

Saint Fidelis Parish

125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001

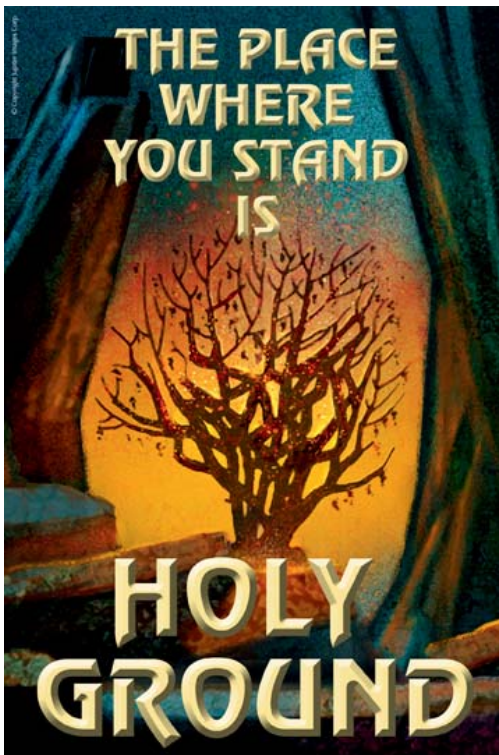
“A Community of Faithful Stewards”

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March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

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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 6, Third Sunday of Lent

4:00pm-LYNDORA †Helen Kiern – 1st Anniv. Remb.
(Husband, Frank)

6:30pm-MERIDIAN †George "Red" Slater
(Bob & Joan Cowoski & Family)

SUNDAY, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00am-MERIDIAN †Joe Cronin
(Dr. & Mrs. John Pawlowicz)

9:00am-LYNDORA †Living and Deceased

10:30am-MERIDIAN †John Sanderson – Birth. Remb.
(Uncle & Aunt)

12:00N-MERIDIAN †Joseph Pastorik
(Marty & Nancy)

MONDAY, March 8, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN †Tim Schaffner
(Steve & Kathy Zanicky)
†Pat Youkers
(Juanita Birckbichler)

TUESDAY, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA †Loretta Gonka
(Al & Janet Smith)
†Vera Buckowsky
(Evelyn Kochanowski)

WEDNESDAY, March 10, Lenten Weekday

6:00pm-MERIDIAN Stations of the Cross
6:30pm-MERIDIAN †Dotty Salvati
(Rotunda Office Staff)
†Faithful Departed Remembrance

THURSDAY, March 11, Lenten Weekday

8:00am-LYNDORA †Mary Popovic
(Beitch Children)
†Irene Natali
(Catholic Daughters of the
Americas Court Butler 443)

FRIDAY, March 12, Lenten Weekday

6:55am-MERIDIAN †Norma Slater
(Joan & Tom Briercheck)
†Daniel Burke
(Wife Loretta & Family)

6:00pm-LYNDORA Stations of the Cross

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

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 6, 7, and 8 and again 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.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 14, 2010

4:00PM **Lyndora**

Lector: Gerald Miller
Euch Min: M. Schmidt, S. Rodack, J. Graham
Altar Server: Angela Kovac

6:30PM **Meridian**

Lector: Maria Worst
Euch Min: W. & D. Smith, K. Pappas
Altar Servers: C. Pellegrino, M. Blose, J. Worst

SUNDAY, March 15, 2010

8:00AM **Meridian**

Lector: Susan Oliver
Euch. Min: M. Semler, J. & D. Croll
Altar Servers: J. & K. Szwed, A. Mizgorski

9:00AM **Lyndora**

Lector: Jim Neutrelle
Euch. Min: Deacon Toby, R. Orłowski, M. Yurkovich
Altar Server: Savannah McIntyre

10:30AM **Meridian**

Lector: Elena Noel
Euch. Min: R. Hilliard, S. Eury, J. Kaufman,
P. Henricks, S. Ward

Altar Servers: C. Shaw, Kletzlis

12:00Noon **Meridian**

Lector: Amy Mavrodīs
Euch. Min: L. Howard, D. Snyder, R. Weleski
Altar Servers: P. Rumbaugh, J. Mulkern, S. Lloyd

WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010

6:00pm **Meridian Stations of the Cross**

6:30pm **Meridian Mass**

Lector: Norman Henthorn
Euch. Min: J. Hinchberger, D. Huselton, M. DiPippa
Altar Servers: J., A., M. DiPippa

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

"ACCOUNTABILITY"

The readings for the Third Sunday of Lent speak to issues of accountability on our journey with God. God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites his name as they began their Exodus out of Egypt. Jesus tells the people the parable of the barren fig tree, emphasizing the need to bear good fruit. And Paul warns the Corinthians about learning from the examples of past failures. Each of these readings teaches us about accountability in our faith life.

