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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.
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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 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



For the past three weeks, as I was away with the Bishop in the Philippines and the early deadline for the bulletin company, Dave Posney, the Pastoral Council Facilitator, took the opportunity to share with you in my column some updates, issues and concerns in our parish that were addressed at the pastoral council meeting. One item was regarding our cemetery. Beginning August 1st, 2018 there will be a price adjustment with regard to cemetery lots and services. The last price adjustment was done five years ago. For those who missed the article, you can check it out on our parish website or inquire from our parish office. Second, issues about maintenance regarding parish properties like Fr. Dom's Prayer Garden, the Church Bell Tower and our Fellowship Hall Air Conditioning Unit were addressed, as well as the need for janitorial services since our current parish custodian, Dave Valencic, is still recovering from surgery. And finally moving forward, the Council identified possible future projects in our parish such as vinyl flooring in the church side vestibules, replacing the padding on the pews, carpet in the center and side isles, window replacement of the Administrative Center and upgrades

to the cemetery chapel.

Our purpose of sharing these items with you is to let you know how we take care of our parish in all aspects as we are called to be good stewards. And you, being part of the parish family, we want to be more transparent and open so we can journey together while sharing our joys and concerns, our aspirations and visions not only for the present, but also for the future.

When we are united and we take part in our parish, there is life, there is vibrancy and there is strength!

P.S.—This Sunday, we are honored that two of our senior students from our parish, *Andrew Nigra IV* and *Brandon Bowser* are among the senior students in the entire Diocese of Greensburg to receive Parish Youth Honors. This event will be held at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, presided by Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic, Bishop of Greensburg, at 3:00 P.M.

Congratulations to Andrew Nigra IV and Brandon Bowser!

Congratulations!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Brown Scapular and St. Simon Stock

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Baptized in Christ



Congratulations to the proud parents, Joseph and Kristina Iusi, on the baptism of their daughter, Coraline Grace. She is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!



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.



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.

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: 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 _____



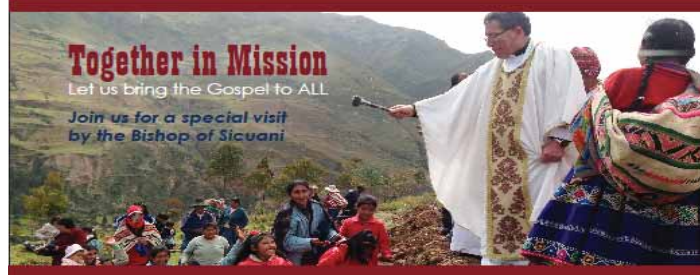
The parish family of St. Mary's warmly welcomes all the players, coaches, parents and family members who will be with us this week for the Freeport International Baseball Invitational, and who just might be celebrating Mass with us this weekend. Have a good week and if your schedule permits, please visit us next weekend before departing for home.



If you have ever experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child death, you are invited to the Miscarriage, Infant, or Child Loss Memorial Mass. Whether the loss was decades ago or recent, your baby deserves to be remembered and honored by the faith community. Any parent or other family member who has ever suffered the loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or young child death is cordially invited to attend and share in this time of remembrance. If you have already had a baby or babies remembered at the Memorial Mass past years, you are encouraged to go again - we would love to continue to remember your loved one(s). The Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6:00 P.M., at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1200 Ligonier St., Latrobe. A keepsake rosebud will be given to all families who attend. Refreshments will be served immediately following the mass. Please RSVP yourselves and register your child's name by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or emailing: debdbvb@yahoo.com.



Mass with Prayers and Blessing For Healing—Fr. Bill Kiel, retired from the Greensburg Diocese, will share his healing ministry again at St. Joseph Church, 315 Stoney Hollow Road, Cabot. He will be celebrating Mass followed by the laying on of hands for blessings and healing. You may take this blessing for yourself or on behalf of another. The Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Church on Thursday, July 19th. Enjoy the experience God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit.



Join Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Greensburg and Bishop Pedro A. Bustamante López of our "Sister Diocese," the Prelature of Sicuani, Peru, for a special celebration of missionary activity helping Peruvians in need.

Thursday, July 19, 2018 ♦ Rizzo's Malabar Inn ♦ \$100/person

6:00 pm	Reception - Cash Bar
7:00 pm	Dinner
7:45 pm	Program - panel discussion
8:30 pm	Gelato Dessert Bar

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Reception Sponsor - \$1,000 - Includes 2 tickets and your logo or name on all event signage, center page in *The Catholic Accent* coverage of event, along with a full-page ad on inside back cover of program.

