



# St. Mary, Mother of God Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
**Roman Catholic Church**  
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229



*Established 1826*

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

## THE GOSPEL

# JOHN 6:41-51

August 12th, 2018



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Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone—*Teen Ministry*  
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John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

### Organizations

Diane Grant—*Christian Mothers*  
Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray—*St. Vincent de Paul Society*

### 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](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.

## From the Pastor's Desk



This coming Wednesday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a holy day of obligation that requires us to attend mass. I know that sometimes this creates confusion among us as to whether it is a holy day of obligation or not.

The answer to that is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. For instance, in 2009 it fell on Saturday and Monday in 2011 and 2016; in each of these cases, Catholics in the United States were not required to attend Mass. I say in the United States because in other countries it may not be the case. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have received permission from the Vatican to abrogate (temporarily waive) the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass on certain Holy Days of Obligation, when those Holy Days fall on either Saturday or Monday.

Now we ask why this celebration is a holy day of obligation. Well, history tells us that Mary's Assumption has its roots in the early centuries of the Church that many Christians and saints have talked about until November 1st, 1950. Pope Pius XII defined it as dogma, which means divinely revealed truths. He declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary, having completed the course of earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.

Though the Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven, the Book of Revelation, Chapter 12 in the New Testament, speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be regarded as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth that she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

We can know more about our faith and our doctrines of what we believe in if we will devote a time to study. This coming Fall, from September 26th - November 14th, we will be offering a once a week adult bible study from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. This will be an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding, especially with the Bible. More details to follow in the next bulletin.



## Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother

### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 11: The Assumption

### How Much Do You Know About Mary's Assumption?

Celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven with this beautiful and engaging episode by Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center. Discover the rich Scriptural foundations for the Church's teaching on Mary's Assumption, and grow in love for Our Blessed Mother in the process!

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## 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
August 26th	Geno & Lillian Pernazza 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration—Immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass - Fellowship Hall Christian Mother's Picnic—1:00 P.M. - Kim and Bob Holbein's house



**There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers on Monday, August 20th, at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Center. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.** If you have a child that will be attending pre-school or kindergarten in September or if there is anyone that has recently joined our parish and has to pre-register their children for Religious Education classes (Pre-School thru 8th grade), please call Helen James, Director of Religious Education, at 724-295-4758. If your child attended our Religious Education program last year (1st thru 8th grade only), there is no need to re-register this year! **Those who attended pre-school or kindergarten last year must re-register again this year!**



The Christian Mother's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 26th, at 1:00 P.M., at Kim and Bob Holbein's House, 180 Parker Road, Sarver. Please bring a covered dish to share. RSVP to: [kimh@zoominternet.net](mailto:kimh@zoominternet.net) or 724-353-2630.

## MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

The Diocese of Bangued is located in Northern Philippines. Compared to other dioceses in the Philippines, Bangued is a small and young diocese. With twenty-three parishes, there are about 236,031 Catholics from the total population of 274,953. It was elevated as a diocese in 1982. At present, there are about forty-two local priests, some of them ministering in foreign lands and two of them are working in the Diocese of Greensburg. Next weekend, a second collection will be taken to support The Diocese of Bangued. Please use the attached green envelope in today's bulletin. Your kind welcome for **Fr. Efren Ambre** and generous support will be appreciated. The mission appeal of the diocese of Bangued is intended to go to the retirement fund of the local clergy.



The children of **Geno and Lillian Pernazza** cordially invite you to join them immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, August 26th, in our Fellowship Hall from 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. for cake and a beverage to celebrate their **70th Wedding Anniversary**. If you go to the 4:00 P.M. mass on Saturday or the 8:30 A.M. mass on Sunday, you are also invited to stop in to extend your congratulations to them. Please, absolutely no gifts! Just fellowship with their church family would be greatly appreciated on their special occasion.



