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October 22nd, 2017

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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the things that are Caesar's
and unto God
the things that are God's"**

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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



This Sunday, our FORGIVEN series from the online program FORMED will be presented from 9:30 – 10:40 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. It will focus on understanding the sacrament of reconciliation and its transforming power. The love, mercy and joy of God can be experienced. It is an awesome gift given by God freely and no matter what you have done and how long you been away, God will never turn you down. He will wait for you. That is the kind of God we have – a loving and forgiving God.

This week is intended for the parents preparing their children for first communion but the following three weeks on Sunday, it will be open to all adults and the 7th-12th grade students. I encourage you to attend and am sure you will learn something that you will treasure the rest of your life's journey.

Next Sunday, October 29th, at 3:00 P.M., we will have a joint prayer service with the Trinity Lutheran Church of Freeport, in our parish, to commemorate the 500th Years Anniversary of the Reformation. The pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church and I will lead the prayer service.

Last year on October 31st, Pope Francis went to Lund, Sweden to preside the opening joint prayer service by the Lutheran Church and Catholic Church to commemorate the 500th Year Anniversary of the Reformation.

During that prayer service, he gave his reflection that focuses on something that unites rather than divides. He said, "As Catholics and Lutherans, we have undertaken a common journey of reconciliation. Now, in the context of the commemoration of the Reformation of 1517, we have a new opportunity to accept a common path, one that has taken shape over the past fifty years in the ecumenical dialogue between the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church. Nor can we be resigned to the division and distance that our separation has created between us. We have the opportunity to mend a critical moment of our history by moving beyond the controversies and disagreements that have often prevented us from understanding one another."

Following his example, we as a community of believers, show our oneness not only in observance of the 500th Year of Reformation, but also in the call for unity and communion.

THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION 1517-2017

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Pope John Paul II

Meet the Pope Who Captivated the World

In an Emmy-nominated performance by John Voight, the papacy of John Paul II comes to life. Celebrate Saint John Paul II's feast day October 22nd by following Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through the late days of his papacy as he touched millions, changed the face of the Church and the world, and defended the dignity of mankind.

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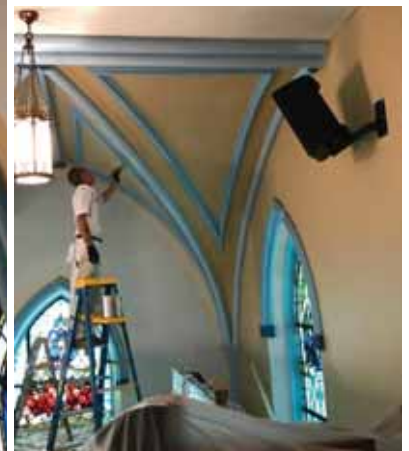
Gathering on October 13th in our Prayer Garden to recite the Rosary in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. November 13th will be the final one. *Everyone is invited to join them and participate!*



Every year, *America Needs Fatima* organizes thousands of Public Square Rosary Rallies all across our great nation to pray for America and the conversion of sinners as Our Lady of Fatima requested. On Saturday, October 14th, at 12:00 Noon, St. Mary, Mother of God participated in this International Rosary Prayer Rally!

The painting has begun..... Day One

Please note that while the interior of the church is being painted, weekday morning mass is being celebrated at 8:00 A.M. in the Conference Center.



Calendar of Events


October 21st Neighborhood Listening Session—6:00 P.M. - Hosted by Patty Hughes
October 22nd “Forgiven”—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
 Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - “Ed Daquila”
 Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
 Baptism—“Daquila” - Within the 11:00 A.M. Mass
October 29th Neighborhood Listening Session—6:00 P.M. - Hosted by Tim and Bridget Fogarty
 “Forgiven”—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.—Fellowship Hall
 Religious Ed. Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - “Brandon Showers”
 Choir will sing at the 8:00 A.M. Mass; Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.
 Joint prayer service here with the Trinity Lutheran Church—3:00 P.M.
October 30th Christian Mother’s Fall Game/Card Social—6:30-10:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
November 1st All Saint’s Day—Holyday of Obligation; Parish Office Closed
November 2nd All Souls’ Day—7:00 P.M. - Mass of Remembrance
November 3rd First Friday—6:30 P.M. - Benediction



Fall Game/Card Social
 Monday, October 30th
 6:30 to 10:00 P.M.
 Fellowship Hall
 Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
 Cost - \$10.00/person
 Sandwiches, Salad
 Buffet, Refreshments
 Prizes & 50/50 raffle
 Information/reservations
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St. Mary’s Teen Ministry is having a Pie Sale. Proceeds help fund their service projects and activities. Order forms are located at all of the church entrances and on our parish website. Deadline to submit forms is November 5th.



St. Mary’s Teen Ministry meets on the first and third Sunday, from 9:25 to 10:25 A.M., during the months of September through May. If you are in grades 8th through 12th, you are welcome to be a part of this growing group of teens. They would love to have you!

Schedule Now You are invited to participate in our upcoming professional photography session. The pictures will be taken in the Fellowship Hall. Photography Dates: November 14th – 18th & November 20th – 21st. To schedule your appointment, visit our website and click on the Sign Up Now link on our home page (Monday – Friday) or next weekend before or after Mass.




Today’s collection is for *World Mission Sunday*. This collection will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

FORGIVEN
 THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION
A Life Changing Study for our Whole Parish!
 No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!
 Forgiven is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession.
 The study will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 10:40 AM (same time as the Religious Ed program).
 Forgiven is open to Everyone...all adults and 7th – 12th grade students (weeks 2, 3, and 4).
 Note: to the Parents of the First Reconciliation students...these are required workshops.
Week 2: October 29th Session I: Where Are You?
 Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? We know that we have sinned, but God won’t leave us there—He searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.




