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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.
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Parish Website: www.stmaryfreeport.com

Parish Email Address: 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.



Parish Council

Pastoral Council will take advantage of Fr. Ron's absence and replace "From the Pastor's Desk" with "Notes from Pastoral Council". This week we will concentrate on the cemetery and the next two weeks we will include the other items discussed at our June meeting. Council approved a price increase for cemetery lots and services effective August 1st, 2018. The last price adjustment was done in 2013. We wanted to allow those considering a lot purchase the opportunity to do so at the existing prices.

Below is a list of the Current and New Prices:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>As of 8-1-18</u> |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| Lot – Parishioners | \$700 | \$ 900 |
| Lot – Non Parishioners | \$800 | \$1,000 |
| Lot – Sect AE (see Note 1) | | \$1,000 |
| Opening/Closing (M-F) | \$850 | \$ 950 |
| Opening/Closing (Sat./Sun./Hol.) | \$950 | \$1,050 |
| Opening/Closing Sect AE – (See Note 2) | | |
| Opening/Closing – Infants, cremations | \$400 | \$ 500 |
| Chapel Fee | \$ 50 | \$ 75 |

Note 1 – Section AE is the newest section above the top road, bordering the Freeport Park property line. These lots are only available to parishioners.

Note 2 – The soil in Section AE is prone to stone and excavating for graves can be more involved than the typical grave lot. The deed carries a "Rock Clause" stating that any additional excavation charges will be the responsibility of the family.

Additional cemetery notes:

- Lots can only be sold back to the cemetery at the purchased price
- Maximum of two cremains per single lot
- Caretaker has the final decision on all single lot purchases

Future improvements for our cemetery in 2018:

- Removal of dead trees along the road to the park
- Road Repairs – patching and top dressing black top
- Chapel exterior painting and entrance improvements
- Possible head stone cleaning

This information, along with the updated and approved "Rules and Regulations", can be found on our Parish Website under the Cemetery tab.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Ode to Saint Cecilia

The Story of a Holy Muse

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If you have any questions, please contact Beth Macurdy at: bmacurdy@ufcw.org or call her at 724-295-9411.

Calendar of Events

June 23rd Baptism — “Glath” - within the 4:00 P.M. Mass
 June 24th Baptism — “Yusi” - 12:15 P.M.
 July 4th Office Closed—Mass at 9:00 A.M.
 July 6th First Friday
 July 23rd Vacation Bible Camp Begins—5:30-8:00 P.M.
 July 27th Last day of Vacation Bible Camp—5:30-8:00 P.M.



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



First Holy Communion Pictures - If you did not pick up your pictures yet, they are in the Administration Office. You can pick them up during normal office hours.

Church Volunteers



Last fall, the gentleman who vacuumed the carpet in our church on a weekly basis became unable to perform this ministry. We are now in need of someone to vacuum the carpet and dust the laminate and pew bottoms each week. It would take approximately one to two hours each week. If God is calling you to help our parish in this manner, please contact the parish office at 724-295-2281 or email: thehurch@stmaryfreeport.com.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP—July 23rd - July 27th, 2018

St. Mary's Fellowship Hall—5:30 - 8:00 P.M.

All children Preschool thru 6th grade



We are in need of anyone with PA State Criminal & Child Abuse clearances to help with Vacation Bible Camp (no exceptions). We CANNOT have Bible Camp without your help. If you are able to donate a little of your time, and bring your children, please fill out the information below and return by way of the collection basket, mailing in, dropping off at the Administrative Office, or by calling:

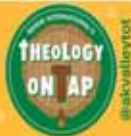
Laura Huth at 724-295-3259 or Helen James at 724-272-1171

Name (Please Print) _____ (I can help with bible camp this year)

Phone Number _____ # of children I will be bringing _____

VOLUNTEER

Theology on Tap in the A-K Valley



Thursday, June 28: 7PM-9PM

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The Bible teaches us to glean what we are blessed with in order to care for those in need. On Wednesday, July 11, The Blessings Closet will open its doors at Freeport United Methodist Church. Clothing items will be offered. There will be bags of clothing available at \$5/bag and higher end clothing options available at a per item price. CASH ONLY! The hours are from 1-3 pm.

We are in need of clothing donations and to spread the word for those who this store will bless.

For more information, call Freeport UMC at 724.295.2476.



Today is the *Peter's Pence Collection*, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Ordination to the Presbyterate

Bishop Edward C. Malesic has called *Deacon Daniel E. Carr* to the responsibility of the presbyterate. The priesthood ordination will be celebrated Saturday, June 30th, at 10:00 A.M. in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Please keep *Deacon Carr* in your prayers and continue to pray for all people discerning God's call to the priesthood.



