



St. Mary, Mother of God

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
Roman Catholic Church
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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



Do you believe that life is full of surprises that you don't even know what to expect tomorrow? Whether it will be good or not, favorable or unfavorable? I am sure if it is good, you feel happy about it. But what about if it is unfavorable to you, what do you do? Can you still continue to go on with the day without being upset or affected?

I for one, even if I am a man of prayer, gentle in dealing in almost everything and trying to be patient as much as I can, there are still times that I get upset with unpleasant events. I don't know if it ever happened to you, but last week I was dealing with my phone that was accidentally dipped into the water. I thought I could still recover it. Following what I learned, I covered it with rice for a day and charged it, but it did not help. I went to the Verizon store the following day. I was told that my phone was dead and they recommended me to place the phone back into a bowl covered with rice. I did but to no avail. I went back to the Verizon store. This time I was advised to go to the Apple Center in Shadyside. I got there, thanks to the GPS. After a few hours of waiting, I received word from the technician that my phone was damaged. It cannot be repaired. It needed to be replaced and the cost was about \$329.00 plus tax. I said really? That made me more sad. You won't believe that I have not had a cellphone for more than a week now. Who can beat that, especially for those who consider cell-phones an essential part of his/her day to day need?

Now I am sure you have your own share of ups and downs, joys and sorrows, peaks and low moments. But I believe that attitude in dealing with them makes a lot of difference.

If you are an optimistic person, you will deal with every unpleasant situation in a broad and more positive way, believing that someday you will be better again. But if you are a pessimistic person, you will easily get discouraged and frustrated, thinking that it will never be the same.

So the choice is at our hands. We make our life according to our freedom and the choices that we make every-day. Hopefully we choose the right ones so that we can still appreciate our day, even when we meet unpleasant events along our way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the Lord (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday: St. Apollinaris

Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Friday: St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday: St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

MERCY

Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice. —Miguel de Cervantes



PARISH NEWS

Learning about Divine Mercy Week 7



Let's continue with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: We said that it is an extension of the moment in the Mass when Jesus becomes, truly becomes present on the altar.

On the small rosary beads we pray, "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." The chaplet is not a substitute for mass, but more like an ECHO that does not die away...we become and participate in a part of the liturgy that never ceases on earth. Out of love for Jesus, our Savior, therefore, we pray to the Father that all that Jesus suffered for us might not be wasted, but might bring about our salvation. Notice that the Chaplet is not a self-centered prayer. It does not say "have mercy on me," but instead says "have mercy on us" and "on the whole world". Saying the Chaplet, therefore, is not just an exercise of personal piety: rightly understood, it is in itself a work of mercy! "My daughter, encourage souls to say the Chaplet... unceasingly" (From the Diary of St. Faustina)

Dynamic Catholic continues to offer an email series based on the book Beautiful Mercy (you don't have to read the book to participate) which began on Sunday, June 19th. Those who signed up receive three emails per week for seven weeks, with the last week ending Thursday, August 4th. Every Tuesday and Thursday they receive an email with a 1-2 minute video from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic voices of our time. Each Sunday they receive a short email that recaps the week, making it easy to view and read any videos and reflections that you missed. It's not too late to be a part of this "Summer of Mercy" email series! All you have to do is begin by signing up today at: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/summer-of-mercy/>

CALENDAR of Events

- 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.
- August 1st Pilgrimage 2017 Meeting - 7:00 P.M. - Hall
- August 3rd "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
- August 5th First Friday Adoration
- August 7th Christian Mother's Mass - 8:30 A.M.



Religious Education
This week we welcome all the children who will be attending Vacation Bible Camp. If you did not register your child/ren, please arrive at the Fellowship Hall on Monday around 5:15 P.M. to do so. *Anyone is welcome to attend! And, if you have all of your clearances, you are welcome to join in and help!*

Year of Mercy—Holy Door Pilgrimage - A day trip sponsored by the Christian Mothers will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Carpooling from St. Mary Church parking lot at 7:00 A.M. and returning approximately at 2:00 P.M. All are welcome to participate. Please let Bridget know if you plan to attend (email: momfogarty@gmail.com; 724-294-0089) no later than Tuesday, September 6th.

REST IN PEACE—In your charity of prayers, please remember the soul of *Elva Berry* who was recently buried from our parish. Welcome her and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families. Amen



The Original Image of Divine Mercy Film
Join us at Holy Family the week of July 25th, for this faith filled cinematic experience! Monday, July 25th, will be the premier of this film at the Latrobe 30 Cinema. After this, and for the remainder of the week, we will be showing the film in the Holy Family Parish Social Hall.

A timely documentary, *The Original Image of Divine Mercy* features key witnesses to the mysterious case of the original image of Divine Mercy and exclusive commentary by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron, George Weigel, Christoph Cardinal Schonborn, Christopher West, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, Fr. Dwight Longenecker and many others including a special appearance by Pope Francis.
Tickets to watch the film at the Latrobe 30 Cinema will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and this price includes popcorn and a beverage. At later showings in the week, the tickets will be available with a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with food and beverages available for purchase. All proceeds go towards future service projects.
For tickets, please call Holy Family at 724-539-9751 or email rcoyne@dioceseofgreensburg.org
For more information, and the trailer, visit www.divinemercyfilm.com

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

Around the Diocese and Beyond.....

