



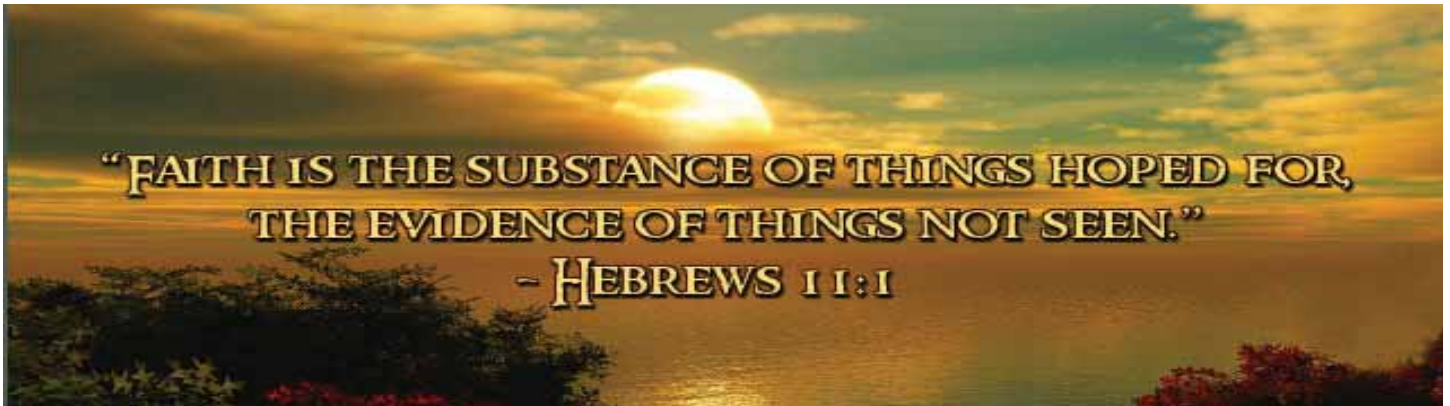
St. Mary, Mother of God

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



Established 1826

August 7th, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



Mission Co-op Next Sunday

Every summer, as part of the Mission Co-op Program, the Diocese of Greensburg welcomes missionary groups and mission dioceses from around the world. They are assigned parishes within the Diocese of Greensburg to visit and share information regarding their missionary work and evangelization efforts in their respective diocese. They come also to request the support of your prayers and to make a financial appeal for their needs.

Last year, we were able to help the Diocese of Gallop, New Mexico wherein Fr. Dan Kosis came and shared with us, within the mass, how he personally worked with the poor people and different tribes where most of them live in the reservation camp with no electricity and proper housing.

This year, we will have Fr. Ben Cammayo, representing the Diocese of Daet, from the Philippines, where I came from. He will be with us the weekend of August 13th and 14th for the Mission Co-op Appeal.

The Diocese of Daet is a small diocese that was established in 1974, located in the province of Camarines Norte, southeast of Manila. It has an area of 896 square miles with a total population of 583,313, of which 93.5% are Catholics. There are 28 parishes and three quasi parishes administered by 62 priests. Vocation to the priesthood is great for they have 53 seminarians studying in the seminary right now.

But unfortunately, because the majority of the people are poor and depend largely on agriculture with grain crops and coconuts as their means of living, they cannot contribute much to the Church, and I can attest to that being assigned in a small, remote parish in the Diocese of Daet before coming to the United States. They walk several miles to attend Sunday mass because they don't own a car. They have no envelopes to offer, but they have their produce carried to be offered in the mass. I admire their simple living, and their hearts are full of hope, faith and love.

This is the reason why of 560,000 (93.5%) Catholics, they have only 28 parishes and three quasi parishes serving them as compared to the Diocese of Greensburg with 78 parishes serving 170,000 Catholics. And so the Diocese of Daet is making a lot of efforts to build more Churches for people to have a place of worship accessible to them without having to walk so many miles in order to attend mass, at the same time trying to support the growing number of priestly vocations and the demands for evangelization. So please be generous to our Mission Co-op appeal next Sunday.

May God bless you and your family for your generosity!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Dominic
Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Wednesday: St. Lawrence
Thursday: St. Clare
Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday: Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

BE NOT DECEIVED

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you. —St. Clare



PARISH NEWS

Learning about Divine Mercy Week 10



More about the image of the Divine Mercy: Jesus said about the painting, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: *Jesus, I trust in You.*" Trust is the means...the conduit through which we receive the graces the Lord so longs to give. "The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" (Diary 1578). Unfortunately, in our relationship with God, distrust often comes more easily than trust... remember what we talked about back in week 2 about Adam and Eve. The image is meant to heal wounds in our hearts. Jesus meant for us to spend time in looking at it and contemplating his mercy and love for us. "O, Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You!" (Diary 84) More about the painting's symbolism next week...

