



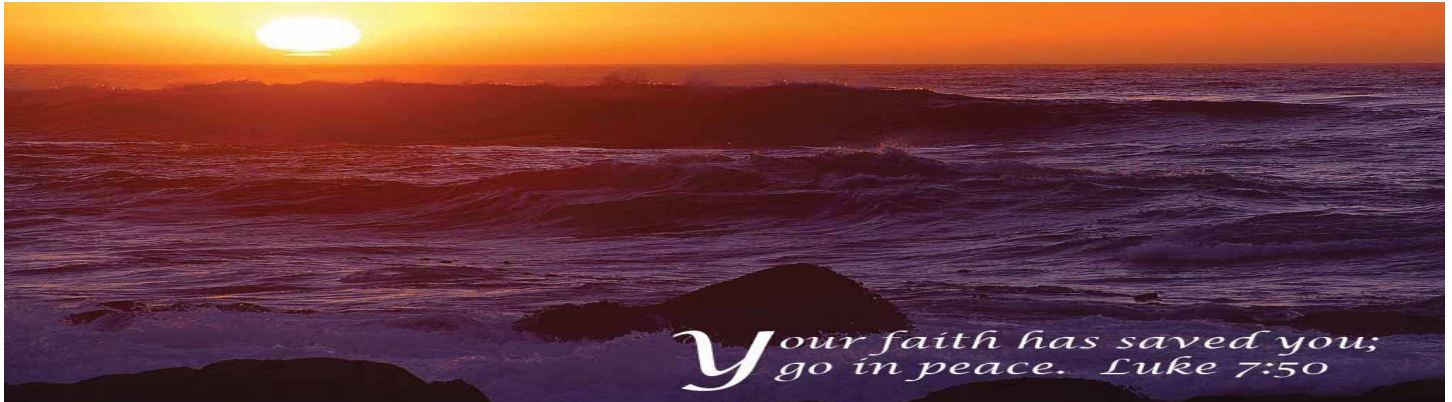
# St. Mary, Mother of God

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
Roman Catholic Church  
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229



Established 1826

June 12th, 2016  
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary



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## Ministries

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

## Organizations

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

## 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](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 we enjoy the good weather, especially during the summer, we look for outdoor activities that we can do like gardening, beautifying our yard and engaging in sports.

Well, our parish can help you with your search. We are looking for volunteers who can help us maintain the plants within our parish grounds and our prayer garden so they will look beautiful and well-kept. You can call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 if you are interested in helping out.

For those who would like to maintain a healthy mind and body, we will be starting up the "Biking for God" on June 15th, (weather permitting) at 6:30 P.M. We will meet at the Laneville Bike Trail. Those interested can come and bring your bike. We will be able to enjoy biking together. For those who cannot bike, please consider joining the walkers and afterwards, we will gather again for a short sharing.

On the other hand, since Pope Francis has proclaimed the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8th, 2015 to November 20th, 2016, our Evangelization Ministry came up with a series of Divine Mercy which we can read from our weekly bulletin. This series began last week and will run for twelve weeks. It focuses on the Divine Mercy. This was actually presented by Mark and Melissa Kristine last February 27<sup>th</sup> in our Fellowship Hall, but because not too many were able to attend, we thought it would be a great idea to share this with everyone.

We hope this will bring us to appreciate and understand what the Jubilee Year of Mercy is all about and be able to live out what Jesus, the Divine Mercy, wants us to have, making others feel that there are still people willing to show their love and care without expecting anything in return.

Let God be the one to reward us for our acts of mercy and kindness that we have shared with others.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD forgives David for taking the wife of Uriah, and for having Uriah killed (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13).

**Psalm** — Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — If justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing (Galatians 2:16, 19-21).

