

Saint Fidelis Parish

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"A Community of Faithful Stewards"

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July 25, 2010

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Shepkeck (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 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)

MONDAY, July 26, St. Joachim & St. Anne

- 6:55am-MERIDIAN †Joe & Leota Coyle –
Wedding Anniv. Remb.
(Children)
†Faithful Departed Remembrance

TUESDAY, July 27, Weekday

- 8:00am-LYNDORA †Tony Yurkovich
(Mary Ann & Ruth)
†Albert Werner
(Donna & John Smith)

WEDNESDAY, July 28, Weekday

- 6:55am-MERIDIAN †Lena Steiner O'Hara
(Helen DeRubeis)
†Daniel Burke
(Wife, Loretta & Family)

THURSDAY, July 29, St. Martha

- 8:00am-LYNDORA †Josephine Piroch
(Joe & Bernice Radvinski)
†Mary A. Sheppeck
(Richard & Florence Stephenson)

FRIDAY, July 30, Weekday

- 6:55am-MERIDIAN †Marlene Vecchio
(Mary Rozic)
†Virginia Yossa
(George & Kathy Rodgers)

SATURDAY, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

- 4:00pm-LYNDORA †Irene Natali
(Muzzy, Dorothy & Judy)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN †Joseph Walek
(Frank & Ann Raypush)

SUNDAY, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am-MERIDIAN †Mary & Ray Weleski
(Marsha & Ron Weleski)
9:00am-LYNDORA †Mary A. Sheppeck
(Brent Hilderbrand)
10:30am-MERIDIAN Living and Deceased
12:00N-MERIDIAN †Jim Mullner – 3rd Anniv. Remb.
(Wife & Family)

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, July 27th at 2:00pm in the double classroom.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 31, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Elena Noel
Euch Min: J. Graham, S. Rodack, M. Schmidt
Altar Server: Jim Mulkern

6:30PM Meridian

Lector: John Morgan
Euch Min: K. & S. Smith, Deacon Toby
Altar Servers: E & R. Crilley, C. Pellegrino

SUNDAY, August 1, 2010

8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Thomas Cleary
Euch. Min: G. O'Melia, J. & D. Croll
Altar Servers: J. Cratty, M. Weiland, S. McIntyre

9:00AM Lyndora

Lector: Carol Pawlowicz
Euch. Min: E. Pawlowicz, D. Law, R. Hilliard
Altar Server: Derrick Andreassi

10:30AM Meridian

Lector: James Neutrelle
Euch. Min: P. Keelan, B. Jarecki, J. Kaufman,
A. Neutrelle, S. Ward

Altar Servers: M. Keelan, Kletzlis

12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: Rachel Ferguson
Euch. Min: J. & J. Kline, N. Martonik
Altar Servers: Fergusons

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.

“PRAYER”

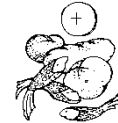
The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to offer up to God prayers of intercession and petition. Just as Abraham interceded on behalf of the inhabitants of the city of Sodom, Jesus, too, taught the disciples to ask questions and make requests of God in prayer, to “knock on the door.”

The first reading from the Book of Genesis is a continuation of the encounter between Abraham and the “three men” that we heard in last Sunday’s first reading. Having offered the hospitality of his home and his food to these strangers, Abraham was now escorting these three men to their next destination, the city of Sodom. Without any explanation, it becomes clear that the Lord is now standing with Abraham and these men on their journey to Sodom to investigate the “grave sin” of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. (You may recall from last Sunday that the grave sins of these cities were their evil mistreatment of strangers. In Genesis 19, we will see that strangers were routinely assaulted as they entered the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.)

The conversation that now ensues between Abraham and God in today’s first reading is one of the most remarkable exchanges between the human and the divine in the Old Testament. Once Abraham realizes that God intends to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of their despicable treatment of strangers, Abraham questions God: “Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?” (Abraham is concerned because he knows that his nephew, Lot, is living in the city of Sodom). In the course of his intercession for the innocent citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham challenges God as to exactly how many people (what percentage of people) need to be judged evil in order for all the people (innocent and guilty alike) to be destroyed. Abraham’s question to God in his prayer of intercession is both an ancient and modern question. Many people throughout the ages have wondered about the nature of divine retribution. What Abraham learns is that God is open to listening to prayers of intercession and would surely never destroy innocent life.

