

Saint Fidelis Parish

125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001

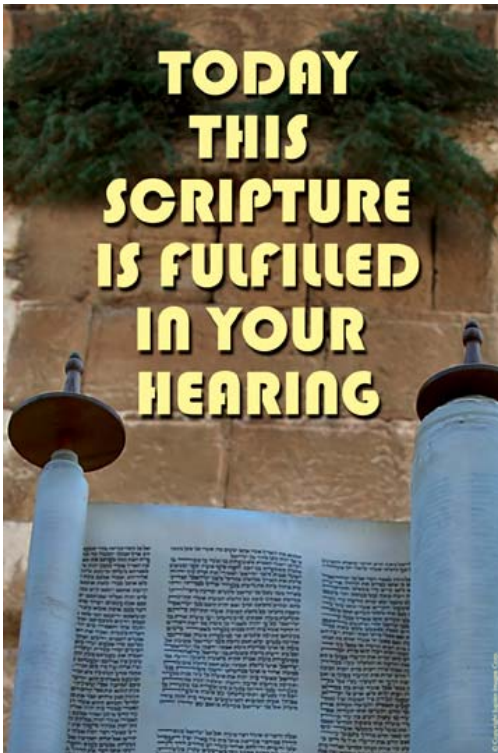
“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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January 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: 724-482-2690, ext. 223

CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday

Secretary's Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

MERIDIAN – every Saturday 12 Noon to 12:30 p.m.

LYNDORA – 1st Sunday of the month; 45 minutes before Mass.

BAPTISM: Baptism class is required. Please call the office to schedule.

BAPTISMS: After the 12 Noon Mass on the 1st & 4th Sundays and during the Noon Mass on the 3rd Sunday.

Parents are encouraged to attend baptism class *prior* to the child's birth.

MARRIAGE: Couples contemplating marriage should contact Fr. Murphy or Fr. Palick at least six months prior to the date of the intended marriage. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Please note:

A two-day notice is necessary for a funeral luncheon.

LYNDORA: Call Mary Ann Sheppeck (724-282-7157) or Rosemary Pawlowicz (724-283-8451)

MERIDIAN: Call Judy Graham (724-482-4001) or Cleo Tritch (724-283-2265)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Registration forms available in the vestibule or online at the parish website.

Complete and place in the collection basket or mail to the office.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday	Lyndora	4:00 pm
	Meridian	6:30 pm
Sunday	Lyndora	9:00 am
	Meridian	8:00 am
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2010 MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

NOTE: If you intend to take up the gifts at Mass, please notify the usher of this intention before Mass.

SATURDAY, January 23, Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA † Timothy Hoffman
(Dean & Edna Morrow)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN † Pat Youkers
(Marianne Malis - friend)

SUNDAY, January 24, Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN † Frieda Bauldoff
(Jim & Bernie Thompson)

9:00am-LYNDORA ♥ Don & Cathie Kern –
40th Wedding Anniv.

10:30am-MERIDIAN † Edna Mahler – Birthday Remb.
(Family)

12:00N-MERIDIAN † Living and Deceased

MONDAY, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul

6:55am-MERIDIAN † Patricia Cole
(Carole McElhinny)

† George "Red" Slater
(Dorothy Kriley)

TUESDAY, January 26, St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00am-LYNDORA † Nicholas Hoszwa
(Rick & Blanche Choff)
♥ Rich & Bernie Jakicic Family
(Family)

WEDNESDAY, January 27, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN † Julie Zima
(Joann Rice)
† Faithful Departed Remembrance

THURSDAY, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00am-LYNDORA † Albert Monick
(Dr. Brian Wummer)
† Elizabeth Korcheck
(Joe & Theresa Pollack)

FRIDAY, January 29, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN † Daniel Burke
(Wife, Loretta & Family)
† Sophie Curran
(John Curran)

SATURDAY, January 30, Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA ♥ Natalie Renee Rivers
(GG, Greatgrandpa & Grandma
& Granpa Rivers)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN † Sharon Garlow
(Sr. Joan)

SUNDAY, January 31, Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN † Robert Gillespie – Birth. Remb.
(Family)

9:00am-LYNDORA † Living and Deceased

10:30am-MERIDIAN † Butler Catholic School

12:00N-MERIDIAN † Joe Cronin
(Dr. & Mrs. John Pawlowicz)

A Family Perspective: The bondage of a stressful schedule and the time-devouring demands of multi-tasking can "blind" you in the needs of your loved ones. Jesus tells us in the gospel: "Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Perhaps you are "the captive who needs to be set free." Come Lord Jesus, set us free!