The **U.S. Bishops** have issued a nationwide appeal for participation in the **Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life**. The Novena runs from August 3rd to September 28th. The decisions made about choosing a new Justice for the US Supreme Court have a long lasting impact on the enforcement of basic human rights for all, even the most vulnerable persons among us. Prayer and advocacy are our best hope. To participate in the Novena and Call to Prayer initiatives, please sign up at: [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray). In addition to prayer and fasting, the Bishops are calling on everyone to contact your elected officials on Capitol Hill with timely and important Roe Facts over the nine weeks of the Novena. To contact your Member of Congress and two Senators with this week's Roe Fact, please visit: <https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action?vvsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f60352%2fRespond>.



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. Please call Mark or Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to register.



A book of the history of **Freeport** has been written by parishioner **Steve Gardner**. "*History of an Allegheny River Town: Freeport, Pennsylvania*" is a comprehensive overview of the settlement of western Pennsylvania, with a focus on the evolution of the Borough of Freeport over the past 225 years, from its founding in 1797 to today. Included is a brief summary of the influences of the Native American Indians, founders William and David Todd, transportation including the Pennsylvania Canal and the Railroad systems, business and industry development from early settlement to current services, newspapers, military units, churches, and much more. The 580 page book with hundreds of photos is for sale at the Freeport Area Library and will be available on August 11th. A copy is on display at the Library. Cost of the book is \$42.35 including tax. All proceeds will benefit the Library.



**To our parish family caregivers:**  
The **Shipe family** extends heartfelt thanks to our parish family for their prayers, pet sitting, fabulous meals, and support. We see God's hand in this journey each day. Everything we have needed has been provided exactly when we needed it. We truly believe that David's faith and resilience, the unconditional love of family and friends as well as God's blessing have allowed David to begin to thrive and to exceed expectations. God has a plan for David and He is hearing our prayers.  
The **Shipe family** has an extensive and amazing village to help us along this journey. Thank you all for being part of our village.  
*Love,*  
**David, Nancy, Peter, P.J., Chris and Katie Shipe**



**Bishop Malesic** will lead a celebration of the feast of the Assumption on Wednesday, August 15th at the Bishop Connare Center. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Joseph Chapel, then lead a candlelight procession. That will be followed by recitation of the rosary led by different groups from the diocese.

## job alert

**St. Bruno Parish** is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Catechesis to carry out preparation for all the sacraments along with the religious education program and youth group. Applicants should submit resumes by August 13th to Father Lawrence Manchas, St. Bruno Parish, 1729 Poplar Street, South Greensburg, PA 15601.

## BECOME A HOST FAMILY

**Host Family Needed!** St. Joseph High School offers Chinese at all grade levels through a special partnership with the University of Pittsburgh Confucius Institute. Currently, SJHS is seeking a host family for its 2018-19 teacher. The host family would serve as a secondary support system for the teacher as he or she adjusts to life in the United States during the first few weeks. Additionally, the host family would provide a room and bathroom, along with an exchange of language, cuisines, and cultures. Questions or interested in serving as the host family? Contact Ann Litz at St Joseph's: [alitz@SaintJosephHS.com](mailto:alitz@SaintJosephHS.com) or 724-224-5552 for all details.



**All are welcome!** Please join FUSED 4 Youth Ministry for XLT—Adoration of Our Lord on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M., at St. James the Greater Church (109 Owens View Avenue, Apollo). They will have music from their worship band, an inspiring talk, a time for silent adoration, Benediction and Confession in the church. Immediately following, there will be snacks and a time of fellowship outside (in case of inclement weather, fellowship will be held in the church basement). The speaker will be Chris Baker; Youth Minister at St. James the Apostle Parish (in the Diocese of Pittsburgh) and Co-Host of the YouTube channel: Catholic Sports Guys. His topic will be "Living in God's Freedom". Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Katie Tylinski, Regional Director of Faith Formation at 724-212-6740 or you can email: [ktylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ktylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org).



The **accessAbilities Foundation** will hold its 20th annual Tee-Up and Change Lives golf fundraiser on Monday, August 20th at the Westmoreland Country Club. Registration will be at 10:30 A.M., lunch at 11:00 and the shotgun start at 12:00 Noon. A dinner and auction will follow. For fees, registration, sponsorships and additional information, visit: [www.accessabilitiesfoundation.org](http://www.accessabilitiesfoundation.org); or call 724-832-8272.

## Freeport Theatre Festival celebrates its 29th Season

A musical inspired by the heroism of a local volunteer fire department.

