



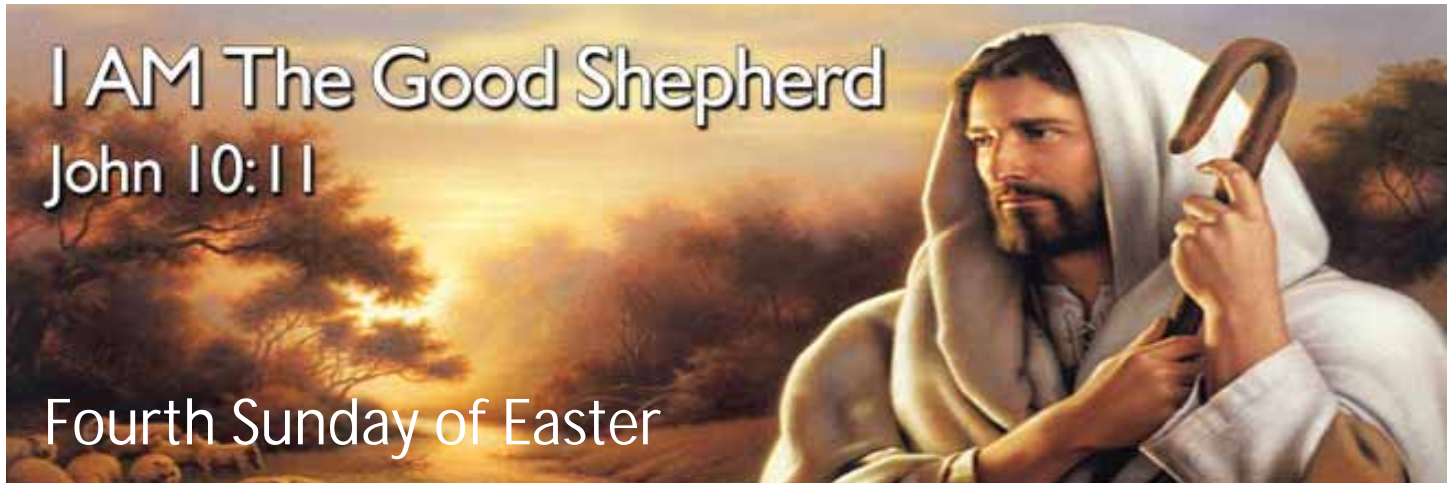
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April 22nd, 2018



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## Ministries

Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone—*Teen Ministry*  
Melissa Kristine/Beth Macurdy—*Evangelization*  
John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

## Organizations

Diane Grant—*Christian Mothers*  
Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray—*St. Vincent de Paul Society*

## Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :  
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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](http://www.stmaryfreeport.com)

Parish Email Address: [thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com](mailto:thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com)

## 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 Center 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 Center at 724-295-2281.

## From the Pastor's Desk



As announced two weeks ago, this Sunday, immediately following the 11:00 A.M. mass, we will be removing all the pews in our church to give way to another capital project, which is to replace all the pews with new ones. The new pews are not exactly brand-new, but at least they are good ones. In case you are wondering why we are replacing our pews all of a sudden, I will explain to you how this plan unfolded.

When Jim Garvin, Director of Engineering and Facilities Management Office of the Diocese of Greensburg, came to visit last month and assess our proposed DLA project, the construction of the children's liturgy room below the sanctuary, Jeff Polana and George Bender were around discussing the details of the plan and its location. However, after they were finished, Jeff Polana gave Jim Garvin a tour of the church and made mention about the condition of the pews, indicating that some of them needed repairs, as they are very old. Then Jim Garvin shared information regarding the Epiphany Church in Monessen, PA that is in the process of closing and doing their inventory. We immediately called the pastor, Fr. Michael Crookston, and expressed our intention to visit his church and see the pews. He agreed to our visit. And so, we made the trip to Monessen with some of the men from our parish. Upon seeing the pews, we could not believe that the sizes and the numbers perfectly fit to our church. Without a second thought, we expressed our interest to Fr. Mike that we would take them all. With a \$100.00 donation per pew, he agreed.

