

St. Mary, Mother of God Church



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June 7, 2020

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and the God of love and peace
will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

**THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY**

Father Ronald Maquiñana—*Pastor*
rmaquinana@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parish Information

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M. (with guidelines)

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. (with guidelines)

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday—8:00 A.M. (with guidelines)

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. (with guidelines)

Reconciliation: Saturday - 2:30—3:30 P.M. (with guidelines)

Baptism: Sundays (by appointment and with guidelines)

Marriage: Contact the Administrative Office nine months in advance—724-295-2281

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 (with guidelines). 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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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 MOST HOLY TRINITY

- SATURDAY: June 6th**
4:00 P.M. †Regis Barr (John & Brenda DeMeno)
- SUNDAY: June 7th**
8:30 A.M. †Raymond Ravotti (Alfred & Marlene Brown)
11:00 A.M. ♥St. Mary Parishioners
- MONDAY: June 8th**
8:00 A.M. †Joseph & Wanda Socha (Family)
- TUESDAY: June 9th**
8:00 A.M. †Edith Pesci (Estate)
- WEDNESDAY: June 10th**
8:00 A.M. †Geno Pernazza (Cornman Family)
- THURSDAY: June 11th**
8:00 A.M. †Sharon Glath (Family)
- FRIDAY: June 12th**
8:00 A.M. †William Bale (John & Debbie Demharter)

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

- SATURDAY: June 13th**
4:00 P.M. †James Fogarty & Richard Bayne
(Bridget & Tim Fogarty)
- SUNDAY: June 14th**
8:30 A.M. †Charles Huth (Family)
11:00 A.M. ♥St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
- Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



THE HOLY TRINITY

The *Father* is my trust,
the *Son* is my refuge,
the *Holy Spirit* is my protection.
O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

Ministry Schedule

June 13th & 14th, 2020

ALTAR SERVERS:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.* TBA
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. Brianna Sutara
Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Marie Pelliccione;
Mason DeMeno

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.* Arlene Miller; Deb Showers
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. Karen Nigra; Tom Brestensky
Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Helen James

LECTORS:

- Saturday, 4:00 P.M.* Tim Fogarty
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. Annette Domachowski
Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Rob Svitek

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.* TBA
Sunday, 8:30 A.M. Jamie Phillips
Sunday, 11:00 A.M. TBA



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity;
Julian Calendar Pentecost
- Monday:** Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Ephrem
- Thursday:** St. Barnabas
- Saturday:** St. Anthony of Padua



From the Pastor's Desk

We have just reopened our church for the public celebration of the mass and we are grateful for this development despite the COVID 19 that we continue to deal with.

You and I are happy being back in church to celebrate the mass, receive the Eucharist and have fellowship with one another. However, there are some guidelines that we need to observe. We discussed the matter through a video that we created and posted on our St. Mary Mother of God Facebook page, but if you are not on Facebook, you may not be aware of these guidelines and so I will review them again for your guidance.

First, when you come into church whether it is for private prayer, daily mass or weekend mass, you need to wear a mask the entire time you are inside the church. For the mass, you will be assisted by greeters and seaters who will escort you to the pew marked for seating. Because of social distancing, you will be seated six feet apart. If you are a couple or a family of three or four, you will be seated together. Not all pews will be occupied for the purpose of social distancing. Per diocesan guidelines, we can only accommodate 25% of our seating capacity which is close to eighty people. In the event of having more than eighty people, the overflow will be accommodated in the Fellowship Hall and mass will be viewed via livestream on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8:30 A.M. An Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to the hall during communion time to distribute Holy Communion.

Second, as you enter, there will be sanitizers that you can use to sanitize your hands and wipes to wipe the top of the pew. But we assure you that after every mass, the church is sanitized and cleaned by volunteers in order to prepare for the following mass. Towards the end of the day, all high touched areas are cleaned thoroughly with soap and water.

Third, there will be no missalettes or hymnals in the pews nor any devotional materials at the vestibule. Instead, every weekend a worship aid will be provided that you can take home with you following the mass or dispose of in the garbage can.

Fourth, during communion, everybody is encouraged to exit from their pew and proceed to the center aisle in single file. There are demarcation lines to facilitate social distancing. If you are going to receive communion, simply extend your hand close to the minister without removing your mask yet and move either to the left or right where you will see a square block and there you may consume the body of Christ reverently. Then you may return to your pew. If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you can just cross over your arms on your shoulders and I will give you a blessing. We strongly encourage you to receive the Body of Christ in the hand.

I hope this information helps you and relieves you of any worries regarding your safety while you are in church and attending mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. As we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, I invoke the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bless you and your family as well.

