



# St. Mary, Mother of God Church

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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



As we celebrate Veterans Day this Sunday, we pause in remembrance of those who have proudly served our country in the U.S. military. Originally known as “Armistice Day”, November 11th was chosen to annually memorialize the end of hostilities between the Allied powers and Germany ending World War I, which was then regarded as “*the war to end all wars*”.

Thanks to President Woodrow Wilson, because he was the one who proclaimed the first commemoration of what would become an official national holiday. He said: *“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”*

Therefore, we remember and honor those who stood up and put their lives on the line to defend the country from very real threats to our national security. They served us in such a way that we could enjoy the freedom with no fear and anxiety today. Let us offer this prayer for them.

*Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their lives to serve our country. We pray that you will bless them for their service to preserve our country’s heritage for all of us. Bless them for the sacrifice they made for their many contributions to America’s victories. We thank them, we honor them and we pray that you will watch over them and bless them with peace and happiness. Amen*

On our parish side note, we welcome this Sunday our three candidates who are continuing their journey in the RCIA. They are: *Mike Snyder, Jeffrey Lowers and Heather Heckman*. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may lead them to a deeper relationship with God and discover the richness of our faith.



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If you have any questions, please contact Beth Macurdy at: [bmacurdy@ufcw.org](mailto:bmacurdy@ufcw.org) or call her at 724-295-9411.





Speaker Jacob Williamson talking to the Junior and Senior High students about being disciples.



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. At this time, you may order a *Hail Mary* stone for \$300.00 or a *brick for the walkway* to be engraved to honor or memorialize a loved one or recognize a group for \$150.00. 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.

# Calendar of Events

**November 10th/11th** Donut Social—Immediately following all weekend masses - Fellowship Hall  
**November 11th** 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  
**November 13th** RCIA—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center  
**November 14th** Pie Pick-up—4:30 to 7:00 P.M. - Conference Center  
 Bible Study (Final Class)—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall  
**November 16th** Confirmation—7:00 P.M. - Christ the King Church, Leechburg  
**November 18th** Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Security Guard is Christina Kapinskis  
 Teen Ministry—9:35 - 10:45 A.M.  
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
**November 20th** RCIA—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center  
**November 22nd** Thanksgiving Day—9:00 A.M. Mass; Parish Office Closed  
**November 23rd** Parish Office Closed  
**November 25th** No Religious Education Classes  
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
**November 28th** First Reconciliation Workshop—6:30 - 8:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall (children & parents must attend)



**REST IN PEACE**—In your charity of prayers, please remember the souls of **Stella Trygar, Alice Snyder** and **Nancy Wisniewski** who recently passed away. Welcome them and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families.



**Mass Intention Requests** are now being accepted for the year 2019. What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. Mass requests will be taken at the Administrative Office during normal office hours. *Please note that if a mass is requested and a Communion Service needs to be scheduled, Father Ron will take the mass intention with him.*

baptism class

To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. The final class for this year will be held on Thursday, December 13th. To register for this class, please call Mark and Melissa at 724-230-4450; Parish Office at 724-295-2281.



**Thanksgiving Pie Pickup**  
 Pies may be picked up on Wednesday, November 14th, 4:30-7:00 P.M. in the Parish Conference Center.



Today's second collection will be used to help individuals and families recover from the flooding that hit areas in the Greensburg Diocese on September 10th. Thank you for your generosity, and please pray for the people who have suffered losses.



The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will sponsor two Holiday Cash Raffle tickets in December based on the 1:00 & 7:00 P.M. three-digit PA Lottery drawings, with 1,000 tickets available for each drawing. Cost is \$10.00 for a chance to win from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. Tickets and money must be returned by November 29th. To order tickets, please call Sister Agnes Steedle at 724-836-0406, Ext. 6646. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Charity.

Please Join Us...



The **Donut and Beverage Social** will be held in our Fellowship Hall today, immediately following mass. Please remember to stop in and extend a friendly hello to your fellow parishioners.



**Baby Bottle Campaign** - Please remember to turn in your baby bottles. If you forgot to bring it to church, please try to get them to the Administrative Office some time this week during normal office hours. Thank you for helping to save those precious lives.



**Christmas Basket Raffle** - Raffle Ticket stubs and money may be put in the envelope and placed in the collection basket, mailed in, dropped off at the Administrative Center, or given to any Christian Mother. Tickets are only \$1.00/each. This is the main fundraiser for the Christian Mothers and your support will be greatly appreciated!



The **Leadership Team** is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts. T-shirts are available in short sleeve, baseball sleeve and long sleeve. Both adult and youth sizes are available. Samples can be found at the main entrance. Order forms are located at all entrances and can also be found on the parish website. Please note the form is double sided because two logo formats are available.



**Weekly Intentions** for *The Sanctuary Candle* and *Altar Bread & Wine* will be available this weekend - donation is \$20.00 for the week. *Please note that your donation is due at the time of your request. Envelopes are not to be taken home with you.* Assistance will be provided for those who need help with filling out these envelopes.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Fred Walker; Zach Showers Lauren & Leah Clark	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Jackie DeFelice	Sharon Mihalich	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Breanna, Olivia, Ryan Sutara Katie Huth; Mary Huth Nicolette Zollinger	Kim Holbein Cindy Harbison Rose Check	Annette Domachowski	Karen Nigra	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Stee;e	Bill Cogley	Karen Fennell	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

### Mass Intentions

#### MASSES FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	November 10th ✦ All Souls' Intentions
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	November 11th ✦ Domenic & Isabelle Canterna (Betty Canterna) ✦ St. Mary Parishioners
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	November 12th ✦ Fr. Dominick DeBlasio (Bernadette Stewart)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	November 13th <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> - Fr. Ron will take the mass intention for ✦ J. D. Easley Family (Estate) with him
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	November 14th <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> - Fr. Ron will take the mass intention for a Special Intention request with him
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	November 15th ✦ Edna Barr (Grace Charney)
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	November 16th ✦ Alberta Hager (Ed & Jeannie Lepkowski)

#### MASSES FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	November 17th ✦ Anita Rosato (Family)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	November 18th ✦ Birdie & Bud Posney (Posney Family) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
in loving memory of  
**ANITA ROSATO**  
By  
*Family*

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,  
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in  
loving memory of  
**LARRY KALMEYER**  
By  
*Loretta Ravotti & Children*



### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for November 4th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 612  
No. of Envelopes Received: 223  
Collection: Offertory - \$5,493.89  
Electronic Payments (16) - \$663.00  
Loose - \$234.00; Children - \$33.00  
All Saints' Day Collection - \$1,014.00

**Total Collection - \$7,437.89**  
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