



# St. Mary, Mother of God

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July 24th, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Office Information

**Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :**  
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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



I would like to thank those who have been involved with Vacation Bible Camp this past week (July 18th-22nd) - the coordinators, Gennifer Svitek and Helen James, the many volunteers, teachers, youth and all those who in one way or another shared their time, talents and treasure. VBC was made possible and successful because of your support and efforts put into one. The children had fun and enjoyed themselves.

Secondly, the parish youth mass on July 20th at the Riverside was something that St. Mary's never did before. It was a way of commemorating how the faith was brought to Freeport. How priests would come down the river in a canoe to administer to people sacramentally like baptism and communion to Catholic families, and this happened as early as 1801. Can you believe that humble beginning? Until later, Fr. Patrick O' Neil arrived in the year 1826 to help build up the Church where people could have a place to worship and celebrate the Eucharist.

Thanks to our forefathers. They helped us build our faith and our Christian values. We have the patrimony of St. Mary, Mother of God Church for 190 years now because of them and the people who were willing to preserve and share what they have inherited.

It is an honor to have such legacy. Now it is our role to actively be involved and take care of it, to continue to impart to our families and friends, to our young generations as they are the future of our Church who will continue to perpetuate our beautiful Church history and faith journey.

## A Life of Stewardship

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

**Psalm** — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. James

**Tuesday:** Ss. Joachim and Anne;  
World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland

**Friday:** St. Martha

**Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;  
Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### THE MARK OF THE MAKER

*If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.—St. Anthony of Padua*

# PARISH NEWS

## Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to the proud parents, James and Rachel Glath, III, on the baptism of their son, Noah Richard.

Congratulations to the proud parents, Mark and Jennifer Liti, on the baptism of their son, Ryder Thomas.

They are children of God, heirs to the Kingdom!



### Learning about Divine Mercy Week 8

**Divine  
mercy**

The last two weeks have been about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We now know that it is an intercessory prayer that extends the Eucharistic offering of Jesus Christ and that we are praying to the Father that all that Jesus suffered for us might not be wasted, but might bring about our salvation. What we receive is the outpouring of all the graces needed for true repentance and conversion, even for a hardened sinner who cannot or will not pray for himself and this gives us a good hope! At the end of the chaplet, we pray a very old prayer that can be traced back to 400 A.D., "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us, and on the whole world." It is the Greek phrase, Trisagion, which translates as "Thrice Holy." The Chaplet ends precisely where our merciful Savior wants to bring each and every one of us: into the embrace of the Blessed Trinity. "Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, the things that God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9)

**SUMMER  
of  
mercy**

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. Once you sign up, you will receive three emails per week for seven weeks, with the last week ending Thursday, August 4th. Every Tuesday and Thursday you will receive an email with a 1-2 minute video from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic voices of our time. Each Sunday you 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/>

### 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

# PARISH NEWS—CONTINUED

## 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.  
**August 10th** "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.

## Around the Diocese and Beyond.....



**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](http://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 two remaining opportunities to attend: Wednesday, August 3rd, Our Lady of Grace, Greensburg; and Saturday, September 3rd, St. Rita Church in Connellsville. If you would like additional information or to make a reservation, please send your request to: [vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Pastoral Ministry

Final 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. Contact Marsha Kable at 724-837-0901 for all information.



The parish family of St. Mary's warmly welcomes all the players, coaches, parents and family members who will be with us this week for the Freeport International Baseball Invitational, and who just might be celebrating Mass with us this weekend. Have a good week and if your schedule permits, please visit us next weekend before departing for home.



**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 by emailing her at: [momfogarty@gmail.com](mailto:momfogarty@gmail.com); or calling - 724-294-0089 no later than Tuesday, September 6th.



**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](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) to register online.



**Mt. St. Peter Parish** will sponsor the 34th Annual Italian Golf Invitational on Friday, August 19th and is seeking golfers for the event. All proceeds will benefit the youth ministry and youth programs of the parish. Cost is \$125.00/per golfer and includes: 18 holes w/cart, two meals, prizes and giveaways. Non-Golfers can join them for dinner for \$30.00. If you would like additional information, please contact Kathy at 724-335-9877 or by emailing: [kwalttonbaugh@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kwalttonbaugh@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## Your Community News



**Freeport Theater Festival**, celebrating their 27th Summer Season, is presenting "Massey Harbison", written and directed by parishioner *Rennick Steele*. Help celebrate a local folk heroine! The remaining performance dates are July 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, please call Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 30TH & 31ST, 2016

*Altar Servers*

*Extraordinary  
Ministers  
Of Holy Communion*

*Lector*

*Organist*

*Cantor*

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

Bill Girardi  
Dave Brestensky  
Fred Walker

Jackie DeFelice  
Patty Hughes  
Deb Showers

Tim Fogarty

Verne Bergstrom

Jamie Phillips

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

Robert Kolish; Katie Huth  
Breanna & Olivia Sutara  
Eva DeMeno

Betty Lou Nemcek  
Rose Check  
Lisa Boylan

Susan Shea

Dave Wesolosky

TBA

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

Marie Pelliccione  
Megan & Garrett Rossey  
Mason DeMeno; Paige Liti

Debbie Baustert  
Melissa Schaeffer  
Doree Rossey

Rob Svitek

Dave Wesolosky

Joel Schaeffer

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**MASSES FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** July 23rd  
4:00 P.M. ✦Helen Murphy (Maryellyn & Bill Bale)

**SUNDAY:** July 24th  
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. ✦Mary Ann Hoffman (Theresa & Robert Zylinski)

**MONDAY:** July 25th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Aaron Myers (Ken, Patty Hughes & Girls)

**TUESDAY:** July 26th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Pat Chahoy (Michael and Mariann Chahoy)

**WEDNESDAY:** July 27th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Joseph Hager (Dorothy McKinney)

**THURSDAY:** July 28th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Jim Negley (Bob & Diane Grant)

**FRIDAY:** July 29th  
8:00 A.M. ✦Joseph & Dorothy Mollica (Janis & Dave Harbison)

**MASSES FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** July 30th  
4:00 P.M. ✦Regis Barr (Edna Barr)

**SUNDAY:** July 31st  
8:30 A.M. ✦Walter Sliviak (Family)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated 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  
**RICHARD BAYNE**



By  
**Friends of Tim & Bridget Fogarty**

## Collections

**Offertory Collection for July 17th, 2016**

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 588  
No. of Envelopes Received: 202  
Collection: Offertory - \$5,763.00  
Loose - \$202.00  
Children - \$19.35  
Collection for West Virginia Flooding Victims - \$1,184.00  
**THANK YOU!**



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