This is how we got involved with the plan of replacing our pews and acted quickly so as not to miss the good opportunity, which I would say providential, and it works for us.

Another plan came up - putting a vinyl flooring down before the pews were installed back to its place to save the cost of replacing the carpet in the next three to five years. Again, this was considered as both the pastoral and finance councils of our parish were consulted. We informed Bishop Malesic and he approved the project.

Now we are into execution to make our plans into a realization for our good and the next generation. *All help will be highly appreciated whether it be moving out the pews from our church or going to get the pews from Monessen.*

I thank you for all your generosity. May God bless you!



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# Baptized in Christ



Congratulations to the proud parents, Bryan and Jaime Harmon, on the baptism of their son, Noah Michael. He is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!



Our Teen Ministry Busy at Work  
The teens are making a few baby blankets that will be given to babies when they are baptized.



## Calendar of Events

- April 22nd Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M. - Security Guard - "Trina Champagne"  
Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass; Baptism (Kowalski)—12:15 P.M.
- April 29th Religious Education Classes (Last one for the year)—9:30 - 10:40 A.M. - Security Guard - "Trina Champagne"  
Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass; Baptism (Korbeck)—12:15 P.M.
- April 30th Spring Card Party—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
- May 2nd 1st Holy Communion Practice in Church—7:00 P.M.
- May 4th First Friday Adoration—6:30 P.M. will be Benediction
- May 6th First Holy Communion—11:00 A.M.
- May 7th Christian Mother's Meeting—7:00 P.M.
- May 10th Ascension Thursday—Parish Office Closed

## Parish Religious Education Program

- Sunday, April 29th - Final class - students must attend the 11:00 A.M. Mass
- Wednesday, May 2nd - Candle Service followed by 1st Holy Communion practice in church—7:00 P.M. **All children must attend.**
- May 6th - 1st Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Children to assemble in the Conference Room at 10:30.



St. Mary Cemetery - Do you like working outside? Our cemetery is in need of someone to help with the grass trimming and light labor work. One or two days a week from April to November. If interested, call our caretaker, Richard Bertino at home—724-295-3632; cell at 724-602-5986.



## Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Target - \$39,816.68; Parish Target - \$30,183.32  
Combined Target - \$70,000.00  
Pledges to Date - \$89,926.00; Paid to Date - \$70,178.40  
Number of Donors - 277  
Diocesan & Parish Targets Achieved!!!


**Spring Card Party and  
Game Board Night**  
 Monday, April 30th  
 6:30 - 10:00 P.M.  
 Reverend Edward P. Volz Fellowship Hall  
**\$10.00/person**  
 Seled Bar  
 50/50 Raffle  
 Door/Table Prizes  
 Information/Tickets - Contact  
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# FamilyFest Greensburg

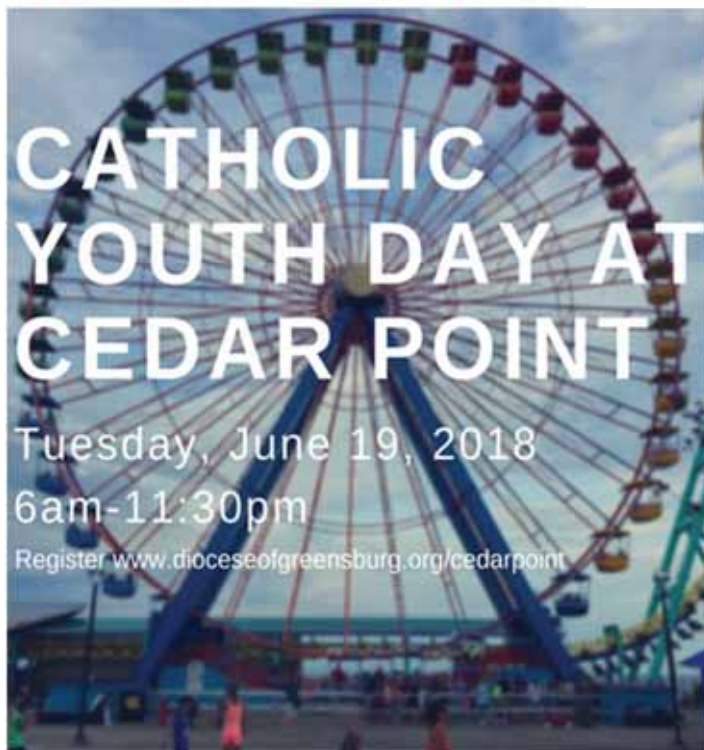
Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m. • Hempfield Park • Free Admission

