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The Most Holy Trinity



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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



This Sunday is **Trinity Sunday**. We are celebrating the Solemnity of the **three distinct Persons in One God** – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The word ‘Trinity’ itself is not biblical. We cannot find this word explicitly in the Bible. Rather, it is the result of the development through controversy. But the Oneness of God is a doctrine accepted in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The New Testament provides the revelation that the Son, Jesus Christ, is God and that the Spirit is God. They nevertheless do not fuse in one divine person – for the Father sends the Son (John 16:6) and the Son sends the Holy Spirit (John 16:7; Gal 4:4-8) who prays in the Christian spirit the Abba of the Son to the Father (Rom 8:15).

Why use the word Trinity? Because in the year around the 4th century AD, there was a priest by the name of Arius who taught that the Son is not equal to the Father but is a creature since He is ‘begotten’. In other words, He is not divine. He is a man but not God. But the **Council of Nicea (AD 325)** refuted this and said: “He is Son.... Begotten not made, one in being or consubstantial with the Father.” And this is what we profess in our creed.

Another known personality by the name of Apollinarius of Laodicea said that Jesus only took the place of the human spirit. In other words, Jesus is not completely human. He is God but not man. The **Council of Constantinople (AD 381)** said: “Jesus did have a human mind, rationality, and spirit. Jesus really has a human consciousness, human feelings, creativity, intelligence and others. Jesus is completely human.” With these two councils, it defines who Jesus is and the relations to the Father and the Holy Spirit that makes up The Holy Trinity.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity really is a fact of our faith, a part of our faith and a mystery. **It is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived.** (St. Augustine)

PS. Coming May 29th, 2016 after the 8:30 A.M. mass, I invite everyone to join in our Eucharistic procession from St. Mary Church to Riverside Park and then back to the Church in honor of the Corpus Christi celebration and as part of our 190th Parish Anniversary.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Before anything was created, the wisdom of God was brought forth (Proverbs 8:22-31).

Psalm — O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

Gospel — Everything that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine and declare it to you (John 16:12-15).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time;
Victoria Day (Canada)
Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
Thursday: St. Philip Neri
Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c;
Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52
Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17

PATIENCE

Patience and the passage of time do more than strength and fury. —Jean de la Fontaine

PARISH NEWS

pentecost sunday



Dedication of the "Father Dom Prayer Garden"



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

_____ Moving

_____ Change Address/Phone



Baptism Preparation

To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. The next class scheduled for this year will be held on Thursday, June 9th. To register, please call Mark and Melissa at 724-294-9434 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

CALENDAR of Events

May 25th	Fr. Ron's Birthday
May 26th	Wedding Rehearsal - 5:30 P.M.
May 27th	Wedding - Amadee/Jaksec, Jr. - 3:30 P.M. Parish Office Closed
May 29th	Corpus Christi Procession - 9:45 A.M.
May 30th	Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery - 8:30 A.M. Parish Office Closed
June 3rd	First Friday
June 5th	Baccalaureate Mass - 8:30 A.M. Christian Mothers Mass - Rosary at 8:00 A.M.



Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at 8:30 A.M. Invitations along with registration forms have been mailed out to seniors that we have on our parish records, but we would also like to extend an invitation to any graduating seniors from new families who have joined our parish recently and possibly did not receive a personal invitation. Following Mass, the Christian Mothers will host a continental breakfast for the seniors and their families in our Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, place your registration form in the collection basket in an envelope marked "GRADUATION" or call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 no later than Tuesday, May 31st. Also, sign-up sheets are located at all church entrances. Your parish family here at St. Mary's wishes to extend to you congratulations on your accomplishment and will pray that God continues to guide you in your lives ahead.



Rest In Peace

REST IN PEACE

In your charity of prayers, please remember the soul of *Thomas J. Rykaceski, Jr.* who recently passed away. Welcome him and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to his family. Amen



DLA Diocesan Target - \$45,043.00
Parish Target - \$70,000.00
Pledges to Date - \$86,572.87
Number of Donors - 315

Around the Diocese and Beyond.....

First Diocesan Day of Mercy to be held May 28th



Day of Mercy

The first Diocesan-sponsored Day of Mercy will be held in Fayette County on May 28th. The Day of Mercy — one of four that will be held during the Jubilee Year of Mercy — is designed to encourage participants to gather in prayer, serve others by engaging in a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, then celebrate Mass and have a light dinner with Bishop Edward C. Malesic. The Mass will be celebrated May 28th at 4:00 P.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Footedale site, one of the designated Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Churches in the diocese. Dinner will follow in the parish center. Participants are asked to identify and then engage in a work of mercy or service project. The diocese has identified three unique service projects to be held May 28th: roadside cleaning for the Brownsville Area Reclamation Corporation; cleaning the grounds at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Connellsville; assisting the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry move from Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School to St. Rita Parish, Connellsville. Multiple volunteers are needed. To register for the Day of Mercy, visit: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org and link into the rotating panel or search for "Days of Mercy," or call 724-837-0901, Ext. 1244. The registration deadline is May 25th. Additional Days of Mercy will be held in Armstrong, Indiana and Westmoreland counties in September and October.



