

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Weekend, July 18 & 19**

4:00 PM + Frank & Irene Mosser - Family
 8:00 AM + Edward Marcisz - Larry & Sadie Eckerdt
 9:45 AM + Angeline Rzonca - Family
 11:30 AM + Irma Bulatovich - Teofilo Cerrato

Monday, July 20

7:30 AM + Jim Morse - Family

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 AM + Jim & Rose Rago - Choir Members

Wednesday, July 22

7:30 AM + Dolores Jasek - John & Adrienne

Thursday, July 23

7:30 AM + Josephine Mlynarczyk - Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Johnson

Friday, July 24

7:30 AM + Dolores Jasek - Ann Thielke

Saturday, July 25

7:30 AM + Catherine Paszczyk - Mr. & Mrs. Barney Zielinski
 4:00 PM + Edward Borowski - Wife & Family

Sunday, July 26

8:00 AM + Ceil Motkowicz - Kay Dilling
 9:45 AM + Olga Pekala - Family
 7th Anniversary
 11:30 AM + Parishioners

**Week of July 19 - July 25**

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Tony Smierciak - Daniel & Cynthia Borschnack

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Tony Smierciak - Daniel & Cynthia Borschnack

READERS**July 2015**

4:00 PM N. Mooney
 8:00 AM B. Frederisy
 9:45 AM J. Andrade
 11:30 AM I. Jimenez

ALTAR SERVERS**SATURDAY, July 25**

4:00 PM J. O'Keefe, J. O'Keefe

SUNDAY, July 26

8:00 AM D. Ranos
 9:45 AM A. Shea, J. Salamanca
 11:30 AM P. Gomez, J. Kelly

In Remembrance

Lorraine Zalewski 7/7/15

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**July 2015**

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 M. Cowperthwaite
 L. Morse
 8:00 AM C. Bozovic
 D. Ciciora
 K. Gibson
 9:45 AM M. Czarobski
 C. Ranos
 P. O'Rourke
 11:30 AM A. Davila
 R. Oseguera

USHERS**July 2015**

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. 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, Michael Boston, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Kevin Chocholek, Rickey Cholipski, Austin Cichy, Philip Corich, Martin Covarrubias, Mary Lou Cowperthwaite, Jim Cummings, Dorita De Cardona, David Donahue, Catherine Drilling, Rosie Dunmore, Marietta Falbo, Laurie Ferry, Charlotte Frjelic, Bob Frjelic, Irma Garcia, Allysa Garcia, Yesenia Guajardo, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Sara Janet Guzman, 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. Mistrz, Jr., Joe Moncada, Ricardo Morales, Genoveva Nateras, Policarpo Naya, Shirley Ostrowski, Felicia Pancer, James Rago, John Rosmanitz, Steven Schwartz, Jo Shanahan, Paul Sherman, Lillian Smierciak, Alfonso Soto, Irene Stincic, Chestine Trzupcek, Asunción Villalpondo, Dianne Williams, Jim Winter, 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 - July 20 - St. Apollinaris

Reading Exodus 14:5-18
Gospel Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday - July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Reading Exodus 14:21—15:1
Gospel Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday - July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

Reading Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18*

Thursday - July 23 - St. Bridget

Reading Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
Gospel Matthew 13:10-17

Friday - July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf

Reading Exodus 20:1-17
Gospel Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday - July 25 - St. James

Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday - July 26 - 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I 2 Kings 4:42-44
Reading II Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel John 6:1-15



St. Florian Convent for Rent

The St. Florian Convent building is for rent to a non-profit organization. It has a spacious kitchen and dining room, several offices, and a large living/recreation room. The second floor has 12 bedrooms and a large restroom. Please call (773) 646-4877 for more information.



2015 Mass Book

There are quite a few Masses available in the 2015 Mass Book. Please stop by the rectory to reserve your Masses.

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

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

**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.

ST. FLORIAN CHURCH
is now on Facebook.

Information and events will be posted on the Florian Hegewisch user page.

St. Florian School Happenings...

visit us at - www.stflorianschool.org

**St. Florian School is offering
5 students FREE tuition for the
2015-2016 school year!**

*5 students will be selected via a lottery which
will be held on 09/15/2015*

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE
CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED -
QUALIFYING FAMILIES MAY PAY AS
LOW AS \$75 A MONTH!**

**WIN an IPAD, SAVE \$ on FUNDRAISING
and TUITION & HELP the SCHOOL!**

2015 - 2016 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.

St. Florian School News

St. Florian offers classes for grades PreK through 8th. Classes are small, so individualized attention can be given to students. We offer half day and full day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. Students receive instruction in computers, Physical Education and Music in addition to the regular curriculum. Extended day care before and after school is available for working families. We have a very successful athletic program for both boys and girls. They can be involved in basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. Tuition assistance is available. View our website at <http://stflorianschool.org>.

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.

Sunday's Great Challenge

By Paul Turner

The great challenge of Sunday morning is so subtle you probably ignore it. It doesn't come from the alarm clock, which asks you to begin your life. It doesn't come from family or friends, who ask you the meaning of life. It doesn't come from the homilist, who asks you to reform your life.

No, it comes from the song leader, who says, "Please join in singing the opening hymn". The book of songs lies heavy in the rack.

"They want me to find #59? They want me to sing?"

There are many excuses not to sing. Perhaps you've used some of these yourself: 1) I never sing. This is like, "I don't do windows." In an age of specialization,

you have to set limits. You get along perfectly well at work, in the market place, and at home without singing the refrain of "You Are There," so why start in church? 2) I don't know that song. This excuse is popular with people at home with the familiar. They exhibit withdrawal symptoms when their TV shows get canceled, and they never try to cook with a recipe that calls for more than three ingredients. 3) I can't stand that song leader. Ad hominum arguments are never logical but always popular. Have you sworn off shopping at a store because of a rude clerk? Have you written off a restaurant with a sloppy waiter? This excuse might appeal to you. 4) I can't read music. This argument holds that musicians live in a secret world and speak with their own vocabulary. Since musicians are eccentric anyway, you may not want to be mistaken for one.

