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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

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 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.



We will take advantage of Fr. Ron's travel schedule and an early bulletin print deadline to once again use this space to update the parish on the topics addressed at the June Pastoral Council Meeting. Just a reminder, revised cemetery lot and service pricing goes into effect August 1st, 2018. See the parish website/Cemetery Tab for all details. In addition to the cemetery information and the items covered last week, these items were also discussed:

Janitorial Services Needed – 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.

DLA – Goes without saying that the Parishioners of St. Mary's need to be commended on making this year's program a success. Along with the financial generosity, the time that people gave to make the pew replacement and new flooring a possibility was a true sign that our parish is healthy and full of good parishioners! The remainder of this year's projects - the Children's Learning Center, the church eve repair and the church gutter replacement are underway. Looking ahead for 2019, the projects being considered include:

- Vinyl flooring in church side vestibules*
- Replace the padding on the pews*
- Replace church carpet in center and side aisles*
- Phase 1 of the Administrative Center window replacement*
- Upgrades to the Cemetery Chapel*

If you are considering a way to become more involved in our parish, you may want to consider becoming a member of the Pastoral Council. Council is made up of seven to nine members and we follow guidelines set forth by the diocese. There are term limits for council members and this will open up a couple of positions in the fall of this year. Council typically meets 4-6 times/year and is closely involved in several of the church activities. Criteria for candidates:

- Be a baptized, practicing Catholic***
- Be a registered member of St. Mary's for five years***
- Be a participant in the ongoing life of the parish, especially Sunday Eucharist***
- Be at least 21 years of age***

We are all blessed with talents that we can share to help direct and guide our parish as we grow and continue to be a "Family Parish". There will be information this fall when the Discernment Process takes place in choosing new members.

Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks as the planning continues for this year's Parish Picnic at Renshaw Farms on Sunday, September 9th.

Dave Posney
Pastoral Council Facilitator



The Suitcase

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

Calendar of Events

- 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—6:30 P.M. - Benediction
- August 12th Baptism—"Gardone" - Within the 11:00 A.M. Mass
- August 14th Parish Council Meeting—7:00 P.M.
- August 15th Holy day—Assumption of Mary - Parish Office Closed



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.



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: thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com.



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.

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



UBS
JULY
23-27

Registrations forms are located at all of the church entrances
Jesus Rescues!

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 _____

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd -2018 Formation Course

Adult Spiritual Enrichment, an education to the Christian Way of Life – evangelization and catechesis

Level I – Where: St. Joseph Parish, 315 Stoney Hollow Rd, Cabot

August 7 -11, Aug. 25th, Sept. 21 – 23, Oct 5 – 7, Nov. 3-4
Weekdays 9 – 4:30, Weekends: Fri 6-9, Sat. 9-5, Sun 12:30 – 4:30



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- Gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Mass
- Reflect upon the great mysteries of the faith, especially the mystery of God and the mystery of the Child
- CGS courses often become a transformative experience for the adult
- Upon completion of all requirements, catechists will receive diocesan credit to be a certified catechist

M.A. Religious Formation Leader - Celine Mitchell from St. Fidelis Parish
Contact: Kathy Lawton, St. Joseph – 724-822-0520 email: lawtonmom@gmail.com

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat—A Ministry to Catholic Women, is holding a Breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, July 21st, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Guest speaker—Susan Brinkmann, O.C.D.S., Director of Communications and New Age Research for Johnette Benkovic's Women of Grace. Cost is \$20.00, student rate is \$15.00. To register, call Brenda at 724-836-2094 by July 13th or visit: www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.



Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille - Sign up for the July 13th Retrouvaille Weekend. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or you can visit: <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

Christ the King
Summer BAKE SALE
Saturday, July 14th
9 AM to 5 PM
Christ the King Parish Hall
125 Park Road, Leechburg

Buns & Bread
Fruit Pastries
Cinnamon Rolls
Cookies

Sorry, no pre-orders.

Freeport Theatre Festival celebrates its 29th Season

Washington in the Ohio Country

A historical drama about the original five action heroes, the young George Washington, and his early military experience in Western Pennsylvania during the years of 1753-1755.

Come and be inspired!



Written and Directed by Rennick Steele

2018 PERFORMANCE DATES:
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
July 13,14,15, 20,21,22, 27,28,29

All performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

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General Information

TICKET PRICES:

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LOCATION:

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934 or
or www.freeporttheatrefestival.org

PRE-THEATRE DINNER:

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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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 14TH & 15TH, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Stella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Jackie DeFelice	Jim & Diana Talotta	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Andrew Nigra; Luke Boylan Madison & Austin Bachar Alexandra Lasko	Betty Lou Nemcek Kim Holbein Rose Check	Judy Bergstrom	Carol Carson Dave Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Steele	Pat Westerman	Karen Fennell	Dave Wesolosky	Dan Ullrich


Mass Intentions

MASSSES FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 7th ✠Kevin Holbein (Carol Carson)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 8th ✠Russell & Carol Stewart (The Policicchio's) St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 9th ✠Rose Pesci (Estate)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 10th ✠Darryl Brogan (Bob & Judy Bergstrom)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 11th ✠Ken Hughes (Patty & Family)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 12th ✠J.D. Easley Family (Estate)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 13th ✠Leonard Rezak (Posney Family)

MASSSES FOR THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 14th ✠Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Roger & Debbie Emmonds)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 15th ✠Linda Helmick (Friend) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine
were donated for this week
in loving memory of
SEITAM & NAGY FAMILIES
By
Pat & Bill Davis; Jeannie & John Manocchi




In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ,
The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in
honor of
THERESA & ROGER KALMEYER
58th Wedding Anniversary




Offertory Collection for July 1st, 2018
No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613

*Due to the early deadline for the submission of the
July 8th bulletin, the weekly contribution report
for July 1st was not available. It will be published
in next Sunday's bulletin.*

THANK YOU!



Saturday, July 14th, 2018
Cindy Kaminski and Christine Bender



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