



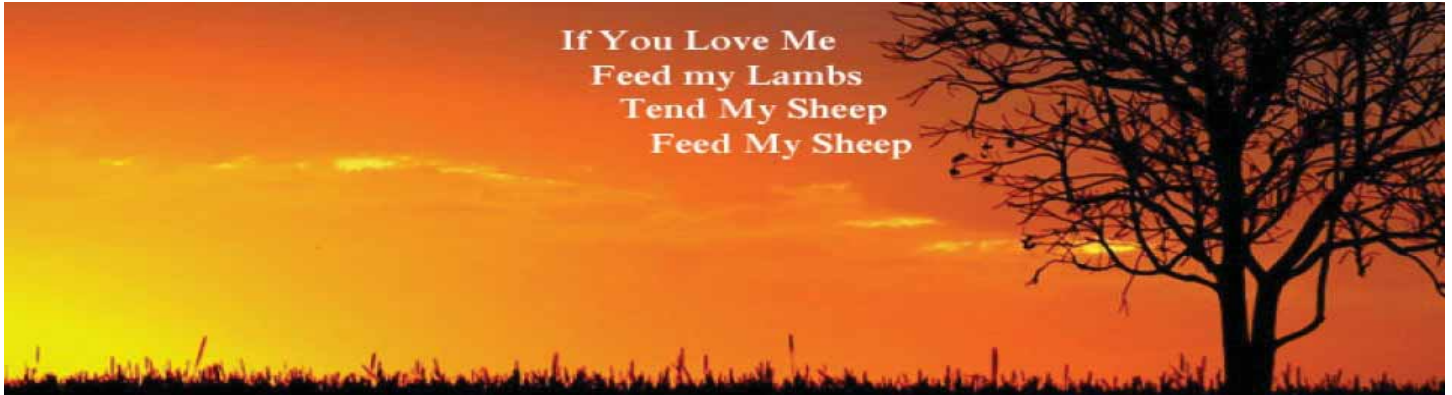
St. Mary, Mother of God

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



Established 1826

April 10th, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter



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Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :
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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.

From the Pastor's Desk



With the tremendous success of our Diocesan Lenten Appeal this year, we are now ready to start with our project of replacing our air conditioning system in our church. We not only met both our diocesan and parish goals, but we even exceeded them. As of April 4th, we have \$80,437.87 total pledges with 286 donors. The money paid is \$62,201.12. Our diocesan goal is \$45,170.45 and our parish goal is \$70,000.00.

As your pastor, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and all-out support. And this is not only for the Diocesan Lenten Appeal but for all the activities and projects that we have in our church.

This shows how united we are in mind and heart and that we are ready to share and give whatever we have for the common good. It feels good when we are able to help a noble cause that will benefit not only us but the entire community.

May God bless you for your generosity and the love you show for your parish community.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ.

(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Stanislaus
Wednesday: St. Martin I
Friday: Income Tax Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

PARISH NEWS



It is wonderful to report that almost all goals of the Diocesan Lenten Appeal have been met. The parishioners of St. Mary's have surpassed both the Diocesan and Parish Goals and the only goal that remains is getting this appeal completed in the next couple of weeks. If you have not participated or if you cannot participate at this time, please return your DLA giving envelope so that we can complete the 2016 DLA. The diocese requires us to account for all parishioners with this annual appeal. The Air Conditioner Condenser bid was awarded to Tudi Mechanical and we are on their schedule to have this project completed by June. The work will be for the replacement of the 30 year old condensers located outside of the church that are at the end of their useful life. The second part of the air conditioning system is the air handler located in the rafters above the choir loft. This is a large blower/heat exchange unit that was placed there when the church ceiling was replaced in 1986. The air handler is in fair condition and after servicing is expected to last another 5-6 years. The decision was made not to replace the air handler at this time because the total project would exceed \$70,000. Council decided to replace the condensers with the proceeds from the Mardi Gras Wine event and the DLA this year and begin saving for the air handler replacement each year to avoid any future debt. The exterior lighting upgrade previously discussed has been completed. It is always good to see our parish family getting involved in the many activities of the parish and new faces are always welcome when it comes to 'pitching in' and helping out. The parish will be very active in the coming months with the Homebound Dinner, First Holy Communion, May Crowning, Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery along with many other events – Watch the bulletin! As a reminder, our bulletins can easily be found on our website: www.stmaryfreeport.com under the "News/Events" tab. Special thanks to the Christian Mothers for their continual support of our Religious Education Program and youth activities. --Dave Posney, Pastoral Council Facilitator