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 30, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Mary Ann Sheppeck
Euch Min: K. & S. Smith, M. Schmidt
Altar Server: Angela Kovac

6:30PM Meridian

Lector: Maria Worst
Euch Min: L. Howard, A. & J. Policicchio
Altar Servers: M. Goettler, M. Blose, J. Worst

SUNDAY, January 31, 2010

8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Dotty DeSantis
Euch. Min: F. McConnell, J. & D. Croll
Altar Servers: Kletzlis, S. McIntyre

9:00AM Lyndora

Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch. Min: D. Law, Deacon Toby, G. O'Melia
Altar Server: Rachel Henry

10:30AM Meridian

Lector: James Neutrelle
Euch. Min: P. Werner, A. Neutrelle, P. Keelan,
J. & D. Cygan

Altar Servers: M. Keelan, J. & J. Conklin

12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: Rachel Ferguson
Euch. Min: R. Weleski, D. Snyder, S. Eury
Altar Servers: S. Lloyd, A. Mizgorski, J. Mulkern

ROSARY

The rosary is recited at Lyndora 25 minutes before the Masses. It is recited at the Meridian site Sunday mornings 20 minutes before each Mass (with the exception of the noon Mass) and following the morning Masses in Meridian.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

The sacraments are available to those who are unable to attend Mass due to sickness, age or incapacity. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. If you are scheduling elective surgery and would like to be anointed prior to surgery, please call the rectory as soon as you have the date.

St. Fidelis Vision Statement:
St. Fidelis Parish is a Catholic community, guided by the Holy Scriptures and Church tradition, working toward the Kingdom of God on earth.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME”

For the next two Sundays, we will hear Jesus' inaugural speech from the Gospel of Luke that he delivered in his hometown synagogue of Nazareth, Luke 4:16-30. Often referred by scholars as “the Gospel within the Gospel,” Luke 4:16-30 foreshadows much of the theology and story line of the Gospel of Luke.

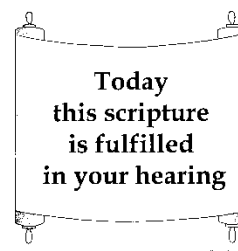
The Gospel reading for today is divided into two parts: the prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the first part of Jesus' speech delivered in Nazareth. Scholars have been interested in Luke's prologue, 1:1-4, for numerous reasons. First, Luke is the only Evangelist to provide a prologue for us to his Gospel. Rarely does it occur within the New Testament Gospels that the Evangelist steps outside his writing to inform us about anything personal. (One other example is in the ending of the Gospel of John, see Jn 21:24-25.) Second, what Luke tells us in his prologue is quite revealing. For instance, Luke informs us that he is aware of “many” others who have “undertaken” the task of writing a “narrative” of “the events that have been fulfilled among us.” Luke may be referring here to “narratives” such as the Gospel of Mark. Luke also tells us that he is relying on eyewitnesses and “ministers of the word” as sources for the writing of his Gospel. Most importantly, Luke speaks to his manner and motivation for writing his Gospel. Luke investigated “everything accurately anew” and wrote “in orderly sequence” so that his intended recipient (most excellent Theophilus) “may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.” What a treasure of information Luke left us!

In the Gospel of Luke, what follows the prologue is Luke's infancy narrative 1:5-2:52. However, for today's Gospel reading, we move from the prologue right into Jesus' inaugural speech. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are these Lukan speeches. [See, for example, in Acts, Peter (2:14-26), Stephen (7:2-53) and Paul (13:16-41).] Luke is able to present much of his own theological vision in these speeches. This is especially true in Jesus' speech in his village of Nazareth.

Jesus begins his speech by quoting from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus specifically quotes Isaiah 61:1-2. For Luke, this is a key prophetic text because it highlights that Jesus' ministry is Spirit-driven: “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me.” It also foreshadows much of Jesus' work in his public ministry. Jesus will soon begin traveling throughout Galilee and the surrounding northern regions of Israel's Promised Land. In his public ministry, the demon-possessed are freed (4:31-37; 8:26-39; 9:37-43), the sick and unclean are healed (5:12-16; 7:1-10; 8:43-48), the dead are raised to life (7:11-17; 8:40-42, 49-56). The villagers of Nazareth are the first to

hear the Gospel message: “Today this Scripture passage [Isaiah 61:1-2] is fulfilled in your hearing.”

We continue to hear in the second reading from the twelfth chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul speaks to the role and function of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian community. Paul taught the Corinthians that the Spirit brings us together as one for the purpose of building up the body of Christ. Our faith communities are meant to be Spirit-driven, just as Jesus was Spirit-driven.



The next Baptism Class is Tuesday, January 26th at 7:30pm in the Religious Education Building. Please call the parish office to register.

