

# Saint Fidelis Parish

125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001

**“A Community of Faithful Stewards”**

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January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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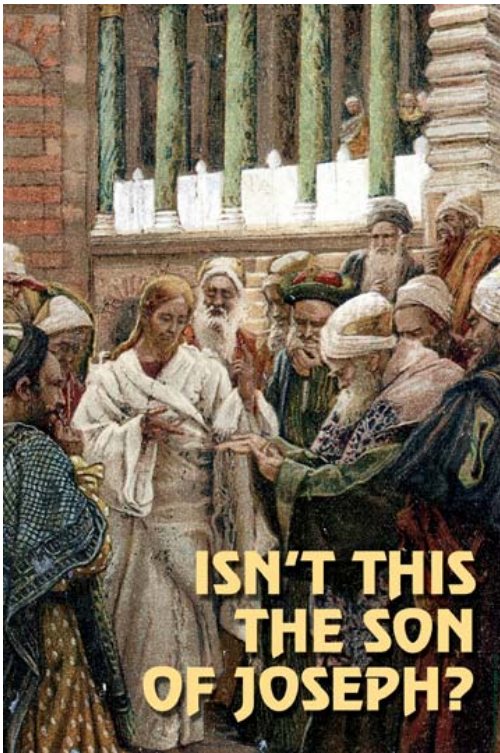
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**PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY:** 724-482-2690, ext. 223

**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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and during the Noon Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
		10:30 am
		12:00 N

## 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 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)

### MONDAY, February 1, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN † Norma Slater  
(Stan & Nancy Paytas)

### TUESDAY, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00am-LYNDORA † Nicholas Hoszwa  
(Matt, Patty & Rachel Konieczny)

### WEDNESDAY, February 3, Weekday

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

### THURSDAY, February 4, Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA † Faithful Departed Remembrance

### FRIDAY, February 5, St. Agatha

6:55am-MERIDIAN † Edgar Hakenewerth – Birth. Remb.  
(Paul & Janet Barber)

### SATURDAY, February 6, Fifth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA † William Young, Sr.  
(Bob & Maryann Tritch)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN † Lucia Pinto  
(John & JoAnne Pinto & Family)

### SUNDAY, February 7, Fifth Sunday in

#### Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN † Living and Deceased

9:00am-LYNDORA ♥ Marge & Joseph Furka –  
62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
(Children)

10:30am-MERIDIAN † Janice Phillips  
(Joe, MaryAnn & Paul)

12:00N-MERIDIAN ♥ Mike & Cookie Salak –  
57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Thank You!** On behalf of the entire school community here at Butler Catholic, we just wanted to say thank you so very much for all the kindness, generosity, and support you've given and shown to us throughout the years. You have been our "unseen supporters." Thank you for being you. Know that you are in our prayers every day. Thank you and God bless!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2:30pm at St. Fidelis. Contact Joan Pilat at 724-482-2362 to register.

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, February 6, 2010

#### 4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Mary Ann Sheppeck  
Euch Min: N. Martonik, B. Cooper, L. Smith  
Altar Server: Megan Goettler

#### 6:30PM Meridian

Lector: John Morgan  
Euch Min: M. Cavanaugh, J. & D. Cygan  
Altar Servers: J. Cratty, Stocks

### SUNDAY, February 7, 2010

#### 8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Dotty DeSantis  
Euch. Min: E. Peth, D. Staab, Deacon Toby  
Altar Servers: S. McIntyre, Schirras

#### 9:00AM Lyndora

Lector: Dave Savage  
Euch. Min: L. Howard, B. Goepfner, D. Law  
Altar Server: Stephanie Loyd

#### 10:30AM Meridian

Lector: James Neutrelle  
Euch. Min: A. Neutrelle, P. Werner, Deacon Toby,  
T. & V. Lang

Altar Servers: M. Weiland, Stocks

#### 12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: Rachel Ferguson  
Euch. Min: J. & J. Kline, R. Thomas  
Altar Servers: J., J., N. Ferguson

### 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.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### “A ‘PROPHET’”

In the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear the second half of Jesus' inaugural speech in Nazareth. But rather than rejoice in the “good news” that Jesus has come to deliver, the Nazoreans react negatively to the challenge that Jesus sets before them.

Nazareth was a small village nestled in the southern half of the lower Galilee. The exact population of Nazareth is unknown, but most scholars suspect the population was less than two thousand, perhaps as small as several hundred. Given first-century Mediterranean village life, and the fact that Jesus lived his entire life in Nazareth (thirty or more years), it is safe to assume that Jesus and the Nazorean villagers knew each other very well prior to his public ministry. We heard last Sunday (repeated today) that Jesus announces, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Initially, Jesus receives an overwhelmingly positive reaction. But then some of the Nazorean villagers raise the question: “isn't this the son of Joseph?” From our modern perspective, this may be an innocent question. But from the ancient perspective, Jesus is being publicly challenged. Apparently for some of the villagers, there was a disconnect between what they knew of Jesus prior to his public ministry and what they were now hearing and seeing from Jesus. The question of Jesus' immediate genealogy is raised as a means of challenging Jesus in the high praise he was receiving from Capernaum and elsewhere. As the son of Joseph, a craftsman's son, Jesus would have enjoyed little ascribed honor within ancient society. But suddenly Jesus was acquiring high public honor. This was clearly a threat to some in Nazareth. It is Jesus' response to the question of being “the son of Joseph” where the tension and conflict between Jesus and the Nazorean villagers escalates.

