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June 10th, 2018

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary

Mark 3:20-35

27In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

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Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :
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Parish Website: www.stmaryfreeport.com

Parish Email Address: 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 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



I guess graduations and parties are now over and many of us have made our plans for this summer like going on vacation, visiting relatives and friends, or just staying at home doing gardening. Whatever we do this summer, I'm sure we will find it interesting and enjoyable.

However, after reading the recent issue of the Catholic Accent paper from the Diocese of Greensburg, I find the article by Fr. Geoffrey Brooke very interesting because it talks about how we can enjoy the summer without taking a vacation from our vocation.

What he meant is that when summer comes, most of us plan to go on vacation with our family and friends either by going to the beach or doing some traveling. And that sounds like an exciting plan! But he pointed out that sometimes with our vacation plans, we tend to neglect or forget to include our spiritual vocation to pray or attend Sunday mass. That is why he said: "don't take a vacation from your vocation". He added that attending mass in a different place, exposed to their culture or even language can be a great opportunity to experience the catholicity, the universal nature of the church, in a concrete way.

With that, I think he made a good point because normally when we are on vacation, we seldom or never think of something spiritual. Our mind is focused on how we can enjoy ourselves and have fun so that when we go back home, we are relaxed and energized. But I agree with Fr. Brooke's point. When we include spiritual activity in our vacation, at least by attending mass on Sunday, it becomes holistic. Just as our minds and bodies are relaxed and refreshed, so our souls are fed and nourished.

Finally, the last part of his article is worth remembering. He said that if we can just spend our morning with a couple of minutes asking God for two things: God, help me to be your presence today and help me to see you in others today. Then at night, we go back to God and examine our day with these questions: God, where did I see you today? God, how was I able to be your presence to others today? Or God, when did I fail to be your presence today?

With these thoughts, I believe we can make our vacation or summer break holistic and enjoyable without neglecting the essential one.

Let us invite and make God a part of our summer plans.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

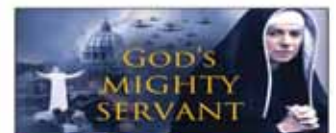
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Calendar of Events

June 9th/10th Donut Sunday (immediately following all weekend masses)
 June 11th Vacation Bible Camp Meeting— 6:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
 June 23rd Baptism — “Glath” - within the 4:00 P.M. Mass
 June 24th Baptism — “Iusi” - 12:15 P.M.



St. Mary Cemetery - Do you like working outside? Our cemetery is in need of someone to help out with the grass trimming and light labor work. One or two days a week from April to November. If you are interested, call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at home at 724-295-3632; cell at 724-602-5986.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Diocesan Target - \$39,816.68
 Parish Target - \$30,183.32
 Combined Target - \$70,000.00
 Pledges to Date - \$113,656.00
 Paid to Date - \$84,618.35
 Number of Donors - 313

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.



In your charity, please remember the soul of **Robert Gray** who was buried from our parish this past week. Welcome him and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families.



Last fall, the gentleman who vacuumed the carpet in our church on a weekly basis became unable to perform this ministry. We are now in need of someone to vacuum the carpet and dust the laminate and pew bottoms each week. It would take approximately one to two hours each week. If God is calling you to help our parish in this manner, please contact the parish office at 724-295-2281 or email: thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP—July 23rd - July 27th, 2018

St. Mary's Fellowship Hall—5:30 - 8:00 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 to help, and bring your children, please fill out and return to the church or call:

Laura Huth at 724-295-3259 or Helen James at 724-272-1171

I WILL HELP AT VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Name (Please Print) _____

of children I will be bringing _____

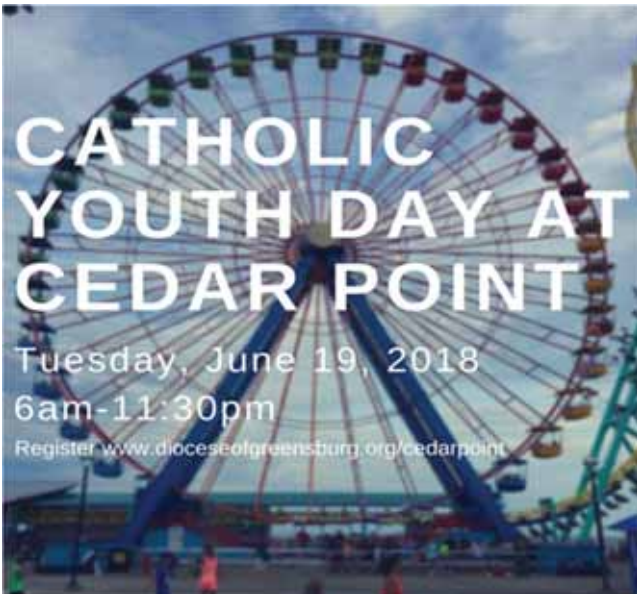
A meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11th, at 6:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Help is needed in all areas – crafts, games, music, donations of snacks. Please consider attending this meeting and helping out in some way this year!