Dessert Sponsor - \$500 - Corporate or name signage on dessert table and imprinted napkins and logo or name recognized in *The Catholic Accent* coverage of the event.

Program Sponsor - \$500 - Logo or name on front page of program, full-page ad on back cover of program and logo or name recognized in *The Catholic Accent* coverage of the event.

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Donor Recognition - \$100 - (separate from cost of ticket) - Name listed as valued donor in program and *The Catholic Accent* coverage of event.

Table Sponsor - \$1,000 - Includes 8 tickets, full-page ad in program and photo of table guests featured in event coverage of *The Catholic Accent*.

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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.

FTF FOOTLIGHTS GALLERY
Featured artist Randall Steele
Images of the French and Indian War



General Information

TICKET PRICES:

\$15/12/10
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LOCATION:

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PRE-THEATRE DINNER:

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934 or
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Freeport Fire Victims

Spaghetti dinner will be held Sunday, July 15th from 11-5 at South Buffalo Fire Hall, 695 Freeport Rd, Freeport, PA 16229. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and kids, 5 and under are free. We will have a bake sale, Chinese auction and 50-50 drawing as well. Bake goods and auction items are welcome.

Families in need **appliances, beds, furniture and incidentals**, please contact Jackie Davis Gaughan at (724)681-7902, if you have anything to donate. Jackie will arrange pickup or direct you to a drop off point.

Below is a list of **clothing** sizes for each person. Gift cards and restaurant gift certificates are appreciated as well.

Lang's: (Chuck Sarver's niece's family)

<https://www.gofundme.com/r6m5y-charity>

Ed - 2x shirt 40-42/34 pants 10.5 shoe

Joy - 2x shirt 17jr pants (xl elastic) 7 shoe

Austin - med shirt medium bottoms

Christian (10 year old) - 9/10 shirt and pants 4 shoe

Ally: (8 years old) - 7/8 shirts and pants 2 shoe

Hoak's:

Larry - large top 35/30 pants size 10 shoe

Lisa - xl top 12/14 pants (l/xl elastic) size 8 shoe

Everett's:

Ryan - Medium shirt 34 waist 10 shoe

Christian (6 years old) - 5/6 top 4/5 bottoms 13 kids shoe

Guenther's:

Brian - xl top 38/40 pants 10 shoe

Kelly - xl top 16 petite pants 10 shoe

Braden (12 year old) - men's s/m top men's small shorts 10.5 shoe

Brianna (pre teen) - xs/s shirt 0 bottoms 7 shoe

Bryson - 4-5t top 3 t bottom kids 11 shoe

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY 21ST & 22ND, 2018

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Brandon & Zachary Bowser Lauren & Leah Clark Zach Showers	Dave Brestensky Bill Girardi Fred Walker	Janice Meola	Sharon Mihalich	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Breanna & Olivia Sutara Ryan Sutara; Katie Huth Mary Huth Nicolette Zollinger	Judy Bergstrom John Nemcek Carol Carson	Annette Domachowski	John Nemcek Betty Lou Nemcek	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Marie Pelliccione Mason DeMeno Paige Liti ; Evan Giori	Lisa Isenberg Melissa Schaeffer Debbie Baustert	Rob Svitek	Jenn Liti	Tom Koharchik	Julie Cepec

Mass Intentions

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
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 16th ✦Philip Bordonaro (Patti & Denny Geary)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 17th ✦Charles B. Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 18th ✦Derrek Helmick (Friend)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 19th ✦Alberta Hager (Susan & Richard Hepler)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	July 20th ✦Berness Cribbs (The Wyant's)

MASSSES FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	July 21st ✦Jovita Walker (Forrest Grey & Kaleb)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	July 22nd St. Mary Parishioners ✦Ralph Westerman, III (Wife)



Saturday, July 21st, 2018
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Offertory Collection for July 1st, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613
No. of Envelopes Received: 191
Collection: Offertory - \$5,765.00
Electronic Payments (17) - \$2,428.00
Loose - \$267.00; Children - \$23.50
Total Collection - \$8,483.50

Offertory Collection for July 8th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613
No. of Envelopes Received: 181
Collection: Offertory - \$3,815.00
Electronic Payments (24) - \$1,503.00
Loose - \$289.00; Children - \$20.00
Total Collection - \$5,627.00

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