The first reading from Exodus narrates part of the call of Moses. One of the remarkable features of Moses' call is his *reluctance* to accept God's call! Today's reading only covers a portion of the entire call narrative (Ex 3:1-4:17). But even here, Moses hesitates, "*But* when I go to the Israelites...if they ask me, 'What is his name?' What am I to tell them?" (emphasis added). This allows God to offer his name to Moses, as well as empower Moses to speak on behalf of God: "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: 'I AM sent me to you.'" Several other objections are raised by Moses within the larger call narrative. For example, Moses thinks Pharaoh will dismiss him (Ex 3:11). Then Moses contends that the enslaved Israelites might not believe him (Ex 4:1). Nevertheless, despite Moses' reluctance and hesitancy, God holds Moses accountable to tell the Israelites his name and to lead his people out of Egypt.

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus emphasizes the need for repentance to a group of people posing questions to him about recent abominations (Pilate defiling Jewish blood sacrifices) and tragic events (the accidental death of eighteen people who died from a collapsed tower at Siloam). Although no sources outside of Luke's Gospel record these events, both are quite plausible. In each case, Jesus emphatically calls for human repentance, "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Jesus then builds upon his point by telling the parable of the barren fig tree. As with most of Jesus' parables, lessons are to be learned in the parables about God, Jesus himself, and the kingdom of God. In the case of this parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus teaches about God's patience in waiting for repentance. But even here, God's patience does have limits. So Jesus emphasizes the need for the fig tree to bear fruit, something that can only be accomplished after one repents.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of a troubling characteristic of the Christians in Corinth: overconfidence. Many in the Christian community at Corinth apparently believed that they were "standing secure" in their relationship with God. So Paul draws upon lessons learned from ancient Israel in the forty-year desert experience, since many of them, too, felt "secure," confident in God's presence with Israel in the desert.

But God was, in fact, displeased with their sins, and ultimately allowed the Israelites to die in the desert.

Only the children born in the freedom of the desert (the children of those released from Egyptian slavery) were allowed to enter the Promised Land. Paul advises the Corinthians: see Israel's fate in the desert as an example and a lesson to be learned against overconfidence. This is an important lesson for all of us this Lenten season: God does hold us accountable for our journey with him.



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).

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 souls of Kathleen Fohl, Stephen Kudamik and Albert Werner, who passed away recently.

February 26 Fish Fry totals: 1,373 dinners were served. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Carol Finan, who won \$188.50. 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.

Congratulations! to the St. Fidelis Girls Basketball team!

They won the league championship by defeating a previously unbeaten team from Community Alliance by a score of 29-26. Members of this year's championship team are: Erica Schultheis, Katherine O'Melia, Tori Thrower, Ava Bonetti, Kailey Keep, Sarah Kadlubek, Riley McGonigle, Tatiana Noel, Haley Smith, Kalynn Callihan and Alyssa DiPippa. Coaches are Matt Konieczny and Craig Smith. Great Job, Ladies!

Butler Catholic School will be hosting an Open House on 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. Come to our Open House and find out more about how your parish school can put all the pieces of a better education together for your child. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Call 724-285-4276 to make your appointment to register.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 9th.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	
Income 2/28/10	\$10,881.14
Parish Share, 2010	\$10,205.00
Parish Share, 2009	\$255.00
Building Improvement Campaign (BIC)	\$555.00

Altar Society Schedule

Week of March 7 – Pat Ordy

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.

