comparte la vulnerabilidad humana de cualquier otro niño de la tierra. Y esta vulnerabilidad infantil—su dependencia y su pequeñez—nos acerca a ellos.

Podemos crecer pero nunca dejamos atrás nuestra vulnerabilidad esencial. De modos diferentes, continuamos llorando en busca de sustento, misericordia, fortaleza, sanación, conexión y comunión. En nuestra vulnerabilidad, Dios se acerca a nosotros, como dicen las Escrituras, con vendas de amor. Cuando nuestras necesidades y vulnerabilidades más profundas nos hacen llorar, el Señor nos acerca a él a través de signos y rituales sacramentales. Él escucha todos nuestros llantos, y los sacramentos de la Iglesia nos dicen que esto es verdad.

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to the holiday, our offering collection totals are not available.

We will publish the totals next week.

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$140.00

Happy New Year to our membership, their families and friends. We wish to thank the people of the parish for making it possible to meet some of the needs of our neighbors during 2014. Our plans for the New Year include continuing the outreach to parishioners who need spiritual and material assistance.

Please pray for our Service Members:

Eugene Zmija, U.S Air Force - SSgt David Burks, U.S. Army - Sgt Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, US 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 - Cpl Kristin Pala, US. Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, US.Army - PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army - PVT David Cook, US Army - Petty Officer Second Class Laura A Tomczak, U.S Navy - LTC Peter Allen Kubas, U.S. Army - A1C Kelly Shanahan, U.S. Air Force - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force - Sgt. Ernest Silva, U.S. Marine Corps - Jonathan Daniel Ladowski, U.S. Marine Corps.

If you know of a family member who is no longer serving, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877 so they may be removed from this prayer list.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 7	RCIA (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 9	Holy Name (PMR) - Off Mtg	7:00pm
	- Gen Mtg	8:00pm
Jan 13	Bible Study (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 14	Evangelization Committee (KH)	6:00pm
Jan 14	School Board (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 15	Sponsor Night (KH)	7:00pm
Jan 16	Bean Bag Tournament (Gym)	5:30pm
Jan 19	Young At Heart (KH)	1:00pm
Jan 22	Parent Club (KH)	6:30pm

Concelebrants' Gestures

by Paul Turner

When more than one priest has vested to celebrate the same Mass, concelebrants use a series of gestures during the Eucharistic prayer (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 222). When only the main celebrant prays out loud, the other priests fold their hands. When they all pray aloud together, they all extend their hands.

A little before the consecration, the main celebrant brings his hands together, palms down, and extends them over the offerings. Other concelebrants should make the same gesture from where they stand, using both hands. They are praying that the Holy Spirit will change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

During the consecration, as the main celebrant holds the bread and then the chalice while repeating the words of Christ, concelebrants may extend their right hands toward these offerings. This unique gesture is probably intended as a way for the other priests to point. The gesture goes with "This"—as in, "This is my Body" (*Notitiae* 1 [1965] 143, no. 34). To perform this action, concelebrants extend their right hands with the palm to the side, rather than down. This keeps the gesture distinct from the one made earlier with both hands.

The gesture during the consecration is to be made "if this seems appropriate," but almost all concelebrants use it. However, it is also acceptable for them to make no gesture at all. The concelebrants could just look at the altar while saying the words of consecration.

However the priests gesture, they help the people offer the Eucharistic prayer. The change in gestures alerts the faithful to the development of the prayer from words of thanksgiving to words of petition and into a sense of wonder as the Holy Spirit makes truly present the body and blood of Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT of ST. FLORIAN PARISH

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 community 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
- 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.

Worship

Altar Servers
 Choirs, Cantors & Musicians
 Ministers of Communion
 Liturgy Committee
 Ministry of Care
 Ministry of Consolation
 Ministry of Lectors
 Faith Sharing Groups
 Ushers & Greeters
 Bible Study

Education and Adult Formation

Elementary School
(Pre-K through 8th)
 Baptismal Preparation
 R.C.I.A.
 Parish Pastoral Council
 Religious Education
 Vacation Bible School
 Evangelization Committee

Service

Garden Club
 Finance Council
 St. Vincent de Paul

Parish/School Organizations

Holy Name Society
 Knights of Columbus
 Parents' Club
 Ladies Rosary Sodality
 Young at Heart
 Athletic Association

Mission Statement of St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council

St. Florian Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who work together with the pastor to act as a consultative body for the parish. Our mission is to build a prayerful, evangelizing and welcoming spirit for the benefit of the faith community.

Memorials And Gifts of Remembrance

You may remember your deceased loved ones in the following ways:

	Donation	
<u>Daily Masses</u>	\$ 10	
<u>Tree of Life</u>	Gold Leaf	\$ 100
	Small Stone	\$ 500
	Large Stone	\$1,000

The Tabernacle Candle
will be lit in memory of . . . \$ 10

The Gifts of Bread and Wine
are donated in memory of . . . \$ 15

Please remember St. Florian Parish in your estate planning

Your Gift, Your Parish
www.paritygift.org



TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE

Whether visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, we Thank God for you.

If you are not registered, or there is a change in your address, or telephone number, please fill out the form and place it in one of our collection baskets or mail it to the Rectory

Thank You

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please Check One:

New Parishioner New Phone Number

New Address Moving, Remove

from Register