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## **Organizations**

Diane Grant—Christian Mothers
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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. 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.

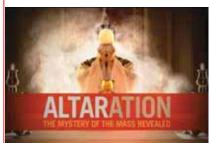
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**: RCIA helps you to learn more about the Catholic faith. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Ron or William Girardi at 724-295-2281.

**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.



Some Catholics make the mistake of viewing Mass strictly through the lens of what they "get" from it. While we do "get" to hear God's Word proclaimed and receive the Body and Blood of Christ at every Mass, we should also ask ourselves, "What am I bringing to Mass?" What do you bring to Mass? Praise and prayers? Distraction and boredom? If you are truly seeking God at Mass, you must put in some effort to connect with him. Once your heart moves toward God, you will come to realize that you aren't actually pursuing him as much as he is pursuing you. Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed will help open your eyes and your heart to a deeper reality of what God has done for you ... and what he has in store for you at Mass. Join us for the last two sessions of Altaration on February 25th, and March

4th from 9:30 – 10:40 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Attendance of the first session is not required for the other sessions. All teens (grades 7 – 12) and adults are encouraged to come.



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## **Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever**



A free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday (February 14th), you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. Our lives change when our habits change. Your 40 days of Lent will be an incredibly transformative experience because you've learned simple yet powerful ways to become the person God created you to be. Sign up at <a href="mailto:DynamicCatholic.com/40Days">DynamicCatholic.com/40Days</a>.

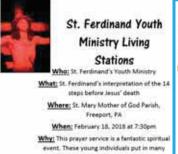


Lenten Adoration of the Cross will be all day on Fridays immediately following the 8:00 A.M. Mass. At 6:00 P.M., there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.



During Lent, mass will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 A.M. On Wednesdays, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. This will provide an opportunity for the people who work to attend Mass during Lent, in addition

to attending on Saturday evening/Sunday morning.



hours to bring this service to you.



Easter Flower Offering Envelopes - Remember your loved ones this Easter by making a donation

for flowers and decorations for the sanctuary during the Easter season. Envelopes will be included in your March monthly packet. Deadline is 12:00 Noon on Monday, March 26th.

## Calendar of Events

February 18th Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - "Jeff Lasko"

Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed—9:30 - 10:40 A.M. Teen Ministry Meeting—9:25 A.M. - Popcorn Fundraiser Begins

Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass; Baptism "Cypher"—12:15 P.M.

Living Stations of the Cross—7:30 P.M. President's Day—Parish Office Closed

February 19th President's Day—Parish Office ( February 21st Evening Mass—7:00 P.M. February 23rd Stations of the Cross—7:00 P.M.

February 25th Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - "Joe Sutara"

Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.

Teen Ministry Meeting—9:25 A.M.; Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass

# Mardi Gras



























This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal. The theme of this year's appeal is "Love One Another with Great Love." This week, households in our

parish will be receiving a request from Bishop Malesic in the mail along with additional information about the Appeal. Please watch for yours to arrive.



## **Diocesan Lenten Appeal**

**Diocesan Target - \$39,816.68 Parish Target - \$70,816.68** Pledges to Date - \$10,600.00 Number of Donors - 10



Baptism To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you Preparation are required to attend one baptismal class. The

next class scheduled for this year will be held Thursday, March 1st. Please call Mark or Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281 to register.



Mt. St. Peter Parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the St.

John Paul II Shrine on April 11th. Cost is \$60.00/person. The bus leaves New Kensington at 6:00 A.M. and returns that evening. For information and reservations, call 724-351-3575 by March 10th.



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.



Soup's On! Thursday, February 22nd from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at St. Ladislaus Church, 48 Spruce Street, Natrona.

them for a light soup lunch. Free and open to the public!





**Diocesan Collection** - Today our second collection will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please be generous!



The religious congregations of the Diocese of Greensburg are hosting a Religious Life Chat Room February 21st, March 21st and April 25th, for women ages 18-40, to talk about consecrated

religious life. The sessions are held in the Greensburg Room at Seton Hill University from 5:00-6:30 P.M. Contact Sister Barbara Ann Smelko at: basmelko@scsh or Sister Joann Gartner at: Carmelite.monastery@verizon.net.



Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, is accepting orders for Nut, Apricot and Poppy Seed rolls and Paska bread (with or without raisins) for Easter. Poppy Seed and Apricot rolls are

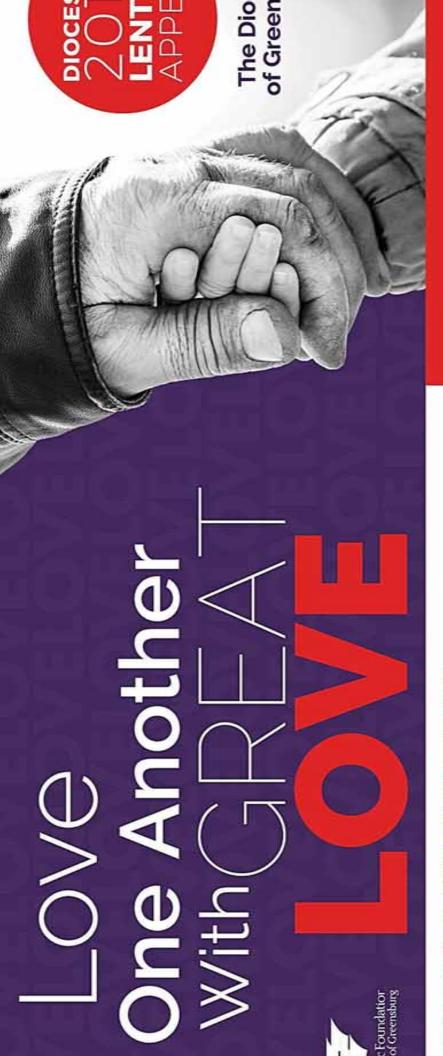
\$11.50/each. Order deadline is Monday, March 5th. Paska bread (with or without raisins) is \$6.50/each. Order deadline is Monday, March 12th. To place your order, please call any of the following numbers: 724-842-0623, 724-845-8615 or 724-845-9762. Thank You!

## **A Community Lenten Journey**

The Freeport Ministerium invites you to join them for the 2018 Lenten Series "I AM". Thursdays during Lent, area churches will host a light luncheon at noon (a freewill offering will be taken). Pastors will offer a short message during our time together. All our welcome!

February 22	Rev. Dawn Lynn Check (Freeport United Methodist Church)	Sower's Chapel	
March 1	Father Ron Maquinana (St. Mary's Catholic Church)	United Presbyterian	
March 8	Pastor Raphael Koikoi (Freeport Untled Methodist Church)	St. Mary's	
March 15	Pastor Mike Harvey (Harvest Community Church Freeport Campus)	Freeport UMC	
March 22	Rev. Derrick Lumsden (Sower's Chapel)	Trinity Lutheran	





# CTH MINISTRY

Ministry helps our children learn the beauty of helping those in nd the satisfaction that comes with loving one another.

es and Christians to serve one another The simplest things we do can the things I'm always telling young people is that we're taught as Jesus and His love to other people."

asky, director of Youth Ministry, St. Barbara Parish

ir families who can't afford to have parties for their children. I've learned that a different service project each month. Last week, we put together birthday nall act of kindness I do really makes an impact on other people's lives."

elsh, 17, member of the Youth Ministry program, St. Barbara Parish

# Announceme Weekend

February 17-18, 201

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH, 2018						
Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor	
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.						
Bill Girardi; Zach Showers Madison & Dawson Gaillot	Dave Brestensky Andrea Camerlo; Fred Walker	Jackie DeFelice	Sharon Mihalich	Verne Bergstrom	Alex Smith	
Sunday—8:30 A.M.						
Samuel & Jacob Kristine David Kristine Ali & Ben Brestensky	Judy Bergstrom John Nemcek Rose Check	Lisa Boylan	Don & Jean Miller	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik	
Sunday—11:00 A.M.						
Celeste Beacom Jacob & Erin Schaeffer Victor & Olivia Svitek	Dan Lucovich Patty Hughes Marushka Steele	Rob Svitek	Jill Zalewski	Dave Wesolosky	Choir	

## Mass Intentions

## MASSES FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY: February 17th

SUNDAY: February 18th
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

MONDAY: February 19th

TUESDAY: February 20th

8:00 A.M. PRobert Phillips (Richard & Karen Brestensky)

THURSDAY: February 22nd

FRIDAY: February 23rd

MASSES FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY: February 24th

4:00 P.M. Prichard L. Bayne (Tim & Bridget Fogarty)

SUNDAY: February 25th 8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



Saturday, February 24th, 2018

Christine Kern and Connie Waltenbaugh

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## Offertory Collection for February 11th, 2018

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 602
No. of Envelopes Received: 207
Collection: Offertory - \$4,751.00
Electronic Payments (9) - \$278.00
Loose - \$247.00; Children - \$40.50
Catholic Accent - \$5.00
Central & Eastern Europe - \$30.00

Total Collection - \$5,351.50 THANK YOU!

Winter weather is here and that means ice and snow may make it difficult for some people to get to church. But parish bills keep growing during the winter, including increased heating costs and snow removal expenses. You can make sure your parish support doesn't stop just when we need it the most. Why not check out the simple, safe and secure online giving option with your bank. Currently twenty-one families are giving online. Please consider joining that growing number of dedicated givers! We are most grateful to all those who make every effort to give consistently whether electronically or through the weekly offering basket. It really helps us plan and meet our budget.

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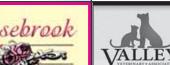
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