



St. Fidelis Parish

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God Sightings

This year's VBS theme is God Sightings. How appropriate for this special time at St. Fidelis which is observing a year of the Holy Spirit! During Vacation Bible School we are hoping to become so aware of the Presence of God that we begin to see a trail of evidence that God is at work in our world!

It would be great if we could begin early and help the children and ourselves practice opening our eyes, minds and hearts to see God in action all around us. Put this page somewhere that you will see it and be reminded to look for God. And then help your children, grandchildren and friends and neighbors see God everywhere.

Look for God:

- 👁️ wherever you see someone living in joy in the midst of everyday life, or sorrow or pain
- 👁️ wherever you see beauty and wonder in nature, the color of the sky, blinking of a firefly, the scent of a flower, the sharp tang of orange juice on your tongue
- 👁️ whenever you see beyond the obvious: looking at a glass or mug and you realize that YOU are a vessel that holds God within
- 👁️ whenever you realize that you have a minute to breathe and become aware of the larger life that surrounds you
- 👁️ whenever you see and eat bread and recall that Jesus comes to us as bread - bread for our spiritual nourishment in the Word of God (Bible) and in the strengthening grace of the Eucharist
- 👁️ whenever you notice someone who has a positive attitude even if they are packing groceries, spreading manure
- 👁️ someone who smiles at you is showing you the joyful face of God
- 👁️ in sunlight and lamplight, which can show us God's care to light our paths
- 👁️ in someone who calls just to say they were thinking of you
- 👁️ kids can see God in acts of sportsmanship, in a friend who shares, in a neighbor who provides them a ride to VBS, in the laughter that can happen spontaneously in a family gathering

2010 Mass Schedule and Intentions

If you intend to take up the gifts, please notify the usher before Mass.

Saturday, June 26	Intention	Given by:
4:00pm Lyndora	+Irene Natali	Margaret Sheppeck
6:30pm Meridian	+Paula Mercer	Peggy Mercer
Sunday, June 27		
8:00am Meridian	+Thelma Duffy	Marsha & Ron Weleski
9:00am Lyndora	+Mary A. Sheppeck	Bolek, Marina & Sam Hoszwa
10:30am Meridian	+Eileen H. Rimer	Bob & Diane Hoehn
12:00N Meridian	+Living and Deceased	
Monday, June 28		
6:55am Meridian	+Joseph Tomsich – Wedding Anniv. Remb.	Tomsich Family
	+Faithful Departed Remembrance	
Tuesday, June 29		
8:00am Lyndora	+Ron Goepfner – Wedding Anniv. Remb.	Bernice
	+John & Mary Popovic – Wedding Anniv. Remb.	Niece, Patty
Wednesday, June 30		
6:55am Meridian	+Elizabeth Smith – Birthday Remb.	Francis & Linda Smith
	☛ Mary Rice – 96 th Birthday	Jeanne
Thursday, July 1		
8:00am Lyndora	+Josephine Piroch	John & Pat Tarcha
	+Frances A. Dobrancin	Fred & Rita McClaine
Friday, July 2		
6:55am Meridian	+Jerry Fleeson – Birthday Remb.	Family
	+Daniel Burke	Wife, Loretta & Family
Saturday, July 3		
4:00pm Lyndora	+Helen Kiern	Husband, Frank
6:30pm Meridian	+Virginia Yossa	Jim & Cookie Diamond
Sunday, July 4		
8:00am Meridian	+Living and Deceased	
9:00am Lyndora	+Josephine Piroch	John & Pat Tarcha
10:30am Meridian	+Rich Phillips	Joe, Mary Ann & Paul
12:00N Meridian	+Margaret McLaughlin – 1 st yr. Anniv.	Pat & Eugene Rock & Family

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday	<u>Lyndora</u>	4:00 pm
	<u>Meridian</u>	6:30 pm
Sunday	<u>Lyndora</u>	9:00 am
	<u>Meridian</u>	8:00am
		10:30 am
		12:00 N

RECONCILIATION:

Meridian: Every Saturday from 12N to 12:30pm.
Lyndora: 1st Sunday of the month; 45 minutes before Mass.

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.