The Diocesan Heritage Center and Knights of Malta will host a *St. John's Fire Celebration* on June 24th, the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, at the Bishop Connare Center at 7:00 P.M. The event will feature guest chef Josh Ross of Pirata in Pittsburgh and the Cooking Channel. Suggested donation is \$25.00/person. All proceeds will benefit the Diocesan Heritage Center. Please register online at: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org or call 724-552-2502.



QUO VADIS DAYS
All Catholic young men entering grades 9th-12th are invited to the first Quo Vadis Days vocations camp, which will help them know Jesus more deeply and discern their vocation in life while having fun with others on the same discernment journey. The camp, which will be led by priests and seminarians from the Greensburg and Erie dioceses, will be held July 8th-11th at St. Philip Catholic Church and Retreat Center, Linesville. Contact Father Tyler Bandura, Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, at: vocations@dioceseofgreenburg.org



2018 CRAFT SHOW - Crafters are needed for an upcoming craft show that will be held on Saturday, September 29th, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at Our Lady of Grace Church, 1001 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg. The craft show is being co-sponsored by the Rosary Altar Societies of the partner parishes of Our Lady of Grace (Greensburg) Church and St. Benedict Church (Marguerite). If you would like further information about being a vendor, please call 724-834-9045 or email: asabol@dioceseofgreensburg.org; or, email: eseranko@comcast.net or call 724-691-6009.

St. Joseph High School is currently enrolling students for the incoming freshman class of 2022. Considering transferring for grade 10th or 11th? Contact Admissions Director Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92 to schedule a private tour or for information, email: admissions@saintjosephhs.com or call 724-226-4932. Visit: www.SaintJosephHS.com.



Why not join the Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's, Kittanning on a trip to Erie on Saturday, July 21st. You will visit the Cathedral, Presque Isle Bay, Cruise and Luncheon on the Victorian Princess, visit a local winery and attend vigil mass at Fr. Larry Richard's Church, St. Joseph's. The trip includes deluxe motor coach, luncheon cruise and admissions for \$99.00/person. For more information, please call Connie Kane at 724-664-4277. Reservations deadline is July 1st. There are flyers for this trip at all of our church entrances.



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The Divine Redeemer School in Ford City is seeking a part-time business manager to be responsible for all fiscal matters related to the school. You can view the full job posting at: <http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/schools/Pages/Employment-Opportunities.aspx>. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and a current resume to: Dr. Maureen Marsteller, Superintendent for Catholic Schools, email: CatholicSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org or you may call 724-552-2594.



Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? If so, *Retrouvaille* can help. *Retrouvaille* is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on July 13th, contact *Retrouvaille* at 412-277-3434.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 30TH & JULY 1ST, 2018

| Altar Servers | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Lector | Greeters | Organist | Cantor |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Saturday - 4:00 P.M. | | | | | |
| Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot | Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic | Janice Meola | Doug & Mary Scholl | Verne Bergstrom | Alex Smith |
| Sunday—8:30 A.M. | | | | | |
| Samuel & Jacob Kristine David Kristine Ali & Ben Brestensky | Judy Bergstrom John Nemcek Rose Check | Lisa Boylan | Diane Grant Janis Harbison | Tom Koharchik | Tom Koharchik |
| Sunday—11:00 A.M. | | | | | |
| Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek | Lisa Isenberg Debbie Baustert Melissa Schaeffer | Rob Svitek | Jill Zalewski | Dave Wesolosky | Joel Schaeffer |

Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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| SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. | June 23rd ✦ Wilma Kelly (Posney Family) |
| SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. | June 24th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Ken Hughes (Patty Hughes & Family) |
| MONDAY: 8:00 A.M. | June 25th ✦ Our Fathers—James J. Fogarty; Richard L. Bayne (Tim & Bridget Fogarty) |
| TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M. | June 26th COMMUNION SERVICE (<i>Mass Intention for Robert Hoffman will be celebrated by Fr. Ron in the Philippines</i>) |
| WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M. | June 27th COMMUNION SERVICE (<i>Mass Intention for J.D. Easley Family will be celebrated by Fr. Ron in the Philippines</i>) |
| THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M. | June 28th ✦ Joan & Andrew Sliwiak (Kymer Family) |
| FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M. | June 29th ✦ Joanne Marie Jancaro (Friend of Family) |

MASSES FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M. | June 30th ✦ Jarod Bennis (Arlene Hill) |
| SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. | July 1st St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Joseph Klaput, Sr. (Wife—Nannie Jean) |



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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in
loving memory of
AARON MYERS
By
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Collections

Offertory Collection for June 17th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 606
No. of Envelopes Received: 182
Collection: Offertory - \$3,895.00
Loose - \$269.00; Children - \$18.00
Catholic Accent - \$10.00
Candle Money - \$104.00

Total Collection - \$4,296.00
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