However, there are also many reasons for taking the

Sunday challenge from your local song leader. Consider the following: 1) Singing expresses our community. Any song—a hymn, a psalm, an acclamation—achieves what we come for: expressing our faith in community. Only music can draw our many voices together in one common voice, united in rhythm, pitch, and feeling. 2) Singing enhances religious experience. Like the rhythms on a dance floor, like the sounds of a live concert, music touches the spirit. To give ourselves over to singing is to let go of what keeps us selfish, and to involve our spirit with others. 3) Singing is beautiful. Yes, even your singing. People find God in beauty: in sunsets, in oceans, in fresh baked bread, in the beloved. Music is art, and its beauty reveals God. 4) Singing is prayer. Have you felt an emotion you couldn't put into words? Music may help. Even as we sing the words, the music itself is a prayer without words. Music has emotion, spirit, depth, and life.

If you find singing at Mass difficult, here are some practical suggestions: 1) Understand what you sing. Take some time to reflect on the words of the songs: They are our prayers, too. When you know the meaning you will sing with understanding. 2) Wonder why we're singing this song. Liturgists take time to choose the songs they invite us to sing. Ask your-self why this music may have been chosen for today's celebration. It will enrich your prayer. 3) Feel the spirit of the music. Composers write music to express how they feel about the text. Feel the spirit of the music beneath the words. 4) Listen as you sing. The sound of others singing will inspire you to sing, too. The song of the assembly is a unique religious event in our week.

Next time you walk into church, beware the song leader. You will soon hear the great challenge of your day. It's a challenge to love your neighbor with your voice, a challenge to let yourself go, a challenge to create something beautiful, a challenge to pray.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program welcomes new members into its communal life. The RCIA program is a loving experience of the church, and NOT just a series of classes to teach you about Christianity. If you have not been baptized or if you were baptized but have not received other sacraments, please call the rectory office at (773) 646-4877. Leave your name and number where you can be reached and someone will call you and answer your questions.



Convalidation

Paul Turner

"We'd like to get our marriage blessed."

A couple who were married outside the Catholic church but who want the church's approval of their marriage may do so later in a ceremony they popularly call a blessing. Technically, we call it a "convalidation." We use this ritual when we all come to an agreement that the marriage counts.

Catholics choose to be married outside the church for various reasons. Sometimes one partner is formally married, and the annulment has not yet been granted for the divorce. Sometimes the couple was unable to give time to marriage preparation, and their pastor could not accommodate them. Sometimes they are not very active in the church and choose a marriage ceremony that better fits their relationship - high on romance, low on religion. The Catholic who chooses marriage outside the church withdraws from receiving Communion.

Later, though, the couple may have second thoughts. They grow to recognize their dependence on God and the church community. They miss the Eucharist. They want to share the sacraments with their children. So they contact the parish.

Generally, the parish will invite the couple to some preparation - family, pastoral, and spiritual formation. If previous marriages are involved, annulments are pursued. And then the marriage can be "blessed."

The ceremony may be as elaborate or simple as the couple wishes. They may even walk down the aisle with attendants but most want a simple affair.

We need two witnesses, like a best man and maid/matron of honor. As long as they understand what is happening, the witnesses may be of any age, gender, or faith. We also need a deacon or priest. In places of the Catholic world where ordained ministers are scarce, another designated minister may serve as the church's official witness. Convalidation may include Mass, but it need not. We offer prayers, Scripture readings, the exchange of consent, the blessing of rings, prayers of the faithful, and blessings for the couple. It can be simple, yet solemn.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

July, 2015

	4 & 5	11 & 12
Sunday Collections		
4:00pm Mass	\$ 630.00	\$ 947.00
8:00am Mass	\$ 578.00	\$ 649.00
9:45am Mass	\$ 560.50	\$ 564.00
11:30am Mass	\$ 333.66	\$ 338.00
Mailed Donations	\$ 165.00	\$ 295.00
Votives	\$ 85.80	\$ 58.50
Actual Received	\$ 2,352.96	\$ 2,851.50
vs Budgeted Goal	-\$ 4,500.00	-\$ 4,500.00
Deficit	-\$ 2,147.04	-\$ 1,648.50
Father's Day	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 39.50	\$ 5.00
Retired Priests	\$ 0.00	\$ 105.00
Energy	\$ 266.00	\$ 60.00
Second Energy Collection	\$ 219.85	\$ 123.00
Building Improvement	\$ 205.00	\$ 140.00
Maintenance	\$ 304.00	\$ 140.00

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jul 21	Pantry Setup	9:00am
Jul 22	Big Pantry	3:00pm
Jul 26	Holy Name Golf Outing	
	Minnie Monesse - Grant Park IL	8:30am

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box 198.00

Reaching Out: During our liturgy, you extended your hand and said "Peace be with you." After liturgy, you stretched out your hand to the Poor Boxes and by this action again you said "Peace be with you." Thank You!

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 - 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.

New Rectory Hours

The rectory hours have changed. As of June 15th they are 7:30am until 4:30pm, Monday through Thursday and 7:30am through 3:30pm on Friday.

St. Florian Paper Recycling

Don't forget to bring your old paper to St. Florian. You can recycle it in the big bins behind the school.

Please don't forget us during your summer activities! With graduations, family reunions, picnics, vacations and all of the other summer plans you and your family may have, please be sure to keep current with your contributions to the Parish while you are away. We wish everyone a very blessed, safe and happy summer.



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