Join Bishop Edward C. Malesic and families from the diocese for a day of celebrating the family, the domestic church.

- Games, including the Catholic Game of Life • service projects • Jesse Manibusan
- Food • Mass with the bishop at 4 p.m. • Full Armor Band concert 6:30-8 p.m. • and much more

**For more information or to register, go to [www.familyfestgreensburg.org](http://www.familyfestgreensburg.org)**

Registration is not required, but is helpful for planning purposes. All are welcome at any time during the day. Event ends at 8 p.m.



## CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY AT CEDAR POINT

Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
6am-11:30pm  
Register [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/cedarpoint](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/cedarpoint)

## A-K Valley TOT presents...

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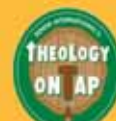
**Date: Thursday, April 26**

**Time: 7PM-9PM**

**Location: Mogie's Irish Pub**

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## Vocations JEREMIAH DAYS

*A morning of prayer, fellowship, and talk on discernment.*  
Join us if you are seeking to know the Lord's will for your life and are open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

April 28, 2018

## DISCERNMENT EVENT FOR GRADES 6-8

PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS ARE INVITED

9:30 am-11:00 am  
St. Barbara Church  
111 Raymaley Road, Harrison City, PA

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A RESERVATION SEND YOUR REQUEST TO  
[VOCATIONS@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG](mailto:VOCATIONS@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 28TH & 29TH, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Brandon & Zachary Bowser Lauren & Leah Clark	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Tim Fogarty	Doug & Mary Scholl	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Breanna & Olivia Sutara Ryan Sutara; Katie Huth Mary Huth; Nicolette Zollinger	Carol Carson Pat Ralston Lisa Boylan	John Nemcek	Karen Nigra	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Marie Pelliccione Megan Rossey; Paige Liti Mason DeMeno; Evan Giori	Helen James Melissa Schaeffer Patty Hughes	Rob Svitek	Jenn Liti	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

#### MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SATURDAY:** April 21st  
4:00 P.M. ✦Margaret Rizzo (Betty Canterna)

**SUNDAY:** April 22nd  
8:30 A.M. ✦Rinaldo Policicchio (The Policicchio's)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

**MONDAY:** April 23rd  
8:00 A.M. ✦Special Intention

**TUESDAY:** April 24th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Dorothy Laux (Jack Laux)

**WEDNESDAY:** April 25th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Ken Hughes (Bob & Diane Grant)

**THURSDAY:** April 26th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Maurice Heinritz Family (Estate)

**FRIDAY:** April 27th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Kadyn Jack (Freeport Volleyball Family)

#### MASSES FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SATURDAY:** April 28th  
4:00 P.M. ✦Daniel B. Hastings, Jr. (Fred Walker & Family)

**SUNDAY:** April 29th  
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. ✦Aaron Myers (Myers Family)

The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,  
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in  
loving memory of  
**JOHN ECHON**  
By  
*Echon Family*

### Collections

**Offertory Collection for April 15th, 2018**

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 608  
No. of Envelopes Received: 221  
Collection: Offertory - \$3,753.00  
Electronic Payments (0) - \$0.00  
Loose - \$429.50; Children - \$39.00  
**Total Collection - \$4,221.50**

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