

Happy Father's Day
June 18th, 2017



Dear fathers and grandfathers, You are a beautiful witness to the love of God, who is our Father in heaven. I pray that you stay close to your children in love, just as St. Joseph was close the Child Jesus; I pray that your love will always grow with your wives, just as St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary were deeply in love.

From the Pastor's Desk



As we celebrate Corpus Christi this Sunday, we also celebrate Father's Day. Corpus Christi is a celebration that recognizes the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, and once received, we believe that it is the Body and Blood of Christ. So we give importance to it and once in the Blessed Sacrament, we give due honor and respect. In a similar way, as we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, we recognize and give honor to all fathers who became part of our lives, who showed great love and care, support and inspiration. We want to thank and appreciate them.

And I think none of you can ever be proud enough of being the child of such a Father who has not his equal in this world - so great, so good and so loving. There has been probably a moment when you have stopped to wonder the matchless importance of your dad in your lives. Their influence is infinite, their presence is incomparable! They have been a pillar of strength for you and their unconditional love has never demanded anything from you other than your love and respect. Celebrate the spirit of Father's Day with this adorable story and cherish the presence of your father in your life.

Jonathan's mother died when he was very young and his father brought him up. Both of them shared a very special relationship. Jonathan loved to play football and his father made sure that he was always there to cheer his son at every game, even if Jonathan wasn't a part of the playing team. Jonathan, being small sized, wasn't allowed to play on the main team. Nevertheless, he continued with his practice with full determination. Everyone thought Jonathan would never be able to make it on the team, though somehow, his determination carried him through. The coach, seeing his diligence and dedication, decided to keep him on the roster.

One day during practice, the coach met him with a telegram. Jonathan was shocked to read the message contained in it. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Will it be all right if I miss practice today?" The coach gently put his arm around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son, and don't even plan to come to the game on Saturday." On the day of the game, Jonathan's college team was losing badly to the rival team. The coach and the players had all lost hope when they saw Jonathan coming towards them. Jonathan ran up to the coach and pleaded with him to allow him to play in the game. At first, the coach wouldn't allow him to play. However, after a lot of persuasion, the coach gave in. No sooner Jonathan joined the team on the field, their scores started to improve and before long, the teams were tied.

However, the real cheer came during the crucial closing seconds when he intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. His team members were ecstatic. The crowd came running towards him to celebrate the win. After the match, the coach went up to Jonathan, who was seated alone in the corner of the locker room and asked, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"



Diocesan Lenten Appeal



Diocesan Target - \$43,279.00
Parish Target - \$68,279.00
Pledges to Date - \$106,820.00
Pledges Paid to Date - \$85,948.80
Number of Donors - 311

Diocesan & Parish Targets Achieved!

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A nointing of the Sick Mass for our Homebound



Dinner for our Homebound



Calendar of Events

July 4th	Independence Day—Parish Office Closed
July 6th-16th	St. Mary's Pilgrimage to Spain
July 7th	First Friday
July 8th/9th	Donut & Beverage Social—After all weekend masses
July 16th	Baptism—12:15 P.M. - "Mehall"
July 24th-28th	Vacation Bible Camp—5:30 - 8:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall



St. Mary Cemetery is in need of someone to help with the grass trimming and light labor work. You would need to be available one or two days a week from April to November. If you are interested, call Richard Bertino, at 724-295-3632 (home) or 724-602-5986 (cell).



Do you have a prayer request or intention? Would you like to join our group that prays for these requests? If you are interested, please contact Barb Coyle at 724-295-2607 or email her at: coyle@zoominternet.net. She will email or phone you each week with the prayer requests as they are received. You may also leave your prayer requests online at: <http://www.stmaryfreeport.com/prayer-request> or enter them in the green prayer intention book that is located in the back of church.



The annual collection for Peter's Pence and the Support of the Holy See will be held June 24th-25th. Peter's Pence helps fund the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency relief assistance for people suffering from war, oppression and natural disasters. This collection also helps the diocese meet its obligation to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of the Holy See.



St. Margaret Mary Festival of Friendship – 3055 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell—June 23rd and 24th. Food booths open at 4:00 P.M., rides and games open at 6:00 P.M. Featuring delicious food by local restaurants and caterers, entertainment, kiddie rides, games, bingo, and baskets. RAIN OR SHINE. No pets permitted on festival grounds. (Please note: the St. Margaret Mary Saturday evening Mass on June 24th is scheduled for 4:00 instead of 5:00 P.M. because of the festival.)



Freeport Golf Team Outing

Buffalo Golf Course – Sarver, PA

Sunday, July 30, 2017

\$80.00 per golfer



Please return this registration form along with a non-refundable full payment by July 1, 2017

Golfer Information:

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The Freeport Golf Boosters thank you for your participation!

For more information, contact Robin Zeppuhar - Freeport Golf Boosters President

724-294-9166 or e-mail at zepp@zoominternet.net

Mail registration & payment to: **Freeport Golf Boosters**

c/o Sue Zurisko – Secretary

123 Doyle Road

Sarver, PA 16055

Golf Outing Sunday, July 30, 2017

12:15 Registration/Check In

1:15 Four Person Scramble/Shotgun Start

6:00 Dinner and Prizes to follow Golfing

(Dinner available for non-golfing spouses or guest for \$20)

Dress code: Collared shirts, slacks or Bermuda length shorts. No denim, t-shirts or cutoffs.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 24TH & 25TH, 2017

Altar Servers

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Lector

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Cantor

Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Brandon & Zachary Bowser
Kennedi & Lauren Clark

Stella Aul
Deb Showers
Dave Valencic

Janice Meola

Verne Bergstrom

Jamie Phillips

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd
Eva DeMeno

Laura Huth
Lisa Boylan
Rose Check

Judy Bergstrom

Tom Koharchik

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Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celeste Beacom
Victor & Olivia Svitek
Mason DeMeno

Bill Cogley
Patty Hughes
Melissa Schaeffer

Pat Westerman

Dave Wesolosky

Kathy Conley

Mass Intentions


FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST


SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 17th All Fathers—Living & Deceased
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 18th St. Mary Parishioners and All Fathers—Living & Deceased All Fathers—Living & Deceased
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 19th ✦George & Domenica Seitam (Pat & Bill Davis)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 20th ✦Jane Thompson (Ron & Peggy Thompson)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 21st ✦Bina Noble (Richard, Barbara, David & Kathy & Todd)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 22nd ✦Leonard Stanoski (Wife—Norma Jane)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	June 23rd ✦Wilma Kelly (Posney & Rezak Families)

MASSES FOR THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	June 24th ✦Aaron Myers (The Myers Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	June 25th ✦John & Mary Rita Smith (Sister—Millie) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **THOMAS CORNMAN, SR.**
By *Grandchildren*




In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **JOHN BONO**
By *Lola Bono*

Collections

Offertory Collection for June 11th, 2017

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 588
No. of Envelopes Received: 208
Collection: Offertory - \$4,462.00
Electronic Payments (10) - \$430.00
Loose - \$363.00
Children - \$18.35
Catholic Accent - \$17.00
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Many of our parish families are planning to get away for summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of happy memories. However, please don't take your parish offering with you. Each summer Sunday offerings decrease, but our bills remain the same. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider on-line Banking. It's simple and safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away! When signing up, remember to provide your envelope number.

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