



# St. Mary, Mother of God Church

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust  
Roman Catholic Church  
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229



Established 1826

August 19th, 2018

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 6:51-58



### Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

**Father Ronald Maquiñana—Pastor**  
[rmaquinana@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rmaquinana@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Parish Staff

William Girardi, *Pastoral Associate—412-719-7085*  
Claudia Vertosick, *Business Manager/Parish Secretary*  
Helen James, *Religious Education Director*  
Thomas Koharchik, *Choir Director*  
William Girardi, *Social Hall Coordinator—412-719-7085*  
David Valencic, *Parish Custodian*  
Richard Bertino, *Cemetery Caretaker*

### Ministries

Kristen Marhefka/Julie Polana Gardone—*Teen Ministry*  
Melissa Kristine/Beth Macurdy—*Evangelization*  
John Nemcek—*Homebound Ministry*

### Organizations

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.

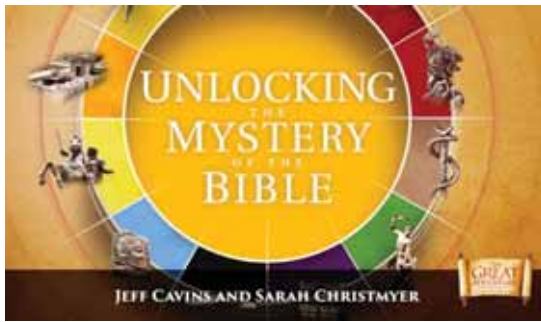
**Hospital or Home Visit:** If you would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know someone who would like to have the priest visit, please call Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

**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 Office 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 Office at 724-295-2281.

# From the Pastor's Desk



Starting Wednesday  
September 26th, 2018  
6:30—8:00 P.M.

This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

You will:

- *Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life*
- *Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments*
- *See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture*
- *... and much more!*

Join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* in the **Fellowship Hall** on Wednesday, **September 26th—November 14th** from 6:30—8:00 P.M. **All are encouraged to come.** The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. There is a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the study materials. Included in the materials is a workbook, a fold-out *Bible Timeline Chart*, *Bible Timeline* bookmark and online access to the videos. **Please register by September 12th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

X \$20 \*\*

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Less Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If the fee is a hardship, please contact the parish office.



## Bible Study



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Convinced

#### Why Would Anyone Become Catholic?

Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get answers from some of today's most prolific Catholic converts.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

FORMED



★★★★★

"My own faith has been strengthened through these heartfelt and articulate accounts. Thank you!"

—Alison M.  
Our Lady of the Mount, NJ



## FORMED

We are pleased to give you a free subscription to [formed.org](http://formed.org). Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular ebooks—all just a click away! It's easy to get started.

Go to: [formed.org](http://formed.org)

Click on Register and create your FREE account by entering your Parish Code and email address.

Your Parish Code is: VNX4G6

Get inFORMED with great content from virtually any device . . . anytime, anywhere.

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



# Baptized in Christ



*Congratulations to the proud parents, Jason and Julie Gardone, on the baptism of their son, Robert Aaron. He is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!*

## Calendar of Events

August 20th CCD Meeting—6:30 P.M. - Conference Center  
 August 26th Geno & Lillian Pernazza 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration—Immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass - Fellowship Hall  
 Christian Mother's Picnic—1:00 P.M. - Kim and Bob Holbein's house  
 September 1st Baptism "Mills" - 4:00 P.M.  
 September 3rd Labor Day—Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M.; Parish Office Closed  
 September 7th First Friday—6:30 P.M. - Benediction



To understand the importance of the *Sacrament of Baptism* and your obligation as parents, you are **required** to attend one baptismal class. The next class scheduled for this year will be held Thursday, August 30th. The final class for 2018 will be held sometime in December. Call Mark or Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to register.



The children of *Geno and Lillian Pernazza* cordially invite you to join them immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, August 26th, in our Fellowship Hall from 12:15 to 1:30 P.M. for cake and a beverage to celebrate their **70th Wedding Anniversary**. If you go to the 4:00 P.M. mass on Saturday or the 8:30 A.M. mass on Sunday, you are also invited to stop in to extend your congratulations to them. Please, absolutely no gifts! Just fellowship with their church family would be greatly appreciated on their special occasion.

### ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### PARISH APPRECIATION PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH—12:00 Noon-4:00 P.M.  
 RENSRAW FARM

**11:00 A.M. Mass will be held outside**



Pig and Chicken Roast



**MENU**  
 Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut  
 Macaroni Salad  
 Cole Slaw  
 Baked Beans  
 Corn on the Cob  
 Desserts  
 Watermelon  
 Beverages  
 (coffee/tea/soft drinks)



#### Picnic Games



We ask each family attending the picnic to bring a dessert and/or snacks. Thank you!



Sign-up sheets are available at all of the church entrances. You must sign-up by Sunday, September 2nd!

### Family Picnic

The Christian Mother's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 26th, at 1:00 P.M., at Kim and Bob Holbein's House, 180 Parker Road, Sarver.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

RSVP to: [kimh@zoominternet.net](mailto:kimh@zoominternet.net) or 724-353-2630

### REGISTER TODAY!



If you have a child that will be attending pre-school or kindergarten in 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 (1st thru 8th grade only), there is no need to re-register this year! **Those who attended pre-school or kindergarten last year must re-register again this year!**

Would you like to:

- Become a more active member of our parish?
- Learn more about your faith?
- Have your own faith grow?

Consider joining our team of dedicated teachers/volunteers who have accepted the honor of sharing their faith with the children of our parish family. **Our Religious Education Program is in need of a pre-school teacher for the September 2018-2019 term.** If you are interested in teaching, please call Helen James at 724-295-4758.



The U.S. Bishops have issued a nationwide appeal for participation in the *Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life*. The Novena runs from August 3rd to September 28th. The decisions made about choosing a new Justice for the US Supreme Court have a long lasting impact on the enforcement of basic human rights for all, even the most vulnerable persons among us. Prayer and advocacy are our best hope. To participate in the Novena and Call to Prayer initiatives, please sign up at: [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray). In addition to prayer and fasting, the Bishops are calling on everyone to contact your elected officials on Capitol Hill with timely and important Roe Facts over the nine weeks of the Novena. To contact your Member of Congress and two Senators with this week's Roe Fact, please visit:

<https://www.humanlifeaction.org/take-action?vvsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f60352%2fRespond>



Next Sunday's Diocesan Collection will be for the combined Annual Collection for The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States), and Catholic Schools in the Diocese. Your donations will be appreciated!



Freeport Theater Festival, celebrating their 29th Summer Season, has been presenting *Rivertown Firemen's Jubilee*. The remaining performance dates are August 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and August 26th. Curtain time is 7:00 P.M. Ticket prices are \$15.00/

General; \$12.00/Senior; \$10.00/Student. Theater is located on The Steele Farm in Allegheny Township. Tickets/information/directions, please call Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934.

**NOW HIRING: MATHEMATICS TEACHER** Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School is looking for a Secondary Mathematics Teacher and Secondary Science Teacher. Candidates must be certified in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Master's degree preferred. Interested individuals may submit a cover letter and resume by email to: Patricia Nickler, Principal, at: [pnickler@geibelcatholic.org](mailto:pnickler@geibelcatholic.org), or call the school office at 724-628-5600 for further information.



**Retrouvaille**— This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next weekend begins September 7th. For confidential information, please call 412-277-3434 or visit: <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>. Your marriage can be saved!



**St. Emma Monastery** will hold its 8th Annual Tee Time for a Nun at Hannastown Gold Club on Monday, August 27th with a shotgun start at 10:30 A.M. Fee of \$100.0 per person includes snacks, steak dinner and more. For information and to register, please visit: [www.stemma.org](http://www.stemma.org).



The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill will sell two cash raffle tickets in September based on the 1:00 and 7:00 P.M., three-digit Pennsylvania Lottery drawings, with 1,000 tickets available for each drawing. Cost is \$10.00 for a chance to win from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00. All tickets and money must be returned by August 28th. To order tickets, please call Sister Agnes Steedle, 724-836-0406, Ext. 6646. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Charity.



**August 27, 2018**  
**Mass: 7 p.m.**  
**St. Paul Cathedral**  
**Oakland Section of**  
**Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Sponsored by Polish Falcons Heritage Foundation, Polish Falcons of America, the Polish Clergy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Greensburg, & Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

For more information, contact:  
**Polish Falcons Heritage Foundation**  
Call 844-203-9917, visit [polishheritage.org](http://polishheritage.org), or email [milera@polishheritage.org](mailto:milera@polishheritage.org).



**Job Posting**  
The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, have openings for a full-time LPN or RN and a full-time NA to care for retired/ infirm sisters on the 11:00 P.M.— 7:00 A.M. shift at Caritas Christi, the sisters' mother-house. Positions require heavy lifting. This is a non-licensed facility with a focus on patient care, not paperwork. Interested candidates should call 724-853-1478, Ext. 1225.