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
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 e-mail: ellen1@zoominternet.net

Liturgical Coordinator: Mrs. Terri Piroch

Director of Evangelization & Planning:
 Dr. Ginney K. Duffey, Ph.D.
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Butler Catholic School: Sr. John Ann, Principal
 724-285-4276

Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 3, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora

Lector: Elena Noel
Euch Min: K. & S. Smith, N. Martonik
Altar Server: Stephanie Lloyd

6:30PM Meridian

Lector: Gerald Miller
Euch Min: D. & S. Smith, J. Srock
Altar Servers: Schirras, C. Pellegrino

SUNDAY, July 4, 2010

8:00AM Meridian

Lector: Norman Henthorn
Euch. Min: Deacon Toby, D. & J. Croll
Altar Servers: J. & K. Szwed, D. Andreassi

9:00AM Lyndora

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

10:30AM Meridian

Lector: Maryann Sheppeck
Euch. Min: B. Jarecki, E. Peth, S. Ward, L. Howard,
R. Hilliard

Altar Servers: J. & J. Conklin, P. Rumbaugh

12:00Noon Meridian

Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch. Min: K. Pappas, D. & J. Cygan
Altar Servers: J. Ferguson, R. & E. Crilley

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.

CENTERING PRAYER: is held for 20 minutes weekly following the 8 a.m. Tuesday Mass in Lyndora.

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

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.

Weekly Offering



C.J.S. Palick Co., Inc.

Income 6/20/10	\$12,612.10
Mission co-op	\$50.00
Parish Share, 2010	\$1,325.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$1,225.00

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up today. This annual collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, disease and natural disasters. This annual collection is a powerful way for Catholics around the world to shed the Light of Christ on those who are most in need. Please be as generous as your means permit.

Altar Society Schedule:

June 27, 2010 – Nancy Martonik

Vacation Bible School will begin cruising Monday, June 28th. There is still room for more children. This looks to be another great experience for the children and all who will be helping at any level. YOUR prayers for all those helping and attending will make all the difference.

Spring Fling: Thank you to St. Fidelis Men's Club for their \$20,000.00 donation to the parish. This money was raised from their Spring Fling Fundraising event. The money has been applied to the building debt. Your hard work and generosity is greatly appreciated. As Father George would say: "Keep up the good work!"

"Comfort blankets" is the outreach for Vacation Bible School's Kid-To-Kid dimension. The fleece blankets come ready to tie together and cost \$10 each. Please help us donate 30 blankets to Butler Catholic Charities. You can send your donation in with anyone attending VBS or drop it in the collection basket in a marked envelope.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is next weekend. Please place your non-perishable food items at the back of the church. **Help us to Help Others!**

The results are in!

Officers for the Christian Women's Guild for 2010/11:

President: Sandi Sandrick, Vice President: Sharon Smolen, Secretary: Martha Papania, Treasurer: Dolly Haughey

Officers for the Men's Club for 2010/11:

President: Ron Spangler, Vice President: Dave Archambault, Secretary: Doug Cygan, Treasurer: Matt DiPippa.

PREJUDICE

The readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the challenges Christians often face in the push and pull between the demands of everyday life and our call to follow Christ.

The first reading narrates the call of Elisha, the successor to the great prophet Elijah. The sequence of events in the life of Elijah that led to the call of Elisha (1Kgs 17:1 – 19:18) are some of the most dramatic and well-known stories in the Old Testament. From Elijah's epic battle with the false prophets of Baal to his narrow escape from the evil Queen Jezebel, Elijah is remembered and honored in Jewish history as one of the greatest prophets in ancient Israel. In today's reading, when Elijah receives the divine commission to anoint Elisha as his successor, we see in Elisha a model response to the divine call. Without hesitation, Elisha accepted Elijah's invitation to join him in his prophetic mission to Israel. Elisha left his family and his way of life to journey with Elijah and to follow his call to be a prophet for Israel.

The Gospel reading for today presents the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. In the Gospel of Luke, this journey entails over one-third of the storyline, 9:51 – 19:44. From Jesus' journey to Jerusalem in the Gospel to Paul's journey to Rome in Acts, the journey motif is an important narrative feature in storyline of Luke-Acts.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' long journey to Jerusalem begins with rejection. In the first half of today's Gospel reading, the people of a Samaritan village reject Jesus. This is similar to Jesus' rejection from his own village of Nazareth when he begins his Galilean ministry (see Lk 4:16 – 30). Like the Nazarene villagers, the Samaritan villagers had their reasons for rejecting Jesus; for the Samaritans, it was a deep-seated prejudice against the Judean Jews. As seen by the reaction of James and John to the Samaritan rejection, the prejudice between Jews and Samaritans was reciprocal. Jesus' stern "rebuke" of James and John taught the disciples about the inclusive nature of Jesus' vision of the kingdom of God.

In the second half of the Gospel reading, Jesus rejects individuals who set conditions on responding to his call to follow him. Unlike the successful call of the disciples (see Lk 5:1-11, 27-32), these individuals found the demands of discipleship too much to bear. They stand in stark contrast to Elisha's model response to the divine call of leaving everything behind in pursuit of the call.

