

# St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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## October 14th, 2018

**It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.**



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Office Information

**Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :**  
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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](http://www.stmaryfreeport.com)

**Parish Email Address:** [thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com](mailto:thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com)

### 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



First, I would like to thank all of you for the generous support you extended last Sunday to the mission appeal, presented by Fr. Efren Ambre for his diocese, the Diocese of Bangued in the Philippines. I was not here last weekend because Fr. Efren asked me if I would celebrate his masses in his two parishes located in Delmont and Export since he was having the mission appeal in our parish – a kind of swapping of schedules. As a way of helping him with the appeal for his diocese, I agreed, especially since the mission appeal was intended for their clergy retirement fund. I know the condition of most of the priests in the Philippines - they do not receive enough financial support when they retire because their diocese is a small one and especially poor. Priests do not receive a salary. They only get honorarium, which is less than \$300.00 a month. Therefore, your generous support is a great help for their clergy.

This week, October 15th-18th, there will be the annual clergy convocation of the Diocese of Greensburg where all the priests in the diocese attend. As in previous years, the convocation will be in Blairsville, PA. Because I will be attending, mass will only be celebrated on Monday, October 15th. Following mass, I will leave to attend the clergy convocation. There will be a communion service, led by our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The mass intentions scheduled for those dates will be taken by me and celebrated in Blairsville. Please keep us in your prayers so that we may have a fruitful clergy convocation that can help us to become better in our priestly ministry.

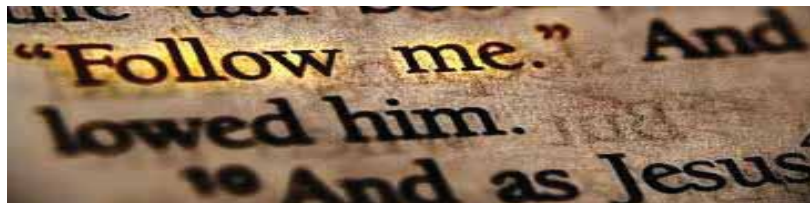
During my absence, RCIA will still meet on Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. The Bible Study will meet on Monday at 6:30 P.M. instead of Wednesday. This schedule change for Bible Study is only for this week due to a scheduling conflict for the team facilitators.

### REFLECTION FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY GOSPEL

*The gospel is about a rich young man who approaches Jesus asking what to do in order to inherit eternal life. He was a good and righteous man, observing all the commandments, but felt his life was incomplete. Jesus looked at him with love and invited him to follow Him by selling what he had and give it to the poor. But the rich young man could not do this for he was too attached to his possessions. He went away sad.*

### MORAL LESSON

*Material things in themselves are not evil; they are evil when they become our idols and we worship them either consciously or unconsciously, as if our lives totally depend on them. Jesus wants us to be free so that we can follow Him. Detachment to what we consider as material wealth and living in simplicity are just some ways we can live peacefully and be happy while we maintain a relationship with God.*



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## Calendar of Events

October 14th Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Security Guard is Jim Zollinger  
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
 PARISH PICNIC/OKTOBERFEST—12:00 Noon to 4:00 P.M. - Church Grounds

October 15th Scripture Study—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

October 16th RCIA—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center

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



The Knights of Columbus will once again have Life Choices present their *Baby Bottle Campaign* the week-end of October 27th/28th. 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!!!

Please be generous!



The Christian Mothers are beautifying our St. Mary's Prayer Garden with new landscaping and a sign. Parishioners and members of the community can be a part of this project! They will be replacing the rosary steps with beautiful granite stones and building a new brick walkway. You can order a stone or brick to be engraved to honor or memorialize a loved one or recognize a group. Some examples could be "In Memory of Ray Ravotti by His Children", "In Honor of All Christian Mothers" or "Presented by St. Mary's 2018 Teen Ministry". 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](http://www.stmaryfreeport.com). If you would like additional information, please call Judy Bergstrom at 724-316-5352.



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.

St. Mary's Teen Ministry meets on the first and third Sunday, from 9:35 to 10:45 A.M., during the months of September through May. If you are in grades 8th through 12th, you are welcome to be a part of this growing group of teens. They would love to have you!

### GAME & CARD SOCIAL

Monday, October 29th  
6:30 P.M.  
St. Mary Fellowship Hall  
608 High Street - Freeport

**\$10.00/person**

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Refreshments  
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# FAMILY

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## Mission in Action

. Multi-generational support between ministries  
 . Parish Picnic  
 . Christian Mothers

# Bishop Malesic invites you to join him at a Diocese of Greensburg Listening Session

Bishop Edward C. Malesic invites every member of the Diocese of Greensburg to join him at any one of the seven listening sessions where he will be present this fall. Bishop Malesic knows that the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and the events of the past few months have evoked a great deal of pain, sadness, confusion and uncertainty for the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg. These seven upcoming gatherings are extremely important, enabling Bishop Malesic to be present to you, to listen to your concerns, and to respond to your questions. These sessions will give you the opportunity to express your feelings, observations and suggestions. Please attend one of these sessions with Bishop Malesic and allow your input to help him guide our Church as we go forward from this moment in our history as the People of God.

