

St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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Established 1826

November 17, 2019 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lo, the day is coming

blazing like an oven,

when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble.

— Malachi 3:19

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

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Richard Bertino, Cemetery Caretaker

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

Ministries

Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone

Teen Ministry

Melissa Kristine/Beth Macurdy

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Organizations

Diane Grant—Christian Mothers

Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tim Fogarty—Men's Group

Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :

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

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

Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Parish Website: www.stmaryfreeport.com

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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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

MASSES FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SATURDAY: November 16th**
4:00 P.M. †Birdie & Bud Posney (Posney Family)
- SUNDAY: November 17th**
8:30 A.M. †David Robert Shipe (Wyant Family)
11:00 A.M. ♥St. Mary Parishioners
- MONDAY: November 18th**
8:00 A.M. †Robert Gray (Josie Mangol)
- TUESDAY: November 19th**
8:00 A.M. †Rose Pesci (Estate)
- WEDNESDAY: November 20th**
8:00 A.M. †Philip Bordonaro (Family)
- THURSDAY: November 21st**
8:00 A.M. †Edna Barr (Erma McCulloch)
- FRIDAY: November 22nd**
8:00 A.M. †J. Easley Family (Estate)

MASSES FOR OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- SATURDAY: November 23rd**
4:00 P.M. ♥St. Mary Parishioners
- SUNDAY: November 24th**
8:30 A.M. †Carol Stewart (The Policicchio's)
11:00 A.M. †Patricia Sheehan (Patrick & Laura Huth)

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Ministry Schedule

November 23rd & 24th, 2019

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.** Madison & Dawson Gaillot; Zach Showers
- Sunday, 8:30 A.M.** Sam, Jacob & David Kristine; Madison & Austin Bachar
- Sunday, 11:00 A.M.** Victor & Olivia Svitek; Michael & William Speers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.** Deb Showers; Fred Walker; Andrea Camerlo
- Sunday, 8:30 A.M.** Betty Lou & John Nemcek; Kim Holbein
- Sunday, 11:00 A.M.** Andre Volek; Melissa Schaeffer; Marushka Steele

LECTORS:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.** Diane Zadnik
- Sunday, 8:30 A.M.** Jeff Jones
- Sunday, 11:00 A.M.** Rob Svitek

GREETERS:

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

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.** Alex Smith
- 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:** Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Cecilia
- Saturday:** St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary



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

November 16th	Wedding — “Boroski/Ladie” - 1:30 P.M. — Church
November 17th	Religious Education - 9:30-10:40 A.M. — Administrative Building; Teen Ministry - 9:35-10:45 A.M.— Administrative Building; Choir Practice - 9:45-10:45 A.M. — Church; 11:00 A.M. Mass Baptism — “Clark” - 12:15 P.M. - Church
November 18th	Christian Mother’s Meeting - 7:00 P.M. — Christian Mother’s Room
November 19th	Men’s Group Meeting - 7:00 P.M. — Fellowship Hall
November 20th	The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 9:00-10:30 A.M. — Fellowship Hall RCIA - 6:30 P.M. — Conference Center
November 21st	The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation - 6:30-8:00 P.M. — Fellowship Hall Theology on Tap - 7:00 P.M. — Smokin' Toad's BBQ in Sarver
November 22nd	Wedding Rehearsal — “Barr/Grube” - 6:00 P.M. — Church
November 23rd	Wedding — “Barr/Grube” - 11:00 A.M. — Church; Fr. Joseph Tuscan - 4:00 P.M. Mass; Reception - 5:00 P.M.— Fellowship Hall
November 27th	Wedding Rehearsal — “Macurdy/Detman” - 6:00 P.M.—Church; RCIA - 6:30 P.M.—Conference Rm.
November 28th	Thanksgiving Day—9:00 A.M. Mass; Thanksgiving Dinner—11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.— Hall Parish Office Closed
November 29th	Parish Office Closed; Wedding — “Macurdy/Detman” - 1:00 P.M. — Church
November 30th	Baptism “Fien” - 5:15 P.M. — Church
December 1st	No Religious Education; No Teen Ministry; No Choir Practice

Parish Events/Information

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage Continues



Cave Church in Budapest, Hungary



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↙ St. Matthias Church in Budapest

Buda Castle in Budapest ↘



WARSAW



Market Square in Warsaw

Tour in Krakow in Cathedral with mass celebrated at Corpus Christi Church



National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa



↓ Treasures kept by the Pauline Fathers at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine ↓



