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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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May 28th, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Easter

But Rejoice...

inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

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Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :
724-295-2281 (Office) 724-295-3090 (Fax)
Monday through Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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 Center 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 Center at 724-295-2281.

From the Pastor's Desk



This Sunday, we welcome our High School graduates as they attend their baccalaureate mass at our 8:30 A.M. mass. We congratulate them for their academic success and recognize their parents for their countless love and support for them. As they move forward, we pray that God may continue to bless and guide them as they work towards their future plans and dreams. All the best and luck for all our graduates.

The following day, we celebrate Memorial Day. A day we remember those who died in active service of our country, both men and women, those who showed their love and sacrifices to the point of offering their lives to make sure our country is safe and protected.

"They defended our nation. They liberated the oppressed. They served the cause of peace. And all Americans who have known the loss and sadness of war, whether recently or long ago, can know this: The person they love and miss is honored and remembered by the United States of America." - **George W. Bush, Memorial Day Address, 2004**

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." - **Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863**

Therefore, they deserve to be remembered, especially today. Below is a prayer we can offer for them.

Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy everyday, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, hope and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day, and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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Becoming a Member of St. Mary, Mother of God Church

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Just drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information (address, phone number, name, etc.), please return the changes on the form below. It is important to keep our records up to date.



St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request / Change

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

New Registration

Change Address/Phone

Moving

Please drop this form in the collection basket



Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to the proud parents, **Scott & Jody McKernan** on the baptism of their daughter, **Gwendolin Grace**. She is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!



Congratulations to the proud parents, **James & Lindsay Giallombardo** on the baptism of their daughter, **Alivia Eileen**. She is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP—July 24th - July 28th, 2017

St. Mary's Fellowship Hall—5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

All children Preschool thru 6th grade



We are in need of anyone with PA State Criminal & Child Abuse clearances to help with Bible Camp. We CANNOT have Bible Camp without your help. If you are able help and bring your children, please fill out and return to the church or call:

Gennifer Svitek at 412-303-2650 or Helen James at 724-272-1171

I WILL HELP AT VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Name (Please Print) _____

of children I will be bringing _____



Our first Ethnicity (Heritage) Day will be held on Pentecost "Saturday", June 3rd, in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 4:00 P.M. Mass. The evening will include homemade ethnic foods, including appetizers, salads, main course foods and desserts by those families and/or individuals attending. Registration forms are located at all of the church entrances. Please fill one out and place in the collection basket or drop off at the Administrative Office *no later than Friday, June 2nd.*

Calendar of Events

May 29th	Memorial Day—Mass at 9:00 A.M. at St. Mary Cemetery; Parish Office Closed
June 2nd	First Friday—Benediction at 6:30 P.M.
June 3rd	Heritage Dinner—5:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
June 4th	Christian Mother's Mass—8:30 A.M.
June 10th	Homebound Dinner—4:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
June 11th	Donut & Beverage Social after morning masses; Final Meeting for Pilgrimage—5:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
June 21st	Drug Awareness Program—7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Diocesan Target - \$43,279.00
 Parish Target - \$68,279.00
 Pledges to Date - \$101,618.00
 Pledges Paid to Date - \$79,786.60
 Number of Donors - 305

Diocesan & Parish Targets Achieved!

thank you!

Please wait until you receive your statement from the Diocese before sending in your next payment to the DLA. Payments are to be sent in directly to the Diocese.



To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. **The next class scheduled for this year will be held on Thursday, June 8th.** To register, please call Mark and Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.



In your charity, please remember the soul of **Herbert Wolfe** who recently passed away. Welcome him and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort & peace to their families.



St. Mary Cemetery is in need of someone to help with the grass trimming and light labor work. One or two days a week from April to November. If interested, call Richard Bertino, at 724-295-3632 (home) or 724-602-5986 (cell).

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Cemetery at 9:00 A.M.



If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



In observance of the centennial anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, the Diocesan Heritage Center will host a series of First Saturday Masses and devotions at the Bishop Connare Center on June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd and October 7th. The day will begin with Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel at 9:00 A.M. and followed by recitation of the rosary. The Diocesan Heritage Center exhibit "*Petals of Love — The Rosary in Art and Faith*" will be open after the devotion and from 1:00-4:00 P.M. on those Saturdays, in addition to the exhibit's regular hours, 1:00-4:00 P.M. on Thursdays. For more information, call Dennis Wodzinski, Curator of the Heritage Center, at 724-552-2505.



Power of Attorney and Managing Your Loved One's Money in Times of Need: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is sponsoring a Senior Enrichment Workshop on Wednesday, **June 14th**, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 P.M., at the Bishop William G. Connare Center, 2900 Seminary Lane, Greensburg. Guest speakers will be **Shirley A. Makuta, Esq.**, and **Dr. Paul Niemiec, LPC**. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. All are welcome, but please register by **June 4th**. To register, please contact Mary Ellen Pellegrino at 724-552-2605 or email her at: mpellegrino@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



Saint Joseph High School will host a Materials Science Summer Camp from June 12th-16th (9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.) for students entering grades 5-8. How far can plastic stretch? How are crystals made? How much heat is required to change the properties of polymers? Students will discover these answers through hands-on labs in Materials Science Camp. Visit: www.SaintJosephHS.com for the brochure or contact Jane Susa at 724-226-7877; jsusa@saintjosephhs.com.



Attention current 6th Graders! If you plan to or are considering attending Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School for the 2017-2018 school year, please visit their website: www.gcchs.org for information regarding a mandatory 7th Grade Math Placement Test. Dates for testing are Monday, June 5th at 9:00 A.M. and Tuesday evening, June 6th at 6:00 P.M. There is no fee for the hour long test. Pick-up and drop off will occur in GCC's cafeteria. Questions? Please contact Colleen Sherman at: csherman@gcchs.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 3RD & 4TH, 2017

Altar Servers

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Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Bill Girardi
Fred Walker
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Dave Brestensky
Andrea Camerlo
Fred Walker

Jackie DeFelice

Verne Bergstrom

Alex Smith

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Brianna Sutara
Olivia & Ryan Sutara
Katie Huth

Laura Huth
Lisa Boylan
Rose Check

John Nemcek

Tom Koharchik

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Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Jacob & Erin Schaeffer
Megan Rossey
Paige Liti; Evan Giori

Bill Cogley
Patty Hughes
Melissa Schaeffer

Rob Svitek

Dave Wesolosky

Choir

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. May 27th
✦Martha Kerr (Betty Canterna)

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. May 28th
✦Kenneth Hughes (Mike & Gloria DeMeno)
Baccalaureate Mass
St. Mary Parishioners

11:00 A.M.

MONDAY: 9:00 A.M. May 29th—*Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Cemetery*
✦Bill Kolish (Wife & Children)

TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M. May 30th
✦Joseph Hager (Family)

WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M. May 31st
✦Judith Polana (Ken & Patty Hughes)


THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M. June 1st
✦Frank "Fuzz" Palko (Dan & Barbara Coyle)

FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M. June 2nd - *First Friday*
✦Charles Ziga (Deb & Den Baustert)
Benediction
6:30 P.M.


MASSES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. June 3rd
St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. June 4th
✦Pauline Supik (John Supik)
11:00 A.M. ✦Arnold Clark (Family)



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **JAMES McDERMOTT** By **Linda (Wife) and Children**



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **BERNARD & ANN KORT** By **Kort Kids**

Collections

Offertory Collection for May 21st, 2017


No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 592
No. of Envelopes Received: 180
Collection: Offertory - \$4,483.00
Electronic Payments (9) - \$1,775.00
Loose - \$383.00
Children - \$22.75
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