



# St. Mary, Mother of God

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



**Established 1826**

*September 25th, 2016*  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone—Teen Ministry**  
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**John Nemcek—Homebound Ministry**

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**Jean Miller—Christian Mothers**  
**Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray—St. Vincent de Paul Society**

## Office Information

**Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :**  
724-295-2281 (Office) 724-295-3090 (Fax)  
Monday through Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
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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.

## LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today's readings is an oft-told story. *Citizen Kane*, *Daddy Warbucks*, and *King Midas* are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. *Daddy Warbucks* admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. *Kane* tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while *King Midas* conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today's readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don't notice their suffering. God's call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Honor and power to the King of Kings

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've been thinking about names lately, and there is hardly any tradition older than changing one's name when accepting a new vocation in life. In the time of Jesus, people would normally wait until the eighth day after birth for the naming of a child, partly because of the fragility of infant life, when the eighth day would mark the end of a survival crisis, and also because the elders would look for some clues as to the child's identity. In Jewish life then as now, it was not the custom to name a child after a living parent; notice there are no "juniors" in the genealogy of Jesus. Remember also how the relatives complained to Zachary and Elizabeth that no one in their family was ever named John. Then there are the changed names, Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Saul became Paul, Simon became Peter. This spills over into Western culture in many ways, such as British royalty taking new names at coronation. It's anybody's guess, for example, whether the Prince of Wales intends to be King Charles II, or become Henry, or Edward, or George if he wishes.

Members of religious orders have until recent years swapped baptismal names for new ones, and the latest pope made a switch as well. Secular life has many parallels, and movie stars like Cary Grant, Judy Garland, and John Wayne might not have shone so brightly as Archie Leach, Frances Gumm, and Marion Morrison. There are some compelling reasons in our tradition for taking a new name when undertaking a new mission, yet also a clear preference for choosing the right baptismal name from the start! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian

**Tuesday:** St. Vincent de Paul

**Wednesday:** St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;  
St. Wenceslaus

**Thursday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

**Friday:** St. Jerome

**Saturday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5;  
Jn 1:47-51

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 3-14ab;  
Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,  
130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8,  
13-14; Lk 17:5-10

### UNRECOGNIZABLE

*All God's angels come to us disguised.* —James Russell Lowell

# PARISH NEWS

## CALENDAR of Events

**September 28th** Biking for God - 6:30 P.M.  
**September 29th** RCIA - 6:30 P.M. - Conference Room  
**October 2nd** Christian Mother's Mass - 8:30 A.M.  
 Teen Ministry Meeting - 9:25 A.M.  
 Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.  
 Security Guard - "Kera Cromer"  
**October 3rd** Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
**October 7th** Christian Mother's Meeting - 6:30 P.M.  
**October 8th/9th** First Friday Adoration  
 Donut Social - Immediately following Mass  
 Bethlehem Christian Families Sale (after all masses)  
**October 9th** Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.  
 Security Guard - "Kera Cromer"  
 Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
**October 15th** Wedding - Thomas Swisher/Cynthia Neff - 10:00 A.M.  
**October 15th/16th** Baby Bottle Campaign  
**October 16th** Teen Ministry Meeting - 9:25 A.M.  
 Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.  
 Security Guard - "Kera Cromer"  
 Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass  
 Baptism - "Germy" - 12:15 P.M.



**St. Mary Cemetery** - All flowers and flags will be removed by cemetery personnel on October 1st. If arrangements, flowers or flags are wanted, the owners must remove them prior to September 30th.



**Today** is the collection for the *Called By Name* appeal and the *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection*. Again, this week's Gospel cautions us to lift our thoughts and desires above the material world and try to discern how God is calling us to live. Let us generously support the needs of our seminarians and clergy through this collection and help those in our families and parishes who might be candidates for the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. If you forgot your envelope, please bring it to Mass next weekend.



**Baby Bottle Campaign** - The Knights of Columbus will have Life Choices present their Baby Bottle Campaign the weekend of October 15th & 16th. All details will be in next weekend's bulletin.



On October 8th & 9th, representatives from the Bethlehem Christian Families (a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace) will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please visit: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org) and <http://www.bcfmission.com/>

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Join with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada to pray for the end of abortion on **Sunday, October 2nd, 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.** Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for the end of abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Take the family. Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, strollers are welcome. All will assemble in Our Lady of Most Blessed Sacrament's church parking lot in Natrona Heights. **Youth groups, church organizations, Knights of Columbus, all Christians** please prayerfully consider joining in for one hour of prayer to ask Almighty God for His intervention to unite His Church against abortion's horrors. We, as Christians, have to speak for the unborn. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 724-759-0149 or 724-265-4427.

**Christian Mothers** - All members and their families are asked to gather together in front of the Blessed Mother (please arrive at 8:00 A.M.) to recite the rosary and to attend morning Mass on Sunday, October 2nd. The monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. Members are asked to arrive at 6:30 P.M.

### 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.....



The annual Pro-Life Brunch will be held Saturday, October 1st, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. Keynote speaker Father Paul Schenck will address the theme "All Life Matters." Father Schenck — an Episcopalian pastor for twenty years before coming into full Communion with the Catholic Church in 2004 — is married and the father of nine children. He was ordained a priest in 2010 for the Diocese of Harrisburg where he serves as director of Respect Life Activities and Continuing Education for Clergy. Tickets are \$9.00 for students, \$18.00 for adults. If you would like additional information, please contact Millie Krinock at 724-537-2064 or Raissa Federline at: [rsvpf@hotmail.com](mailto:rsvpf@hotmail.com). The deadline to register is Monday, September 26th.