**Gospel** — Jesus forgives the woman because of her great love (Luke 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday:** Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Anthony of Padua

**Tuesday:** Flag Day

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

### PROFLIGATE?

*I'd rather be a beggar and spend my last dollar like a king,  
than be a king and spend my money like a beggar.*

—Robert G. Ingersoll

# PARISH NEWS

Baccalaureate Mass & Breakfast—June 5th, 2016—Congratulations to *Justin Brestensky (missing from photo), Therese Goldinger, Teddy James, Jr., Derek Jones, Kristopher Keppel, Robert Kolish, Benjamin Kristine and Nicole Lesko—Class of 2016*



**Please Read**

Our 190th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:00 P.M. Following mass, dinner will be served in our Fellowship Hall. Anyone may attend mass; however, **reservations are required in order to attend the dinner.** Seating is limited and reservations are being taken on a first come first served basis. Reservation forms are located at all of our church entrances and on our website.

If you have not picked up your 1st Holy Communion pictures, please do so today after Mass. They are located in the Sacristy.

New Ministry Schedules are completed and may be picked up in the Sacristy today after Mass.

The Homebound Ministry is available to take the Holy Eucharist to anyone temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. Please call John Nemcek at 724-294-9486 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to be added to the visitation list.



**Vacation Bible Camp**  
July 18th - July 22nd  
5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

*Watch for all details and registration!*

**Becoming a Member of St. Mary, Mother of God Church**

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Just drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information (address, phone number, name, etc.), please return the changes on the form below. It is important to keep our records up to date.

**St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request / Change**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Registration**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Change Address/Phone**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Moving**



Learning about Divine Mercy  
Week 2

Divine  
mercy

*"In the beginning..."(Genesis 1:1) we read about God's glorious creation and man's inglorious sin, in that the serpent tempts, Adam fails and Eve succumbs, then both of*

*them are fearful, causing them to run and hide. The Old Testament is a record of a long and arduous journey where God continually taught the Israelites about who He was.... not someone to run from out of fear, but run to with contrite hearts to receive his mercy. He was the bridegroom untiringly chasing his bride.*

*"For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment." Joel 2:13b*

*In the New Testament, God's revelation of his love and mercy become "enfleshed" in Jesus Christ. "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son... to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." Galatians 4:4-5 He no longer wants to show them mercy and love, but BECOME mercy and love. God is infinitely merciful; He burns with love for us and deserves all of our trust. Remember, God can't force us to love and trust... this requires our free will.*

*"No soul that has called upon my mercy has been disappointed." (from the Dairy of St. Faustina)*

**SUMMER of mercy** Dynamic Catholic is again offering an email series. This seven week series based on the book *Beautiful Mercy* (you don't have to read the book to participate) will begin on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. You'll receive three emails per week for seven weeks, ending Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Every Tuesday and Thursday, you will receive an email with a 1-2 minute video from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic voices of our time. Every Sunday you will receive a short email that recaps the week, making it easy to view and read any videos and reflections that you missed. Sign up NOW at: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/summer-of-mercy/>

CALENDAR  
of Events

June 15th	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M. Finance Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
June 19th	Installation Mass for Finance Council Members at the 8:30 A.M. Mass
June 22nd	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
June 29th	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
July 1st	First Friday - Benediction at 6:30 P.M.
July 3rd	Christian Mother's Mass - 8:30 A.M. Baptism - "Cingolani" - 12:15 P.M.
July 4th	4th of July—Parish Office Closed
July 6th	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
July 12th	Parish Council Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
July 13th	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
July 18th-22nd	Vacation Bible Camp
July 20th	Youth Mass - 7:00 P.M. - Riverside Park
July 27th	"Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.

Around the Diocese and Beyond.....



Bishop Edward C. Malesic will preside at an ecumenical prayer service on Tuesday, June 21st, at 7:00 P.M., at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to open the Fortnight for Freedom in the Diocese of Greensburg. The USCCB-organized event opens on the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, two martyrs for religious freedom, and concludes July 4th, Independence Day. The fortnight focuses on the many threats to religious liberty in our country, as well religious freedom concerns in other areas, such as immigration, adoption and humanitarian services. We are encouraged to urge members of Congress to represent us on these issues, as well as to pray fervently that the rights of all believers will be respected in our country.



