



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



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October 16th, 2016
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRAY

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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



Vacation is over! Back to parish life and ministry. Still have jet lag as I travelled back from the Philippines for more than twenty-four hours in the air. It may take a few days to get back to my normal body clock, but I would like to thank everyone for making the parish run smoothly with no worries—the staff, the priests who covered for me, the extra ordinary ministers of holy communion who presided the communion service for the parish in my absence. Thank you all!

If there is one thing I learned during the month I was away, it is the fact that vacations are always good and relaxing, especially if it is spent with your family and friends. It is priceless, especially the joy and fun you bring to them. But as the vacation comes to an end, you wish that it can be extended for you realize that the days went by so fast and you want to still spend time with your family and friends. But as somebody said, you cannot always have everything you want. In every beginning, there will always be an end, but what is important is the story you create. A story that can be reminisced and remembered because of the goodness and joy you have shared with others, especially with your family and loved ones.

I remember when I treated my mom by taking her to Hong Kong and Macau for five days after my sister's wedding. Without even asking how she felt travelling for the first time abroad, her eyes exuded with joy and excitement. Even though she was limping while walking because of her arthritis and hip problem, that did not seem to bother her. All I remember was seeing a happy face, especially when she asked for pictures to places we had visited. Upon going back home, she was excited to share her experiences with her grandchildren and friends.

Truly the memories we create depends on how we spend our time. It doesn't matter whether we are rich or poor, young or old, or we live a longer or shorter life. What is important is if we are able to do good and make others happy, even by our own simple ways.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was recently canonized as a saint said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love. Spread love everywhere you go and let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

MEMORIES

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; National Boss Day

Tuesday: St. Luke

Wednesday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday: St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

HAPPY ARE THEY

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have. —Anonymous

190th Anniversary



PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR of Events

October 20th RCIA - 6:30 P.M. - Christian Mothers' Room
October 22nd "Biking for God" - 9:00 A.M.
 Baptism - "O'Donnell" - 5:15 P.M.
October 23rd Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.
 Security Guard - "James Zollinger"
October 24th Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
October 27th Fall Card Party
 RCIA - 6:30 P.M. - Christian Mothers' Room

Around the Diocese.....



A diocesan organized *Day of Mercy* will be held in Armstrong County on October 22nd. The day is designed to encourage participants to gather in prayer, engage in service or a corporal work of mercy, then celebrate Mass and have a light dinner with Bishop Edward C. Malesic. The Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 P.M., at Christ Prince of Peace, Ford City, one of the designated Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Churches in the diocese. Dinner will follow at Divine Redeemer School. For more details, visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org; call 724-837-0901, Ext. 1244.

Fall Card Party

Monday, October 24th
 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. in
 our Fellowship Hall
 Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
 Cost - \$10.00/person
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 Refreshments
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Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, is hosting a HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY on Saturday, October 22nd! Costumes are optional - (clothing REQUIRED!). Doors open at 7:00 P.M. and a buffet starts at 8:00. Beer is provided or you may BYOB. Fun is guaranteed with DJ "Mixmasters" providing dance music from 8:00 P.M. to Midnight! Tickets are \$25.00/person or \$40.00/couple. The number of tickets is LIMITED, don't delay! Call 724-845-8191 for tickets or information.



This weekend, the Knights of Columbus will have Life Choices present their Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles will be available for everyone to take home and fill with loose change, bills or checks and return to our church within the next couple of weeks. By participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign, you will be touching and SAVING LIVES!!! Please be generous!

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
 Moving

Change Address/Phone

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World". Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD, 2016

Altar Servers

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Lector

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Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Brandon Bowser	Maryellyn Bale	Jackie DeFelice	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
Zachary Bowser	Bill Girardi			
Kennedi Clark	Dave Brestensky			

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea; Akina Boynton	Lisa Boylan	Laura Huth	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd	Carol Carson			
Hadley Hellgren	Cindy Harbison			

Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celeste Beacom	Helen James	Debbie Baustert	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
Victor Svitek; Evan Giori	Andre Volek			
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer	Dan Lucovich			

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: October 15th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)

SUNDAY: October 16th
8:30 A.M. ✦ Deceased Members of the Stewart/Policicchio Families (The Policicchio's)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

MONDAY: October 17th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Rev. Dominick DeBlasio (Tom & Clarissa Brestensky & Family)

TUESDAY: October 18th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Rosemary Aiello (Betty Canterna)

WEDNESDAY: October 19th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Leonard Stanoski (Wife—Norma Jane)


THURSDAY: October 20th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Fr. Louis Cheatham (Robert & Diane Grant)

FRIDAY: October 21st
8:00 A.M. ✦ Helen Murphy (Carol Carson)


MASSES FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: October 22nd
4:00 P.M. ✦ William Jansen (Family)

SUNDAY: October 23rd
8:30 A.M. ✦ Bernadette Fearing-Kelly (Dave & Lois Posney & Family)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **THOMAS J. RYKACESKI, JR.**
By **Martina & Tom Brestensky**



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **JOHN BONO**
By **Bob & Mary Ann Skwirut**


Collections

Offertory Collection for October 9th, 2016
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 591
No. of Envelopes Received: 223
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