Life Choices will be hosting their very first Fundraising Banquet in Westmoreland County in anticipation of opening their 4th My Choice Medical Clinic There. The Banquet will be held on Thursday, August 30th, at the Ramada Inn in Greensburg. They need your help to fill this room as they move into this new territory! If you're interested in attending this Banquet, please contact Gina to reserve your seat or get table hosting instructions...[gina@yourlifechoicesinfo.com](mailto:gina@yourlifechoicesinfo.com).



A book of the history of Freeport has been written by parishioner Steve Gardner. "*History of an Allegheny River Town: Freeport, Pennsylvania*" is a comprehensive overview of the settlement of western Pennsylvania, with a focus on the evolution of the Borough of Freeport over the past 225 years, from its founding in 1797 to today. Included is a brief summary of the influences of the Native American Indians, founders William and David Todd, transportation including the Pennsylvania Canal and the Railroad systems, business and industry development from early settlement to current services, newspapers, military units, churches, and much more. The 580 page book with hundreds of photos is for sale at the Freeport Area Library and will be available on August 11th. A copy is on display at the Library. Cost of the book—\$42.35 including tax. Proceeds benefit the Library.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 25TH & 26TH, 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>					
Fred Walker; Zach Showers Lauren & Leah Clark	Sella Aul; Deb Showers Dave Valencic	Jackie DeFelice	Sharon Mihalich	Sue Myford	Alex Smith
<b>Sunday—8:30 A.M.</b>					
Samuel & Jacob Kristine David Kristine Ali & Ben Brestensky	Kim Holbein Cindy Harbison Rose Check	John Nemcek	John Nemcek Betty Lou Nemcek	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
<b>Sunday—11:00 A.M.</b>					
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Steele	Rob Svitek	Jenn Liti	Dave Wesolosky	Dan Ullrich

### Mass Intentions

#### MASSES FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>August 18th</b> ✦Jarod Bennis (Mary & Doug Scholl)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>August 19th</b> ✦Helen Murphy (John & Brenda DeMeno) St. Mary Parishioners
<b>MONDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 20th</b> ✦Jim Ebig (Dave Smiesko)
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 21st</b> ✦Jerry Broderick (Patty Hughes & Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 22nd</b> ✦Frank Stankiewicz (Richard & Karen Brestensky)
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 23rd</b> ✦Robert Mangol (Wife—Josie)
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 8:00 A.M.	<b>August 24th</b> ✦Edward Sypulski (Michael & Marie Aftanas)

#### MASSES FOR THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>August 25th</b> ✦Joseph Klaput, Sr. (Nannie Klaput & Family)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>August 26th</b> ✦Deceased of the Ballina Family (Jamie Phillips) St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine  
were donated for this week  
in loving memory of  
**WALTER & HANNAH KONKLE**  
By  
*Bill and Mary Fullerton*

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



**GENO AND LIL PERNAZZA**  
**70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
By  
*Children & Grandchildren*

### Collections

#### Offertory Collection for August 12th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 611  
No. of Envelopes Received: 191  
Collection: Offertory - \$4,473.47  
Electronic Payments (13) - \$838.00  
Loose - \$352.00; Children - \$21.25  
**Total Collection - \$5,684.72**

**THANK YOU!**



**Saturday, August 25th, 2018**  
*Diane Grant*

Thanks to our advertisers who sponsor this bulletin.  
Please support them with your business.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**"Holbein, Incorporated"**

### Electronic Giving

*A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow*

"Summertime and the living is easy." That's what the favorite old song says. The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend Mass in other parishes. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please consider on-line Banking. Currently, twenty parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. It's simple and safe! Please remember to provide your envelope number.

**Century 21**  
**American Heritage Realty**  
 Sarver, PA 16055  
 Fax (724) 295-4717 | Cell (724) 448-9645  
 bridget.fogarty@century21.com

**Bridget A. Fogarty, REALTOR®**  
 Office (724) 295-4700



Each Office Is Independently Owned And Operated

**Lutz & Pawk L.L.P.**  
**Lawrence P. Lutz**  
*Attorney at Law*

**Butler Office** 285-3400  
**Sarver Office** 353-2170

**Lisa Marie's Inc.**  
**LMSD**

We look forward to welcoming your child to join in the fun!!  
**724-295-3698**  
 Owner: Lisa Isenberg  
 Beginner thru Advanced  
 Accepting Registration NOW

