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of your life
and the way it strengthens us
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of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.
May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.
Amen.



The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ

Corpus
Christi



June 23rd

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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

Hello everyone - By the time you read this week's bulletin, Father Ron will have returned this past Wednesday from his trip back home to visit his family in the Philippines and summer will have officially begun this past Friday. It is now time to take a step back from our daily duties and relax a little during these warm summer days as we try to recharge from the hectic day to day lives many of us lead.

The Church is also transitioning into a quieter time as we enter *Ordinary Time*. The days of Lent seem a distant memory as does the cold and snow of this past winter. The Easter Season officially ended on Pentecost Sunday two weeks ago, and after celebrating Trinity Sunday last week and The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formerly Corpus Christi) this weekend, the Church takes a well- deserved break from various celebrations to enter a quieter and more subdued period of Ordinary Time.

Behind the scenes here at St. Mary's we still continue to plan upcoming events for your enjoyment and enrichment. Please remember the *Evening of Appreciation* we have planned for this coming Saturday, June 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. We invite all those in any ministry here at St. Mary's to join us, as well as the dozens of members who helped with the many special projects we encountered over the past two years, especially the pew projects which demanded hours of special attention.

Vacation Bible Camp will also take place the week of July 15th through July 19th for our children in grades Pre-school through grade 6 (child must be 4 years old by August 1st). If you have some extra time during that week and have your clearances, we certainly welcome any volunteers to work with Helen James and Laura Huth in the evenings to make this event a special time for our youngest members.

Also on the distant horizon is our *Annual Parish Picnic* scheduled on Sunday, September 8th at Renshaw Farms. So mark your calendars now and save the date to join us for a day of fellowship. Additionally, we are in the process of planning future Scripture courses in the upcoming school year, lining up speakers for our Theology on Tap, and fine tuning some additional educational events by our Helping Hands team. So while things might be a "little" less hectic behind the scenes here at St. Mary's during these summer months, we still continue to move forward in planning ways to enable you and your families to deepen your relationship with Christ during the months ahead.

As you relax and recharge during the coming weeks, you may encounter a beautiful waterfall while camping or witness the vast beauty of the ocean from your balcony at the beach or witness a breathtaking sunrise or sunset from the top of a mountain. If you are lucky enough to experience any of these special moments in life or numerous others that I failed to mention, I invite you to take a brief moment to thank God for creating such amazing and spectacular moments for us to experience. God doesn't need to recharge like we do; He continues to walk with us each and every day of our lives. So let Him know how much you appreciate all He does in your life with a simple prayer of thanks.

Have an enjoyable summer and once again, welcome back, Father Ron. ~~*Bill Girardi—Pastoral Associate*



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St. Mary Parishioners who participated at the Freeport Memorial Day commemorations!

**Marcelo Giori
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Marie Pelliccione**



Calendar of Events

- 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
- July 15th** Vacation Bible Camp Begins—5:30-8:00 P.M.
- July 19th** Last day of Vacation Bible Camp—5:30-8:00 P.M.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING

"Evening of Appreciation" to thank everyone who has volunteered their Time, Talent and Treasures in support of our parish will be held on Saturday, June 29th, from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up sheets are located at all of the church entrances.

St. Mary Cemetery is in need of someone to help with the grass trimming and light labor work, one or two days a week, April to November. If interested, call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at 724-295-3632 (home) or 724-602-5986 (cel). Clearances required!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP—July 15th - July 19th, 2019
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 Vacation Bible Camp (no exceptions). We CANNOT have Bible Camp without your help. If you are able to donate a little of your time, and bring your children, please fill out the information below and return by way of the collection basket, mailing in, dropping off at the Administrative Office, or by calling:

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

Name (Please Print) _____ (I can help with bible camp this year)

Phone Number _____ # of children I will be bringing _____

VOLUNTEER



Next week, we will have the *Peter's Pence Collection*, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit: www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be July 8th at 6:00 P.M. in the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, Ext. 1658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. Please call at least one week prior to the instruction date to preregister. For more information about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT method, visit: www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."



Don't take a vacation from your faith! If you are a late night TV watcher, "The Accent On-Air," which features the diocesan summer event guide, airs at 2:08 A.M. on WTAE-TV on June 24th and 28th. It can also be viewed any time at: TheAccentOnline.org.



St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School, Belle Vernon, is seeking a principal. All interested candidates should send their resume and letter of interest to: catholicchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Misa ng Nayong Pilipino
 First Filipino Mass in the Diocese of Greensburg
Immaculate Conception Parish
 308 2nd St. Irwin, Pennsylvania, 15642 (9th of July 2019, Tuesday, 6:30 pm)
 for inquiry contact (724-863-9550)

Mk. 16:15
 (Go and proclaim)
 "Humayo't ihayag"
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Please join them for this Special Mass and Reception. RSVP to Immaculate Conception Parish Office by calling 724-863-9550 by June 25th if you are planning to attend!



Head Start is a comprehensive program free for families meeting income guidelines and who have preschool children, ages 3 to 5. Recruitment has begun for the fall program. For additional information or to enroll a child, please call 724-548-3414.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 29TH & 30TH, 2019

<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.					
Fred Walker Lauren & Leah Clark	Sharon Mihalich Arlene Miller; Bridget Fogarty	Janice Meola	Jim Talotta Diana Talotta	Diane Pleva	TBA
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Brianna/Olivia/Ryan Sutara Ali & Ben Brestensky Nicolette Zollinger	Rose Check Patty Hughes Cindy Harbison	John Nemcek	Karen Nigra	Sue Myford	Sue Myford
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Celeste Beacom Victor & Olivia Svitek Jackson Ringler	Andre Volek Melissa Schaeffer Debbie Baustert	Rob Svitek	Karen Fennell Jenn Liti	Dave Wesolosky	Dan Ullrich


Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)


SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 22nd ✦ Donna Nagy (Donna & John Manocchi)	
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 23rd ✦ Helen Murphy (Kathy Bordonaro) St. Mary Parishioners	
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 24th ✦ Aaron Myers (Myers Family)	
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 25th ✦ Ken Hughes (Bruce & Marilyn Rusiewicz)	
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 26th ✦ David Shipe (Carm Acre)	
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 27th ✦ Joan Marie Jancaro (Friend)	
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 28th ✦ Joan & Andrew Sliwiak (Kymer Family)	

MASSES FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 29th ✦ Wilma Kelly (Posney Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 30th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Steve Bono (Gene Forish)



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of
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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of
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Patty Hughes & Family



Collections


Offertory Collection for June 16th, 2019
 No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 598
 No. of Envelopes Received: 156
 Collection: Offertory - \$3,519.00
 Electronic Payments (17) - \$835.00
 Loose - \$279.00; Children - \$7.70; Candle Money - \$364.00
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Saturday, June 29th, 2019
Diane Grant

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