

Saint Fidelis Parish

125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001

"A Community of Faithful Stewards"

Office/Rectory: 724-482-2690 CCD/Hall: 724-482-2362

Fax: 724-482-2315 Email: StFidel@aol.com

Website: saintfidelis.org

July 18, 2010

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Reverend James F. Murphy, D. Min.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. George J. Palick (724-287-5531)
Deacon: Deacon Toby Gaines, M. Ed.
Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Ethel Galli

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Joan Pilat-724-482-2362
e-mail: stfidelisccd@gmail.com
Youth Minister: Mrs. Chris Williams
e-mail: stfidelis.youthgroup@zoominternet.net
Music Director: Mrs. Cookie Salak
Parish Social Minister: Mrs. Joannie Soldner
e-mail: joannies7@aol.com
Business Manager: Mrs. Barbara A. Rosenbaum
e-mail: psurose04@yahoo.com
Parish Secretary: Mrs. Ellen Wehr
e-mail: ellen1@zoominternet.net
Liturgical Coordinator: Mrs. Terri Piroch
Director of Evangelization & Planning Dr. Ginney K. Duffey, Ph.D.
e-mail: gkduffey@zoominternet.net
Butler Catholic School: Sr. John Ann-Principal-724-285-4276



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

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

CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday – 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 Shepbeck (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.



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

SATURDAY, July 17, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA 🕯️ Frank Kiern's 90th Birthday!
6:30pm-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Paul, Margaret & Joseph
(Nancy & Marty)

SUNDAY, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Living and Deceased
9:00am-LYNDORA 🕯️ Joseph Walek
(Bolek Hoszwa)
10:30am-MERIDIAN Florence & 🕯️ Albert Werner
(Werner Family)
12:00N-MERIDIAN 🕯️ James C. Pappas
(Chuck & Bonnie Sarver)

MONDAY, July 19, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Virginia Yossa
(Sherry & Ron Douthett)
🕯️ Faithful Departed Remembrance

TUESDAY, July 20, Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA 🕯️ Helen Reott – 1 yr. Anniv. Remb.
(Marianne Malis)
🕯️ Josephine Piroch
(John & Ethel Galli)

WEDNESDAY, July 21, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Albert Werner
(Chuck & Patty Rock)
🕯️ Thomas Duggan – Birth. Remb.
(Ellen, John, Gina & Joe)

THURSDAY, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

8:00am-LYNDORA 🕯️ Nicholas Hoszwa – 1st Anniv. Remb.
(Bolek, Marina & Sam)
🕯️ Joseph "Spike" & Ann Shramawick –
Wedding Anniv. Remb.
(Mae)

FRIDAY, July 23, Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Billy Rotunda
(Karen Marchyshyn)
🕯️ Marlene Vecchio
(Mary Rozic)

SATURDAY, July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm-LYNDORA 🕯️ Irene Natali
(Josephine Schnitzki)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Mary A. Sheppeck
(Dave & Glenda Schaffner)

SUNDAY, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Esther (Anniv. Remb.)
& Gardiner McClelland
(Jack & Judy McClelland)
9:00am-LYNDORA 🕯️ Mario & Toni Mariotti
(Dave & Martha Cornibe)
10:30am-MERIDIAN Living and Deceased
12:00N-MERIDIAN 🕯️ Bernice Kline – 8 yr. Anniv. Remb.
(Jim & Jeanie)

How Does your Garden Grow?

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank once again will be accepting donations of fresh vegetables. Regular collections of fresh vegetables and fruits will be on Saturdays at St. Michael's School Hall beginning July 3rd from 8am to 12:00N or you may call Lew at 724-991-6094 or Jerry at 724-285-1552.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 24, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch Min: J. Srock, B. Cooper, N. Martonik
Altar Server: Savannah McIntyre

6:30PM Meridian

Lector: Susan Oliver
Euch Min: R. Weleski, L. Smith, M. Cavanaugh
Altar Servers: Schirras, M. Blose

SUNDAY, July 25, 2010

8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Norman Henthorn
Euch. Min: F. McConnell, D. Staab, M. Semler
Altar Servers: K. Zoelle, J. & K. Szwed

9:00AM Lyndora

Lector: Dave Savage
Euch. Min: R. Pawlowicz, B. Goepfner, D. Elli
Altar Server: Stephanie Lloyd

10:30AM Meridian

Lector: Amy Mavrodiss
Euch. Min: M. DiPippa, J. Pepmeyer, E. Peth,
M. Lansinger, P. Werner

Altar Servers: M. A. & J. DiPippa

12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: Gerald Miller
Euch. Min: D. Snyder, Deacon Toby, K. Pappas
Altar Servers: A. & N. Huff, P. Rumbaugh

ROSARY: Lyndora site: 25 minutes before the Masses.
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.

Centering Prayer is 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 meets 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!

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.