Spring Card Party



**Monday, April 25th
6:30 - 10:00 P.M.**

**Reverend Edward P. Volz Fellowship Hall
608 High Street—Freeport**

\$10.00/person

Salad Bar

50/50 Raffle

Door/Table Prizes



**Information/Tickets - Contact
Carol Carson— 724-353-2641**

Salad Bar



CALENDAR of Events

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| <p><i>April 17th</i></p> <p><i>April 23rd</i></p> <p><i>April 24th</i></p> <p><i>April 25th</i></p> <p><i>May 1st</i></p> <p><i>May 1st</i></p> | <p>Teen Ministry Meeting - 9:25—10:35 A.M.</p> <p>Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.</p> <p>Choir Practice - 9:30—10:45 A.M.</p> <p>Baptism "Lepkowski" - within the 11:00 A.M. Mass</p> <p>Homebound Mass/Dinner - 4:00 P.M.</p> <p>Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.</p> <p>Choir Practice - 9:30—10:45 A.M.</p> <p>Spring Card Party - Edward P. Volz Fellowship Hall - 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>Christian Mother's Mass/May Crowning - 8:30 A.M. Mass</p> <p>First Holy Communion - 11:00 A.M. Mass</p> |
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Ministry Schedules - All Acolytes, Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to pick up their new schedules in the Sacristy immediately following mass today. Note - Please remember to find a replacement if you cannot serve your scheduled time.

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



Classes will be held next Sunday, April 17th, from 9:30 to 10:35 A.M. The Security Guard will be **Lisa Boylan**. The last class will be **April 24th**. Students must attend the 11:00 A.M. Mass

On Wednesday, April 27th, there will be First Holy Communion practice in church from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. **All children must attend.**

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 1st.

Around the Diocese and Beyond.....



Please join Catholic Charities in their ongoing commitment to help those most in need by participating in the eighteenth annual Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner on Thursday, April 21st, at Stratigos Banquet Centre in North Huntingdon. Recipients being honored at this year's event are: Detective Jeffrey Kuntz-Humanitarian, George and Sally Caric-Philanthropy and the Crosskeys Human Services, Inc.-Outstanding Human Service Organization. For information on the Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner or ways to purchase tickets or ads, please call Heather Rady at Catholic Charities—724-837-1840, Ext. 1504. Festivities begin at 6:00 P.M. with a social hour and auctions, followed by dinner and award presentations.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boys will hold an Adult Moderator training to counsel the Ad Altare Dei Emblem on Saturday, April 16th, from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg, in the Armstrong Room. There is no cost for this training, but registration is necessary. All trainees will need both the Ad Altare Dei Scout Book (cost is \$5.00) AND the Ad Altare Dei Counselor Manual (cost is \$10.00). Copies of the books can be purchased at the training session with a check made payable to the Diocese of Greensburg or ordered from the Scout Secretary at the Pastoral Center, using the order form at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org under Formation and Scouting.

Adult counselors trained prior to 2011 must update their AAD Certification.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boys will hold the Adult Facilitator training for the Pope Pius XII Emblem on Saturday, April 30th, from 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, in the Armstrong Room. There is no cost for this training, but registration is necessary. All trainees will need both the Pope Pius XII Scout Book (cost is \$4.00) AND the Pope Pius XII Facilitator Manual (cost is \$10.00). Copies of the books can be purchased at the training session with a check made payable to the Diocese of Greensburg or ordered from the Scout Secretary at the Pastoral Center, using the order form at: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org under Formation and Scouting.

Adult facilitators trained prior to 2011 must update their Pope Pius XII Certification.