Special Collection

Today's special collection has been approved by Bishop Malesic and will be used to assist our neighbors in West Virginia affected by the devastation caused by the recent flooding in this region of the country. Donations to assist those affected are being channeled through Catholic Charities of West Virginia. If you would like to donate directly online or would like more information, please visit: <http://catholiccharitieswv.org>. Thank you for your prayers and your generosity.

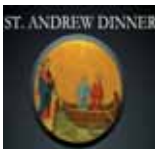


Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2016 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 25th, at 3:00 P.M. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends are to contact the parish office to register couples for this celebration. Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Prayers for World Peace



Join **Bishop Malesic** on Thursday, August 4th, for A Day of "Prayer for World Peace" in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Visit the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Pilgrimage includes: Deluxe motor coach transportation, boxed lunch and snacks. Dinner cost not included. Mass (Bishop Malesic – Presider/Homilist). Rosary, Reconciliation, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and much more. Cost for this pilgrimage is \$59.00. For details or to register, call Father William Lechnar, Director of Pilgrimages at 724-837-090, Ext. 1249 or visit: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org. (click on Menu, click Year of Mercy, click on National Shrine Pilgrimage.)



St. Andrew Discernment Dinner—Explore a vocation to the Priesthood by joining Bishop Malesic for an evening of fellowship, a meal and a chance to hear his journey to priesthood. The St. Andrew Dinner is open to all young, single, Catholic men, high school-aged or older. There are three opportunities to attend: July 24th, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kittanning; Wednesday, August 3rd, Our Lady of Grace, Greensburg; and Saturday, September 3rd, St. Rita Church in Connellsville. For more information or to make a reservation, send your request to: vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Pastoral Ministry

This is a reminder for anyone interested in joining the newest cohort of students in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry program. The deadline to apply for diocesan sponsorship to the program is July 25th. Because this program is a joint partnership between the Diocese and Seton Hill University, a person must also apply for admission to the university. A retreat for new students is scheduled for August 13th. Coursework begins August 27th. Contact Marsha Kable at 724-837-0901 for all information.



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg invites you to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing, on Monday, August 22nd, at the Ligonier Country Club in Ligonier. This fundraising event is designed to supplement the profit of the Communities of Salt and Light Award Dinner in providing assistance for basic life necessities for the poor living in our four county diocese. Don't delay! This event sells out every year. Space is limited to the first 144 golfers so please sign up now for this great day of fun while helping the most vulnerable of our neighbors. For all information on pricing, tee time, sponsorships and prize donations, please contact Heather Rady at 724-837-1840 or visit their website at: www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org to register online.



You are invited to attend a Pittsburgh Pirates Game Night on Thursday, July 21st, at 7:05 P.M. *Pittsburgh Pirates vs Milwaukee Brewers & Fireworks Night!* Join Father Ken Zaccagnini for a bus ride to PNC Park; All You Can Eat Game Seats (including hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, pop, salad, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream—water is **not** included but you may bring **unopened** water into PNC Park); Zambelli Post Game fireworks. **Only 50 tickets remain...get yours today!** The cost includes your bus ride and ticket: \$60.00/ticket (cash or check - payable to St. Margaret Mary Church). Children under 32" tall are FREE (but must sit on parent's lap). To purchase tickets, please email: smmp@smmlb.org or call 724-335-2336. On Thursday, July 21st, the bus leaves St. Margaret Mary parking lot at 5:30 P.M. (*The price for your ticket is the same if you choose to drive on your own and meet at PNC Park*). The fireworks are immediately following the game and the bus leaves PNC Park immediately after the fireworks.



Our Lady of Victory, 1319 Low Grade Road, Harwick, will be holding a "Junk in the Trunk Sale"/Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August 20th. Sale set-up begins at 7:00 A.M. Each space is \$10.00. Sale is from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. \$5.00 includes 3 pancakes, sausage/bacon, juice, coffee, water, and tea.

Your Community News



Freeport Theater Festival, celebrating their 27th Summer Season, presents "Massey Harbison", written and directed by parishioner *Renick Steele*. Help celebrate a local folk heroine! Remaining performance dates are July 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Curtain time is 7:00 P.M. Ticket prices - \$15.00/General; \$12.00/Senior; \$10.00/Student. Theater is located on The Steel Farm in Allegheny Township, two miles southeast of Freeport off Rt. 356 on 2498 White Cloud Road. Tickets/information/directions, call Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR

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

Verne Bergstrom

Alex Smith

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea; Akina Boynton
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd
Hadley Hellgren

Laura Huth
John Nemcek
Carol Carson

Lisa Boylan

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

Bill Cogley

Dave Wesolosky

Kathy Conley

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 16th ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 17th ✦ Joseph Rezak (Wife) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 18th ✦ Domenica & George Seitam (Pat & Bill Davis)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 19th ✦ Thomas E. Cornman, Sr. (Patty Babinsak)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	July 20th ✦ John Costantino (Jobe & Cindy Harbison) Youth of the Parish at Riverside Park
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 21st ✦ Rose Pesci (Estate)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 22nd ✦ Mark Shearer (Friend)

MASSES FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 23rd ✦ Helen Murphy (Maryellyn & Bill Bale)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 24th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Mary Ann Hoffman (Theresa & Robert Zylinski)



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **MARTHA KERR** By **Helen Goodman**



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **EDWARD LEWANDOWSKI & FAMILY** By **George Lewandowski**

Collections

Offertory Collection for July 10th, 2016
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 588
No. of Envelopes Received: 234
Collection: Offertory - \$5,113.50
Loose - \$319.00
Children - \$21.80
Candle Money - \$95.00
THANK YOU!



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