“HOSPITALITY”

Today’s readings speak of the importance of hospitality to strangers. Within Israel’s long history, welcoming a stranger into one’s home became an important cultural norm that upheld one of the main teachings from the Jewish prophetic tradition: offer kindness to widows, orphans and strangers because these people represent the most vulnerable persons in the ancient world.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis tells the story of the unusual encounter between Abraham and the “three men” (messengers sent by God). The placing of this story at the beginning of chapter eighteen in the Book of Genesis is by compositional design. This story of Abraham’s hospitable treatment of these strangers will stand in sharp contrast to the despicable treatment these very same strangers are about to receive once they leave Abraham and Sarah and venture into the city of Sodom (see Gn19). In fact, part of what Abraham will learn from these strangers is that they have been sent by God to investigate “the grave sin” reportedly occurring in the cities of Sodom of Gomorrah (Gn 18:16-21). The grave sin is the shameful mistreatment of strangers by the inhabitants of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

As seen in the first reading, Abraham models the proper treatment of strangers: a warm welcome accompanied by a fine meal. In return, the three men reveal to Abraham the forthcoming birth of Isaac, the firstborn son of Abraham and Sarah. This begins the fulfillment of God’s covenant with Abraham: because of Abraham’s faith, Abraham will “become the father of a host of nations” and “I [God] will render you exceedingly fertile” (Gn 17:3-6).

In the Gospel reading for today, we hear about the hospitality offered to Jesus by Martha and Mary as they welcomed him into their home. Only the Gospel of Luke contains this story of this encounter between Jesus by Martha and Mary. (The Gospel of John does report of the friendship between Jesus and Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus. See Jn 11:1-44.) For Luke, this encounter between Jesus and Martha and Mary supports not only Luke’s interest in highlighting the importance of hospitality, but also Luke’s concern for women. As you hear in today’s reading, Martha and Mary offer their home and their hospitality to Jesus (and presumably the disciples traveling with Jesus). In their time together, Jesus praises Mary, who recognizes the remarkable opportunity to listen to his words as she “sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.” It was Mary, more so than Martha, who was open to God’s revelation in Jesus. In the second reading, we continue hearing from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. Paul writes of “the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.” This “mystery” was revealed by Christ: God’s salvation extended to the Gentiles. No longer limited to

his chosen people, God now offers salvation through Christ to the Gentiles as well. Paul had come to realize that the gift of Christ was not limited to Israel. God’s plan for salvation was no longer a mystery; even the historic “strangers” to Israel (the Gentiles) were to be grafted into salvation history. For Paul, this called Israel to a new and unprecedented level of hospitality to the Gentiles who likewise professed faith in Jesus.

The one who does
justice will live
in the presence
of the Lord



Born to New Life: Please pray for the family of James Ellis who passed away recently. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who have been married for 50 years. This year’s celebration will take place on Sunday, October 3rd beginning with a Mass at 3:00pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2010, and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than **August 8, 2010**. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

Benedictine Oblates will meet on Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00pm in the double classroom.

BCS News

Registration: We are currently taking registrations for all grades at Butler Catholic. We offer 3-year old Preschool, 4-year old Preschool (1/2 day and full day), and Kindergarten through Grade 8. 4-year old Preschool and Kindergarten are filling up fast. Call 724-285-4276 today to schedule an appointment to register.

Butler Catholic School will be selling raffle tickets after Mass for TWO tickets for the ENTIRE 2010 Pittsburgh Steelers REGULAR season. Donation is \$10.00 per ticket. Seats are Row D, Section 131, Seats 5 and 6. They are four rows from the field behind the Steelers bench!

Weekly Offering	
Income 7/11/10	\$12,536.00
Peter's Pence	\$95.00
Parish Share, 2010	\$500.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$820.00

Altar Society Schedule
July 18 – Mary Payung

Youth Group Scoop – Grades 6-12:

Mark your Calendars:

Butler Community Dinner hosted by St. Fidelis Youth Group: Tuesday, July 27th. Come and give back to the Butler community that supports us so well. We will be cooking, serving and cleaning up. Adults are also needed in the kitchen. Contact Chris if you are able and willing.

August 8th Pirate Game: Pirates vs. Colorado Rockies. 1:35 start. \$20 and signed Consent to Treat will reserve your seat on the bus and ticket to the game. Chaperones needed. Bus will leave church parking lot at noon.

Butler Farm Show: August 9th – 14th: Youth Group will be selling beverages, snacks and chances to win an iPod and gift card. All proceeds will benefit our future endeavors. Contact Christ to sign up for particular shifts.

St. Fidelis Red Cross Babysitting Training Course will be held in the double classroom on Saturday, August 21st from 9am to 4pm. Limited space is still available. Course is geared for ages 11-16 and will focus on prevention, safety responsibility, leadership and professionalism. Cost is \$49. Lunch and snack will be provided.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY AUGUST 6TH.

