

# St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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July 7th, 2019  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday through Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
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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



After celebrating the 4th of July that commemorated our Independence Day, it brought us to remember those who worked so hard and sacrificed their lives in order for us to enjoy the freedom that we now have today. We thanked them for everything they did for our country and us. They did their part and mission in ensuring that we have a better place to live and be the person that we want to be with no oppression or intimidation. Now it is our part to do our own and continue what they started. All for the love of God, family, community and our country.

That is what we also see in our gospel this Sunday. It talks about the commissioning of the seventy-two others to help in the mission that Jesus started. He shared how the harvest is abundant and the laborers are few, meaning there are so many things to be done in the field of mission and evangelization but unfortunately, only few are willing to take part. And so, Jesus sends off these seventy-two disciples on a mission, with special instructions on how they are to carry themselves on the road. They have to carry nothing except God on the road.

I know this sounds unrealistic for us and challenging because normally when we travel, we make sure that we have at least something with us like money, food and clothing so that we will not worry along our way. However, with the seventy-two disciples, they proved to us that indeed in listening and trusting in Jesus' words, we could be successful in all our endeavors.

God calls us for a mission whether it is in the field of our work, in our family, in our community or in the society in general. The question is, are we ready to embark into the mission and accept the challenge with courage and trust in Jesus?

There are people whose hands are full in this life, but their hearts are empty because they carry themselves, not God. Let us remember that the greatest joy is when we are able to do what God has called us to do and when our "names are written in heaven". It is consoling to know that there is meaning and reward not only on the road but also at the end of the road. One thing we must learn as we travel is that our hands must unload, and our hearts must reload. Our hands must work, and our hands must share. On the same count, our hearts must be recharged in community and in prayer. Check your hands today if they are unused and closed. Check your heart today if it is already "low-bat" or fully discharged.

I hope that at the end of our earthly journey, on the doorstep of eternity, with humility and gratitude, we can say to the Lord: "Mission accomplished". Then the Lord will say, welcome my faithful and good servant. Inherit the joy in my kingdom!

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## Calendar of Events

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.—Fellowship Hall  
 July 15th-19th Carpet Installation - Church  
 July 21st Initial Men's Group Meeting - 9:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall  
 July 21st Baptism—12:15 P.M. - "Pebler"  
 August 2nd First Friday - 6:30 P.M.—Benediction  
 August 15th Holyday—Feast of the Assumption—Parish Office Closed

## DATES

July 21st—9:30 A.M. - Men's Group Meeting  
 Fellowship Hall (Mass at 8:30 A.M.)  
 August 26th—7:00 P.M. - Parish Council  
 (Picnic Planning Meeting) All council mem-  
 bers are to attend—Administrative Center  
 September 8th—12:00 Noon-3:00 P.M.  
 Parish Picnic—Renshaw Farms  
 October 12th—Parish Leadership



**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

### Items needed for Vacation Bible Camp

Large/Small Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Rolls

Brown tissue paper



Non-bending straws

## ROAR!

Registrations forms are located at all of the church entrances

## SNACKS NEEDED

A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church for anyone that would like to donate snack items for Vacation Bible Camp



**St. Mary's Prayer Garden**  
 Have you visited 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.



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](mailto:tpfogarty618@gmail.com) or 724-294-0089.

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 (cell). Clearances required!



Catholic Charities' 18th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 9th at the Ligonier Country Club. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M., shotgun starts at 10:00. Price is \$150.00/per golfer and includes food, prizes and dinner. In interested, you can register online at: [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org). For sponsorship packages and other information, please contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840 or email her at: [hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).



QUO VADIS DAYS

Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9 thru 12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to the Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Dioceses of Greensburg and Erie and is supported by the Diocesan Office for Priestly Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held July 21st-24th at St. Philip Catholic Church and Retreat Center, Linesville, PA. Please visit: [gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org) for additional information and registration.

**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.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways); or email: [pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.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.



La Roche University, a Catholic, coeducational institution in Pittsburgh's North Hills, invites high school juniors and seniors and transfer students to learn more about the university at its Summer Preview Day, July 13th from 8:15 A.M.-1:00 P.M. A campus tour, refreshments and lunch are included. Register at: [www.laroche.edu](http://www.laroche.edu) (Preview Day is under Upcoming Events). Questions: [admissions@LaRoche.edu](mailto:admissions@LaRoche.edu) or call 412-536-1272.

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### 2019 PERFORMANCE DATES:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

JULY 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

All performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

### FOOTLIGHTS GALLERY

Victorian Ludenegriff Museum and Historical Society



Pre-show Festa Italiana: 6:30 p.m.  
With Joe Lege on the Accordion



### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934

[www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org)

## General Information

### TICKET PRICES:

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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 JULY 13TH & 14TH, 2019

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Fred Walker Lauren & Leah Clark	Stella Aul; Nancy Forbeck Dave Brestensky	Jackie DeFelice	Gary Miller Arlene Miller	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Alexandra Lasko Sarah Shepherd Hannah & Emma Shepherd Abby Koharchik	Tom Brestensky Karen Nigra Pat Ralston	Judy Bergstrom	Diane Grant Janis Harbison	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Marie Pelliccione Mason DeMeno Jackson Ringler	Dan Lucovich Mary Scholl Alyson Scholl	Bill Cogley	Rose Naughton	Dave Wesolosky	Kathy Conley

### Mass Intentions

#### MASSSES 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)

**MONDAY:** July 8th  
8:00 A.M. †Kevin Holbein (Carol Carson)

**TUESDAY:** July 9th  
8:00 A.M. †Rose Pesci (Estate)

**WEDNESDAY:** July 10th  
8:00 A.M. †Patricia Sheehan (Parish Council)

**THURSDAY:** July 11th  
8:00 A.M. †Ken Hughes (Harry Gustafson)

**FRIDAY:** July 12th  
8:00 A.M. †Leonard Rezak (Posney Family)



#### MASSSES FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY:** July 13th  
4:00 P.M. †Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Betty Ann & Rich Casale)

**SUNDAY:** July 14th  
8:30 A.M. †William Fullerton (Mary & Jim Huth)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



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By  
*George and Mary Williams Martin*

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**Due to the early deadline for the submission of the July 7th bulletin, the weekly contribution report for June 30th was not available. It will be published in next Sunday's bulletin.**

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