Men's Club Spring Fling: Anyone who has bought a ticket for the Spring Fling should have turned in the stub on the bottom of your ticket. If you have not done so, please fill it out and send it to the parish office in the collection basket, by mail or drop it off.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the soul of Mary Jane Fetterman, who passed away recently. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Magnificat Pittsburgh: Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an uplifting prayer breakfast on Saturday, February 20th from 9am to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Township. Hear speaker Gail Buckley tell the story of her conversion to the Catholic faith. Gail is the founder and president of Catholic Scripture Study (CSS). CSS is the world's fastest growing Catholic Bible study program and has received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is February 12th. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a registration form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!
Michele & Justin Crilley and Rebecca & Emily
Paul & Sandra Cuny
Denise Day
Charles Hines, Jr.
Matthew Maliszewski

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 1/17/10	\$10,903.90
St. Anthony Schools	\$1,391.97
Parish Share	\$535.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$1,060.00

Second Collection Today: Over the past few days, the world has struggled to come to grips with the massive earthquake in Haiti. Reactions of shock and horror at the images on our television screens have turned to emotions of sorrow and anguish as the scale of the devastation has become known. Today, the Church of Pittsburgh must move from shock and anguish to action. Just hours after the earthquake, our Holy Father called for an international response to the Haitian people. In response to our Holy Father's call, we, at St. Fidelis, will have a second collection today. All contributions will be directed to Catholic Relief Services, which has been working in Haiti for 50 years and is already at the forefront of the response to this disaster. Please be as generous as possible.

Altar Society Schedule

Week of January 24 – Patty Francese

Centering Prayer will be held for 20 minutes weekly following the 8 a.m. Tuesday Mass in Lyndora. All are invited. For information call, Dolores Elli at 724-282-6001.

Marian Prayer group will meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Call Gary & Janet Salusky at 724-789-7777 for information.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass at Lyndora. Please come and pray with us!

Sign up now for the upcoming Sacrament Course! Sacraments are one of the best parts about being Catholic. Come and explore these doorways into the realm of the sacred on Thursdays from February 4th through March 11th from noon – 2:30pm at St. Fidelis. Contact Joan Pilat at 724-482-2362 to register.

Butler Catholic School will be having an Information Night on Wednesday, February 3rd beginning at 7:00pm in the auditorium. "Dividends for Life" reminds us that there is no better investment than the education of our children. Find out more about how your parish school, Butler Catholic, can put all the pieces of a better education together for your child. We offer Pre-K – 8th Grade. Call us at 724-285-4276 or visit our Information Night.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: February 19-21 at the Toffress Resort, State College, PA. For more information or to register, call 412-635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwme-pittsburgh.org.

Christian Women's Guild Prayer Chain:

The Christian Women wish to share their love and concern for others by extending their ministry of the prayer chain to the entire parish. The names of the sick and hospitalized will be published in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested. Requests must be given to Mary Ellen Cupps, 724-482-2500 or Fran McConnell, 724-789-9433 by Noon on Mondays. Please remember: Doreen Albin, Marilyn B., William Bajcz, Charles Barb, Becky, Alice Bradley, Vera Buckowsky, John Burrett, Mary K. Chuba, Kate Connors, Karen Conrad, Patty Coyle, Sandy Davidson, Luann Davis, Carmen DeRose, Pete DeSantis, Vivian DeSantis, John Dottle, Tom Duggan, Emma & Christine, Mary F., Michael F., Michael Gargalis, Paul Graham, Vern Hinchberger, LaVerna Hortert, James, Sara K., Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Evelyn Kochanowski, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, John Kristofek, Donna Kudamik, Gerald Lytle, Warren Martin, Mary Elizabeth, Ed Matulo, Scott McCue, Frank Michalek, Renell & Jim Mortimer, Trevor & Rachel Mueller, Nelly & Vickie, Matthew Noto, Tim O'Farrell, Pat Pelligrino, Todd Perschke, Ingrid & Roslyn Marie Peth, Ronna Pindel, John Pinto, Madeline & Richard Polscak, Mary Beth Regan, Kristofer Robinson, Tim Schaffner, Mitchell Shaw, Mary Sheppeck, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Barney Slupe, Phyllis Slupe, George Straynick, Lauren Stroje, Laura Tanaka, Tina's Family, Tom, Christina Virgil, Al & Florence Werner, Virginia Yossa, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

Deepening My Relationship with God: Day of Reflection at Mt. Alvernia for single women, 18-35. Register by Friday, January 29th. Overnight begins Friday, February 5th at 7:30pm and ends Saturday, February 6th at 7:30pm. The program includes presentations, Eucharistic adoration, Mass, meals, discussion, and personal reflection time. For more information, email mcline@millvalefranciscans.org or call the Sisters of St. Francis at Mt. Alvernia (412-821-2200, ext. 430).