Catholic Youth Day At Cedar Point - Attention all parish youth currently in Grades 5 - 12! You are invited to join the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation on Wednesday, June 29th, for an exciting Diocesan Youth trip to Cedar Point amusement park in Ohio. The cost for the day is \$75.00 and includes admission to Cedar Point, bus transportation, lunch, and a catered dinner in the park. Please note that those in grades 5 - 8 must be accompanied by a parent/chaperone in the park. Graduating seniors 18 and older must have all appropriate clearances. Registration deadline is June 17th or whenever the buses are filled. Please contact the parish office for details or to sign-up. Plan to enjoy this FUN-FILLED day!



Soup's On! Thursday, May 26th - from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at St. Ladislav Church, 48 Spruce Street, Natrona. Join them for a light soup lunch. Free and open to the public!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

If you know someone who is struggling spiritually with the aftereffects of an abortion experience, whether in the near or distant past, please encourage them to attend the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat which will be held in Pittsburgh from Friday, May 27th to Sunday, May 29th. For registration and details about the retreat, contact Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email her at: toniafj1@comcast.net. There is a registration fee for the retreat but the retreat organizers have been told that if anyone from the Diocese of Greensburg finds the cost prohibitive, Greensburg Catholic Charities will be able to help individuals by defraying some or all of the cost.



Freeport's Annual Memorial Day Observance will be held Monday, May 30th. Activities commence at 9:30 A.M. as the parade departs from the old Freeport Junior High for Riverside Drive. This year's parade route will turn right onto Buffalo Street to 5th Street to Market Street, then onto Riverside Drive to allow for more community involvement. Riverfront Services will begin at 10:00 A.M. in front of Freeport High-Rise to honor those who have fought and died for our country's freedom. This year's guest speaker is Gary Glenn, U.S. Navy Veteran and 1973 graduate of Freeport High School. Ceremony participants include FHS Band and Choir, Freeport Fire and EMS Departments, 78th PA Volunteer Infantry, Sea Cadets, several local scout troops, as well as other community members. In the event of rain, Services will be held at St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church on High Street. On Thursday, May 26th, American flags will be placed on veterans' graves in the local cemeteries including Freeport, St. Mary's, McVile, and Slate Lick. In the event of rain, flag placement will be on Friday, May 27th. Any member of the community is welcome to participate. In interested in helping, please meet at the V.F.W. Post on First Street at 6:00 P.M.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR May 28th & 29th, 2016

Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Lector

Organist

Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Brandon Bowser	Andrea Camerlo	Janice Meola	Tom Misutka	Alex Smith
Zachary Bowser	Deb Showers			
Kennedi Clark	Bill Girardi			

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Andrew Nigra; Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Betty Lou Nemcek Cindy Harbison Laura Huth	Judy Bergstrom	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
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Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celeste Beacom Victor Svitek; Evan Giori Jacob and Erin Schaeffer	Debbie Baustert Lisa Isenberg Marushka Steele	Pat Westerman	Dave Wesolosky	Joel Schaeffer
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MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY: May 21st
4:00 P.M. ✦ Joseph Hager (Martin & Silvia Sikora)

SUNDAY: May 22nd
8:30 A.M. ✦ Stanley & Esther Smith (Daughter)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

MONDAY: May 23rd
8:00 A.M. ✦ Mary Ellen Hrivnak (Gary & Chris Miller & Family)

TUESDAY: May 24th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Dena & Louis Poretti (Daughter—Norma Jane)

WEDNESDAY: May 25th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Joseph Marietti (Mrs. Josephine Funkhouser)


THURSDAY: May 26th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Helen Murphy (Patti & Dennis Geary)

FRIDAY: May 27th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Francis Laux (Jack Laux)
3:30 P.M.


MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

SATURDAY: May 28th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Thomas E. Cornman (Carl Barr)

SUNDAY: May 29th
8:30 A.M. ✦ Bob Lepkowski (Wife & Children)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of *Eugene Sypulski*
By *Dan & Karen Lucovich*




In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of *The Deceased Members of the Jordan & Snyder Families*
By *Ron & Nancy J. Snyder*



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