St. Edward Parish, 120 St. Edwards Lane, Herminie is proud to sponsor Cahal Dunne on Saturday, June 18th. "Ireland's Happy Man" is a composer, classically trained concert pianist, story teller, comedian and television personality. The Show Theme is "From Blarney to Broadway". Tickets are \$20.00 each which includes admission, dessert, coffee & tea at intermission. Bring your own snacks and beverages. Doors will open at 7:00 P.M. Show is from 7:30—10:30 P.M. For tickets, call Lisa Arch at 724-446-5381.



A Public Card Party sponsored by the Christian Mothers of St. Joseph Church, Cabot, will be held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, June 13th. A donation of \$5.00 includes lunch followed by the card party. Also for sale will be USA-made RADA cutlery, plus Butler Flavorings (dark & clear vanilla; maple and almond).

Attend a Get Acquainted Day  
Open House

High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, June 18th. Begin with registration from 8:30 to 9:00 A.M. in the Fred M. Rogers Center and day will conclude at 12:00 Noon. Presentation will include an introduction to St. Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, call 1-800-782-5549 or you can e-mail: [admission@stvincent.edu](mailto:admission@stvincent.edu), or register online at: [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu).



The St. Bruno Festival will be held on Friday, June 17th, Saturday, June 18th and Sunday, June 19th. Friday, 5:00 until 11:00 P.M. — Car Cruise and entertainment by The New Holidays (Oldies); Saturday, 6:00 P.M.—entertainment by CC & Company (Top 40); Sunday—4:00 P.M.—entertainment by Last Resort (Country). Chicken Dinner on Sunday beginning at 12:00 Noon until all dinners are gone. Fun, great food and games for all ages. For additional information — call 724-836-0690. The festival is located at 1715 Poplar Street, South Greensburg, PA.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 18TH & 19TH, 2016

*Altar Servers*

*Extraordinary  
Ministers  
Of Holy Communion*

*Lector*

*Organist*

*Cantor*

**Saturday - 4:00 P.M.**

Bill Girardi  
Dave Brestensky

Jackie DeFelice  
Patty Hughes  
Deb Showers

Janice Meola

Tom Misutka

Jamie Phillips

**Sunday - 8:30 A.M.**

Samuel & Jacob Kristine  
Ali Brestensky  
Riley & Colton Otterman

Rose Check  
Pat Ralston  
Kim Holbein

Lisa Boylan

Tom Koharchik

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**Sunday - 11:00 A.M.**

Marie Pelliccione; Paige Liti  
Mason DeMeno  
Megan & Garrett Rossey

Lisa Isenberg  
Melissa Schaeffer  
Doree Rossey

Bill Cogley

Dave Wesolosky

Joel Schaeffer

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**MASSES FOR THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** June 11th  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Robert Thomson (Maryelyn & Bill Bale)

**SUNDAY:** June 12th  
8:30 A.M. ✦ Bob Lepkowski (Wife & Children)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

**MONDAY:** June 13th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Mary Ann Hoffman (Mary & Bill Fullerton)

**TUESDAY:** June 14th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ William R. Burk (Jeff & Wanda Turiak)

**WEDNESDAY:** June 15th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Shirley Erb (Rich & Karen Brestensky)

**THURSDAY:** June 16th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Rev. Dominick DeBlasio (Dennis & Patricia Geary)

**FRIDAY:** June 17th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Roy & Blanche Buterbaugh (Daughter & Husband)

**MASSES FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** June 18th  
4:00 P.M. All Fathers—Living & Deceased

**SUNDAY:** June 19th  
8:30 A.M. All Fathers—Living & Deceased  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners and  
All Fathers—Living & Deceased



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
in loving memory of  
**STEPHEN T. BRESTENSKY**  
By  
*The Steve Brestensky Family*

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



**MRS. MADELINE PACEK**  
By  
*Mrs. Patricia Kriger Family*

## Collections

**Offertory Collection for June 5th, 2016**

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 587

No. of Envelopes Received: 226

Collection: Offertory - \$7,257.00

Loose - \$471.00

Children - \$20.00

Candle Money - \$131.00

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Saturday, June 18th, 2016  
*Nancy Laux and Betty Lou Nemcek*