

St. Mary, Mother of God Church



A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
Roman Catholic Church
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229

Established 1826



October 21st, 2018

"but whoever wishes to become great among
you shall be your servant..."

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Office Information

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Monday through Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
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Parish Website: www.stmaryfreeport.com

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Parish Information

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday—8:00 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:00—3:45 P.M.

Baptism: Sundays within the 11:00 A.M. Mass (by appointment)

Marriage: Contact the Parish nine months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA helps you to learn more about the Catholic faith. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Ron or William Girardi at 724-295-2281.

Hospital or Home Visit: If you would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know someone who would like to have the priest visit, please call Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. If you know of someone, please call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

Baptism: To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. To register for one of these classes, please call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

MISSION STATEMENT—*St. Mary's is a caring and welcoming family committed to building and strengthening a community of God, reaching out as disciples of Jesus Christ to Freeport and beyond.*

From the Pastor's Desk



Our Oktoberfest Parish Family Picnic went very well last Sunday. It was successful and enjoyable because of our many volunteers who worked very hard in preparation. I would like to thank the following:

■ **Bob Holbein, Dave Kradel and their crew** who roasted the pig very early Sunday morning that began at 12:30 A.M. Preparing and cooking the chicken then followed. Thank you for sacrificing your time. Rather than relaxing and resting on a Sunday, you gave that up for our parishioners and the picnic celebration.

■ **Patty Hughes** for helping with the preparation of the food.

■ **Members of both the Pastoral Council and Finance Council** for their assistance in setting up the picnic area and the clean-up that followed.

■ **The Murphy Band** who generously shared their time and talents for free, providing us with music that added more excitement to the entire afternoon. People sang and danced. I would like to personally thank *Jim Caparelli*, the leader of the Murphy Band.

■ **And to all whom I missed to mention, thank you!**

May God bless you all for what you contributed! We look forward to next year's parish family picnic. Hopefully it won't be as chilly next year so that we will be able to enjoy more comfortably our fellowship and conversation.

So timely after our parish family picnic last Sunday and the several weeks that we have been and continue to talk about the *helping hand ministry* and other ministries, we have the gospel this Sunday that mentions service, and the way to greatness is service. Jesus said: "*Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.....For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.*"

Jesus reminds us that life is all about service and not just about looking good or feeling good. Ask yourself today: What service have I done? What service am I doing for God and for others? At the end of our lives, may we not have regrets that we did not use all the opportunities God gave us because we were too focused on ourselves.

It is also a coincidence that this Sunday we celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. It reminds us that beyond ourselves, beyond our families, beyond our country, we must all be involved in mission. We don't need to go far, we can start from where we are and around us. Maybe there are people in need of help because they are sick, financially struggling, hurting, lonely, depressed, recovering or one of many other reasons. Can we lend our *helping hand* and be of support to them?

How beautiful it will be if we can make a difference in the lives of others because of our humble service given out of love.

Thank You



ALTAR SERVERS

We welcome two more Altar Servers!



Emily Boylan



Emma Shepherd

PARISH PICNIC



Oktoberfest



Calendar of Events

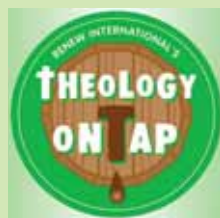
October 21st Mission Sunday
 Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Security Guard is Jim Zollinger
 Teen Ministry—9:35 - 10:45 A.M.
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
October 22nd Parish/Finance Council Meeting—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center
October 23rd RCIA—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center
October 24th Scripture Study—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
October 28th Baby Bottle Campaign
 Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Security Guard is Mike Ostrowski
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
October 29th Fall Card Party—6:30 - 10:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
October 30th RCIA—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center
October 31st Scripture Study—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Next weekend, *Life Choices* will present their **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Bottles will be available for everyone to take home and fill with loose change, bills or checks and return to our church. By participating in the **Baby Bottle Campaign**, you will be touching and **SAVING LIVES!!!**

All Christian Mother's who are making theme baskets or donating gift cards for these baskets for the Christmas Basket Raffle are to do so by the end of October.



The Christian Mothers are beautifying our St. Mary's Prayer Garden with new landscaping and a sign. You can order a stone or brick to be engraved to honor or memorialize a loved one or recognize a group. Order forms may be found at all of the church entrances, the Administrative Office and on the home page of our parish website: www.stmaryfreeport.com.



Come join us for *Theology on Tap*, a program for young adults who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives. In this casual atmosphere, you'll hear straight talk and honest answers to your deepest questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. *Theology on Tap* provides an opportunity to not only learn about your faith but also meet like-minded people, make new friends and

enjoy an evening out. *Theology on Tap* is open to all young adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's, singles and couples, regardless of religious affiliation. A speaker will begin the evening followed by an open discussion. Join us Thursday, November 8th, at Cooper Station on Route 356 where we will explore "Living a Holy Life in an Unholy World." Appetizers will be provided with dinner and drinks available for purchase. Contact Natalie at: kolishn@gmail.com, Chris at: cmwhite929@gmail.com, or Gen at: gennifersvitek@comcast.net with any questions. We hope to see you there!

GAME & CARD SOCIAL



Monday, October 29th
 6:30 P.M.

St. Mary Fellowship Hall
 608 High Street - Freeport

\$10.00/person

Salad Bar

Refreshments

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 27TH & 28TH, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillet	Dave Brestensky; Fred Walker Andrea Camerlo	Tim Fogarty	Jim Talotta Diana Talotta	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Kim Holbein Cindy Harbison Rose Check	Judy Bergstrom	Carol Carson Dave Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Marie Pelliccione Paige Liti; Evan Giori Mason DeMeno	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Steele	Pat Westerman	Jenn Liti	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 20th ✦ Bernadette Fearing Kelly (John & Mary Ann Kruljac)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 21st St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Robert Hoffman (Jeananne Postle)
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 22nd ✦ Joseph Klaput, Jr. (Family)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 23rd ✦ Raymond Ravotti (Alfred & Marlene Brown)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 24th ✦ Sharon Glath (Family)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 25th ✦ Margie Kohlmyer (Andre & Elaine Volek)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 26th ✦ Kerry Liti (Wife—Sylvia)

MASSES FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 27th ✦ William Jansen (Constance Jansen & Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 28th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Gowetski Family (Family)



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of
JOSEPH MCGINNIS
By
Dana McGinnis-Thomas

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of
DAWN HEILMAN
By
Ren & Marushka Steele



Collections

Offertory Collection for October 15th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613
No. of Envelopes Received: 178
Collection: Offertory - \$3,551.91
Electronic Payments (18) - \$926.00
Loose - \$317.00; Children - \$19.50

Total Collection - \$4,814.41

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Saturday, October 27th, 2018
Jeannie Lepkowski & Mary Bertino

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