CALENDAR of Events

- August 10th "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
- August 12th-14th "Spirit of St. Mary's" - Freeport Theater - 7:00 P.M.
- August 13th-14th Mission Co-op; Donut Social
- August 17th "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
- August 19th-21st "Spirit of St. Mary's" - Freeport Theater - 7:00 P.M.
- August 24th "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.
- August 26-28th "Spirit of St. Mary's" - Freeport Theater - 7:00 P.M.
- August 31st "Biking for God" - 6:30 P.M.

Freeport Theatre Festival celebrates its 27th Season

A new historical drama about the life of a church and its people during the best and worst of times: 1800-1904

Spirit of St. Mary's

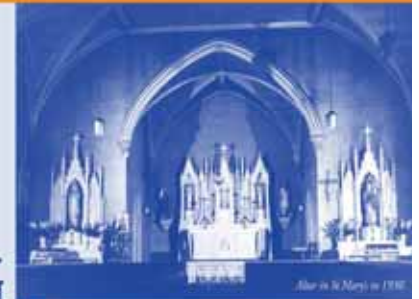
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
RENNICK STEELE



Performance Dates: Friday, Saturday, Sunday
August 12, 13, 14 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 in 2016

Curtain: 7:00 p.m.

Freeport Theater Footlights Gallery:
Freeport Through the Looking Glass: Classic collectibles
and the Lavender Tea Room



No person is an iceberg drifting on the ocean of history. Each one of us belongs to a great family in which we have our own place and our own role to play. In Rennick Steele's new historical drama, Spirit of St. Mary's, we follow the early family members of a church in a river town yet to be built.

Our story begins after the Revolutionary War, a period marked by the currents of liberty, conscience and self-determination; and, it continues through the Civil War and ends in 1904, a new century of possibilities and dangers unforeseen. A beloved saint wrote: "Life is a talent entrusted to us so that we can transform it and increase it, making it a gift to others." (St. John Paul II)

Spirit of St. Mary's is about that 190 year-old gift. Our story begins with a priest, in a canoe, and a lantern guiding him along the river—come and take that ride in the canoe with us and be touched by history.



General Information

Ticket Prices:

\$15/12/10
(General Admission/Military/Seniors/Student)

Location:

The Steele Farm in Allegheny Township
Nestled in the northern tip of the Laurel Highlands



Two miles southeast of Freeport
off Rte. 356 on White Cloud Road

Information:

Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934
or www.freeporttheatrefestival.org



Pre-Theatre Dinner:

River Forest Country Club
Seating at 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Reservations a must: 724-295-2298

Handicap Accessible Free Parking



"Come play with us."

If you have a secret wish to participate in the life of a theatrical production:

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RCIA—Anyone who may be interested in becoming Catholic, please call Fr. Ron or Bill Girardi at 724-295-2281. We will be forming our Rite Of Christian Initiation team soon. Anyone who has not been baptized can be guided through a process which will be highlighted by reception of the sacraments of initiation at our Easter Vigil Liturgy. Anyone who was baptized in another tradition can also join in a parallel process whereby they would take steps to make their profession of faith and be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. The RCIA process is a wonderful experience.



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 would like to attend by emailing: momfogarty@gmail.com or calling her at 724-294-0089 no later than Tuesday, September 6th.

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.

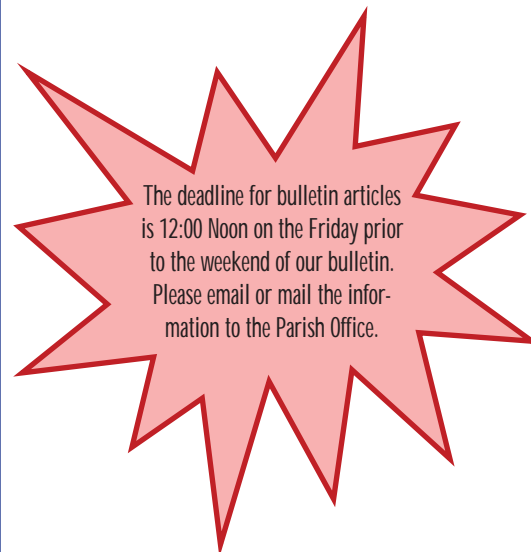
St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request / Change

Name: _____


Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

_____ New Registration _____ Change Address/Phone
_____ Moving




Around the Diocese and Beyond.....

 **Next weekend**, our parish will be participating in the Greensburg Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan and we will welcome *Fr. Ben Cammayo*, representing the Diocese of Daet, from the Philippines. Please prayerfully consider a donation to support their mission work. Envelopes are attached in today's bulletin and will be collected next week. Please be generous!


