

Saint Fidelis Parish

125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001

“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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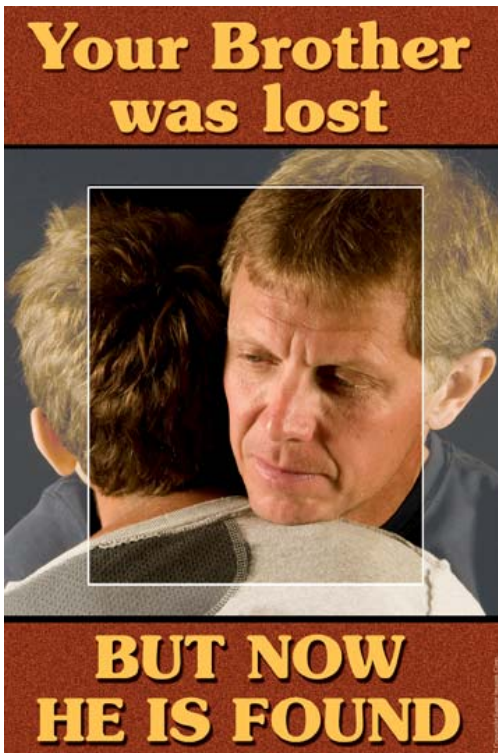
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CHURCH OFFICE: Open Monday-Thursday
Secretary's Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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
		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, March 13, Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA †Mary Jane Fetterman
(Cindy Myers & Family)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN †Jason Kutch – Birthday Remb.
(Peggy Mercer)

SUNDAY, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN †Roger R. Schaffner –
Anniv. Remb.
(Fran McConnell)
9:00am-LYNDORA †David Furka – Anniv. Remb.
(Family)
10:30am-MERIDIAN †Joanna Hoszwa
(Gabriella & Carlos Albert)

12:00N-MERIDIAN †Living and Deceased

MONDAY, March 15, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN †Tim Schaffner
(Ethel Galli)
†Vera Buckowsky
(Flo Grinnik, Marylou Miklosovic,
Gert Zima)

TUESDAY, March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA †Joe Tomsich
(Son, Kenneth & Cindy Tomsich
& Family)
†Nicholas Hoszwa
(Gloria Mushinski)

WEDNESDAY, March 17, Lenten Weekday

6:00pm-MERIDIAN Stations of the Cross
6:30pm-MERIDIAN †Timothy Schaffner
(Elaine & Ron Peth/
Debbie & John Huselton)
†Faithful Departed Remembrance

THURSDAY, March 18, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA †Mary Popovic
(Mary Semler)
6:00pm-MERIDIAN †Irene Natali
(St. Fidelis Christian Women's Guild)

FRIDAY, March 19, St. Joseph

6:55am-MERIDIAN †Dotty Salvati
(Rotunda Office Staff)
†Daniel Burke
(Wife Loretta & Family)

6:00pm-LYNDORA Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 20, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA †Margaret McLaughlin
(Betty Lota)
6:30pm-MERIDIAN †Elizabeth Smith – Anniv. Remb.
(Francis & Linda Smith)

SUNDAY, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN †Pat Youkers
(Dolly & Greg Haughey)
9:00am-LYNDORA †Irene Natali
(Tom & Gladdie Paczek)
10:30am-MERIDIAN †Living and Deceased
12:00N-MERIDIAN 🍪Cookie Salak
(In celebration of 20 yrs. of service
at St. Fidelis!)

Stations of the Cross during Lent are on Wednesdays
at 6:00pm at Meridian and Fridays at 6:00pm at Lyndora.

Born to New Life: Please pray for the soul of
Virginia Yossa, who passed away recently.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 20, 2010

4:00PM Lyndora
Lector: Gerald Miller
Euch Min: N. Martonik, B. Cooper, J. Srock
Altar Server: Megan Goettler

6:30PM Meridian
Lector: John Morgan
Euch Min: K. Pappas, A. & J. Policicchio
Altar Servers: C. Pellegrino, Schirras

SUNDAY, March 21, 2010

8:00AM Meridian
Lector: Alvin Vavro
Euch. Min: S. & K. Smith, Deacon Toby
Altar Servers: Kletzlis. K. Zoelle
9:00AM Lyndora
Lector: Carol Pawlowicz
Euch. Min: R. Pawlowicz, D. Law, E. Pawlowicz
Altar Server: Derrick Andreassi

10:30AM Meridian
Lector: Susan Oliver
Euch. Min: P. Werner, E. Peth, Deacon Toby,
P. Keelan, J. Pepmeyer
Altar Servers: M. Keelan, J. & J. Conklin

12:00Noon Meridian
Lector: Thomas Cleary
Euch. Min: L. Howard, S. Eury, R. Thomas
Altar Servers: M. Weiland, Stocks