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, Andy Anderson, Tootie Betres, Juanita Birckbichler, Alice Bradley, John Burlett, Steve C., Mary Chalmers, Eva Chavez, John Chuba, Karen Conrad, Bernice Czyzyk, Vivian DeSantis, Frank Druda, Diane Ellis, Father Steve, Jeanine Furman, Jo Gaul, John Gibson, Sheila Gibson, Mary Ann Hein, Betty Herbert-Pendelton, Ruth Holben, Ann Horan, Tom Horvatic, Frank K., Kelly & Erin, Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Jeanie Kline, Jay Dale Kolander, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, Lillian Kostucky, Marsha Kowal, Leroy, Barb Lucas, Lynne, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Owen McKinnis, S. McElroy, Sandra McNees, Megan, Mikayla, Herb Moniot, Noto Family, Tim O'Farrell, Patricia Ordy, Mark Panichelle, Ed Pawlowicz, Rosemary Pawlowicz, Mary Beth Reges, Joe Ritson, Veronica Rozic, Michael Rupert, Pamela Salopek, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Amy Staab & baby, Kathy Stringer, Barney Slupe, Carolyn Smolen, Stephen, Ryan T., Russ Thomas, Tina's Family, Adam Troutman, Harriet V., Joan W., Kassie Yenick, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISER "SHARE OUR BOUNTY" TO BENEFIT OUR SVDP FOOD BANK:

Saturday, October 23, 2010 from Noon until 5:00pm. We will have 50/50 raffles, 100 themed baskets and prizes every 15 minutes including a gas grill, snow blower, Weedeater, cash, iPod touch with iTunes card, laptop computer, and a 42" flat screen TV. Please join us at St. Michael Church on Center Ave. for an afternoon of food, beverage, fun and prizes galore while helping our SVDP Food Bank. Call Karen Callihan at 724-482-2340 for tickets at \$30.00 each.

Themed Basket Chinese Auction:

In conjunction with the parish picnic on Sunday, August 29th we will be having 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 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Please include your name and a list of the basket's contents. Drop off deadline is Monday, August 23rd by 2pm. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity. For more information, please call Barb, Karen, or Joannie or at the parish office.

Butler Area Marriage Preparation Class: This class consists of two Saturday sessions, Saturday, October 30, 2010 and Saturday, November 6, 2010. They will be held at St. Peter Parish Center, 342 Normal Ave. in Slippery Rock. Cost is \$40/couple. Lunch will be provided. Class size is limited to 20 couples. Register early – classes fill quickly. For registration or information, phone 724-991-2639 or email cweiland@zoominternet.net

Welcome to our New Members:

Richard & Annamarie Collar
Patrick & Shirley McGee
John Wokutch

Community Notes:

St. Gregory Parish, Zelienople is having their annual Lawn Fete on July 22, 23, and 24th. Dinner will be served nightly from 4-7. Thursday: Homemade spaghetti and meatballs, \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 per child. Friday: Fish dinner, \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 per child. Saturday: Chicken BBQ dinner, \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 per child. Activities begin at 7pm with games of chance, bingo nightly, carnival rides, white elephant sale, raffle and a concession stand.

St. Mary Church, Herman will hold their annual summer picnic on Sunday, August 1st. Ham or chicken dinners will be served from 11am to 5pm. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 4-10, under 3 are free. Carry-outs are \$8.50. Games and entertainment for all ages.

Polish Day at Kennywood Park is on August 3rd! The day will feature Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik, Polish food, a 50/50 raffle, dancing, Miss Polonia crowning and more. When purchased in advance, discounted Ride-All-Day tickets cost \$23.00 each. Fun passes can be purchased for \$13 by those 55 years of age or older. For more information, call Merle Addams at 412-486-1605.



A VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY

The seeds of our faith come to us through the generosity of the Holy Spirit. They need nurtured by a faith-filled and faithful loving family, which in turn needs the support of a community of faith. Catechists support families as they pass on their faith and love of God and His people.

Catechists are good people who have responded to God's call to ministry. They regularly practice their Catholic faith by praying, attending Mass and receiving the sacraments. Then they commit to being present to the children and youth of the Parish each week to help them begin to understand what it is that was planted in us as a gift by the Holy Spirit and is now growing within.

ARE YOU BEING NUDGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE A CATECHIST? The children and youth of St. Fidelis need you. There are many openings this year because a number of catechists who have journeyed with the Religious Ed Program and their children are moving on. Contact Joan Pilat to volunteer or for more information at 724-482-2362 or stfidelisccd@gmail.com.



Are you hungry for meaning and purpose in your life?

Would you like to develop or deepen your relationship with God?

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church ... and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey!

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

The [RCIA process](#) is the way Catholic Communities welcome seekers into the faith and the community. The process begins in September and goes through four stages: 1. Inquiry, 2. Catechumenate, 3. Purification and Enlightenment and 4. *Mystagogy*. The third stage culminates with one's baptism or reception into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil Mass. The fourth stage begins after Easter and ends in May.

You are welcome to contact Fr. George at 724-287-5531 if you would like to ask questions about the process for yourself or another.