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July 14th, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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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



Last Sunday, Bishop Edward Malesic presided over the 2019 *Parish Youth Ministry Honors* within a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greenburg. He bestowed recognition to senior high school graduates whose Catholic faith has lived in their personal life and has been active in their respective parishes and communities. I am pleased to share with you that from our parish we have two senior high school graduates who were recognized last Sunday. They are **Zane Jacob Zeppuhar** and **John William Zurisko**.

We extend our congratulations to them and their family for being part of this year's *Parish Youth Ministry Honors*.

This week our *Vacation Bible Camp* will be held from July 15th-19th, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. with the theme **"ROAR"**. This epic African adventure engages the entire herd. At **ROAR**, children will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Children from pre-school through 6th grade will be the participants. They will have the opportunity to sing and play roar, do wild bible adventures and be at the imagination station, have stampede sports, watch some videos and eventually have a safari celebration. In between all of the activities, snacks will be provided. *Laura Huth* will once again be the leader with some assistance from volunteers who will be with her part of the time or for the duration of *Vacation Bible Camp*. *Helen James* will take the supervisory role being the Director of Religious Education in our parish.

In advance, I thanked them for giving up their time and talents for making our *Vacation Bible Camp* possible this year as well as to our generous donors. May God bless you all for your generosity!

It is so timely that our gospel this Sunday talks about the basic commandment of love, which is the love of God and the love of neighbor. Jesus rebukes the so-called experts of religion and love and shows them that the bottom line in loving is not so much doctrine, laws, affiliations or office, but concrete service and compassion. It is not those who are good in talk, but those who walk the talk that are blessed and worthy in God's eyes. So the message is: **start loving and show it in day to day living whether to your family or to strangers that are in need.** That is what the Good Samaritan did to the robbers' victim. He did not think the way the Levite and priest did. He simply treated the victim with mercy and love.

Jesus said, "go and do likewise".

Go and Do Likewise



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Calendar of Events

- 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

Upcoming DATES

- August 26th**—7:00 P.M. - Parish Council (Picnic Planning Meeting) All council members are to attend—Administrative Center
- September 8th**—12:00 Noon-3:00 P.M. Parish Picnic—Renshaw Farms
- October 12th**—Parish Leadership



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.

Congratulations

Zane Jacob Zeppuhar



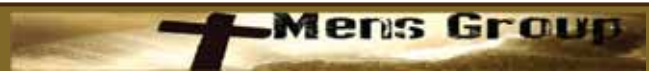
John William Zurisko



Congratulations to parishioners Zane Jacob Zeppuhar and John William Zurisko who were recipients at the 2019 Parish Youth Ministry Honors Mass/Reception held in Greensburg on Sunday, July 7th



The Summer Lunch and Arts Program at Freeport United Methodist Church, 211 4th Street, Freeport 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.



The initial meeting of the St. Mary's Men's Group will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 21st, immediately following the 8:30 A.M. Mass. All men are encouraged to attend this Mass in advance of the initial meeting. Contact Tim Fogarty to confirm if you are able to attend - tpfogarty618@gmail.com or 724-294-0089.

Freeport Theatre Festival celebrates its 30th Season

A historical drama about brave immigrants coming to America via Ellis Island to work in the new steel mill in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania - a "worker's paradise." Of course there are obstacles to reaching "paradise" of any kind.

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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 Vandergrift 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
or www.freeporttheatrefestival.org

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Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2019 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 22nd, 3:00 P.M. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this celebration (724-295-2281). Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.



Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9 thru 12! 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 for additional information and registration.



The annual Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 20TH & 21ST, 2019

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Madison & Dawson Gaillot Zach Showers	Mary Williams; Dave Valencic Jackie DeFelice	Diane Zadnik	Sharon Mihalich	Diane Pleva	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Luke & Emily Boylan Katie & Mary Huth Olivia Brestensky Elena Jenkins	Judy Bergstrom Lisa Boylan Carol Carson	Jeff Jones	John Nemcek Betty Lou Nemcek	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Victor & Olivia Svitek Michael & William Speers	Andre Volek Melissa Schaeffer Debbie Baustert	Marushka Steele	Jill Zalewski	Dave Wesolosky	Joel Schaeffer

Mass Intentions

MASSSES FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 13th ✦ Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Betty Ann & Rich Casale)	
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 14th ✦ William Fullerton (Mary & Jim Huth) St. Mary Parishioners	
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 15th ✦ Philip Bordonaro (Family)	
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 16th ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)	
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 17th ✦ J. Easley Family (Estate)	
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 18th ✦ Steve Bono (Patty Hughes & Family)	
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 19th ✦ Maurice Heinritz Family (Estate)	

MASSSES FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 20th ✦ Jovita Walker (Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 21st ✦ David Robert Shipe (The Policicchio's) St. Mary Parishioners



Saturday, July 20th, 2019
Nancy Laux and Betty Lou Nemcek

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No. of Envelopes Received: 176
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Electronic Payments (15) - \$2,670.00
Loose - \$339.00; Children - \$17.00
Peter's Pence - \$592.00

Total Collection - \$7,661.00

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No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 597
No. of Envelopes Received: 179
Collection: Offertory - \$4,567.00
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