Returning to Mass

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879) - April 16th



With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16th marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their

meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception". Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her. †



WELCOME BACK

Calendar of Events/Meetings

Weekday Mass—8:00 A.M. (with guidelines)
Confessions—Saturday - 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. (with guidelines)
Weekend Masses—Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M. (with guidelines)
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. (with guidelines)

First Holy Communion—Will be re-scheduled
Confirmation—Will be re-scheduled
RCIA—Will be re-scheduled

New Date Coming Soon

Wednesday, June 10th The Bible Timeline—9:00-10:30 A.M. - Fellowship Hall
Baptismal Preparation Class—6:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 11th The Bible Timeline—6:30-8:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

**For the month of June or otherwise noted, we will be live streaming the Saturday Vigil Mass (4:00 P.M.) and the Sunday Mass at 8:30 A.M. so that we can allot for the overflow in our Fellowship Hall. We will NOT be live streaming the 11:00 A.M. Sunday mass. †



Parish Information/Events

The Administrative Office continues to be open the normal hours of Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Effective June 1st, our weekday and weekend mass schedule resumed (with guidelines). St. Mary's will continue to be open for private prayer from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily and 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. on Sundays. Below are the guidelines that are to be followed when visiting our church and what is being done for your safety.

- Wear a mask upon entrance to the church.
- Social distancing must be observed - six feet apart from the next person.
- Only designated pews are to be used for mass/private prayer. For morning and weekend masses, the main doors of the church will be the only way to enter. Greeters and seaters will be at the entrance to greet and seat you. The collection basket will be in the back of the church. When receiving communion, please abide by the markings. This will be explained prior to the beginning of each mass. For private prayer, you are to enter at the side entrance.
- There are sanitizers and wipes that are to be used as you enter the church.
- The identified pews and other high contact areas like doorknobs, handles and tables will be sanitized and disinfected twice a day.
- Weekly, each church's high contact areas will be cleaned with soap and water and then sanitized.
- Hymnals and missalettes have been taken out from the pews for your safety.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Diocesan Target - \$37,826.00

Parish Target - \$55,000.00

Pledges to Date - \$112,235.00

Paid to Date - \$92,000.00

Number of Donors - 260

Diocesan Target has been Achieved!!! Thank you!

ALL future gifts and/or pledges will now stay directly here at St. Mary's in order that we may complete this year's major DLA projects!





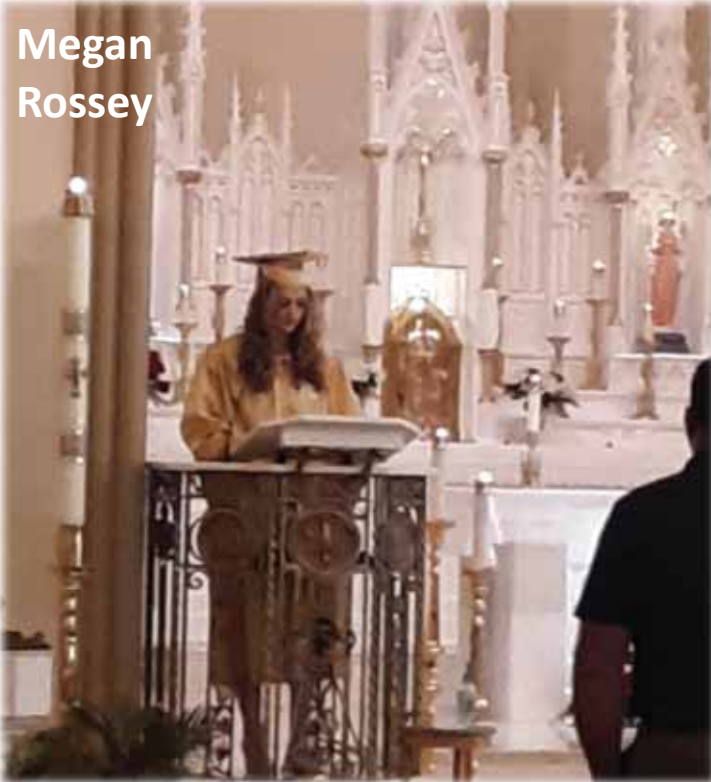
In your charity, please remember the souls of those who passed away, especially *Jean I. McCulloch*. We ask God to welcome *Jean* and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families. †

Congratulations! to the Class of 2020!