 **Registration for Pathways 2016-2017** - God calls, invites, encourages and helps us move forward in the life of Christian discipleship. Ignite your imagination about what it means to be known by our Christ-likeness as we follow Jesus who is "the Way." Join Pathways and discover how together we are called and gifted by God for others. The host sites are: St. Edward Church, Herminie on Wednesday evenings and Christ the King Church, Leechburg on Thursday evenings. For additional information or to register online, please visit: <http://goo.gl/ddf0ak> or contact the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, 724-552-2598; pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Financial assistance is available from the Francis Fund.

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. For more information, please contact Kathy at 724-335-9877 or by emailing: kwalttonbaugh@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

 **St. Joseph High School** is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Visit their website at: www.SaintJosephHS.com or contact the Admissions Office - Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92 at 724-226-4932 or email her at: admissions@saintjosephhs.com.

 **A Card Party** sponsored by the Christian Mothers of St. Joseph Church, Cabot, will be held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, August 8th. A donation of \$5.00 includes lunch followed by the card party. Also for sale will be USA-made RADA cutlery, plus Butler Flavorings (dark & clear vanilla; maple and almond).

 **Spend a summer day at La Roche College!** Whether you are going to be in 11th or 12th grade this coming fall 2016 or you recently graduated from high school but haven't decided on a college, they would love to show you around their campus! At Summer Visit Days, you'll learn more about their college, the admissions process and financial aid. While you're at La Roche, located in the beautiful Town of McCandless in Allegheny County, you will be able to tour the buildings and grounds and also enjoy a picnic-style lunch! The event begins on Friday, August 12th, at 10:00 A.M. and ends by 1:00 P.M. Register directly online at: laroche.edu. (Groups can register by calling 800-838-4LRC or 412-536-1272.) Questions? Email: admissions@LaRoche.edu or call 412-536-1272. La Roche College is a private, nonprofit, Catholic, co-educational institution.

 **Brighter Day Learning Center**, a ministry of Harvest Community Church, is currently looking for preschool teachers and aides for the fall. The Center is Christian based, therefore, they are seeking staff members who love JESUS, love kids, and want to spend their days investing in the next generation. A degree is desired for the preschool teaching position, but not required if you have prior experience teaching children. Clearances and a physical are required. If you would like to work in a Christian atmosphere, love children, and want to make the difference in the lives of children and families, please contact Deb Beswarick at Harvest Community Church: 724-548-5643, Ext. 44, or email: debbiebeswarick@harvestpa.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 13TH & 14TH, 2016

Altar Servers

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

Lector

Organist

Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Dave Brestensky
Bill Girardi
Fred Walker

Jackie DeFelice
Patty Hughes
Deb Showers

Karen Savage

Verne Bergstrom

Jamie Phillips

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Samuel & Jacob Kristine
Ali Brestensky
Riley & Colton Otterman

Laura Huth
John Nemcek
Rose Check

Judy Bergstrom

Tom Koharchik

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Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Marie Pelliccione
Mason DeMeno; Paige Liti
Megan & Garrett Rossey

Doree Rossey
Andre Volek
Dan Lucovich

Marushka Steele

Dave Wesolosky

Joel Schaeffer



MASSES FOR THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY:
4:00 P.M.

August 6th
St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY:
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

August 7th
✦Helen Murphy (Rose & Dave Check)
✦Martha Kerr (David & Cleatus Burk)

MONDAY:
8:00 A.M.

August 8th
✦Don Macurdy (Dr. & Mrs. Balash)

TUESDAY:
8:00 A.M.

August 9th
✦Jim Negley (John & Phyllis Framel)

WEDNESDAY:
8:00 A.M.

August 10th
✦Marcella Adams (Pat & Bill Davis)

THURSDAY:
8:00 A.M.

August 11th
✦Aaron Myers (Ren & Marushka Steele)

FRIDAY:
8:00 A.M.

August 12th
✦Gertrude & Michael Chahoy
(Michael & Mariann Chahoy)

MASSES FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY:
4:00 P.M.

August 13th
✦John Costantino (Bill & Pat Davis)

SUNDAY:
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

August 14th
✦Mary Greenwood (Judy & Larry Lutz)
St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated for this week
in loving memory of
ANGELA & OSCAR MORREEL
By
Daughter & Husband



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in
loving memory of
**MARGARET MARTIN AND THE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
MARTIN/SORICE FAMILY**
By
George & Mary Martin

Collections

Offertory Collection for July 31st, 2016

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 588

No. of Envelopes Received: 223

Collection: Offertory - \$4,928.00

Loose - \$391.00

Children - \$18.75

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Saturday, August 13th, 2016
Charlene Becker