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2010

6:00pm Meridian Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Meridian Mass
Lector: Norman Henthorn
Euch. Min: G. O'Melia, J. & D. Cygan
Altar Servers: M. Blose, A. Kovac, R. Henry

**Please note: Altar Servers should be at the church
on Wednesday evenings during Lent to serve
Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm as well as Mass at
6:30pm.**

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 OF LENT

"GOD'S MERCY"

We hear in the readings on this Fourth Sunday of Lent of God's mercy and forgiveness that we all receive along the way on our Lenten journey. The opening words from the first reading are taken from the Book of Joshua. God tells Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees and the scribes the parable of the prodigal son, challenging the Jewish religious leaders to likewise model God's reaction to repentant sinners. In the second reading from Paul, we hear how we are all a "new creation" in Christ, reconciled with God through Christ, and empowered to act as "ambassadors for Christ."

The first reading is taken from the Book of Joshua, the sixth book of the Old Testament, following the book of Deuteronomy. The Book of Joshua narrates Israel's occupation of the Promised Land. Today's reading is taken from the larger context of Joshua 1-6, where Israel crosses the Jordan River and eventually captures the city of Jericho. Within the immediate context of today's reading, Joshua has just circumcised all the Israelite males at *Gibeath-haaraloth* (in Hebrew, "Hill of the Foreskins"), on the eastern border of Jericho. The Book of Joshua tells us that the Israelites did not circumcise the newborn males during their forty-year journey in the desert (Jos 5:7-8). It is in Joshua's circumcision of the Israelite males that we hear the opening words of today's reading: "The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.'" Israel then renames *Gibeath haaraloth*, "*Gilgal*" as a means of commemorating the removal of the reproach of Egypt through Joshua's act of circumcision. The men of Israel were now marked in the flesh once again as a people separate from all other people and adherent to the Mosaic law. With this action, Israel was able to remove the disgrace of being an enslaved people in Egypt. God's removal of Israel's shame was a sure sign to Israel of God's mercy and forgiveness.

In the Gospel reading, we hear how Jesus reacts to the Jewish religious leaders of his day (the Pharisees and scribes) who were more willing to pass judgement and condemnation on sinners than to offer God's mercy and forgiveness to sinners, Jesus, of course, illustrated God's mercy and forgiveness of sinners through his table fellowship (i.e., Jesus' willingness to recline at table with all people). The parable of the prodigal ("wasteful") son was a moving story of a father's mercy and forgiveness toward his reckless son – a scenario that many of the Pharisees and scribes could easily understand. Jesus' point is clear about God; God's impulse is not to condemn the sinner who *repents*. Rather, God's impulse is to show mercy and forgiveness. As the religious leaders, Jesus challenged the Pharisees and scribes to do the same.

It is when we model this type of attitude and reaction to repentant sinners that we become, in Paul's words to the Corinthians, a "new creation." One of the sure signs that we are "in Christ" is when we react to repentant sinners in

this way. Notice, however, that *repentance* is key. Throughout Lent, we have heard this idea repeated over and over again in the Sunday readings "God desires repentance. As we repent of our own sins, we experience God's mercy and forgiveness, and in turn, act as "ambassadors for Christ."

Easter Flowers

You are invited to donate towards the flowers that beautify our altar at Easter. Donations may be given in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please pick up an envelope at the back of the church and complete it as you would like your dedication to appear. **PLEASE PRINT!** Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket, mailed or brought to the parish office by **TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010** (in order to appear in the Easter bulletin).

February 26 Fish Fry totals: 1,688 dinners were served. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Pat Will, who won \$235.50. Please keep those delicious desserts (especially pies) coming in.

Christian Women's Guild will be selling pierogies (frozen and by the dozen) on March 20th and 21st after the Meridian Masses in the Parish Hall. Choices are potato cheese, sweet cabbage or sauerkraut. Price is \$6.00 a dozen.

Butler Catholic School will be hosting an Open House on this Sunday, March 14th from 1:30-3:00pm. BCS offers classes from Preschool through 8th grade. "Dividends for Life" reminds us that there is no better investment than the education of our children. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Call 724-285-4276 to make your appointment to register.

Thank You! Many thanks for all contributions to the **Help for Haiti** project sponsored by the Religious Education office. We received a number of wheelchairs, many crutches, splints and medical supplies. The items have been taken to Global Links in Pittsburgh and volunteers will pack them for shipment. The effects of the disastrous earthquake in January will be long-term and your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

The Stations of the Cross as compiled by Pope John Paul II, will be set up as a meditative walk in the Church Hall on March 13, 14, and 15. During the Religious Education sessions the children and youth will have an opportunity to walk through them with their class. At any other time, you are invited to take 15 minutes to do the meditation on your own.