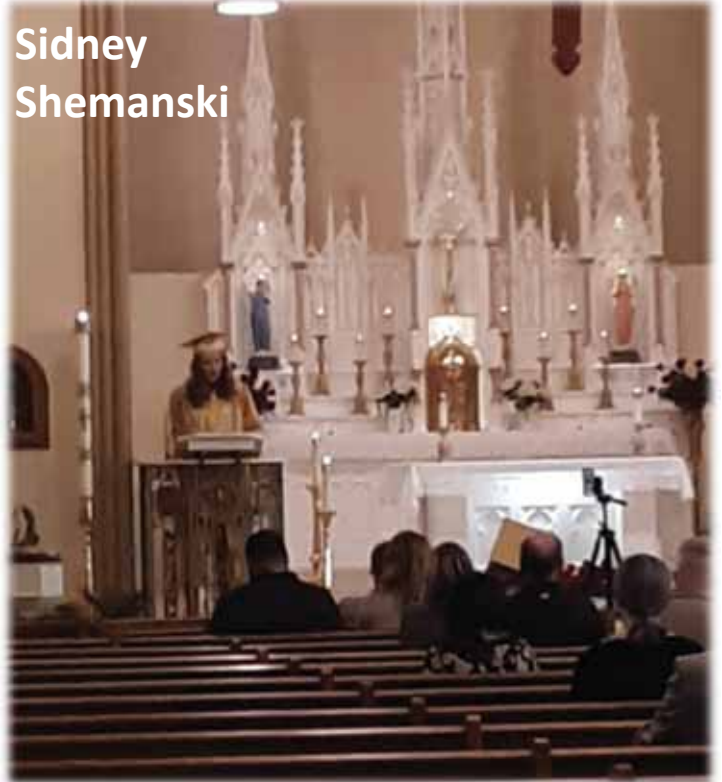
Graduates in Attendance

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Madeline and Samantha
Clark / Isabella Russo /
Kylie Hoffman

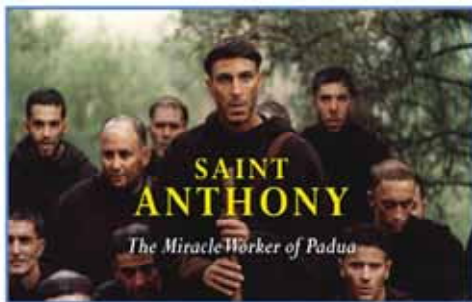
News/Activities from Our Ministries



To understand the importance of the *Sacrament of Baptism* and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. The remaining schedule for 2020 is as follows: Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, September 10th and Thursday, December 10th. If you would like to register, please call Mark or Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281. †

Evangelization

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT ANTHONY The Miracle Worker of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua is known for his powerful preaching and miracles that won countless souls for Christ. This film beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, love for the poor/oppressed, and wonders of his miracles.

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Christian or Disciple? - The word *Christian* appears in the New Testament only three times. It was used especially by those who were not Christians holding a negative connotation. "If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." (1 Peter 4:16). To say I am a *Christian* is to agree who Jesus is and to accept the basic beliefs of Christianity as if checking off a list. So, who is a *disciple* then? The term *disciple* appears in the New Testament in well over two hundred and fifty instances. It comes from the Latin word *discipulus* which means "pupil" or "learner". A *disciple* is one who seeks to identify with the master teacher and follow His teachings fully. There were many teachers at the time of Christ, even John the Baptist had his own set of disciples whom we hear about (John 1:35-37). Jesus' teachings, however, were unprecedented. At first, His students did not come to Him, but were called personally to a life of discipleship, a call that they had to answer and commit to (Mark 1:16-20). It was a calling to a new way of life, a radical path to walk WITH God instead of just TOWARDS God. Jesus Himself describes who a *disciple* is in Matthew 16:24, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." So, to be willing to be called a *disciple*, we must be willing to leave behind those things which keep us from Jesus. We cannot be afraid of suffering and persecution, even from those who may be the dearest and closest to us. Finally, we need to walk in the footsteps of Christ and be so close as to allow the dust He kicks up to cover and overwhelm us in our journey. To be a *Christian* is a choice and anyone can make this claim. But to be a *disciple* is a commitment that involves risks, but great rewards. Many are called, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14). †



The second half of *The Bible Timeline Bible Study* will resume this week — June 10th for the Wednesday morning session (9:00-10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall) and June 11th for the Thursday evening session (6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall). †

Altar Bread and Wine

The Altar Bread and Wine were donated



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Sanctuary Lamp

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



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Rosemary
and
Austin Miller

Collections

Offertory Collection for May 31st, 2020

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 598

No. of Envelopes Received: 47

Collection: Offertory (47) - \$1,975.00

Electronic Payments (11) - \$1,595.00

Loose - \$0.00; Children (-) - \$0.00

Ascension Day (6) - \$140.00

Communications Media (2) - \$55.00

Total Collection - \$3,765.00

THANK YOU!

Although we are now able to attend Mass, we continue to urge those who do not feel comfortable in attending yet to please mail your weekly/monthly contribution or drop it off at the Administrative office or the mail box outside the office doors.



Something to think about—If you normally give in the offertory basket, please think about on-line giving.

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Saturday—June 13th, 2020

NO CLEANING ASSIGNMENTS THIS WEEK

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St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request/Change

Name: _____

Address: _____

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