



# St. Mary, Mother of God Church

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## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 5th, 2018

# JOHN 6:24-35



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John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

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Diane Grant—*Christian Mothers*  
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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 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.

## From the Pastor's Desk



What you will see in our bulletin this Sunday are pictures from our recent Vacation Bible Camp held in our parish for five days. We had a total of 51 children, Pre K through 6th grade, who participated. For the five days, VBC revolved around the theme “**Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus**” in which each day the children learned a lesson from a biblical story where Jesus rescues, like when people struggle and worry. As the evening progressed, they were asked to look for events where Jesus rescued them. That was their biblical discovery. *Melissa Kristine* helped them in that area for the five days. The next station was crafts where they enjoyed their time using their creativity in making craft related items appropriate to the evening’s theme. Thanks to *Melissa Smock and other volunteers* for helping out in that area. Afterwards, they went for yummy tropical snacks provided by *Donna Smith and her crew*. Then they played games and learned songs.

The children had a wonderful time. Thanks to *Laura Huth* for leading the VBC this year in coordination with *Helen James*. She, herself, had some moments where Jesus *rescued* her from worrisome technical problems during the week. In the end, she breathed a sigh of relief when she made the children and parents happy after seeing the fruits of VBC where they learned the lessons, sang songs and did the crafts.

Till next year...

Kudos to everyone who volunteered, participated, and extended assistance! *God bless you all!*

Planning ahead, you can save the date for our **Parish Family Picnic**.

It will be held on **September 9th, at Renshaw Farms**.



What a week we had at Vacation Bible Camp! We had twenty-five volunteers and over fifty children come together for a week of great snacks, crafts, games, songs and Bible lessons. We learned that no matter what situation we might find ourselves in, Jesus rescues! I had no idea how we would pull it all together, but God is good and He provides! We can't thank you all enough for your donations of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for sending your children. It brought me such joy to sing and play and take selfies with them! We pray that our hard work and dedication brought these *sweet little ones* closer to Jesus. We pray that as they grow and face life's challenges, they will remember that Jesus rescues! Thank you all so much!

Laura Huth and Helen James

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Lectio: Peter

Session 6: *In the Shadow of the Galilean*

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# VBC 2018







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CONTACT INFORMATION:  
Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934 or  
[www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org)



## Calendar of Events

- August 12th Baptism—"Gardone" - Within the 11:00 A.M. Mass
- Baptism—"Hohman" - 12:15 P.M.
- August 14th Parish Council Meeting—7:00 P.M.
- August 15th Holy day—Assumption of Mary - Masses at 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.; Parish Office Closed
- August 18th/19th Mission Co-op Appeal
- August 20th CCD Meeting—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center



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 Thursday, August 30th. The final class for 2018 will be held sometime in December. Call Mark or Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to register.

## General Information

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 11TH & 12TH, 2018

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Fred Walker; Zach Showers Lauren & Leah Clark	Dave Brestensky Deb Showers; Dave Valencic	Karen Savage	Arlene Miller Gary Miller	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Carol Carson Judy Bergstrom John Nemcek	Annette Domachowski	Karen Nigra	TBA	TBA
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Lisa Isenberg Debbie Baustert Melissa Schaeffer	Marushka Steele	Rose Naughton	Dave Wesolosky	Jamie Phillips

### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

#### MASSES FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>August 4th</b> ✦Dorothy Rezak (Chelko Family)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>August 5th</b> ✦Philip Bordonaro (Patty Hughes) St. Mary Parishioners
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 6th</b> ✦Nick Canterna (Daughter—Janice)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 7th</b> ✦Edna Barr (Bill, Cathy, Tyler Singer)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 8th</b> ✦Ken Hughes (Mr. & Mrs. James Cibik)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 9th</b> ✦John Bono (Geno and Lillian Pernazza)
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 10th</b> ✦Margie Kohlmyer (Andre & Elaine Volek)

#### MASSES FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>August 11th</b> ✦Ray Ravotti (The Wyant's)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>August 12th</b> ✦Regis Barr (John & Brenda DeMeno) St. Mary Parishioners



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 No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613  
 No. of Envelopes Received: 180  
 Collection: Offertory - \$4,157.00  
 Electronic Payments (20) - \$1,071.00  
 Loose - \$280.00; Children - \$15.00  
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*Jeannie Lepkowski and Mary Bertino*

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