

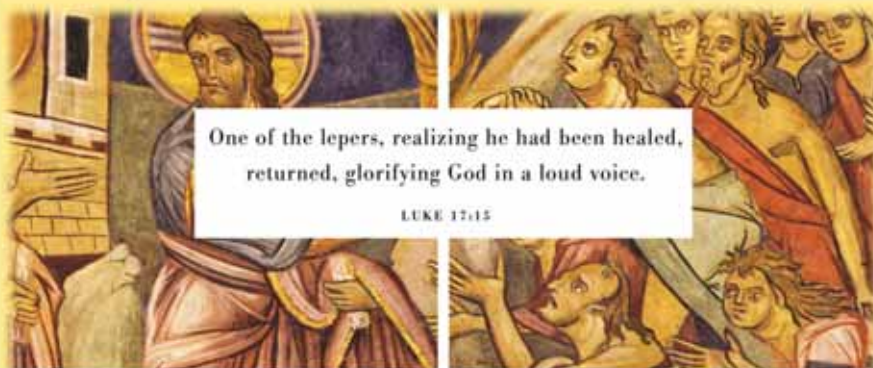
St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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One of the lepers, realizing he had been healed,
returned, glorifying God in a loud voice.

LUKE 17:15

TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 13, 2019

Father Ronald Maquiñana—Pastor
rmaquinana@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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.

Parish Staff

William Girardi,

Pastoral Associate—412-719-7085

Claudia Vertosick

Business Manager/Parish Secretary

Helen James, Religious Education Director

Thomas Koharchik, Choir Director

Cindi Harbison

Social Hall Coordinator—724-272-7744

Jennifer Liti/David Valencic

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Richard Bertino, Cemetery Caretaker

724-295-3632 (home); 724-602-5986 (cell)

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Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone

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Melissa Kristine/Beth Macurdy

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Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray

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Tim Fogarty—Men's Group

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

†=(in memory of) ♥=(IHO/special intention/parishioners)

MASSES FOR THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 12th †Edna Barr (Betty Labiaux)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 13th †Helen Murphy (Bernadette Stewart) ♥St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 14th †Geno Pernazza (David & Cleatus Burk)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 15th †Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 16th †Ted James (Ed & Monika Culleiton)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 17th †Rev. George Alderson (Friends)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 18th †Leonard Stanoski (Wife—Norma Jane)

MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 19th †Violet DeMeno (Brenda DeMeno)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 20th †Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Marilyn & George Winovich) ♥St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the Week

Monday:	<i>Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46</i>
Thursday:	<i>Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54</i>
Friday:	<i>2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9</i>
Saturday:	<i>Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12</i>
Sunday:	<i>Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8</i>



Ministry Schedule

October 19th & 20th, 2019

ALTAR SERVERS:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Fred Walker; Lauren & Leah Clark
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Brianna, Olivia & Ryan Sutara; Ali & Ben Brestensky; Nicolette Zollinger
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Jacob & Erin Schaeffer; Paige Liti; Evan Giori

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Sharon Mihalich; Arlene Miller; Bridget Fogarty
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Rose Check; Patty Hughes; Cindy Harbison
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Helen James; Bill Cogley; Lisa Isenberg

LECTORS:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Dave Brestensky
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Judy Bergstrom
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Marushka Steele

GREETERS:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Jim & Diana Talotta
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Karen Nigra
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Karen Fennell; Jenn Liti

ORGANIST:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Diane Pleva
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Tom Koharchik
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Dave Wesolosky

CANTOR:

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.	Stephanie Bragiel
Sunday, 8:30 A.M.	Tom Koharchik
Sunday, 11:00 A.M.	Choir

Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer for any of these liturgical ministries!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish Festival of Tabernacles) begins at sundown</i>
Monday:	<i>St. Callistus I; Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day</i>
Tuesday:	<i>St. Teresa of Jesus</i>
Wednesday:	<i>St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day</i>
Thursday:	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Friday:	<i>St. Luke</i>
Saturday:	<i>Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions; Sweetest Day</i>



From the Pastor's Desk

Diocesan Mission Coop Appeal

This Sunday we welcome in our parish, Sr. Mary Jennifer Wandia from the Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor community based in the Diocese of Moshi in Tanzania, Africa. She is with us to do the Mission Cooperative Appeal for her community, who serve the poor, especially the most vulnerable, and the orphaned children due to HIV/AIDS that has claimed many lives of their young parents and leaving them orphaned.

