



# 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 5th, 2016*

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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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 :**  
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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



This Sunday, we welcome our graduates for their baccalaureate mass as they offer their thanksgiving to God for their success together with their families and friends. It is always a joy for parents to see their children graduating and moving forward to their dreams and aspirations. It is like reaping the fruit of labor and sacrifices, not only on the part of the graduates, but also of the parents as they continue to provide support towards their children's success.

And so we congratulate all the graduates for their success and their parents for their generous support!

On the other hand, we give thanks for our priest jubilarians in the Diocese of Greensburg who have been faithful in their priestly ministry and continue to serve the Church in the best of their capacity. And they are:

**Msgr. John Conway** – who celebrated his 60th Priestly Anniversary May 26th, 2016

**Msgr. John Regoli** – who celebrated his 55th Priestly Anniversary May 21st, 2106

**Fr. Elmer Kacinko** – who celebrated his 55th Priestly Anniversary May 27th, 2016

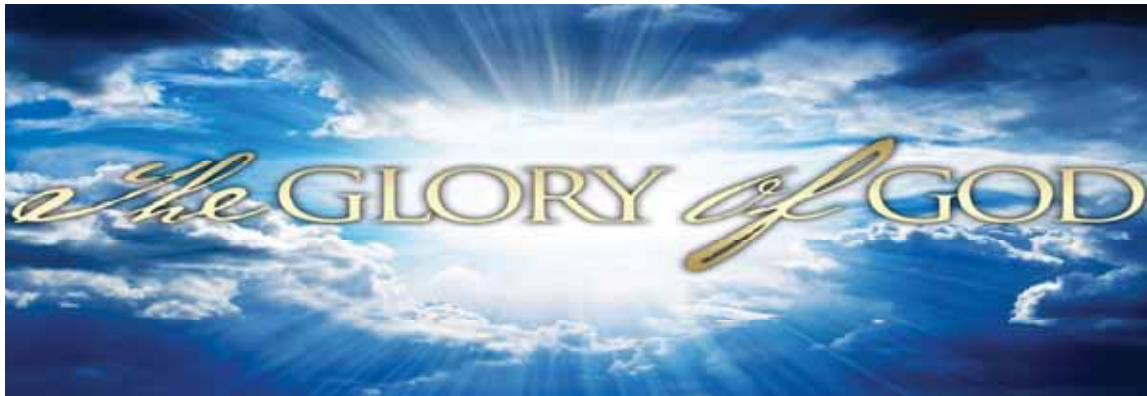
**Fr. James Goldberg** – who celebrated his 40th Priestly Anniversary May 1st, 2016

**Fr. Vincent Gigliotti** – who celebrated his 40th Priestly Anniversary May 1st, 2016

**Fr. Micah Kozoil** – who celebrated his 40th Priestly Anniversary May 22nd, 2016

We are also grateful to God for Rev. Ryan Ravis. He is the newly ordained priest for the Diocese of Greensburg, ordained June 4th, 2016 at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral—the first priest ordained by Bishop Malesic for the diocese since he was installed as the new bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg last year.

All of these blessings we give thanks to God and we offer our prayers all for the greater glory of God!



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elijah revives the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-24).

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

**Second Reading** — Paul explains God's call to him to preach to the Gentiles (Galatians 1:11-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus raises from the dead the son of a widow in the city of Nain (Luke 7:11-17).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11;

Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Norbert

**Thursday:** St. Ephrem; Julian Calendar Ascension

**Saturday:** St. Barnabas; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown

### SMALL PLEASURES

*Little things seem like nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.—Georges Bernanos*

# PARISH NEWS

Father Ron's first birthday celebrated in Freeport (May 25th)!

Congratulations to Carol and Gregory Jaksec, Jr.!