Jesus speaks of himself as a “prophet” and draws an analogy between himself and the ancient Israelite prophets, Elijah and Elisha. The point that Jesus makes here is what so infuriates the Nazoreans. Jesus reminds his fellow villagers that because of Israel's sin and blindness to God's presence, both Elijah and Elisha were sent only to a *Gentile* widow and leper. The people in the synagogue in Nazareth “were all filled with fury” because they understood clearly the implications of Jesus' message to them: because of *their* blindness, Jesus would be taking the “good news” of the kingdom of God to the Gentiles. Jesus challenged the Nazoreans to be open to seeing God at work in his ministry, and being open to God's desire to save all people, including Gentiles. Even though all three synoptic Gospels include this story of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth, Luke alone tells us that the villagers of Nazareth not only rejected Jesus, they tried to kill him! Luke is highlighting here the depth of the challenge for inclusivity that Jesus

presented to those who follow him. Many were simply unwilling to embrace Jesus' Gentile mission.

It is, in fact, the mission to the Gentiles that figures prominently in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The challenge to include others that we perceive as outsiders is as strong today as it was in the first-century world. But as followers of Christ, we are called to take seriously Jesus' message of inclusivity.



**Please pray for the soul of Timothy Schaffner** who passed away recently. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The family of **Mary Jane Fetterman** would like to thank Father Murphy, Father George and all the parishioners for their prayers, cards and kind words.

**Christian Women's Guild Pierogi Sale:** Once again the Christian Women's Guild is having a Pierogi sale. Help is needed Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am to make the pierogis. Join us for fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided.

**Roasters?** The fish fry is in need of electric 18-quart rectangular shaped roasters that are in good working order. If you have a roaster (with a lid) that you would like to donate to the church, please call the church office.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive** is the first weekend of each month. Please place your non-perishable food items at the back of the church.

**The St. Fidelis Men's Club** will meet on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Building. All men of the parish are invited.

**The Youth Group is in need of tricycles!** We would like to have the older, metal ones, not the plastic “Big Wheel” ones. Please call Chris at the parish office if you can help.



#### **Pancake Breakfast**

The Men's Club will be serving their last pancake breakfast of the season next Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to Noon. The price is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children. **Tickets for the Spring Fling will be available at the pancake breakfast also.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 1/24/10	\$12,895.60
St. Anthony Schools	\$40.00
Haiti Relief	\$7,596.85
Parish Share	\$1,110.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$800.00

### Altar Society Schedule

Week of January 31 – Judy Graham

**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!

**Butler Catholic School** will be having an Information Night on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Call us at 724-285-4276 or visit our Information Night.

### 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, Steve C., Mary K. Chuba, Kate Connors, Karen Conrad, Sandy Davidson, Luann Davis, Jackie DeLess, 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, Kristen Lindsay, 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, Ingrid & Roslyn Marie Peth, Ronna Pindel, John Pinto, Madeline & Richard Polscak, Mary Beth Regan, Kristofer Robinson, 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.*

### R. E. News Bee

Sunday Jan 31: 9 am - pre- grade 5

Monday Feb. 1: 6 pm - pre-grade 5

Sunday Feb. 7: 9 am - pre- grade 5

no class at 6 pm -Super Bowl

Monday Feb. 8: 6 pm - pre- grade 5

### Youth Group Scoop

#### Mark your calendar:

#### Last Pancake Breakfast of the Season – February 7<sup>th</sup>

**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! Please RSVP to Chris so there is enough grub to go around.

**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.*

**The Blue Army of Butler** will have a Mass on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm followed by Holy Hour at St. Fidelis Parish, Lyndora site. Rosary will be at 5:30, before Mass. Celebrant is Fr. Vincent Capuano.

**Butler Area Marriage Preparation Class** will be held April 9/10, 2010 at St. Peter Parish, 127 Franklin St., Butler. Class will be on Friday at 6:45-10pm and Saturday 8:45-5:30pm. The Saturday session concludes with the 4:30pm Mass at St. Peter Church. Mass attendance is part of the Pre-Cana Program. Cost is \$25/couple. Lunch will be provided or couples may pack their own lunch. Class size is limited to 25 couples. Register early. For registration/information, phone 724-991-2639 or email [cweiland@zoominternet.net](mailto:cweiland@zoominternet.net).

**World Marriage Day:** Family celebration of Valentine's Day with a potluck lunch and renewal of wedding vows. Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm at St. Andrew RC Church, 1660 N. Main St. Ext., Butler. Bring a casserole or dessert to share. Craft planned for children. No reservations needed. Everyone welcome! Please call 724-282-8280 for more information.

# Themed Basket Chinese Auction



In conjunction with the Men's Club "Spring Fling", the Christian Women's Guild will be sponsoring a themed basket Chinese Auction. We are asking our creative parishioners to donate baskets for this event. Completed baskets may be dropped off at the parish office Monday–Thursday from 9am-2pm. Please include your name and a list of the basket's contents. Drop-off deadline is Wednesday, March 24. For more information, please call Barb or Karen at the parish office – 724-482-2690.

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## Connect with God



The "Connect with God" Lenten Series is for EVERYONE who needs some help getting through the daily grind. Of course the simple, quick answer is just pray. However, it is not easy and many of us feel that the choice is either go to a monastery to live a life of prayer OR live out in the world and try to hang on as life spins faster and faster. Come and discover how you can do both -- in a way that is simple and do-able.

Those of you who are not bothered by the daily grind are very welcome as well!

Connect with God will be offered at 7:15 pm on Wednesday February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. This will be after the 6 pm Stations and the 6:30 pm Mass. Light refreshments will be served, and babysitting will be available if needed. Call the office at 724-482-2690 to let us know if you will need babysitting.