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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 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 home-bound. 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.
A Blessing Box in front of Freeport Historical Church

Last Tuesday, when I was on my way to Redmond Funeral Home to do the prayer service for +John Rassau, I saw a Blessing Box in front of the Freeport Historical Church. Perhaps some of you also saw it and you are curious to know what this Blessing Box is all about. Well, I can tell you that this Blessing Box is one of the efforts of the Ministerium in Freeport.

Ministerium is an association of clergy from various denominations who come together to accomplish a specific purpose, often to build collegiality and to meet or address socioeconomic needs in the community. And that means St. Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church and Sower’s Chapel in Sarver are the composition of Freeport’s Ministerium who meet once a month.

The idea of a Blessing Box was proposed and discussed at one of our Ministerium meetings and all churches, through its pastor, agreed with its cause.

This Blessing Box is a miniature food pantry where people leave donated goods from non-perishable food to toiletries for others to pick up anonymously. There is no lock on the Blessing Box. It is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. These donated essentials can help fulfill short-term basic needs for those who don’t always have access to them or who may be struggling to make ends meet and get through the day.

So the idea is to be a self-sustaining resource in the community to help people through a temporary, short term situation and struggling with homelessness and hunger. It is not a substitute for the local Food Bank.

If you are blessed enough, you can share your blessings to our less fortunate by providing non-perishable food and toiletries at the Blessing Box. In doing so, we remember what Jesus said in the gospel: “For I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink…… Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:35-40)
Congratulations
David and Audrey Krzeminski
25th Wedding Anniversary (May 28th)

May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship!

A very Happy Wedding Anniversary to you!
September 13th  Rosary in Prayer Garden—6:00 P.M.
September 11th  Christian Mother’s Meeting—7:00 P.M. - Christian Mother’s Room
September 10th  Parish Appreciation Picnic—Renshaw Farms - 11:00 A.M. - Outside Mass
September 9th  Wedding—Smith/Runac - 1:00 P.M.
September 8th  Rehearsal for Smith/Runac Wedding - 6:00 P.M.
September 6th  Biking for God—6:15 P.M. - Laneville
September 4th  Labor Day—Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.; Parish Office Closed
Baptism—12:15 - “Kapinskis”
September 17th  Catechetical Sunday; First Day of Religious Education
September 16th  Wedding—Stiokis/Morrison - 2:00 P.M.
September 20th  Biking for God—6:15 P.M. - Laneville

The diocese will host two listening sessions for people ages 16-29 in preparation for the 2018 Synod, “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” The sessions will be held: Tuesday, September 5th, 6:30-8:00 P.M. at St. Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon; Thursday, September 7th, 6:30-8:00 P.M., St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana. If you are interested in attending, please register at: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod.

If you have a child that will be attending pre-school or kindergarten this September or if there is anyone that has recently joined our parish and has to pre-register their children for Religious Education classes (Pre-School thru 8th grade), please call Helen James, Director of Religious Education, at 724-295-4758. If your child attended our Religious Education program last year, there is no need to re-register this year!

VIRTUS (Protecting God’s Children) 清除...a session is being offered at St. Margaret Mary Church (Lower Burrell) on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 P.M., in the Sullivan Room. You are requested to RSVP by calling their parish office at 724-335-2336 so that they may prepare accordingly.

Do you have a prayer request or intention? Would you like to join St. Mary’s group that prays for these requests? If so, please contact Barb Coyle at 724-295-2607 or email her at: coyle@zoominternet.net. She will email or phone you with the prayer requests each week as they are received. Prayer intentions may be entered in the green binder in the back of church. You may also request them online at: http://www.stmaryfreeport.com/prayer-request.

Huge Trash to Treasure Sale - Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg. Friday, September 8th, - 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturday, September 9th, - 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Rain or Shine—the sale will be held in a large air-conditioned hall. Food/beverages will also be available for purchase.