You can register for either one of these training sessions online at: <http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/formation/scouting/Pages/default.aspx>. If you would like additional information, please contact: tmoores@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat—A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, April 30th, from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. Guest speaker will be author and radio host Kathleen Beckman whose story relates God's triumph over evil in her life. Cost is \$20.00, student rate is \$15.00. To register, please call Brenda by April 22nd at 724-836-2094 or please visit: www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

JOURNEY St. Edward Parish, 120 St. Edwards Lane, Herminie, will offer an eight week journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, explore how God makes His Mercy present to you, in ordinary and extraordinary ways. The journey will begin on Wednesday, April 20th from 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M., in the church hall and continue through June 8th on Wednesday mornings. The cost is \$20.00 for a study guide. Please call Kitty at 724-446-5381 to register.



David Willey, a BBC broadcaster based in Rome who wrote *The Promise of Francis*, will speak at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 13th, in the Performing Arts Center of the Robert S. Carey Student Center. The title of his talk is *"Francis at the Vatican: A Pope for Our Times"*. Admission is free. Reservations are required. Send name, address, daytime phone (include area code) and number of tickets to: threshold@stvincent.edu.



Stuffed Cabbage Dinner - Sunday, April 24th, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 P.M., at St. Mary of Czestochowa - Friendship Hall, 857 Kenneth Avenue, New Kensington. Menu - Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Beverage, Dessert. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Donation is \$10.00/dinner. For tickets, please call: 724-889-3284, 724-339-9785, or 724-339-2348.

High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, April 17th. The day begins with buffet breakfast and registration from 10:30 A.M. to Noon in the Fred Rogers Center and will conclude at 3:00 P.M. The presentation will include an introduction to the college and a student panel. 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; e-mail: admission@stvincent.edu.

Your Community News



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE? JOIN AN ORGANIZATION AT THE FAIR! On Saturday, April 23, Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeport will be hosting a "Volunteer Fair". The purpose of the fair is to provide an opportunity for people who are interested in voluntary community service to meet representatives of numerous organizations and hear about their activities in the local four-county area. They are hopeful that people at the fair can find a way to serve the community in ways that match their interests and skills. This will be held on the same day as the Freeport Community Garage Sale event. The Volunteer Fair will be held in Trinity's Fellowship Hall between 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M., with organizations setting up tables beginning at 8:00 A.M. If you know of a charitable organization that would like to participate in the fair, please let Pastor Jocelyn Johnston know as soon as possible at: jxjohnston2010@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 16TH & 17TH, 2016

Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Lector

Organist

Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Brandon Bowser	Andrea Camerlo	Dave Brestensky	Tom Misutka	Alex Smith
Zachary Bowser	Deb Showers			
Kennedi Clark	Fred Walker			

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea	Betty Lou Nemcek	Judy Bergstrom	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd	Cindy Harbison			
Hadley Hellgren	Laura Huth			
Akina Boynton				

Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celeste Beacom	Debbie Baustert	Pat Westerman	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
Victor Svitek; Evan Giori	Lisa Isenberg			
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer	Marushka Steele			

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: April 9th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Bernadette Fearing-Kelly (Sylvia Liti)

SUNDAY: April 10th
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. ✦ Patricia Pflugh (Dennis & Eileen Gallagher)

MONDAY: April 11th
8:00 A.M. Mary Kristine (Beth Macurdy)

TUESDAY: April 12th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Mary Ann Hoffman (Ken & Patty Hughes)

WEDNESDAY: April 13th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Albert & Janet Ballina (Tom & Jamie Phillips)

THURSDAY: April 14th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)

FRIDAY: April 15th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Fr. Louis Cheatham (Glenna Wyant)

MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: April 16th
4:00 P.M. ✦ William Jansen (Family)

SUNDAY: April 17th
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 *Mary Lou Sinclair* By *Chris and Ken Elliott*



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Severin* By *Ken and Patty Hughes*

Collections

Offertory Collection for April 3rd, 2016

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 579

No. of Envelopes Received: 229

Collection: Offertory - \$5,754.00

Loose - \$261.00

Children - \$35.25

Holy Thursday - \$5.00

Votive Candles - \$79.00

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Saturday, April 16th, 2016
Cindy Kaminski and Christine Bender

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