In the Gospel reading for today, we hear how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Jesus teaches the disciples what will become the most well-known prayer of the New Testament, the Our Father prayer). The Our Father prayer is, in fact, a prayer of petition: “Give us each day our daily bread”; “forgive us our sins”; “do not subject us to the final test.” Jesus then goes on to explain to the disciples the importance of persistence in prayer. Just as Abraham was persistent in his questions of God’s divine retribution, Jesus encourages the disciples to keep seeking God in prayer. Like a father who loves his son unconditionally, the Father will answer all the prayers of his children.

In the second reading from his Letter to the Colossians, Paul explains how all of us who profess faith in Christ participate in the death and resurrection of Christ through our baptism. For Paul, the death and resurrection of Jesus opens up a new relationship for us with God. In all our prayers to God, from our intercessions to our petitions, through Christ we can pray in confidence that God hears and responds to our prayers.



The Eucharist

The Holy Spirit is beginning to manifest himself here at St. Fidelis. Beginning in October and on the first Friday of every month we will have a Holy Hour with Benediction dedicated to the Holy Spirit. During the next several weeks there will be reflections in the bulletin on this most powerful gift our Lord has given us. Please join me in prayer as we journey together in this time of preparation.

A sacrament of daily forgiveness and healing.

The Eucharist is a sacrament of forgiveness and healing and of blessing and hope. “No other sacrament has greater healing power. Through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift,” said St. Thomas Aquinas. “Eucharistic nourishment, instead of being transformed into the one who takes it, transforms that person into itself.”

Forgiveness plays an integral role in the healing that so many people need. People need physical, psychological, and spiritual healing. Researchers are finding that the three kinds of healing are often woven together. The greatest healing we need is spiritual – to know and feel that we are in a right relationship with God. To truly know forgiveness enables growth in so many areas of life, and that is healing in itself.

The Eucharistic can begin this process of spiritual healing. Several of the early Church Fathers – such as St. Ignatius of Antioch – liked to refer to the Eucharist as “divine medicine” or the “medicine of immortality.”

Full, conscious, and active participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is one of the best medicines for the hurting heart. It is a way to seek forgiveness for our lesser, habitual faults. These are the failings that occur in daily interactions with family members, friends, and co-workers. They may include anger, a critical tongue, envy, overindulgence, and so on. Each of us has our own particular faults that, no matter how hard we try to be rid of them, stay with us for a lifetime.

Celebrating the Eucharist with devotion is one of the best ways to regularly seek forgiveness for these habitual failings.

Weekly Offering	
Income 7/18/10	\$10,210.02
Parish Share, 2010	\$1,150.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$920.00

Altar Society Schedule

July 25 – Terri Piroch

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 Chris 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 AND PAYMENT 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 Kostecky, Marsha Kowal, Leroy, Barb Lucas, Lynne, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Owen McKinnis, S. McElroy, Sandra McNees, Megan, Mikayla, Herb Moniot, 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.

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.**

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.

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: The Diocese of Pittsburgh requires ALL parish volunteers to attend the Protecting God's Children Seminar. That includes lectors, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, Children's Hour, choir, fish fry and more. The number of times we are permitted to run the seminar is being limited by the Diocese. Register and plan to attend the upcoming PGC Seminar on August 24th from 6:30-9:30pm. You can go online at www.virtus.org or call the Religious Ed. Office at 724-482-2362.

The Alhambra collected \$521.00 at the Masses on July 3rd and 4th. All the money collected will be used to help the developmentally disabled and special children of this area. Please accept our thanks to you for your kindness to this most worthy cause!

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!

Are you hungry for meaning and purpose in your life? Would you like to develop or deepen your relationship with God?



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

Have you been a Catholic all of your life, but you haven't received one or more of the initiation Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! If you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

Contact Fr. George at 724-287-5531 and he will be glad to speak with you about the RCIA process.



JESUS THE TEACHER

SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We are called to share what we have been given. The children and youth of St. Fidelis need you—both men and women—to see that the faith is passed on to the next generation. You will also benefit, because as one teaches one also learns. Contact Joan Pilat to volunteer or for more information at 724-482-2362 or stfidelisccd@gmail.com.



St. Fidelis' additional women's group, Girlfriends Unlimited is launching their Pampering Kickoff on Sunday, September 12th from 1-4pm in the social hall. All the women of the parish are welcome to come and be pampered by local salons, skin care consultants, a local winery, and much more! Have you ever tried Creative Memories, how about jewelry making? Of course we will have food, and what kind of pampering would it be without chocolate! Free babysitting also available. Come and let us take care of you for a change!!!

Tickets go on sale July 31st after masses at the Meridian site: \$10 presale, \$15 day of kickoff.