The background of the entire image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail. The flag is draped and appears to be waving.

June 30th, 2019

God Bless
AMERICA

LAND THAT I LOVE

From the Pastor's Desk



First, I would like to thank Bridget Fogarty, our Parish Pastoral Facilitator, Tim Fogarty from the Leadership Team and Bill Girardi, our Pastoral Associate for doing my column in the bulletin while I was on vacation. I guess when you are on vacation, the least you think about is your work. You want to take a break from your routine and enjoy your vacation. That is what I did as I spent my time with my family back in the Philippines.

As I shared with you last Sunday in my mass, it was not totally a vacation because I did celebrate mass in my home parish, baptized my niece, went to see the new bishop in our diocese and attended our 25th Batch Reunion in High School. But I still had a great time with my family, especially with all six siblings present for the 65th birthday of our mother and 31st birthday of our youngest brother. It was a happy reunion for us, especially for our mom. The only problem I encountered was the weather because although I thought I was used to the heat already, I could not bear it anymore. I felt my skin was burning, even inside the house. I was perspiring so much that I needed to take a shower more than once a day and changed my clothes three times a day. It was so embarrassing to my mom and the rest of my siblings, especially when I bought an air conditioning unit to my bedroom because I could not sleep at night due to heat. It was humid and brutally hot. They teased me that I was no longer used to the summer in the Philippines and that I was becoming Americanized. I said not that way. Maybe when you are away from your country for so long that is what happens. You need to readjust to everything - time, weather, food and others. Anyways, it is good to go away on a vacation to relax and unwind, but just as anything has an end, so it does with vacationing.

Coming back was hard, especially when I missed the flight. I went back home and rebooked my flight. It was not fun. But I guess it is part of the adventure of a vacation. You either encounter pleasant or unpleasant surprises along the way. But let me tell you, even Jesus had these encounters. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus was in route to Jerusalem for some events and decided to pass through a Samaritan village for a stop. Unfortunately, the people did not welcome him because they learned that his destination was not actually towards them but in Jerusalem. The disciples of Jesus displayed anger towards the people but Jesus rebuked them and said let us journey to another village.

This can also happen to us whether in traveling or in dealing with others. If things do not go on our way, Jesus is saying don't be angry. Just move on. It may be hard and disappointing to you, but what can we do? Learn from it and chill. Move on. Relax. Be patient or else your day will be ruined. There are things that sometimes happen unexpectedly and are not within our control.



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Calendar of Events

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 12th	Wedding Rehearsal - 6:00 P.M.—Gregory Huth/Trista Graham
July 13th	Wedding - 1:30 P.M.—Gregory Huth/Trista Graham
July 15th-19th	Vacation Bible Camp - 5:30-8:00 P.M.
July 21st	Initial Men's Group Meeting - 9:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
July 21st	Baptism—12:15 P.M. - "Pebler"

HELP WANTED

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 interested, please call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at (home) 724-295-3632 or (cell) 724-602-5986. Clearances are required.



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.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday Adoration—July 5th, beginning at 8:45 A.M. Sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances and two people should be represented for each half hour. Please remember that if we do not get enough parishioners to commit their time, we will have to discontinue this Catholic tradition at our parish. *Please join us as we adore our Lord Jesus!*



The initial meeting of the St. Mary's Men's Group will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 21st, following the 8:30 A.M. Mass. All men are encouraged to attend this Mass in advance of the initial meeting. If you have not previously indicated you want to join this group, you are encouraged to do so now and join the men for the initial meeting and Mass. Please contact Tim Fogarty to confirm if you are able to attend - tpfogarty618@gmail.com or 724-294-0089.

Vacation Bible School 2019



Monday, July 15th
to
Friday, July 19th

Registrations forms are located at all of the church entrances

Items needed for Vacation Bible Camp
Large/Small Paper
Towel and Toilet
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Brown tissue
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Friday, Saturday, Sunday
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PATHWAYS Registration is open for Pathways, which is the diocese's commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. There are twelve evening sessions, three workshops and a closing retreat. Pathways will be held Thursdays from 6:30-9:00 P.M. at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. To register online, visit: www.dioceseofgreenburg.org/pathways; email: pathways@dioceseofgreenburg.org or call the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship at 724-552-2598. Financial assistance is available from the Francis Fund. For information or to apply for a scholarship, call 724-837-0901, Ext. 1249.



The annual Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Mass will be celebrated July 30th at 6:00 P.M. at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe. A keepsake rosebud will be given to all families that attend, and refreshments will be served after Mass. Please RSVP and register your child's name by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or email her at: debdvd@yahoo.com.



The Summer Lunch and Arts Program at Freeport United Methodist Church began on Tuesday, June 11th and will run through Thursday, August 8th. The program will run weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:15 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. There are no income requirements for children to attend.

★ **Part Time** ★ St. Joseph High School, grades 9-12, is looking for a P/T Academic support teacher to inspire and help students achieve academic success. Special Education certification required. Interested applicants should forward a cover letter, resume, all PA required clearances, current PA certification to: Kimberly Minick, Assistant Principal - email: kminick@saintjosephhs.com. Please include Academic Support in the subject line.



The Christian Mothers & Women of St. Joseph, Cabot will hold their monthly '500' Public Card Party on Monday, July 8th at 12:00 Noon with lunch followed by the card party. A \$5.00/ per person donation includes lunch - any other board/card game can be played. However, if playing a game other than 500, try to bring enough people to play your particular game. Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon with us. The card parties help fund various women and children's programs.



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 6TH & 7TH, 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	Dave Brestensky	Dave Posney Lois Posney	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Sam/Jacob/David Kristine Madison & Austin Bachar	Betty Lou Nemcek John Nemcek, Kim Holbein	Annette Demachowski	Carol Carson Dave Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Paige Liti, Evan Giori	Helen James, Bill Cogley Lisa Isenberg	Pat Westerman	Mary Scholl Doug Scholl	Dave Wesolosky	Isabella Parks

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: June 29th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Wilma Kelly (Posney Family)

SUNDAY: June 30th
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. ✦ Steve Bono (Gene Ferish)

MONDAY: July 1st
8:00 A.M. ✦ Elva Berry (Mary Fullerton)

TUESDAY: July 2nd
8:00 A.M. ✦ Tony Ranieri (David & Cleatus Burk)

WEDNESDAY: July 3rd
8:00 A.M. ✦ Dolores Walker (George Lewandowski)

THURSDAY: July 4th
9:00 A.M. ✦ Domenic & Isabelle Canterna (Betty Canterna)

FRIDAY: July 5th
8:00 A.M. ✦ John Manzari (Wife—Linda)
6:30 P.M. Benediction



FIRST FRIDAY

MASSES FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: July 6th
4:00 P.M. St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY: July 7th
8:30 A.M. ✦ Russell & Carol Stewart (The Policicchio's)
11:00 A.M. ✦ Richard Fearing (Locke Family)



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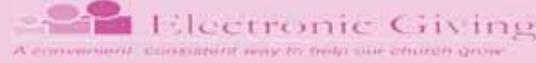
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Offertory Collection for June 23rd, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 598
No. of Envelopes Received: 154
Collection: Offertory - \$4,552.00
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Loose - \$348.00; Children - \$23.00

Total Collection - \$4,923.00

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