Spring Fling: Tickets for the Men's Club Spring Fling to be held April 24th are being sold at our Lenten Fish Dinners and at the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Thank you! to Amy and Taylor Jackson for making the shamrocks that decorated our tables at the fish fry!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 3/7/10	\$17,019.75
Parish Share, 2010	\$2,755.00
Parish Share, 2009	\$350.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$1,225.00

Altar Society Schedule

Week of March 14 – Mary Payung

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!



“Luck of the Irish Bingo”

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the Christian Women’s Guild “Luck of the Irish Bingo” meeting to be held on March 18th. Rosary is at 5:30pm; Mass at 6:00pm, with the meeting following Mass.

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, Juanita Birckbichler, Alice Bradley, Brian, John Burrett, Steve C., John Chuba, Mary K. Chuba, Kate Connors, Karen Conrad, Sandy Davidson, Luann Davis, Jackie DeLess, Carmen DeRose, Vivian DeSantis, John Dottle, Tom Duggan, Diane Ellis, Emma & Christine, Mary F., Michael F., Jean Furman, Michael Gargalis, Sheila Gibson, Paul Graham, Vern Hinchberger, James, Jenna, Frank K., Sara K., Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Evelyn Kochanowski, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, Lillian Kostecki, Nancy Kriley, John Kristofek, Donna Kudamik, Dorothy Lazar, Gerald Lytle, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Ed Matulo, Scott McCue, S. McElroy, Sandra McNees, Frank Michalek, Joyce Morando, Renell & Jim Mortimer, Trevor & Rachel Mueller, Tommy Neely, Nelly & Vickie, Matthew Noto, Tim O’Farrell, Ronna Pindel, Madeline & Richard Polscak, John Ragan, Mary Beth Regan, Rick, Kristofer Robinson, Pamela Salopek, Mary Shepeck, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Barney Slupe, Phyllis Slupe, George Straynick, Lauren Stroje, Jeff Teson, Tina’s Family, Tom, Florence Werner, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.

Marriage Moments: Giving up is easy. Staying married is hard. Love makes it possible. God is love. “Nuff said.



R. E. News Bee

March 14: 9- 10:15 am pre-5
6 - 8 pm gr. 6, 7, & 8
March 15: 6-7:15 pm pre- gr. 5
March 21: 9- 10:15 am pre-5
6 - 8 pm gr. 6, 7, & 8
March 22: 6-7:15 pm pre- gr. 5

Youth Group Scoop

Mark your calendar:

Friday Fish Frys: 3/19 through 3/26, 4-8pm. 20 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.

Hang Out Night: March 16th. Movie Night-6pm 6-12th grade. (Bruce Almighty)

April Hang Outs: Wednesday, the 7th – Volleyball 6th -12th graders in the gym 6:30-8:00pm. Wednesday, the 21st – Dodge ball 6th-12th graders in the gym 6:30-8:00pm.

Youth Group Outing: Bowling at Meridian Lanes on Sunday, April 18th. YG is meeting from 2-4pm. \$5 and a signed Consent to Treat turned in by April 15th will reserve your spot.

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

Vacation Bible School: June 28-July 2, 2010.

Check out the YG Bulletin Board outside the CCD office and the website for upcoming events and weather cancellations. Check us out on Facebook – Fidelis Youth Group.

Protecting God's Children, which is a required seminar for all parish volunteers, will be offered at St. Fidelis and Holy Sepulcher Parishes over the next months. Please register online at www.diopitt.org or call Joan Pilat for the St. Fidelis dates at 724-482-2362, Brenda Hartzell for the Holy Sepulcher dates at 724-586-7276.

Saturday, April 24 at St. Fidelis from 9 am - Noon
Saturday, May 15 at Holy Sepulcher from 9 am - Noon
Tuesday, May 18 at St. Fidelis from 6:30-9:30 pm
Sunday, June 6 at Holy Sepulcher from Noon- 3 pm (after the 11 am Mass)

Invite Someone Home for Easter. Do you know someone who could use some encouragement in coming back to their Catholic faith? St. Fidelis Parish would like to welcome them home for Easter. In providing the person(s) name and address, they will receive a personal invitation to celebrate the church’s holiest time of the year, Easter. Let us all do our part to bring the lost sheep back into the fold of our parish family. Please fill out below and turn it in to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Connect with God

The "Connect with God" Lenten Series ends with a **GRAND FINALE** Sunday March 21 at 6 PM in the Church. ALL are welcome to attend this Taize Prayer, which is a beautiful prayer, song and meditation experience. The CCD youth in grades 6, 7,8 and 9 will join us as we set our hearts on a deeper relationship with Our God. Sr. Rose Michelle from La Roche College will be our guide. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.



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.