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**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

**JULY 1ST, 2018**

**I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD,  
FOR YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.**

**Father Ronald Maquiñana—Pastor**  
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John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

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Diane Grant—*Christian Mothers*  
Ray Smetana/Mary Ellen Gray—*St. Vincent de Paul Society*

## Office Information

**Administrative Center Numbers & Hours :**  
724-295-2281 (Office) 724-295-3090 (Fax)  
Monday through Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Parish Website:** [www.stmaryfreeport.com](http://www.stmaryfreeport.com)

**Parish Email Address:** [thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com](mailto: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 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.



Again this week, we will be making use of Fr. Ron's bulletin space to update everyone on some of the issues discussed at our June Pastoral Council Meeting. As discussed in detail last week, Council approved an increase for cemetery lots and services effective August 1st, 2018. If you missed last week's column, refer to our website and select the "Cemetery Tab" across the top banner – everything you need to know is there.

Other topics include the following:

**Fr. Dom Prayer Garden** – Council approved the Christian Mother's as the official caretakers of this beautiful green space on our campus. You will be seeing enhancements to the garden and ideas are being explored to give families opportunities to memorialize loved ones to help defray some of the costs needed to maintain the garden. Special thanks to our Christian Mothers for 'stepping up' and to all who have donated their time and talents to make this a special place.

**Bell Tower** – PPG will be supplying the labor and materials to repaint the bell tower this summer. The Verdin Bell Company was brought in to complete an annual inspection of our 1849 34" diameter A. Fulton Bell (Est. wt. of 1,500 lbs). The rope pull system is in need of repair along with the headpiece assembly – the headpiece contains the clapper. Since there is a risk of losing the clapper, the bell has been taken out of service until the necessary repairs can be made. With the age of the bell and its location directly above the organ, we are not taking any chances.

**Fellowship Hall** - New 5 Ton air conditioning unit is being purchased to replace the failing 20 yr. old system. Once competitive bids are obtained, this project will move forward. The old stove in the kitchen will also be replaced with a commercial gas stove using the money generated from the Funeral Mercy Meals served by parishioners in our hall.

More "Notes from Pastoral Council" next week, but **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW – PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT RENSHAW FARMS!!**

Dave Posney—Pastoral Council Facilitator



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

## Maria Goretti

### Witness the Mercy of a Young Martyr

Persevering faith, sacrificial love, and extraordinary mercy. This is the story of eleven-year-old Maria Goretti, one of the Church's youngest martyrs and canonized saints. You're sure to be inspired by this young girl's unwavering commitment to Christ and her family's heroic faithfulness amidst tragedy.

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# Baptized in Christ



**Congratulations to the proud parents, James and Rachel Glath, on the baptism of their daughter, Lily Ann. She is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!**

**Janitorial SERVICES** Janitorial Services Needed – The Pastoral Council approved the hiring of a part time janitor. The position would require 24 – 30 hours/week, depending on the activities in and around our facilities. The position does require the mandatory clearances from the diocese. Hours can be flexible. If anyone is interested or could recommend someone, please contact the Parish Office at 724-295-2281. We greatly appreciate the volunteers who have been taking on the various tasks to keep our buildings clean and welcoming to others.

**First Holy Communion Pictures** - If you did not pick up your pictures yet, they are in the Administration Office. You can pick them up during normal office hours.

**St. Mary Cemetery** - Do you like working outside? Our cemetery is in need of someone to help out with the grass trimming and light labor work. One or two days a week from April to November. If you are interested, call our caretaker, Richard Bertino, at home at 724-295-3632; cell at 724-602-5986.

## Calendar of Events

July 4th Office Closed—Mass at 9:00 A.M.  
 July 6th First Friday  
 July 23rd Vacation Bible Camp Begins—5:30-8:00 P.M.  
 July 27th Last day of Vacation Bible Camp—5:30-8:00 P.M.  
 August 3rd First Friday

**Freeport Theatre Festival**

**Do You Need to Earn Service Hours? Would You Like To Earn Some Extra Cash?**

Freeport Theatre Festival is seeking a self-starter to prepare the theatre (vac/clean/swiff/set-up hospitality supplies and so on) on Friday mornings, before each weekend of performances. No more than two hours work. \$25.00 cash and two tickets to each play. Call or email Marushka if you are interested—724-295-1934; [Marushka.steele@icloud.com](mailto:Marushka.steele@icloud.com).

*Come and see parishioners Daniel Ullrich and Ren Steele in Freeport Theatre Festival's Washington in the Ohio Country.*

**Church Volunteers**

Last fall, the gentleman who vacuumed the carpet in our church on a weekly basis became unable to perform this ministry. We are now in need of someone to vacuum the carpet and dust the laminate and pew bottoms each week. It would take approximately one to two hours each week. If God is calling you to help our parish in this manner, please contact the parish office at 724-295-2281 or email: [thehurch@stmaryfreeport.com](mailto:thehurch@stmaryfreeport.com).