Have you had your home blessed lately? As part of our renewal and evangelization effort here at St. Fidelis, I will be available during this Lenten season to do a blessing of homes. There are many reasons to have your home blessed, which utilizes prayers from the Catholic Book of Blessings. It is a wonderful way to re-invite Jesus into your living environment. If you would like to make this opportunity a part of your Lenten expression, just call the church office (ext. 228) and leave me a detailed message as to the best time to return the call, your address, and day of the week and time most convenient. Deacon Toby

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 Burlett, 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, Carl & LaVerna Hortert, James, Jenna, Frank K., Sara K., Stanley Klara, Ashley Kline, Evelyn Kochanowski, Mike Konieczny, Rose Ann Konieczny, Lillian Kosteki, John Kristofek, Donna Kudamik, Dorothy Lazar, Gerald Lytle, Alan M., Carol M., Mary Elizabeth, Ed Matulo, Scott McCue, Sandra McNees, Frank Michalek, 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, Kristofer Robinson, Pamela Salopek, Mary Sheppeck, Marge Sherman, Michael Simms, Barney Slupe, Phyllis Slupe, George Straynick, Lauren Stroje, Tina’s Family, Tom, Florence Werner, those in the military and for all special intentions in your prayers.



R. E. News Bee

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

Youth Group Scoop

Mark your calendar:

Friday Fish Frys: 2/12 through 3/26. 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.

Stations of the Cross: Deacon Toby is looking for a “Simon of Cyrene” to assist him with the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Anyone interested, contact Chris or Deacon Toby at the parish office.

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

April Hang Outs: Wednesday, the 7th and 21st.

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.

Hey 6th -12th Graders: What is Youth Group?

Are you looking for something to get involved in? The Youth Group is a place where you meet kids your own age, have a great time at our outings and give back to the parish and the community. Would you like to climb a rock wall, play kickball, or enjoy a movie night? All with loads of munchies! Then come to our twice-a-month Hang Out. Don’t want to come alone? Then bring a friend! Want to help repair houses, feed the less fortunate or volunteer at church functions? Being part of the YG deepens your relationship with your parish family and the community as well. Check out the parish website or the bulletin for our upcoming Hang Outs and other events. Email Chris at stfidelis.youthgroup@zoominternet.net with any questions or suggestions.

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

This has been a yo-yo announcement. Changes are the order of this Lenten series. So here is the latest change: The last evening will now be Sunday, March 21 at 6:15 PM, and it will be an evening of Taize prayer. This is a beautiful meditative prayer experience and will be lead by Sr. Rose Michelle, CDP from La Roche College. Don't miss this opportunity to sit, sing and pray peacefully in the Presence of the Lord.

Connect with God is offered at 7:15 pm on Wed. March 10 - the last session will be Sunday March 21. This will be after the 6 pm Stations and the 6:30 pm Mass. Light refreshments will be served. In addition the series will also be offered March 7, and 21 at 6:15 pm while the older youth are in CCD. The CCD class for March 14 will once again be March 21!



1st Annual St. Fidelis Parish Men's Club Spring Fling Saturday, April 24, 2010

50/50 Raffle Only 1,000 tickets will be available. Chinese Auction

With the purchase of a ticket, you will have a chance to win:

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| 12:00PM – Wheelbarrow of Fun | 2:45PM – \$250.00 CASH |
| 12:15PM – \$200.00 CASH | 3:00PM – Digital Camera |
| 12:30PM – Pressure Washer | 3:15PM – \$200.00 Gift Card |
| 12:45PM – \$250.00 VISA Gift Card | 3:30PM – Stihl Chain Saw |
| 1:00PM – Dyson Sweeper | 3:45PM – Gas Grill |
| 1:15PM – Gas Push Mower | 4:00PM – 42" LG Flat Screen TV |
| 1:30PM – GPS Unit | 4:15PM – \$200.00 VISA Gift Card |
| 1:45PM – Backpack Leaf Blower | 4:30PM – Bissell Carpet Cleaner |
| 2:00PM – \$250.00 Gift Card | 4:45PM – 10' x 20' Canopy & 2-6' Tables |
| 2:15PM – Picnic Table Set | 5:00PM - \$5,000 CASH |
| 2:30PM – \$250.00 Value Meat Gift Card | |

FOOD AND DRINK IS INCLUDED - 12:00PM TO 5:00PM
YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND
\$30.00 PER TICKET
YOU MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD AT OUR FISH FRYS, AFTER ALL MASSES, AT THE CLEARVIEW MART FLEA MARKET, AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE MONDAY – THURSDAY FROM 9AM TO 2PM.