North Catholic High School Placement Testing:

North Catholic High School welcomes prospective students on Saturday, February 6th at 9am for Placement Testing. Registration is necessary to attend the testing. For more information, please call Maura DeRiggi, Admissions Director at 412-321-4823, ext. 127.

Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Series: Our adult lecture series for Spring, 2010 will feature Reverend Dwight Longnecker, author and regular contributor to *First Things*, *This Rock* and *National Catholic Register*. Ordained an Anglican priest, Fr. Dwight and his family were received into the Catholic Church in 1995. He was later ordained as a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Charleston in 2006 under the special pastoral provision for the married former Anglican clergy. Join us for Fr. Dwight's presentation, *St. Benedict and St. Therese: The Little Rule and the Little Way* to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30pm. The lecture is free – all are welcome to attend.



R. E. News Bee

January 24: 9-10:15am pre-grade 5
6-8pm grades 6,7, and 8

January 25: 6-7:15pm pre-grade 5

January 31: 9-10:15am pre-grade 5

February 1: 6-7:15pm pre-grade 5

February 7: 9-10:15am pre-grade 5

Note: Because of the Super Bowl on February 7th, there will be no evening CCD for grades 6 & 7.

February 8: 6-7:15pm pre-grade 5

Youth Group Scoop

Mark your calendar:

Last Pancake Breakfast of the Season – February 7th

Hey kids, bet you can't eat just one! The last pancake breakfast we've got a cool challenge for you. Who can eat the most pancakes? We've got two prizes, one for the guys and one for the girls. After you have purchased your ticket, the "throw down" is on! The contest will start at 11:45am. Chris Williams and Deacon Toby will be judging, so get ready!

February Wednesday Night: 2/10 – Kickball and Ice Cream Bar. Bring your favorite topping. All grades from 6:30-8:00pm.

2/24 – details to follow.

2/20 –Slippery Rock ARC (Aebersold Recreational Center) on SRU Campus. Youth Group is meeting from 2-5pm to enjoy the indoor pool, rock wall, track and open gym. \$3.00 will reserve your spot. Please give your money to Chris by 2/17. Chaperones are needed (male and female.)

Friday Fish Frys: 2/12 through 3/26. We couldn't do it without you! 25-30 youth are needed weekly for the successful running of the fish frys. In addition, 2 adults are needed weekly to supervise youth responsibilities. Please contact Chris if you are willing to participate.

2010 WV Mission Trip: June 20-25. Details will follow.

Don't forget to check out the YG bulletin board outside the CCD office for info on upcoming events.

Annual White Mass: Bishop David Zubik, Father Donald Breier, Rector/Pastor, St. Paul Cathedral, and Father Lawrence DiNardo, Catholic Medical Association Chaplain, will be the concelebrants at the annual White Mass for healthcare personnel on Sunday, February 7th at 10am at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland. The Mass honors all persons who provide any service in the healthcare arena throughout the diocese. This would include, but is not limited to, physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, aides and orderlies, emergency medical technicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, social workers, administrators, chaplains, all hospital and nursing home personnel, as well as priests and men and women religious in health care ministry. All faiths are invited to participate, and non-Catholic clergy are invited as well.

Ensuring Your Child's School is Safe: Every teacher, coach, and volunteer who works with children in the Diocese of Pittsburgh's parishes and schools must have a background check before he or she is permitted to work in any school – or parish-related job or activity that involves contact with children. But what about the children who attend non-Catholic private or public schools? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm. Suggest that they review other abuse prevention programs to ensure that their policies and practices are up to date. And demand that all employees and volunteers who work in the school be properly screened, including background checks, before they are allowed to be near your children. Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Lecture Series:

Thursday, January 28th, 7:00-8:30pm. Distracted! – Finding Focus in an Attention-Deficient World. Maggie Jackson is an award winning author and journalist known for her penetrating coverage of U. S. social issues. She writes the popular "Balancing Acts" column in the Sunday *Boston Globe*, and her articles have also appeared in *The New York Times*, *Gastronomica* and on *National Public Radio*. Her latest book, *Distracted: The Erosion of Attention and the Coming Dark Age*, details the steep costs of our current epidemic deficits of attention, while revealing the astonishing scientific discoveries that can help us rekindle our powers of focus in a world of speed and overload. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, see www.AquinasAcademy.info or call 724-444-0722.

Dear Parish Members:

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with the J.S. Paluch Company, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers – many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our parish.

Sincerely, Father Murphy

