

# St. Mary, Mother of God Church



Roman Catholic Church  
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229  
*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg*  
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Established 1826

October 20, 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



Jesus asked, "Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7

**Father Ronald Maquinana—Pastor**  
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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.

## Parish Staff

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Diane Grant—*Christian Mothers*

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724-295-2281 (Office) 724-295-3090 (Fax)

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

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# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

## MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>October 19th</b>
4:00 P.M.	†Violet DeMeno (Brenda DeMeno)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>October 20th</b>
8:30 A.M.	†Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Marilyn & George Winovich)
11:00 A.M.	♥St. Mary Parishioners
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>October 21st</b>
8:00 A.M.	†William Fullerton (The Wyants)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>October 22nd</b>
8:00 A.M.	†David Shippe (Bob & Jill Oeler)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>October 23rd</b>
8:00 A.M.	†J. Easley Family (Estate)
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>October 24th—COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
8:00 A.M.	†Massimino & Matilda Pesci (Estate) [Mass intention will be celebrated by Fr. Ron]
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>October 25th—COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
8:00 A.M.	†Maurice Heinritz Family (Estate) [Mass intention will be celebrated by Fr. Ron]

## MASSES FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>October 26th</b>
4:00 P.M.	†Raymond Ravotti (Alfred & Marlene Brown)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>October 27th</b>
8:30 A.M.	†Judy Polana (Family)
11:00 A.M.	♥St. Mary Parishioners

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<i>Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<i>Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9</i>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14</i>



## Ministry Schedule

October 26th & 27th, 2019

### ALTAR SERVERS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Madison & Dawson Gaillot; Zach Showers
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Samuel, Jacob, David Kristine; Madison & Austin Bachar
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Marie Pelliccione; Mason DeMeno; Jackson Ringler

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Deb Showers; Fred Walker; Andrea Camerlo
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	John & Betty Lou Nemcek; Kim Holbein
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Marushka Steele; Mary Scholl; Alyson Scholl

### LECTORS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Jackie DeFelice
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Lisa Boylan
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Rob Svitek

### GREETERS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Dave & Lois Posney
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Carol Carson; Dave Kradel
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Doug & Mary Scholl

### ORGANIST:

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

### CANTOR:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Alex Smith
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Tom Koharchik
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Choir



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

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sunday:</b>	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John Paul II
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. John of Capistrano
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Anthony Mary Claret
<b>Saturday:</b>	Blessed Virgin Mary



## From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, we observe *World Mission Sunday* as a way to foster an increased awareness of our baptismal call to be missionaries; missionaries in a sense that even if we are not ordained like the priests and other missionaries doing missionary work for the Lord and the good of the Church in different parts of the world, we can still be missionaries by virtue of our baptism through showing our support spiritually and financially.

We can show our support spiritually by praying for priests and missionaries who engage in missionary work and evangelization, just like what St. Therese of the Child Jesus did. She never left the Carmelite convent and yet her missionary heart was burning with zeal for

souls and was already in the mission fields and distant lands. In her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, she reflects on the new freedom of a new joy she will enjoy in heaven. She writes, "There will be no longer any cloister and grilles and my soul will be able to fly with you into distant lands".

This conviction of St. Therese led Pope Pius XI to declare her as the patroness of the missions in 1927. He probably got the inspiration to declare a *Mission Sunday* for the entire Church in 1926 as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so that Christians all over the world would recognize their common responsibility with regards to mission and evangelization of the world.

And so, as we celebrate this *World Mission Sunday*, let us recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Last Sunday, through our generous donation of \$2,316.00, we were able to help the Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor who work with the poor and orphaned children in Tanzania, Africa. This is a concrete example of us participating in the mission, providing financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in other parts of the world.

May the love for the Church's mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people, grow ever stronger in us. In a world where there is so much division and selfishness, *World Mission Sunday* reminds us once again of our baptismal call and brings us into one to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses throughout the world.

## World Mission Sunday

One Day: October 20, 2019

One Body: In Christ

One Church: Together in Mission



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### Pope John Paul II



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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 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  
RCIA - 6:30 P.M.—Conference Center
- 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
- October 30th The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 9:00-10:30 A.M.—Fellowship Hall;  
RCIA - 6:30 P.M.—Conference Center
- October 31st The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 6:30-8:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall
- November 1st First Friday - 6:30 P.M.—Benediction; Parish Office Closed; All Saints’ Day—Holyday of Obligation
- November 2nd All Souls’ Day - 4:00 P.M.—Mass of Remembrance

## Parish Events/Information

*Congratulations to Douglas & Mary Schloff who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 15th*



Monday, October 7th, was the feast of *Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary*.

