



# St. Mary, Mother of God Church

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April 15th, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter  
Luke 24:35-48

Jesus Himself stood  
among them, and said  
to them, "Peace to You.



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## Ministries

Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone—*Teen Ministry*  
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John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

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

## Office Information

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## 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



The week that just passed was overwhelming for me for two reasons. First, last Saturday morning, upon waking up, I found out that one of the Filipino priests in the Diocese of Greensburg was elected and appointed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Tagum, in the Philippines. In excitement, I immediately called up Bishop-elect Medil Aseo to congratulate him. I found out the news from the facebook post of Fr. Patricio Aborde, who is also from the Diocese of Tagum, but currently assigned in the Diocese of Greensburg. Bishop-elect Aseo, who is 63 years old, arrived in the Diocese of Greensburg in August 2017. He served as parochial vicar at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning and St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro since September 20th, 2017. He was named as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Tagum April 7th, 2018 after Pope Francis made the announcement on that same day at the Vatican. He is set to go home by April 16th, 2018 to prepare for his new assignment in his diocese. He will be the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Tagum since its canonical erection. The Filipino priests and the Filipino community in the Diocese of Greensburg are happy for his election and wishes him all the best in his new role as bishop.

The second point that completely overwhelmed me is the series of accomplishments that we have made, as a parish, in a short period - from the painting of the interior of the Church to the marble flooring of our sanctuary, having a new crucifix hanging on the cupula, and now planning to replace all the pews in the church in a week. I can just see how God works in us in most mysterious ways and, of course, appreciating your generosity in showing your support be it in talents, time or treasure. I cannot thank you enough for what you have contributed to our parish. You are all amazing and great! This shows how we care and love our parish and how we are good stewards of the many gifts that God has given us.

I thank you, in advance, those who showed willingness to help in transporting the pews from Monessen in the coming week and those who will be moving out the pews from our church.

May God bless us in all our efforts to make our parish active and strong while we continue living out the spirit of St. Mary's in Freeport.

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam! (All for the greater glory of God!)*



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Did Jesus Really Rise From The Dead?

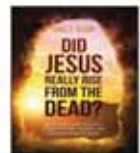
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# Holy Thursday



## Tenebrae Service



## Blessing of the Easter Baskets



## Calendar of Events

- April 14th/15 Donut Social—Immediately following all weekend Masses - Fellowship Hall
- April 15th Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M. - Security Guard - “Erik Beach”  
Teen Ministry Meeting—9:25 A.M.; Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
- 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

## 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.



Jackson Ringler was received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. He received all three Sacraments of Initiation



**HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**



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 you are interested, please call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at home at 724-295-3632 or on his cell at 724-602-5986.



Join us for a Spring Card Party



The Christian Mothers will be hosting their Spring Card Party/Board Game Night on Monday, April 30th, 6:30 to 10:00 P.M., in our Fellowship Hall. \$10.00/person and includes sandwich/salad buffet, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and table prizes. Don't like cards? Bring your favorite board games. Men and women welcomed! To make your reservations or for additional information, please contact Carol Carson at 724-353-2641.

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Diocesan Target - \$39,816.68  
 Parish Target - \$30,183.32  
 Combined Target - \$70,000.00  
 Pledges to Date - \$87,376.00  
 Paid to Date - \$67,348.70  
 Number of Donors - 269  
**Diocesan & Parish Targets Achieved!!!**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 21ST & 22ND, 2018

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillet	Dave Brestensky Andrea Camerlo; Fred Walker	Janice Meola	Dave & Lois Posney	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Andrew Nigra; Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Judy Bergstrom Kim Holbein Cindy Harbison	Susan Shea	Diane Grant Janis Harbison	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Marushka Steele Bill Cogley Lisa Isenberg	Pat Westerman	Karen Fennel	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

### Mass Intentions

#### MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SATURDAY:** April 14th  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Charles B. Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)

**SUNDAY:** April 15th  
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. ✦ Jarod Bennis (Alyson Scholl)

**MONDAY:** April 16th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ James Ebig (Linda McDermott & Family)

**TUESDAY:** April 17th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Tony & Mary Ranieri (David & Cleatus Burk)

**WEDNESDAY:** April 18th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Flora Trettel (Family)

**THURSDAY:** April 19th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Joseph & George Klaput (Family)

**FRIDAY:** April 20th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Phillip Bordonaro (Wyant Family)

#### 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



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **CINDY KULIKOWSKI**  
By *Shipe Family*

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **HELEN ZORN**  
By *Antoinette, Jeff & Sarah Lipniskis*



### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for April 8th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 608  
No. of Envelopes Received: 222  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,102.00  
Electronic Payments (21) - \$983.00  
Loose - \$278.00; Children - \$48.00

**Total Collection - \$5,411.00**

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