

St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229



Established 1826

May 5th, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

*I will praise you,
Lord, for you have
rescued me.*

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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.

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



We are now in the month of May and for Catholics, May is most well-known as “Mary’s Month” where special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- the recitation of the holy rosary, the crowning of her image, offering of flowers and many others.

We may wonder why the month of May is associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Well, it was in Rome towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May, when a child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion as a public and solemn act of reparation.

Since then the Month of Mary was founded in May. (Cf. A Carthusian, *A Month with Mary*, London: Burns and Oates, 1950.)

This Sunday we also have a group of children with their parents, not only to honor our Blessed Virgin Mary, but also to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in Holy Communion. They are the second grade students of our Religious Education Program who have been receiving catechetical instruction and faith formation for the past year. Following are the nineteen students:

*Emma Beach
Sophia Crawford
Leah Cromer
Brandon Davis
Madison Harmon
Isabella James
Emma Jenkins
Emily Koharchik
Alyssa Lasko
Zachary Lasko*

*Chloe Liti
Collin Michael
Azelyn Michelini
Grayson Miller
David Snyder
Alaina Ursiak
Elizabeth Wesolosky
Dylan Whitlinger
Monica Zollinger*

We congratulate them as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion!

***Congratulations
to our children receiving their
First Holy Communion this weekend!***

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Good Friday - 7:00 P.M.

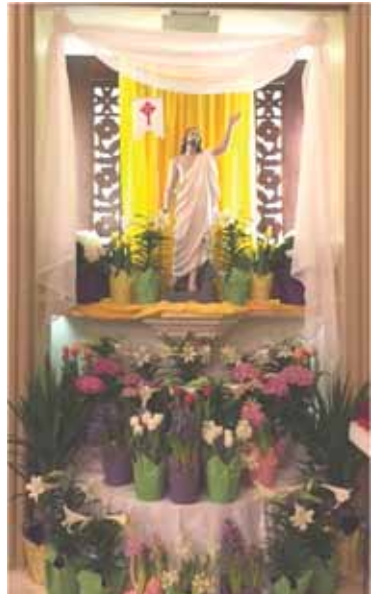
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THE EASTER VIGIL



Welcome
New Catholics



EASTER SUNDAY



Blessing of Easter Baskets



Calendar of Events

- May 5th First Holy Communion—11:00 A.M.
- May 6th Christian Mother's Meeting—7:00 P.M. - Christian Mother's Room
- May 12th May Crowning—8:30 A.M.



The monthly Christian Mother's meeting will be held on Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Christian Mother's Room. Members are asked to arrive at 6:30 P.M.

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



Do you have a couple of hours to spare during the week? Meals on wheels is in need of drivers on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays. If you are able to help out one, two or three days a week for a couple of hours, please call Betsy Olsen at 724-353-1424 for all details.



Come join us for a *Theology on Tap* gathering on Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00 P.M. at the River Forest County Club, Freeport (new location). The guest speaker will be **Will Smith** who will lead the discussion on "*Hope - Our Gift from God in Difficult Times*". Appetizers will be provided by the church; dinner and drink items are available for purchase. Hope to see you on May 9th!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR May 11th & 12th, 2019

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Madison & Dawson Gaillot Zach Showers	Deb Showers, Fred Walker Andrea Camerlo	Diane Zadnik	Gary Miller Arlene Miller	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Sam/Jacob/David Kristine Madison & Austin Bachar	Betty Lou Nemcek John Nemcek Kim Holbein	Lisa Boylan	Carol Carson David Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Marie Pelliccione Mason DeMeno Michael & William Speers	Marushka Steele Mary Scholl Alyson Scholl	Pat Westerman	Mary Scholl Doug Scholl	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	May 4th ✦ Richard Fearing (Locke Family)	
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	May 5th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Martin Sikora (Wife—Sylvia) <i>First Holy Communion</i>	
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 6th ✦ Eli, Dennis, Sarah, Rachel (Family)	
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 7th ✦ J. Easley Family (Estate)	
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 8th ✦ Fr. George Alderson (Friends)	
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 9th ✦ Marilyn Adams & Carol Goldscheitter (Brothers & Sisters)	
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 10th ✦ Domenica Seitam (Doug & Grace Seitam)	

MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	May 11th All Mothers—Living & Deceased
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	May 12th Christian Mothers—Living Members (Christian Mothers) All Mothers—Living & Deceased St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in honor of
ST. MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS
By
Laurie Kolish



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of
William Kolish
By
Laurie Kolish & Family



Saturday, May 11th, 2019
Cindy Kaminski and Christine Bender

Collections

Offertory Collection for April 28th, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 298
No. of Envelopes Received: 188
Collection: Offertory - \$4,043.00
Electronic Payments (7) - \$2,080.00
Loose - \$469.00; Children - \$36.50
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