An “Afternoon of Reflection,” a program for individuals with disabilities and life challenging illnesses, sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg, Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation, will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg, on Sunday, October 29, 1-6:30 P.M. Monsignor Larry Kiniry will be the moderator. The afternoon will consist of teachings, fellowship, Mass and dinner. For reservations, information or to volunteer, please contact Rita Shapiola at 724-537-3851.



If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.




Next weekend, *Life Choices* will 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. By participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign, you will be touching and **SAVING LIVES!!!** Please be generous!



St. Joseph High School Fall Open House will be Sunday, October 29th, 12:30-2:30 P.M. Registration begins in the Science and Technology Center. Receive a private tour. Get to know the students and faculty. Questions? Contact Admissions Director, Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92, at: admissions@saintjosephhs.com; 724-226-4932.

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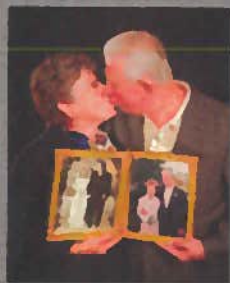


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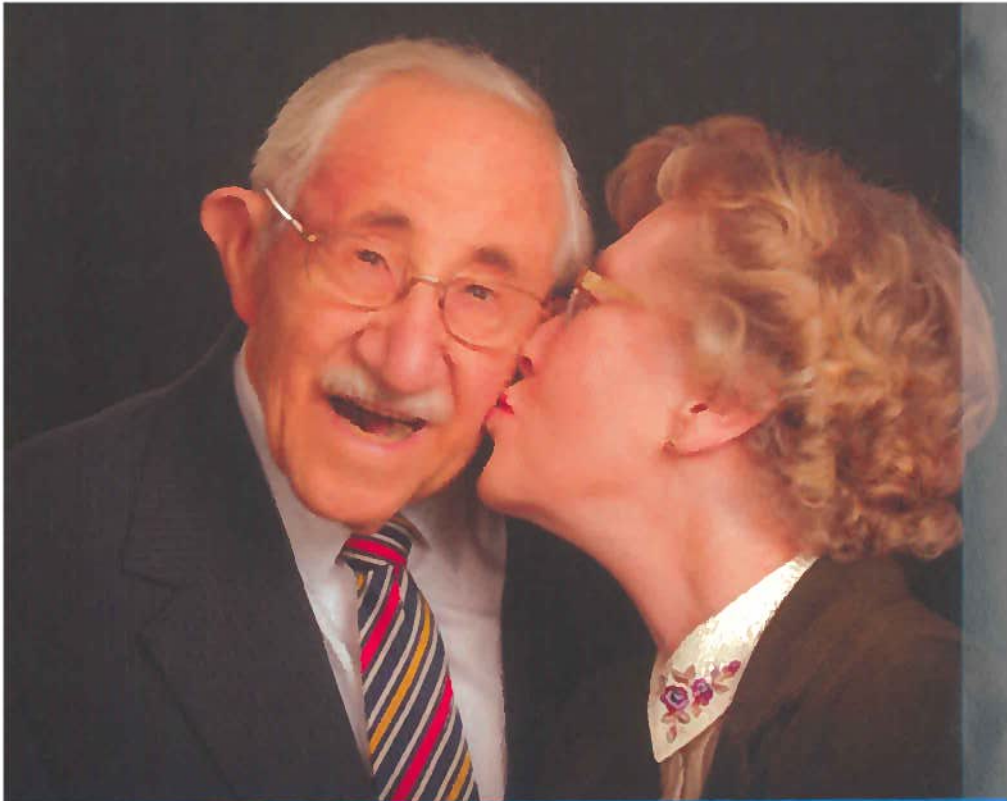
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH, 2017

<i>Altar Servers</i>	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Brandon & Zachary Bowser Kennedi & Lauren Clark	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Tim Fogarty	Arlene & Gary Miller	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Breanna, Oliver & Ryan Sutara Katie Huth; Mary Huth Nicolette Zollinger	Laura Huth; Kim Holbein Rose Check	Lisa Boylan	John & Betty Lou Nemcek	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Marie Pelliccione Megan Rossey Mason DeMeno Paige Liti; Evan Giori	Helen James Marushka Steele Bill Cogley	Rob Svitek	Jenn Liti	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik


Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MASSES FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 21st ✦ Thomas Dowling (Wife—Betty & Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 22nd ✦ Bernadette Fearing Kelly (John & Mary Ann Kruljac) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 23rd ✦ Elva Berry (Bill & Mary Fullerton)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 24th ✦ Massimino & Matilda Pesci (Estate)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 25th ✦ Birdie Posney (Ed & Jeannie Lepkowski)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 26th ✦ Edna Barr (Bob & Judy Bergstrom)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	October 27th ✦ Delores Gowetski (Bob & Diane Grant)

MASSES FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	October 28th ✦ Anita Rosato (Family)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	October 29th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Gowetski Family (Family)




The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **WILLIAM JANSEN**
By
Wife—Connie, Children & Grandchildren



In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **RAYMOND RAVOTTI**
By
Patty Hughes & Family




Offertory Collection for October 15th, 2017
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 596
No. of Envelopes Received: 224
Collection: Offertory - \$4,166.00
Electronic Payments (11) - \$2,510.00
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