**Afternoon Session: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Holy Family Parish, West Newton – Wednesday, October 31

**Evening Sessions: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, Greensburg – Monday, October 22

St. Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown – Wednesday, October 24

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell – Monday, October 29

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning – Monday, November 5

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville – Thursday, November 8

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana – Thursday, November 29



Next weekend, we will celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. The theme this year is *Through Youth to the World: Voices for Mission*. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection.



The annual *Afternoon of Reflection* for individuals with disabilities and life challenging illnesses will be held at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, October 28th from 12:30-6:00 P.M. The program will be led by Msgr. Lawrence Kiniry. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate Mass at 4:00 P.M.; dinner follows. The theme is "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" and participants are encouraged to wear the color red. For reservations (\$8.00/each), information or to volunteer, call Rita Shapiola at 724-537-3851. Participants are asked to bring a pair of durable, new flip flops or sandals for this year's mission project to help families in the Philippines.



SEVENTH  
JURIED  
CATHOLIC  
ARTS  
EXHIBITION  
October 28 - December 2, 2018

The **Seventh Juried Catholic Arts Exhibition** will open at the St. Vincent Gallery on the third floor of the Robert S. Carey Student Center with a prize award ceremony and reception October 28th, from

3:30-6:00 P.M. Admission is free and open to the public. An opening lecture with 2018 juror Dr. Elizabeth Lev will be held at 2:00 P.M. in the Fred M. Rogers Center. Admission is free and open to the public; however, reservations are required by calling 724-805-2177. The exhibition is open through December 2nd. Gallery hours are 1:00-4:00 P.M., Tuesday through Sunday and by special appointment. The gallery is closed on Mondays and November 21st-26th.



Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, is accepting orders for Nut, Apricot and Poppy Seed rolls and Crescent rolls for the Thanksgiving/Christmas holidays. **Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot rolls are \$11.50/each – order deadline is Monday, October 29th. Crescent rolls are \$6.00/dozen – order deadline is Monday, November 5, 2018.** For orders, please call any of the following: Marge at 724-842-0623; Fran at 724-845-8615 the parish office at 724-845-8191. Thank You!



**A Halloween Dance** - Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, Saturday, October 20th. Admission is \$25.00/person or \$40.00/couple; includes buffet & beer (or you can BYOB). Doors open at 7:00 P.M., buffet starts at 8:00 PM. Music by DJ "Mixmasters" 8:00 P.M. to Midnight. Costume optional (clothing is required!). Prizes for costumes and lots of fun! For tickets, call the parish office at 724-845-8191. Must be 21 or older.

**Bishop Edward C. Malesic** will lead the annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 27th, at 11:00 A.M., in St. Joseph Chapel at the Christ Our Shepherd Center, Rte. 30 east of Greensburg. Mass at 9:00 A.M., adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation after Mass with recitation of the rosary following. Organizations that plan to carry a banner must register at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1249.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 20TH & 21ST, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Fred Walker; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Karen Savage	Arlene Miller Gary Miller	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Breanna & Olivia Sutara Ryan Sutara; Katie Huth Mary Huth Nicolette Zollinger	Carol Carson Judy Bergstrom John Nemcek	Annette Domachowski	Karen Nigra	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Lisa Isenberg Debbie Baustert Melissa Schaeffer	Bill Cogley	Karen Fennell	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

### Mass Intentions

#### MASSES FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	October 13th ✦ Thomas Dowling (Wife—Betty)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 14th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Laura Camerlo (Debbie Mielecki)
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	October 15th ✦ Charles B. Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	October 16th <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> - Fr. Ron will take the mass intention for ✦ Massimino & Matilda Pesci (Estate) with him
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	October 17th <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> - Fr. Ron will take the mass intention for ✦ Jim Ebig (Bob & Diane Grant) with him
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	October 18th <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> - Fr. Ron will take the mass intention for ✦ Maurice & Heinritz Family (Estate) with him
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	October 19th ✦ Leonard Stanoski (Wife—Norma Jane)

#### MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	October 20th ✦ Bernadette Fearing Kelly (John & Mary Ann Kluljac)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 21st St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Robert Hoffman (Jeananne Postle)



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honor of  
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### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for October 7th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613  
No. of Envelopes Received: 195  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,692.39  
Electronic Payments (0) - \$.00  
Loose - \$116.00; Children - \$17.00  
Additional Seminarian/Clergy Appeal - \$45.00  
Mission Co-op Appeal - \$1,433.75

**Total Collection - \$6,304.14**

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