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP—July 23rd - July 27th, 2018


**St. Mary's Fellowship Hall—5:30 - 8:00 P.M.**  
 All children Preschool thru 6th grade

We are in need of anyone with PA State Criminal & Child Abuse clearances to help with Vacation Bible Camp (no exceptions). We CANNOT have Bible Camp without your help. If you are able to donate a little of your time, and bring your children, please fill out the information below and return by way of the collection basket, mailing in, dropping off at the Administrative Office, or by calling:  
**Laura Huth at 724-295-3259 or Helen James at 724-272-1171**

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ (I can help with bible camp this year)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ # of children I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_

**A Public Card Party** sponsored by the Christian Mothers & Women of St. Joseph Parish, Cabot will be held on Monday, July 9th, at 12:00 Noon with lunch followed by the card party. Any other games or cards can be played. However, if playing a different game, please try to bring 3-4 people to fill a table. A \$5.00/person donation includes lunch. Join them! Also available will be Butler Flavorings (dark & clear vanilla; maple and almond) and USA-made RADA cutlery. Thank you for your support. The card parties help with various women and children's functions.



**QUO VADIS DAYS**

All Catholic young men entering grades 9th-12th are invited to the first Quo Vadis Days vocations camp, which will help them know Jesus more deeply and discern their vocation in life while having fun with others on the same discernment journey. The camp, which will be led by priests and seminarians from the Greensburg and Erie dioceses, will be held July 8th-11th at St. Philip Catholic Church and Retreat Center, Linesville. Contact Father Tyler Bandura, Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, at: [vocations@dioceseofgreenburg.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofgreenburg.org).



**Summer Nutrition and Arts Program @ Freeport UMC** 211 4th Street, Freeport... Program will run through August 9th from 12:15-2:15 P.M. They will offer a hot lunch and an arts program. Lunch will be served from 12:30-1:30 P.M. for children 1 mo. to 18 years old and arts from 1:30-2:15 P.M. **Spread the news!**



**Festival of Praise**  
**Hope-Healing-Reborn**



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President



Fr. Levi Hartle  
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Fr. William Wuenschel  
Witness Speaker

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**The Blessings Closet**  
**Wednesdays 1-3 pm**

The Bible teaches us to glean what we are blessed with in order to care for those in need. On Wednesday, July 11, The Blessings Closet will open its doors at Freeport United Methodist Church. Clothing items will be offered. There will be bags of clothing available at \$5/bag and higher end clothing options available at a per item price. **CASH ONLY!** The hours are from 1-3 pm.

We are in need of clothing donations and to spread the word for those who this store will bless.

For more information, call Freeport UMC at 724.295.2476.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Freeport Theatre Festival's 29th Summer Season's theme is heroism: the heroism of young George Washington--the original live action hero; and the heroism of our community volunteer firefighters and EMS responders--the live action heroes of today. Come and be inspired!



**Washington in the Ohio Country**  
Written by Rennick Steele

*A historical drama about young George Washington, the original live action hero.*

**2018 PERFORMANCE DATES:**  
JULY 13-15, 20-22, 27-29  
All performances begin at 7:00 P.M.



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**Rivertown Firemen's Jubilee**

*A drama set to an original score by Drew Fennell and Rennick Steele*

*A musical inspired by the heroism of a local volunteer fire department.*

**2018 PERFORMANCE DATES:**  
AUGUST 10-12, 17-19, 24-26  
All performances begin at 7:00 P.M.

  
 Contact information: 724-295-1934  
[www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org)



St. Joseph High School offers private tours throughout the summer for students and families interested in considering SJHS for their high school. Incoming freshman and transfer students are still enrolling for the fall. Contact Admissions Director Mrs. Shane Palumbo '92 at: [admissions@saintjosephhs.com](mailto:admissions@saintjosephhs.com) or call 724-226-4932.



**Retrouvaille** has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next weekend begins July 13th. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or you can visit: <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 7TH & 8TH, 2018

<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
<b>Saturday - 4:00 P.M.</b>					
Brandon & Zachary Bowser Lauren & Leah Clark Zach Showers	Dave Brestensky Bill Girardi Fred Walker	Tim Fogarty	Arlene & Gary Miller	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Evan McCrea; Eva DeMeno Sarah & Hannah Shepherd Abby Koharchik	Carol Carson Pat Ralston Lisa Boylan	John Nemcek	Karen Nigra	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Marie Pelliccione Mason DeMeno Paige Liti; Evan Giori	Helen James Andre Volek Bill Cogley	Jeff Jones	Rose Naughton	Dave Wesolosky	Kathy Conley

### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

#### MASSES FOR THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>June 30th</b> ✦ Jarod Bennis (Arlene Hill)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>July 1st</b> St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Joseph Klapat, Sr. (Wife—Nannie Jean)
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>July 2nd</b> ✦ Morris & Elva Berry (Family)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>July 3rd</b> ✦ Joseph Krumenacker (Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>July 4th</b> ✦ Domenic & Isabelle Canterna (Betty Canterna)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>July 5th</b> ✦ Tony Ranieri (Dave & Cleatus Burk)
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>July 6th—First Friday</b> ✦ Edna Barr (Connie Cornman & Family)

#### MASSES FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>July 7th</b> ✦ Kevin Holbein (Carol Carson)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>July 8th</b> ✦ Russell & Carol Stewart (The Pollicchio's) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
in loving memory of  
**ANTHONY ARVAY**  
By  
*Antoinette, Jeff and Sarah Lipniskis*

In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,  
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in  
loving memory of



**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
WILLIAMS & RORKE FAMILIES**  
By  
*George and Mary Williams Martin*

### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for June 24th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 606  
No. of Envelopes Received: 199  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,228.00  
Electronic Payments (17) - \$491.00  
Loose - \$347.00; Children - \$40.25  
Peter's Pence - \$707.00

**Total Collection - \$5,813.25**

**THANK YOU!**



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*Connie Cornman and Linda Ullrich*

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