

St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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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.*

Weekly message

This week, the **Parish Leadership Group** was asked to provide information on what the group consists of and what the group has been doing within the Parish.

The Leadership Group, which is different from the Pastoral Council, chose to build on the strengths of the Parish to support growth and to be able to work through necessary changes as they occur.

St. Mary's is one of four Parishes selected by the Diocese to participate in the second round of this developmental program. Initially, the Leadership Group participated in training sessions with the other five Parishes. The sessions, conducted by the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation, are designed to provide guidance and tools for organizations to build healthy cultures and effectively navigate growth and change.

The members of the Leadership Group are: **Fr. Ron, Tim Fogarty, Bill Girardi, Gina Jones, Beth Macurdy, Kristen Marhefka, Gary Miller and Jeff Polana.**

The group has worked on the development of the new Parish Mission Statement and Logo and on the development of new ministries to support the Parish. *The Helping Hands Ministry* and *Theology on Tap* have already been introduced and the formation of the *Men's Group* has been initiated. The group has also worked on developing a more user friendly process for new members to join the Parish and be welcomed into the Parish Family.

This fall, the Leadership Group will work with the Pastoral Council to a joint meeting of the leadership of all Parish organizations and ministry groups. The goal of the meeting will be to help ensure that the various parish ministries work together through understanding the work each ministry consists of, supporting each other, and the needs of the parish.

The Leadership Group welcomes the input and ideas of all parishioners in how best to support and grow the Parish. ~Submitted by Tim Fogarty on Behalf of THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



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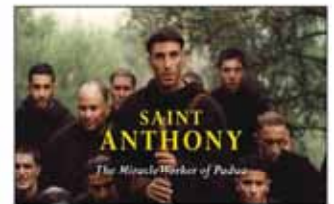


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Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast

Congratulations to the graduating Seniors who attended the Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, May 26th - *Celeste Beacom, Cameron Bennick, Mara Bowser, Emma Daugherty, Jeanna Karabinos, Evan McCrea, Braden Nitowski, Noah Nitowski, Caitlyn Pascucci, Austin Romanchak, Joshua Tirdel, Zane Zeppuhar, John Zurisko*



Food Preparation Team



Junior Class Volunteers



Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Jim and Mary Huth on their 70th wedding Anniversary. God Bless you both!



St. Mary's Prayer Garden News - The landscaping has been completed and the new sign has been hung so please visit our beautiful prayer garden! Many of the granite rosary stones for the prayer garden have been engraved and can be viewed at each of the church entrances. Only Hail Mary stones are still available for sale at \$300.00 each. If you are interested in honoring a loved one, order forms are located at each of the church entrances or you can contact Judy Bergstrom at 724-316-5352.

Calendar of Events

- June 13th *Baptismal Preparation - 7:00 P.M.—Mark & Melissa's Residence*
- June 18th *Fr. Ron returns from the Philippines*
- June 23rd *Pilgrimage Meeting - 6:30 P.M.—Fellowship Hall*
- June 24th *Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 P.M.—Conference Center*
- June 29th *Thanksgiving/Appreciation Dinner - 5:00-7:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall*
- July 4th *4th of July—Mass at 9:00 A.M.; Parish Office Closed*
- July 5th *First Friday - 6:30 P.M.—Benediction*

HELP WANTED

St. Mary Cemetery
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, call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at 724-295-3632 (home) or 724-602-5986 (cel). Clearances are required.



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 on **Thursday, June 13th**. To register or for additional information, please call Mark and Melissa Kristine at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

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This is the final week to register for FTF (Freeport Theatre Festival) Junior Drama Camp! If interested in attending, please call Marushka at 724-295-1934.



Meals on wheels is in need of drivers on Mondays, Wednesdays and 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.



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- 8:30 a.m. - Registration, Breakfast, Gifts & Skill Contests
(Putting Green and Driving Range open at 9 a.m.)
- 10 a.m. - Shot Gun Start (Scramble)
- 3 p.m. - Reception
- 4 p.m. - Banquet & Program



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Lutheran Ministries

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 15th & 16th, 2019

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Fred Walker Lauren & Leah Clark	Stella Aul; Nancy Forbeck Dave Brestensky	Tim Fogarty	Gary Miller Arlene Miller	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Evan McCrea Alexandra Lasko Abby Koharchik Sarah & Hannah Shepherd Emma Shepherd	Tom Brestensky Karen Nigra Pat Ralston	Lisa Boylan	Diane Grant Janis Harbison	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Evan Giori; Paige Liti	Helen James; Bill Cogley Lisa Isenberg	Pat Westerman	Rose Naughton	Dave Wesolosky	Joel Schaeffer

Mass Intentions

MASSSES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

- SATURDAY:** June 8th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Regis Barr (John & Brenda DeMeno)
- SUNDAY:** June 9th
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. ✦ Kerry James Liti (Wife—Sylvia & Family) 
- MONDAY:** June 10th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Robert Hughes (Bill Cogley)
- TUESDAY:** June 11th—COMMUNION SERVICE
8:00 A.M. ✦ Sharon Glath (Family) [Fr. Ron took with him to celebrate]
- WEDNESDAY:** June 12th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Joseph Mollica (David & Janis Harbison)
- THURSDAY:** June 13th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)
- FRIDAY:** June 14th
8:00 A.M. ✦ George Seitam (Bud & Lucy Seitam)

MASSSES FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- SATURDAY:** June 15th
4:00 P.M. ✦ All Fathers—Living & Deceased & St. Mary Parishioners
- SUNDAY:** June 16th
8:30 A.M. ✦ All Fathers—Living & Deceased
11:00 A.M. ✦ All Fathers—Living & Deceased



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **STEPHEN T. BRESTENSKY** By *Steve Brestensky Family*



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **JOSEPH AND DOROTHY MOLLICA** By *Janis Harbison and Gerry Clark*

Collections

Offertory Collection for June 2nd, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 598
No. of Envelopes Received: 181
Collection: Offertory - \$4,298.00
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