THEOLOGY ON TAP IN THE A-K VALLEY – Calling ALL young adults (single, married, parents, etc.)! Join them on Thursday, June 28th, at 7:00 P.M., at Mogie's Irish Pub/Magill's Grill (3210 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell). The evening's topic will be on living a faithful life in a world of sin presented by Caitlin Craig, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Mother of Sorrows Church. Dinner will be provided, and babies in carriers are welcome! Invite a friend! **Theology on Tap** is a program for Catholic Young Adults and their friends to meet together at local bars, cafes, and restaurants to listen to a speaker, share conversation, and gain new insights into the faith. For further information, please contact Ariel Schroeder at: ASchroeder@dioceseofgreensburg.org or find them on Facebook at **Theology on Tap** in the A-K Valley (@akvalleytot). No need to RSVP, just show up!



St. Margaret Mary Festival of Friendship – 3055 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell—June 22nd and 23rd. Food booths open at 4:00 P.M., rides and games open at 6:00 P.M. on Friday; 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Featuring delicious food by local restaurants and caterers, entertainment, kiddie rides, games, bingo, and baskets. RAIN OR SHINE. No pets permitted on festival grounds. (Please note: Saturday evening Mass on June 23rd is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. instead of 5:00 because of the festival.)



CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT CEDAR POINT
 Tuesday, June 19, 2018
 6am-11:30pm
 Register www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/cedarpoint

2018 2019 PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP GRADES 9-12

Exploring God's Call
 6:30-8:00 pm at Greensburg Central Catholic High School
 June 3, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 9, 2018
 February 17, March 10, April 14, May 12, 2019

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THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT
 VOCATION DISCERNMENT GROUPS

Evenings to Discern Priesthood
 For the Young Adult
 June 17th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th, 2018
 At 6:30 PM
 Holy Family rectory,
 1200 Ligonier Street, Latrobe
 please RSVP to Fr. Dan Mahoney
dmahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Saint John's Fire CELEBRATION
 The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Sunday, June 24 at 7:00 pm
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Register online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

Sponsored by The Diocesan Heritage Center and The Knights of Malta

The Diocesan Heritage Center invites you to celebrate this great festival of the Church with us on Sunday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Bishop Connare Center. The evening will begin with Vespers and continue with a Saint John's Day Fire and Celebration on the Plaza.

The suggested donation is \$25 and all proceeds benefit the Diocesan Heritage Center. In appreciation of your donation, you will become a "Friend of the Diocesan Heritage Center." This membership provides discounts to future events and special invitations to lectures and exhibitions.

The evening's food will be prepared by award-winning Chef, Josh Ross, Executive Chef of Pirata In Pittsburgh. Ross is featured on the Cooking Channel's *Late Nite Eats* Cash Bar.

Tickets can be purchased online at Diocese of Greensburg website or by calling to reserve your tickets at 724-552-2502.



JOB OPENING

The Office for Catholic Schools is currently accepting applications for the position of Elementary Principal at The Divine Redeemer School in Ford City. Qualified candidates will be able to provide leadership and vision while ensuring superior quality in the curricular and co-curricular programs that support the school's mission. A practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church, the principal must possess the following: demonstrated communication and leadership skills, a Master's degree in a field related to educational administration, Principal Certification or the qualifications to obtain certification, and a letter from his/her pastor. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and resume to: Dr. Maureen Marsteller, Superintendent for Catholic Schools, email: CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org; phone - 724-552-2594. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

INDOOR / OUTDOOR Flea Market will be held at St. Emma Monastery on June 14th-16th. For hours and additional information, call 724-834-3060; visit: www.stemma.org.

DEAL ME IN

A Public Card Party, hosted by the Christian Mothers & Women of St. Joseph Parish, Cabot, is on Monday, June 18th at 12:00 Noon with lunch followed by the card party. Any other games or cards can be played, however, please try to bring 3-4 people to play your game. A \$5.00/per person donation also includes lunch. Join them for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon. Also available will be Butler Flavorings (dark & clear vanilla; maple and almond) and USA-made RADA cutlery.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 16TH & 17TH, 2018

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Dave Brestensky	Sharon Mihalich	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Andrew Nigra; Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Carol Carson Pat Ralston Rose Check	Judy Bergstrom	John Nemcek Betty Lou Nemcek	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Helen James Andrew Volek Bill Cogley	Marushka Steele	Karen Fennell	Dave Wesolosky	Dan Ullrich

Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 9th ✦ Regis Barr (John & Brenda DeMeno)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 10th ✦ Charles B. Huth (Ellen Huth & Family) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 11th ✦ Sharon Glath (The Posney's)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 12th ✦ Edith Pesci (Estate)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 13th ✦ James Ebig (Wyant Family)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 14th ✦ Dorothy & Joseph Mollica (Dave & Janis Harbison)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 15th ✦ Rev. Dominic DeBlasio (Bernadette Stewart)

MASSES FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 16th All Fathers—Living & Deceased
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 17th St. Mary Parishioners; All Fathers—Living & Deceased All Fathers—Living & Deceased



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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in
loving memory of
RAYMOND RAVOTTI
By
Pete & Linda Pezzin



Collections

Offertory Collection for June 3rd, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 606
No. of Envelopes Received: 237
Collection: Offertory - \$6,779.00
Electronic Payments (15) - \$648.00
Loose - \$308.00; Children - \$27.50
Total Collection - \$7,762.50

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