Mass at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow





Mass Intention Requests are now being accepted for the year 2020. What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. Mass requests will be taken at the Administrative Office during normal office hours. **Please note that if a mass is requested and a Communion Service needs to be scheduled, Father Ron will take the mass intention with him.** †



Weekly Intentions for *The Sanctuary Candle* and *Altar Bread & Wine* will be available December 1st in the back of the church. **Please note that your donation is due at the time of your request. Envelopes are not to be taken home with you.** Assistance will be provided for those who need help with filling out these envelopes. †



Annual "Blessing Bag" Campaign - St. Mary, Mother of God Parish is requesting you and your family be a "Blessing" to those in need by filling a grocery bag with non-perishable food items...and returning your filled bag to the church by Sunday, November 24th. Filled grocery bags will be taken to the Freeport Food Bank in time for their holiday distribution. We ask that you do not take a bag if you do not want to participate in this campaign. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others. †



Helping Hands will be hosting a BLOOD DRIVE in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 10th, from 1:00-6:00 P.M. There is a great blood shortage happening now and it only gets greater over the holidays. What better gift to give during the Advent season than the GIFT OF LIFE! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in saving lives. Information will be coming soon on registering to donate. †



St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, will host a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, from 11:00 A.M.— 2:00 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. RSVP is required by calling 724-448-9251. †

News/Activities from Our Ministries/Organizations



Monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, November 18th**, at 7:00 P.M., in the Christian Mother's Room. Prayer Service will be held prior to the meeting at 6:30 P.M. ~~~~~ **Mini-retreat**—Saturday, November 23rd. Rosary at 3:15 P.M.; Mass at 4:00 followed with a reception at 5:00. All women of the parish are invited. Sign-up sheets are located at all of the church entrances in order to prepare for the reception. †



The Alleluia - After the second reading, we now take a moment to prepare for the Gospel reading which is the crescendo of the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the most holy Mass. There is a slight pause after the Lector leaves the ambo, a momentary silence that makes what follows that much more dramatic. As the priest rises to begin his procession with the book of the Gospels, we also rise and join our voices in singing the *Alleluia*. The word *alleluia* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew phrase which means "Praise the Lord" or literally, "Praise Yah-weh!" We stand to acknowledge that something extraordinary is about to occur. We sing because our hearts cannot contain the joy of being able to hear the words of Jesus Christ Himself echo within the walls of St. Mary's. During the Lenten season, we replace the singing of the *Alleluia* with another verse of praise such as "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ". The reason for the omission is twofold. First, it is to remind us of the solemnness of the Lenten season as we walk with Christ on His journey to Jerusalem for His Passion and Death. Secondly, just as the proverb says, absence makes the heart grow fonder. We strike the singing of the *Alleluia* for a few weeks so that when Easter dawns, we may sing it anew and afresh with full voices and hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude. We continue to sing out the *Alleluia* as the priest removes the Book of the Gospels from the altar and raises it for all to see. He then processes to the ambo where it will soon be proclaimed for all to hear. Sometimes the procession is accompanied by altar servers holding candles to further amplify the importance and substance of the proclamation to follow. All this attention is not because of the book itself, but what it contains, the Word of God made Flesh, Jesus our Lord. †



Join us for Theology on Tap on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 P.M., at Smokin' Toad's BBQ in Sarver. This month we will explore "Angels and Demons" with speaker *Jacob Williamson*. Appetizers will be provided with dinner and drinks 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, or Gen at: gennifersvitek@comcast.net with any questions! We hope to see you there! †

Today our second collection will be the *National Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services*. Support of this collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg. Please be generous. †

Crafter & Vendor Fall Show—November 17th, 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M., at Shriner's Center, 1877 Shriner's Way, Cheswick. Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile. Admission is \$3.00. Free parking; Concession Stand; Chinese Auction. †

Altar Bread and Wine

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



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Karen Savage

Sanctuary Lamp

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



in loving memory of

David Shipe

By
St. Mary Teen Ministry

Collections

Offertory Collection for November 10, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 597

No. of Envelopes Received: 154

Collection: Offertory - \$3,420.00

Electronic Payments (12) - \$695.00

Loose - \$264.00; Children (17) - \$25.00

All Saints (2) - \$15.00

Religious Retirement - 80.00

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**Saturday
November 23rd, 2019**

Charlene Becker

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St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request/Change

Name: _____

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