### Rivertown Firemen's Jubilee

*Jubilee is about the lives, professional and private, of a local volunteer fire company who also happen to play in a Firemen's Band. What unfolds is the drama and comedy of life lived on the edge of service!*

Written and Directed by Rennick Steele  
Original score by Drew Fennell and Rennick Steele

2018 PERFORMANCE DATES:  
AUGUST 10-12, 17-19, 24-26  
All performances begin at 7:00 p.m.



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



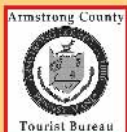
## General Information

### TICKET PRICES:

\$15/12/10  
(General Admission/Military/Seniors/Student)

### LOCATION:

The Steele Farm in Allegheny Township  
Nestled in the northern tip of the Laurel Highlands  
Two miles southeast of Freeport  
off Rte. 356 on White Cloud Road



### PRE-THEATRE DINNER:

River Forest Country Club  
Seating at 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Reservations a must at 724-295-2298

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High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a *Get Acquainted Day Open House* at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, August 18th.

The event will begin with registration and brunch buffet from 8:30 to 9:00 A.M. in the Fred M. Rogers Center and will conclude at 12:00 Noon.

The presentations will include an introduction to St. Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations:

1-800-782-5549;

[admision@stvincent.edu](mailto:admision@stvincent.edu).

You can also register online at:

[www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).



A **card party** sponsored by the Christian Mothers & Women of St. Joseph parish, Cabot will be held on Monday, August 13th at 12:00 Noon with lunch followed by the card party. Any other games or cards can be played. However, if playing a different game, please try to bring three or four people to fill a table. A \$5.00/person donation also includes lunch. Join them for lunch and an enjoyable afternoon.

## The Blessings Closet

Wednesdays 1-3 pm

The Bible teaches us to glean what we are blessed with in order to care for those in need. On Wednesdays, The Blessings Closet will open its doors at Freeport United Methodist Church, 211 Fourth Street, Freeport, PA 16229. Clothing items will be offered. There will be bags of clothing available at \$5/bag and higher end clothing options available at a per item price.

**CASH ONLY!** The hours are from 1-3 pm. We are in need of clothing donations and to spread the word for those who this store will bless.

For more information, call Freeport UMC at 724.295.2476.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 15TH, 18TH & 19TH, 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>Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.</b>					
TBA	TBA	Bill Girardi	TBA	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Dave Brestensky; Fred Walker Andrea Camerlo	Tim Fogarty	Jim Talotta Diana Talotta	Verne Bergstrom	Verne Bergstrom
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Breanna & Olivia Sutara Ryan Sutara; Katie Huty Mary Huth; Nicolette Zollinger	Betty Lou Nemcek Pat Ralton Lisa Boylan	Judy Bergstrom	Carol Carson Dave Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Marie Pelliccione; Evan Giori Mason DeMeno; Paige Liti	Helen James; Andre Volek Bill Cogley	Pat Westerman	Karen Fennell	Dave Wesolosky	Kathy Conley

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

#### MASSSES 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
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 13th</b> ✦ Alberta Hager (Mike & Linda Cox)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 14th</b> ✦ J. D. Easley Family (Estate)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>August 15th—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Rosemary & JoAnn Girardi (Bill Girardi)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 16th</b> ✦ Robert Hoffman (Pat Olzak)
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 17th</b> ✦ Tom Cornman (Family)

#### MASSSES FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>August 18th</b> ✦ Jarod Bennis (Mary & Doug Scholl)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>August 19th</b> ✦ Helen Murphy (John & Brenda DeMeno) St. Mary Parishioners



**Saturday, August 18th, 2018**  
*Charlene Becker*

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### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for August 5th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 611  
No. of Envelopes Received: 210  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,912.00  
Electronic Payments (11) - \$428.00  
Loose - \$221.00; Children - \$17.00; Candles - \$125.00

**Total Collection - \$5,703.00**

**THANK YOU!**



“Summertime and the living is easy.” That’s what the favorite old song says. The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend Mass in other parishes. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please consider on-line Banking. Currently, twenty parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. It’s simple and safe! Please remember to provide your envelope number.