A Mass for the Feast of Guardian Angels will be celebrated on Monday, Oct. 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. at Guardian Angel Church, Nicholson Run. This will be celebrated the day after the feast because it falls on Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend this mass.

## ANNUAL WHITE MASS

**Bishop Edward C. Malesic** will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual White Mass for health care workers October 2nd at 11:30 A.M., at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. All health care personnel are encouraged to attend.



From the acclaimed director of *The Triumph* comes a powerful new film that chronicles the incredible journey of seven strangers who embark across the globe to investigate one of the greatest mysteries of the modern era. *Apparition Hill* is an emotionally charged "cinematic pilgrimage" to the little-known village of Medjugorje nestled along the Croatian-Bosnia-Herzegovina borders. The feature-length documentary is being shown in select theaters. Discover the shared miracle as two atheists, a skeptic, two terminally ill patients, a widower, and a recovering addict learn about life ... and what comes after. Join Jill Mazowiecki, St. Vincent Basilica Parish parishioner and cast member, for two showings of the film on Sunday, October 2nd, at Seton Hill Performing Art Center (Downtown Greensburg – 100 Harrison Avenue.) Show times: 1:15 P.M. and 5:15 P.M. Easy online ticketing available at: [www.apparitionhill.tv/find-a-screening](http://www.apparitionhill.tv/find-a-screening); email for tickets to: [apparitionhillgreensburg@gmail.com](mailto:apparitionhillgreensburg@gmail.com); call Jill - 724-261-1657.

**American Girl Doll Christmas Luncheon**  
**Saturday, October 1st—12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.**  
**Our Lady of Grace Social Hall, Greensburg, PA**



St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, 857 Kenneth Avenue, will host its annual Polish Platter Dinner, Bake Sale & Country Store, Sunday, October 2nd, in Friendship Hall, with eat-ins from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 P.M., and take-outs from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Dinner includes pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, haluski, green beans, roll, and beverage. Dinner donation: \$11.00. Need information? Please call 724-335-8212.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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**SEPTEMBER 28 through NOVEMBER 6**

**40 Day Peaceful vigil in front of Planned Parenthood!** (913 Liberty Ave.) 7am - 7pm every day!

**United Prayer & Fasting!**

**Community Outreach!**

**Kick-off Event Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** 6pm at Memorial Park Church (8800 Pelelio Rd. Allison Park)

Speakers include Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSM, host of WAOB Radio, and Rev. Joseph Stamp, Pastor of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene. Music by Jared D'Amico of INTENT & Aaron Greer

**For more information on how YOU can be involved:**  
 Contact Nikki Brunl, Campaign Director at [nbrunl@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbrunl@40daysforlifepgh.com) or 412-926-9413 or go to [www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh)

We don't need to wait for any election, law or court ruling! **With God ALL things are possible...even ending abortion where we live!**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 Sunday,  
 October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 St. Edward Parish,  
 120 St. Edward Lane, Herminie  
 12:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
 Church Hall  
 Delicious Home-made Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garden Salad, Bread, Beverage, Dessert.  
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## Late Nite Catechism

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> | 7:30pm**  
 Queen of Angels Catholic School  
 One Main Street  
 North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Due to limited parking, busseing will be available from the Immaculate Conception Church Parking lot starting at 6:10pm

To purchase tickets please fill out the form below and return it to Queen of Angels School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_ x \$35      Total Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School  
 Monies generated from this fundraiser are in support of Queen of Angels Catholic School  
 Tickets are non-refundable  
 For questions please call the school office at 724-979-0144 or email [cbortak@queenofangelsch.org](mailto:cbortak@queenofangelsch.org)

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND, 2016

*Altar Servers*

*Extraordinary  
Ministers  
Of Holy Communion*

*Lector*

*Organist*

*Cantor*

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

Bill Girardi Erica Brestensky	Maryellyn Bale Patty Hughes Dave Brestensky	Janice Meola	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
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**Sunday - 8:30 A.M.**

Breanna & Olivia Sutara Katie Huth Eva DeMeno	Laura Huth Carol Carson Cindy Harbison	Lisa Boylan	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
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**Sunday - 11:00 A.M.**

Marie Pelliccione Megan & Garrett Rossey Paige Liti; Mason DeMeno	Helen James Andre Volek Dan Lucovich	Bill Cogley	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
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**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**MASSES FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** September 24th  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Pauline Supik (John Supik)

**SUNDAY:** September 25th  
8:30 A.M. ✦ Joan Sliwiak (Kymer Family)  
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

**MONDAY:** September 26th  
8:00 A.M. Rev. Edward Volz, OSP (Rennick & Marushka Steele)

**TUESDAY:** September 27th  
8:00 A.M. COMMUNION SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY:** September 28th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Patricia Pflugh (Ron & Linda Gallagher & Children)

**THURSDAY:** September 29th  
8:00 A.M. COMMUNION SERVICE

**FRIDAY:** September 30th  
8:00 A.M. ✦ Alma Ebig (Bob & Judy Bergstrom)

**MASSES FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** October 1st  
4:00 P.M. ✦ Don Macurdy (Chris & Ken Elliott & Family)

**SUNDAY:** October 2nd  
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. ✦ William R. Burk (Marthann Larkin)



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
in loving memory of  
**WALTER & HANNAH KONKLE**  
By  
**Bill & Mary Fullerton**

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,  
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in  
loving memory of  
**ALMA EBIG**  
By  
**Bob & Judy Bergstrom**



**Collections**

**Offertory Collection for September 18, 2016**  
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 591  
No. of Envelopes Received: 253  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,862.00  
Loose - \$308.00  
Children - \$34.00  
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