☆☆☆☆☆☆

800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com

**Saint Margaret Sunday Missal**

*An ideal companion for personal prayer.*

**In Stock & Ready to Order Today.**  
**CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95**

800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com

**Protecting Seniors Nationwide**

**Medical Alert System**

**\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly**

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

**Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608**



**Kennihans**  
 PLUMBING • HEATING  
 AIR CONDITIONING

*We treat your home like it's our Grandpa's home!*

**\$87 for Any Service Call**

www.Kennihans.com  
 888.333.1819

**JOHN'S HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING & HARDWARE INC.**

**TOLL FREE 1-877-551-6760**


**603 High Street**  
**Freeport**  
**(724) 295-2950**

**Standing on the Rock CD** by James Wahl

**FUN AND FAITH-FILLED MUSIC**  
 for little ones, with 10 songs based on Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus.  
 This is a new music collection for preschool children and those who are in early grade school.  
 \$17.00 + S&H

**WLP WORLD LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS**  
 The music and liturgy division of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

800-566-6150 • www.wlp.jspaluch.com/14028.htm



**724-224-7111**  
 FREE DELIVERY

**The Medicine Shoppe**  
 Midway Square  
 2612 Freeport Rd., Natrona Heights  
 Robert J. Ingoldby, R.Ph.

**Keddie Chevrolet**

**Route 56, Vandergriff**  
**724-567-5683**

**This Space Compliments of:**  
**Dr. Anne Adam**  
**Dr. Larry Adam**  
**Full Service Family Dentists**  
**353-1521**  
**297-3446**

**Catholic Cruises and Tours**  
 Brian or Sally, coordinators  
 an Official Travel Agency of Apostleship of the Sea-USA  
 CST 211790-70  
**860.399.1785**  
 www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

**Redmond Funeral Home Inc.**  
 Traditional, Cremation & Preplanning Services  
 W. Ryan Redmond Supervisor  
 524 High St. Freeport 724-295-4500  
 www.redmondfuneralhomeinc.com  
 Serving St. Mary's Families for over 40 years.

**FREEPORT BEVERAGE**  
 Your Local Pop/Beer Distributors  
**724-295-9200**  
 103 Second Street  
 Freeport, PA 16229



**FINDaPARISH.com**

**Check It Out Today!**

**The Most Complete Online National Directory of Catholic Parishes**

**ONE PARISH**

Download Our Free App or Visit  
**MY.ONEPARISH.COM**

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Available on the App Store and Google Play



**The Gilded Pear**  
**Antiques & Collectibles**  
 David & Cleatus Burk, Parishioners

Antiques on Market  
 502 Market Street  
 Freeport, PA 16229  
 (724) 540-5957

17th & Smallman Sts.  
 In the Strip, Pittsburgh  
 412-471-2090



**Rosebrook**

A Beautiful New Residence That You Will Be Proud Of And A Price You Can Live With  
**295-4300**  
 723 Rt. 356  
 (1/2 Mi. N. of Rt. 28)  
 www.rosebrookadultliving.com  
 rosebrok@zoominternet.net

**VALLEY VETERINARY ASSOCIATES**

WELLNESS CARE • VACCINATIONS • DENTISTRY  
 LABORATORY • ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY • PHARMACY  
 WEIGHT MANAGEMENT • BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING  
 MICROCHIPPING • RETAIL SHOP & MORE

**853 Falcon Park Road • Lower Burrell**  
**www.vvapets.com 724.339.1525**

**"Better Built Memorials"** See Our Large Display  
**FREEPORT MONUMENTAL WORKS**  
**P. POFI AND SONS**  
 Established 1921  
**344 Second St. 295-2320**

**If You Live Alone You Need LIFEWatch!**

**24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!**

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family

Solutions as Low as **\$19.95 a month**

**FREE Shipping**  
**FREE Activation**  
**NO Long Term Contracts**


**CALL NOW! 800.809.3352** No Landline? No Problem!  
 \* Real Time GPS Tracking \* Fall Detection

**LIFEWatchUSA**  
 MONITORING IN THE USA



**catholicmatch® Pennsylvania**

**CatholicMatch.com/myPA**



**HOLBEIN INC.**

A Versatile, Family Operated Business, Serving the Pittsburgh Area for Over 30 Years

**EXCAVATING • ASPHALT & TAR & CHIP PAVING UTILITIES • CONCRETE WORK • CONSULTING SHALE, STONE AND TOPSOIL**

**www.holbeininc.com • 724.353.2635**