Thanks to the Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor for showing compassion and concern for these children. Had it not been for them, we would not know that there are so many young children suffering in Tanzania, Africa, not only because of poverty, but also of AIDS/HIV that has claimed many lives of their parents. It is heartbreaking to know, and I am sure that is what the community of Sr. Mary Jennifer Wandia also felt towards them. Now they are trying to take care of them by providing food, shelter and education.

We can further understand the work of the Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor in Tanzania by relating to the gospel this Sunday. As Jesus was entering the village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance crying "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

We may ask why the lepers were at a distance from Jesus and begging with so much mercy to be cured. Because at that time, leprosy was possibly the worst affliction a family could endure. Lepers were ostracized from the entire community and had to refrain from any contact with healthy individuals because the disease was very contagious. These lepers had to leave their wives, children and friends. They had to leave the village and lead a life of loneliness, waiting for their death.

So we can imagine all the pains they were experiencing. To be cured of leprosy would be the greatest gift a person could receive because basically it was a hopeless condition. That must be the reason why Jesus was moved with pity and cured them all. But Jesus was stunned when only one out of ten remembered to be grateful to God. He said, "Ten lepers were cleansed were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

This is a reminder that we should be grateful to God for the many times He blessed us with good health, with a home to live in, with family to treasure because not all are privileged to have good health, to have a home and family to live with, like the orphan children that the community of Sr. Wandia serves in Tanzania.



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Episode 5: Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance



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If you are new to the area, we invite you to share fully in our parish life. Your presence brings vitality and new gifts to the community. Please take a moment to register. Forms are available at all of the church entrances or by calling the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

Calendar of Events/Meetings

- October 12th Ministry Workshop - 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.—St. Paul’s Monastery, Kittanning
- October 12th/13th Mission Co-op; Donut & Beverage Social immediately following weekend masses —Fellowship Hall
- October 13th Religious Education - 9:30-10:40 A.M.—Administrative Building; **NO CHOIR PRACTICE**; 11:00 A.M. Mass
Pilgrimage Meeting - 6:30 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- October 14th Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 P.M.—Conference Center
- October 16th The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 9:00-10:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall; Men’s Group - 7:00 P.M.
- October 17th The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 6:30-8:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- October 20th Religious Education - 9:30-10:40 A.M.—Administrative Building; Teen Ministry - 9:35 - 10:45 A.M.
Choir Practice - 9:45-10:45 A.M.—Conference Center; 11:00 A.M. Mass; Baptism—“Kowalski” - 12:15 P.M.
- October 23rd The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 9:00-10:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
- October 24th The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 6:30-8:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- October 27th Christian Mother’s—Theme Baskets Due
- October 28th Board Game/Card Party - 6:30-10:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall

Parish Events/Information

Baptized in Christ

Baptized into our Faith - Congratulations to Wyatt Malcolm and Talia Rose, twins of Jason and Ashley Emerick, who were baptized on Sunday, September 22nd. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, grant that **Wyatt** and **Talia** may receive the fullness of His grace.



MISSION CO-OP

Today we are participating in the Greensburg Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan and we welcome *Sister Mary Jennifer Wandia* for **Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor**. Please give **Sister Mary** your full attention and prayerfully consider a donation to support this mission. If you forgot your green Mission Co-op envelope, additional ones are located at all of the church entrances. Please be generous!