The Christian Mothers and some parishioners gathered in church to pray the rosary.



Please notify the Administrative Office of any address changes. An accurate address is very important! Membership change forms can be found at the bottom of page 7 in our weekly bulletin. Thank you!

***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!***



Last week we participated in the Greensburg Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan and welcomed Sister Mary Jennifer Wandia for *Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor*

Ministry Workshop held on Saturday, October 12th at St. Paul's Monastery, Kittanning



## 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. †



**The Liturgy of The Word**—Over the past several weeks, we have covered all the Introductory Rites of the Mass. These moments of preparation make us ready to encounter Jesus in the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*, the two most important parts of the Mass. On the road to Emmaus after Jesus rose on Easter morning, He meets with two disciples, "and beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself". Luke 24:27 The *Liturgy of the Word* is OUR encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus and we experience it every time we go to Mass. As we listen attentively, we hear scriptures about the truth of God and his crazy love for us. The chosen readings and psalm are arranged in a way that we hear the story of our salvation history, the most amazing story that we need to know. The basic structure is this: the first Old Testament reading is followed by a Psalm and a New Testament letter which leads to the climax of the Gospel proclamation. The readings are on a 3-year ABC cycle. Right now, we are in the "C" part of the format. If we attend every Sunday Mass over this three-year period, we will hear about 50% of the New Testament and 5% of the Old. Attending daily Mass will boost those numbers to over 75% of the NT and 15% of the OT. We need to understand that all the readings are oriented towards Jesus Christ. We are able to clearly see our Savior hidden in the Old Testament scriptures through the law and prophets. It is in the New Testament that we now can see the manifestation of the Word made flesh who dwelt among us! We get to know Him better by listening with pious attention. Let those words sink deep within us so we may exclaim with the Emmaus disciples - "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32 †



**Meals on Wheels** is seeking *volunteers* to assist in preparing meals the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 11:00 A.M. Meals are prepared at the Freeport Methodist Church. If you would like to *volunteer* or obtain additional information, please contact Pat Westerman at 724-448-4662 or Cindy Kaminski at 724-991-9676. †



**St. Mary's Religious Education Department** has been having an "OPEN HOUSE SHARING AND CARING TIME" for all grades. Parents and guardians have been invited to come and spend a little time in their 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: 1st grade is scheduled for October 20th. For the month of November, Pre-school is scheduled for November 24th. The next children's mass will be celebrated In January. The Security Guard for October 20th will be *Dave Kapinskis*. *Trina Champagne* is scheduled for October 27th, November 3rd & 10th. Parents are reminded to send in their children's tuition and their \$5.00 for our Adopt-A-Shut-in project. †

## News from Our Diocese

**Today's diocesan collection** is for *World Mission Sunday*. Please extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your prayers and generous gift in today's collection. †

## Around Our Diocese

**Christ the King Parish**, Leechburg, is taking orders for its annual Thanksgiving/Christmas bake sale. Nut, apricot and poppy seed rolls are \$11.50/ea. and the order deadline is November 4th. Crescent rolls are \$6.00/dozen and the order deadline is November 11th. To place your order, please call 724-842-0623 or 724-845-8615. †

**The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**, Altoona, will host the world-renowned *Vienna Boys Choir* on Sunday, October 27th at 7:00 P.M. Admission is free; however, there will be a free-will offering taken to support the cathedral's Concerts Under the Dome series. †

## Altar Bread and Wine

The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of



**Bill Davis**

By  
*Bob Conroy & Sylvia Liti*

## Sanctuary Lamp

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week



in loving memory of  
**Denis & Mary Curran**

By  
*Mary Fullerton*

## Collections

### Offertory Collection for October 13th, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 599

No. of Envelopes Received: 184

Collection: Offertory - \$4,353.00

Electronic Payments (11) - \$530.00

Loose - \$311.00; Children (13) - \$21.60

Disaster Relief Collection - \$100.00

Mission Co-op - \$2,316.00

**Total Collection - \$7,631.60**

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October 26th, 2019  
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