



St. Mary, Mother of God

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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Roman Catholic Church
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Established 1826

May 21st, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sanctify Christ As Lord In Your Heart

1 Peter 3:15

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Office Information

Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :
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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.

From the Pastor's Desk



Last Saturday, we celebrated the 100th Year Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparition and as a parish, we had the blessing and dedication of the image of Our Lady of Fatima at Fr. Dom's Prayer Garden on that day.

But Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence for this centennial celebration which actually began November 27th, 2016, and will continue until November 27th, 2017. So this is another opportunity to receive spiritual graces.

There are three ways that we can obtain the plenary indulgence, as given in a statement from the Fatima Shrine in Portugal:

1. *The faithful must go to confession and communion, be interiorly detached from sin and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. These are the ordinary conditions.*

2. *Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. To the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal and participate in prayer dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, you will receive a plenary indulgence. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Blessed Mother.*

3. *To those who cannot go on a pilgrimage to the Shrine in Fatima due to age, illness and/or other personal reasons, can also receive a plenary indulgence if he/she visits, with devotion, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in any church, oratory (especially on the days of the anniversaries of the apparitions, the 13th of each month to October, 2017). He/she must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.*

Let us take this opportunity to receive the grace of plenary indulgence through the centennial celebration of Our Lady of Fatima.

PLENARY INDULGENCE



Our first Ethnicity (Heritage) Day will be held on Pentecost "Saturday", June 3rd, in our Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 4:00 P.M. Mass. The evening will include homemade ethnic foods, including appetizers, salads, main course foods and desserts by those families and/or individuals attending. Registration forms are located at all of the church entrances. Please fill one out and place in the collection basket or drop off at the Administrative Office *no later than Friday, June 2nd.*

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If you have any questions, please contact Beth Macurdy at: bmacurdy@ufcw.org or call her at 724-295-9411.

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

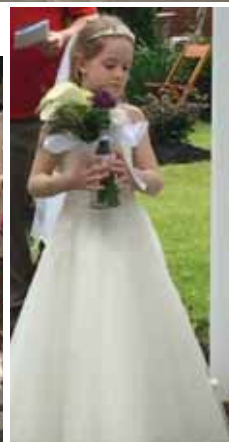
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Change Address/Phone

Dedication of the Our Lady of Fatima Statue in Fr. Dom's Prayer Garden



Procession from Prayer Garden to Church



May Crowning



Calendar of Events

- May 25th *Holyday - The Ascension of the Lord—Masses at 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.; Parish Office Closed*
- May 28th *Baccalaureate Mass—8:30 A.M. followed by continental breakfast - Fellowship Hall; Deadline for Red Geranium orders*
- May 29th *Memorial Day—Mass at 9:00 A.M. - St. Mary Cemetery; Parish Office Closed*
- June 2nd *First Friday—Benediction at 6:30 P.M.*
- June 3rd *Heritage Dinner—5:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall*
- June 4th *Christian Mother's Mass—8:30 A.M.*
- June 10th *Homebound Dinner—4:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall*
- June 11th *Donut & Beverage Social after morning masses; Final Meeting for Pilgrimage—5:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall*
- June 21st *Drug Awareness Program—7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall*

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

- Diocesan Target - \$43,279.00
- Parish Target - \$68,279.00
- Pledges to Date - \$95,993.00
- Pledges Paid to Date - \$72,181.60
- Number of Donors - 301
- Diocesan Target Achieved!
- Parish Goal Achieved!

Thank You!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Red Geranium forms may be found at all of the church entrances. Completed forms and money may be placed in a marked envelope (Geraniums) and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Administrative Center no later than Sunday, Monday, May 28th. Flowers may be taken home immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.



Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Sunday, May 28th, at 8:30 A.M. Invitations along with registration forms were mailed out to seniors that we have on our parish records, but we would also like to extend an invitation to any graduating seniors from new families who have joined our parish recently and possibly did not receive a personal invitation. Following Mass, the Christian Mothers will host a continental breakfast for the seniors and their families in our Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, place your registration form in the collection basket in an envelope marked "GRADUATION" or call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 no later than Monday, May 22nd. Also, there is a sign-up sheet located at the back of the church. Your parish family here at St. Mary's wishes to extend to you congratulations on your accomplishment and will pray that God continues to guide you in your lives ahead.



Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 25th
Masses—8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.



To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. **The next class scheduled for this year will be held on Thursday, June 8th.** To register, call Mark and Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.



Today's Diocesan Collection will be for The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Contributions help continue the work of communicating the Gospel at home and around the world. Please be generous!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 27TH & 28TH, 2017

Altar Servers

*Extraordinary
Ministers
Of Holy Communion*

Lector

Organist

Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Bill Girardi
Fred Walker
Dawson Gaillot

Stella Aul
Deb Showers
Dave Valencic

Dave Brestensky

Verne Bergstrom

Jamie Phillips

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea; Akina Boynton
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd
Hadley Hellgren

Pat Ralston
Kim Holbein
Betty Lou Nemcek

Susan Shea

Dave Wesolosky

Choir

Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Marie Pelliccione
Mason DeMeno; Evan Giori
Megan Rossey; Paige Liti

Lisa Isenberg
Doree Rossey
Marushka Steele


Pat Westerman

Tom Koharchik


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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

<u>MASSES FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u>	
SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	May 20th ✦ Russell Stewart (The Policicchio's)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	May 21st ✦ Family & Esther Smith (Daughter—Millie) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 22nd ✦ Shirley Erb (Rich & Karen Brestensky)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 23rd ✦ Helen Murphy (Mary Lou Wilson)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 24th ✦ Louise & Dena Poretti (Daughter—Norma Jane)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	May 25th—The Ascension of the Lord ✦ Dawn Heilman (Family) St. Mary Parishioners
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	May 26th ✦ Jerold Mazurowski (John & Jeannie Mazurowski)
<u>MASSES FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u>	
SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	May 27th ✦ Martha Kerr (Betty Canterna)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	May 28th ✦ Kenneth Hughes (Mike & Gloria DeMeno) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **CHERYL KRZEMINSKI**
By **Patty & Ed Kriger**




In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **JORDAN & SNYDER FAMILIES**
By **Ron & Nancy Jordan Snyder**

Collections


Offertory Collection for May 14th, 2017

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 592
No. of Envelopes Received: 194
Collection: Offertory - \$4,517.00
Electronic Payments (1) - \$20.00
Loose - \$435.00
Children - \$27.50
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Betty Canterna and Janice Meola

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