On Sunday, October 13th, at 6:30 P.M., there will be a final meeting in our Fellowship Hall for those going on the Pilgrimage. Documents will be distributed at that time.

In order to meet our weekly deadline, please note that all bulletin announcements/information must be received in writing or by email no later than 10:00 A.M. on Mondays. Thank you!

News/Activities from Our Ministries/Organizations



The Board Games/Card Party is scheduled for Monday, October 28th, from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Salad/Refreshments/Prizes/Raffle. Donation is \$10.00/person. If you would like additional information or to make your reservation, please call Carol Carson at 724-316-1204.

Theme Baskets - If anyone would like to donate a theme basket or items for a theme basket, you may drop them off at the Administrative Office during normal office hours. Also, if anyone would like to donate gift cards for the *Gift Card Theme Basket*, please drop them off at the Administrative Office during normal business hours, place them in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Gift Cards", or mail them to St. Mary's Church. **All Christian Mothers** who are making theme baskets or donating gift cards for these baskets for the Christmas Basket Raffle are to do so by Sunday, October 27th. †

Evangelization

The Collect—After the Gloria, the priest oddly announces, "Let us pray." Funny, haven't we been praying for the last five minutes or so already? In fact, we have been offering up several types of prayers since the beginning of Mass. (This includes the opening hymn which when sung is like "praying twice" according to St. Augustine.) The phrase in Latin is *Oremus* meaning "let us ask" and this is what we are about to do. Asking takes a great deal of faith if it is done with the proper disposition. It is an act of faith in two ways: **first**, that we know God is present and listening to us, and **second**, that He is able to fulfill and answer our pleas. A beautiful pause occurs, a little gift from mother church...silence. A few moments for us to compose ourselves, to be truly open to Him and His presence. In this quiet, all the prayers of the assembly rise up as one and the priest begins a prayer that will "collect" all the petitions and offer them to God on our behalf. There are usually four parts to the structure: *we call upon God, recall his greatness, request a need, and praise the Holy Trinity*. It is a rather short prayer that sums up the general theme of the Mass celebrated that particular day. Let's look at the *Collect* from today's Mass, the 28th Sunday in ordinary time: *May your grace, O LORD, we pray (we call upon God and his greatness). At all times go before us and follow after us and make us determined to carry out good works (our request for His divine help in our lives). Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever (a praise to the most Holy Trinity).* At the conclusion, the congregation rises up as one voice as we acclaim "Amen" - So be it! †



St. Mary's Men's Group monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the Parish are encouraged to attend. †



There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on Monday, October 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Center. All members are encouraged to attend. †

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Mary's Religious Education Department is having an "OPEN HOUSE SHARING AND CARING TIME" for all grades. Parents and guardians are invited to come and spend a little time in your child's class so they may SHARE with you what they are learning. If you CARE to, please come in. Many families have more than one child and they are in various grades, thus it is difficult to accommodate everyone. Therefore, we want you to know you are welcome to come anytime it is convenient for you and stay as long as you like. The remaining schedule for the month of October is: 3rd grade is scheduled for October 13th, 1st grade is scheduled for October 20th. The next children's mass will be celebrated October 13th. Assisting at both the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. mass will be the students from 7th & 8th grade. The Security Guard for October 13th and 20th will be *Dave Kapinskis*. Parents are reminded to send in their children's tuition and their \$5.00 for our Adopt-A-Shut-in project. †

Theology ON TAP

Join us for *Theology on Tap* on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M., at River Forest Country Club, Freeport. This month we will explore "Taking off the Mask: Vulnerability & Authenticity" with speaker *Will Smith*. Appetizers will be provided. Dinner and drinks will be available for purchase. *Theology on Tap* is a program for young adults in their 20's, 30's, and 40's to explore the role of faith in their daily lives in a casual atmosphere. You'll hear straight talk and honest answers to your deepest questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. Singles, couples, and all religious affiliations are welcome. Please contact Chris at: cmwhite929@gmail.com; Natalie at: kolishn@gmail.com; Gen at: gennifersvitek@comcast.net with any questions! We hope to see you there! †