The Parish Council met the third week of May and even though many items were discussed, there seemed to be a common thread between most of the items - the fact that so many individuals volunteer to make us the growing family parish we are. I could not begin listing names or activities, but it extends from the help around the facilities to our youth, to our homebound and everything in between. We talk about Time, Talent and Treasure – St. Mary's is blessed with generous individuals in all three. As you know, our DLA was very successful and Phase 1 of the Church AC has already been completed. As I discussed last time, Phase 2 will be the replacement of the air handler located above the ceiling in the choir loft. This portion of the Air Conditioner Upgrade is much larger than the condenser unit replacement in Phase 1. Since the air handler has been serviced regularly and has an estimated life of 5 to 6 years, we will continue to save a portion of money each year so that when it is needed, the money will be available. Our 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities will continue throughout the summer with a special Teen Mass and events at this year's Vacation Bible Camp. Freeport Theatre Festival will be featuring the origination of St. Mary's Parish in their second play of the summer season beginning in Mid-August. The name of the play is "Spirit of St. Mary's" and it will celebrate the spirit of those men and women whose lives and struggles became the bricks and mortar of our parish. The play is written and directed by parishioner *Rennick Steele*. A definite must see! We are coordinating with Bishop Edward Malesic so that he can be a part of our 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on September 7th followed by a dinner in our Fellowship Hall – save the date! Please continue to watch the bulletin and check out our website: [www.stmaryfreeport.com](http://www.stmaryfreeport.com) for a list of activities, readings, photo galleries and more. Council looks forward to seeing everyone throughout the summer at our many events and thanks again to all that share their time, talents and treasures with St. Mary's and the surrounding communities. ~~~Dave Posney, Pastoral Council Facilitator



## ← Memorial Day Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Cemetery

### *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



## *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Corpus Christi Procession*



### *CALENDAR of Events*

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>June 9th</b>             | <b>Baptismal Class</b>   |
| <b>June 11th &amp; 12th</b> | <b>Donut &amp; Beverage Social</b>   |
| <b>June 15th</b>            | <b>Finance Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.</b>                                 |
| <b>June 19th</b>            | <b>Installation Mass for Finance Council Members at the 8:30 A.M. Mass</b> |
| <b>July 1st</b>             | <b>First Friday - Benediction at 6:30 P.M.</b>                             |
| <b>July 3rd</b>             | <b>Baptism - "Cingolani" - 12:15 P.M.</b>                                  |
| <b>July 4th</b>             | <b>4th of July—Parish Office Closed</b>                                    |



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 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

### *Divine mercy*

Learning about Divine Mercy  
Week 1

Let's begin with Saint Faustina and her role in God's plan to speak about Divine Mercy. St Mary Faustina Kowalska was born on August 25th, 1905 in Poland, to a poor, religious family of peasants, the third of ten children. At the age of 16, she left home and went to work as a housekeeper in order to support herself and to help her parents. Called during a vision of the suffering Christ on August 1st, 1925, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Sister Mary Faustina. The Lord Jesus chose Sister Mary Faustina as the apostle and "secretary" of his mercy so that she could tell the world about his great message. "In the Old Covenant", he said to her, "I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to my people. Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful Heart" (Diary 1588).

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 11TH & 12TH, 2016

*Altar Servers*

*Extraordinary  
Ministers  
Of Holy Communion*

*Lector*

*Organist*

*Cantor*

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

Brandon Bowser  
Zachary Bowser  
Kennedi Clark

Andrea Camerlo  
Dave Brestensky  
Dave Valencic

Jackie DeFelice

Tom Misutka

Alex Smith

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

Andrew Nigra; Luke Boylan  
Madison & Austin Bachar  
Alexandra Lasko

Betty Lou Nemcek  
Carol Carson  
Lisa Boylan

John Nemcek

Tom Koharchik

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

Celeste Beacom  
Victor Svitek; Evan Giori  
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer

Helen James  
Andre Volek  
Dan Lucovich

Debbie Baustert

Dave Wesolosky

Kathy Conley


**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**MASSES FOR THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**


- SATURDAY:** June 4th  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Pauline Supik (John Supik)
- SUNDAY:** June 5th  
8:30 A.M. ✦ John & Mary Rita Smith (Sister)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
- MONDAY:** June 6th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Irene Lewandroski (Bill & Mary Fullerton)
- TUESDAY:** June 7th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Patricia Pflugh (Ron & Linda Gallagher & Children)
- WEDNESDAY:** June 8th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Mary Ellen Hrivnak (Ralph & Paula McDermott)
- THURSDAY:** June 9th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Don Macurdy (Eric, Lisa & Family)
- FRIDAY:** June 10th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ William R. Burk (Eileen Turiak)

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

- SATURDAY:** June 11th  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Robert Thomson (Maryellyn & Bill Bale)
- SUNDAY:** June 12th  
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 honor of *St. Mary Parishioners*



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of *Brother—William Cooper*  
By *Gail Cooper*


**Collections**

*Offertory Collection for May 29th, 2016*  
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 578  
No. of Envelopes Received: 214  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,433.00  
Loose - \$275.00  
Children - \$21.00  
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Saturday, June 11th, 2016  
*Rose Check and Mary Goldinger*