The next class scheduled for this year will be held Thursday, September 14th. Please call Mark or Melissa—724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to register.

Is someone you love in a troubled marriage? You might suggest that they consider Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands; it can also help them. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 8th, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-343. More information is available at: www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org

Reminder Just a little reminder that the FRA meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M., at the Borough Building, 414 Market Street. You are welcome to attend and please invite others to join you!!!

Pathways—Discover how this process of prayer, learning, and reflection strengthens your ability to know and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Sites are St. Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown, on Wednesday evenings and St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Indiana, on Thursday evenings. The opening workshop is September 23rd. Brochures are available at the parish office. For more information or to register online, visit: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pathways or contact the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, 724-552-2598; pathways@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Financial assistance is available. Pathways registration closes September 11th.
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November 14-18, 2017 (Tues – Sat)
November 20-21 (Mon – Tues)

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Saturday Hours: 9:00 – 3:00 pm

HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?

1) Earlier scheduling will take place during the Parish Appreciation Picnic at Renshaw Farm on September 10.
2) Sign up after our weekend Mass times beginning September 23 & 24.
3) Online by visiting our website at www.stmaryfreeport.com after September 24.

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Have questions? Need help?
Just call or email!

Beth Macurdy 724-295-9411 or bmacurdy@ufcw.org

Please make sure to contact the Church Office with any changes to your contact information. We want to make this directory as accurate as possible.

HELP US MAKE THIS DIRECTORY COMPLETE!
IT WON’T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!
We want to make this a complete representation of our church family - PLEASE be a part of it!
## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 2017

### Altar Servers Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion Lector Organist Cantor

**Saturday - 4:00 P.M.**
- Bill Giardi
- Madison & Dawson Gaillot
- Zach Showers
- Dave Brestensky
- Andrea Camerlo
- Janice Meola
- Verne Bergstrom
- Alex Smith

**Sunday - 8:30 A.M.**
- Samuel & Jacob Kristine
- David Kristine
- Ali & Ben Brestensky
- Carol Carson
- Pat Ralston
- Lisa Boylan
- John Nemcek
- Tom Koharchik
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**Sunday - 11:00 A.M.**
- Celeste Beacom
- Jacob & Erin Schaeffer
- Victor & Olivia Svitak
- Dan Lucovich
- Patty Hughes
- Marushka Steele
- Rob Svitak
- Dave Wesolosky
- TBA

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

**MASSES FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** September 2nd
- 4:00 P.M.  †Elva Berry (Nannie Klaput)

**SUNDAY:** September 3rd
- 8:30 A.M.  †Eunice Bergstrom (Bob & Judy Bergstrom)
- 11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

**MONDAY:** September 4th
- 9:00 A.M.  †John Bono (Wife—Lola)

**TUESDAY:** September 5th
- 8:00 A.M.  †Joey Klaput, Jr. (Sheree Martinetti)

**WEDNESDAY:** September 6th
- 8:00 A.M.  †Birdie Posney (Bill & Mary Fullerton)

**THURSDAY:** September 7th
- 8:00 A.M.  †Millie Rezak (Millie Phillippi & Anna Mae Lesko)

**FRIDAY:** September 8th
- 8:00 A.M.  †Ray Ravotti

**MASSES FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY:** September 9th
- 4:00 P.M.  †Anita Rosato (Family)

**SUNDAY:** September 10th
- 8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
- 11:00 A.M.  †Dawn Heilman (Ren & Marushka Steele)

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### Collection

**Offertory Collection for August 27th, 2017**

- No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 600
- No. of Envelopes Received: 196
- Collection: Offertory - $3,854.25
- Electronic Payments (6) - $170.00; Catholic Accent - $170.00
- Catholic University - $441.00; Loose - $405.00; Children - $21.25
- Total Collection - $5,061.50
- **THANK YOU!**

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### Thank You!

Saturday, September 9th, 2017
Christine Kern and Connie Waltenbaugh

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