In the second reading, we continue to hear from Paul's Letter to the Galatians. In his discussion of the Spirit versus the flesh, Paul points to the challenges we all face in following the call of Christ. The demands of everyday life (the "desires" of the flesh) are often opposed to the demands of the Spirit (to "serve one another through love"). Paul's lesson to the Christians in

the province of Galatia began by acknowledging the reality of this tension between the flesh and the Spirit. But Paul also challenged the Galatians to see what is at the core of pursuing the flesh: a desire for freedom. For Paul, the only lasting way to achieve this freedom is through Christ. By answering the call to follow Christ, one lives in the freedom of the Spirit, loving your neighbor as yourself.

**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, Joyce Aquaviva, Tootie Betres, Juanita Birkbichler, Alice Bradley, John Burlett, Steve C., Eva Chavez, John Chuba, Karen Conrad, Sandy Davidson, John Dottle, Frank Druda, Jim & Diane Ellis, Jeanine Furman, Jo Gaul, John Gibson, Sheila Gibson, Mary Harris, Mary Ann Hein, Betty Herbert-Pendelton, Ruth Holben, Tom Horvatic, James, Jenna, Frank K., Kelly & Erin, Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Jay Dale Kolander, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, Lillian Kostecy, Marsha Kowal, Barb Lucas, Lynne, Alan M., Carol M., Scott McCue, Owen McKinnis, S. McElroy, Sandra McNees, Megan, Mikayla, Matthew Noto, Tim O'Farrell, Lisa Aquaviva-Pansaniti, Mark Panichelle, Ed Pawlowicz, Rosemary Pawlowicz, Mary Beth Reges, Joe Ritson, Veronica Rozic, Michael Rupert, Pamela Salopek, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Kathy Stringer, Barney Slupe, Carolyn Smolen, Stephen, Ryan T., Russ Thomas, Adam Troutman, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

A Message from St. Vincent de Paul Society:

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank once again will be accepting donations of fresh vegetables. Last year was very successful, and we thank everyone for your great efforts. 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.

Has your marriage become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considered separation or even divorce? Don't give up – Give Retrouvaille a try. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 9th, contact Retrouvaille at 412-227-3434 or email 3041retrovaille.org.

Youth Group Scoop – Grades 6-12

Mark your calendar:

Butler County Park Office will provide the youth of St. Fidelis with a Red Cross Babysitter's Training Class. This class is designed for ages 11-15. The class emphasis will be on prevention, safety, responsibility, leadership and professionalism. The class can only hold 10-15 participants. The date will be determined when/if we have enough interest. Cost is \$49 and will last approximately from 9am-4pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact Chris to sign up.

Walking Stations of the Cross Clean-up and Picnic: Saturday, July 10th. Details to follow.

Geauga Lake – Wildwater Kingdom: July 17th. Come and let loose on the water slides, wave pool or family activity center. **\$40 and a signed Consent to Treat will reserve your spot** Cost includes bus transportation, admission to the park and a meal ticket. Bus will leave church parking lot at 9am and return at 9pm. Chaperones needed. Plenty of seats are still available.

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 by July 1st** will reserve your seat on the bus and ticket to the game. Chaperones needed. Bus will leave church parking lot at noon.

What is Children's Hour? St. Fidelis Children's Hour is a non-denominational Christian activity time for preschoolers. The children must be 3 years old as of September 30th of the school year and they must be toilet trained. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am in the Religious Education Building from September to May. Activities include opening prayer, craft, gym, music, snack, Bible story, classroom fun and closing prayer. The cost of the program is a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee and a \$40.00 activity/tuition fee. One parent or guardian is required to assist in the classrooms only once every four weeks per child enrolled. To register your child, please call Justine Howe at 724-287-4960.

Registration is happening now for CCD and for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is the method that St. Fidelis uses to teach the faith to our young children ages 4 through Kindergarten. We have mailed registration forms for this program, along with regular CCD registration forms, to the families in the Religious Education Database. If you would like to register your child for either Good Shepherd or CCD for the 2010-2011 year, and did not receive the mailing, please fill out the forms that are at the back of each church. You can place it or them in the collection basket, or mail to the Religious Ed Office. As always, the \$10 fee for Good Shepherd or the \$50/family fee for CCD should not prevent your child/children from being enrolled. We have scholarships available. The Good Shepherd Program is limited to 24 children during the Sunday morning and Monday evening sessions, and 12 during the new Thursday afternoon session. The Good Shepherd Program will be filled on a first-come-first served basis. The CCD program is not limited. Contact Joan Pilat (724-482-2362), stfidelisccd@gmail.com for information or with questions.

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

Ever wonder about the abbreviation ASAP? Generally, we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry –
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest –
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather –
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
ASAP – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