News from Our Diocese



Next weekend, we will celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection. †



The 17th *White Mass* for health care professionals will be celebrated by Bishop Malesic on Sunday, October 20th, at 11:30 A.M. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. †



The 13th *Catholic Men's Fellowship Retreat* will be held October 18th-19th at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, beginning Friday at 6:00 P.M. and closing with Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward C. Malesic on Saturday. The keynote speaker will be *Devin Schadt*, a Catholic author and EWTN guest and founder of the *Fathers of St. Joseph*. The retreat will feature music, Adoration, confession, witness talks and small group discussions. Register at: www.cmfgbg.org. †



Tickets are now on sale for the fourth annual Catholic Charities Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale to be held November 3rd at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased online at: www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org/get-involved/Pages/purse-bash.aspx or during business hours at the Catholic Charities Office, 711 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg. For questions, please contact Heather Rady, Director of Community Relations and special events, at: hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840. †

Vocation Discernment Events for Boys, Young Adults

Exploring God's Call, for boys in grades 9th-12th, will be offered November 10th, December 8th, February 9th, March 8th, April 19th and May 17th, from 6:30-8:00 P.M., at Greensburg Central Catholic High School. For information or to register, please visit: gbgvocations.org.

The Melchizedek Project, for young adult men 18 and older, will be held November 3rd, 17th and 24th, and December 8th from 6:30-8:00 P.M., at Holy Family Parish rectory, Latrobe. To register or for additional information, please email: dmahoney@dioceseofgreensburg.org. †

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Around our Diocese

The **Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat** — A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast on Saturday, October 26th, from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Greensburg. Guest speaker *Mary Rutkoski* will discuss her return to the Catholic Church through her late husband's conversion. Cost—\$20.00; \$15.00/students. To register, call Brenda by Monday, October 21st at 724-836-2094; visit: www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. †

St. Vincent College, Latrobe, will host a *Get Acquainted Day Open House* for prospective students and their families on Saturday, October 19th. The day features short presentations on academics, admissions, financial aid and college life; a tour of the campus; and time to meet with faculty, coaches, and advisers of clubs and organizations. Registration and breakfast will be 8:30-9:00 A.M. in the Fred M. Rogers Center. The program concludes by 12:30 P.M. To register, contact the Office of Admission at 800-793-5549 or: admission@stvincent.edu. Online registration is also available at: www.stvincent.edu/visit. †

St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish, New Kensington, will host its annual *Polish Platter Dinner, Bake Sale and Basket Raffle* on Sunday, October 13th in their Friendship Hall, with eat-in dinners from 12:00 Noon-4:00 P.M. and takeout dinners from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Dinners will be \$12.00. For more information, call 724-335-8212. †

Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, is holding a HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY on Saturday, October 19th. Tickets: \$25.00/person or \$40.00/couple; includes buffet & beverages. Doors will open at 7:00 P.M. and the buffet begins at 8:00 P.M. DJ "Mixmasters" starts at 8:00 P.M. Costumes—optional (clothing is required!). Must be 21 or older. Tickets—call 724-845-8191. †

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg, will host an *American Girl Doll Winter Fantasy Luncheon* on Saturday, October 19th, from 12:00 Noon-2:00 P.M. Reservations are required: adults, \$20.00/youth \$10.00. Call 724-838-9480 for information or to register. †

Outside Our Diocese



St. Joseph High School, grades 9th-12th, is looking for an Administrative Assistant. Interested applicants should forward a cover letter, resume, and all PA required clearances to: Kimberly Minick, Assistant Principal, 800 Montana Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065; kminick@SaintJosephHS.com. †

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