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Monsignor Gilbert C. Gente—Pastor
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Parish Information

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M. **Sunday:** 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

***Please note that we will live stream the Sunday Mass at 8:30 A.M.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—8:00 A.M.;
Wednesday—6:00 P.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Reconciliation: Friday - following the 8:00 A.M. mass; Saturday - 3:00—3:30 P.M.

Baptism: Sunday

Marriage: Contact the Administrative Office nine months in advance—724-295-2281.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA helps you to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Msgr. Gilbert or William Girardi at 724-295-2281.

Hospital or Home Visit: Contact Msgr. Gilbert at 724-295-2281.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Msgr. Gilbert at 724-295-2281.

Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to take the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Call 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.

Parish Bulletin:

Information for the bulletin needs to be received at the parish office no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday of the preceding week. Email items for consideration to:
thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com. Thank you!

Parish Staff

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Bill Cogley—St. Vincent de Paul Society

724-596-2942

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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

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thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com

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MISSION STATEMENT—St. Mary's is a caring and welcoming family committed to building and strengthening a community of God, reaching out as disciples of Jesus Christ to Freeport and beyond.



†=(in memory of)

♥=(IHO/special intention/parishioners)

MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	April 22nd †Kenneth Mikolas (Diane & Ernie Bragiel)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	April 23rd †Rinaldo Policicchio (The Policicchio's) ♥St. Mary Parishioners
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	April 24th †Eleanor Balest (Diane Grant)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	April 25th †Cindy Kulikowski (Shipe Family)
WEDNESDAY: 6:00 P.M.	April 26th †Anne & Joseph Dombrowski (Glenna Wyant)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	April 27th †Dorothy Wyant (John & Brenda DeMeno)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.	April 28th †Mrs. Maryann Mallets (Lawrence & Anna Brestensky & Family)

MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	April 29th †Bernadette Bayne (Barb & Frank Gajdosik)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	April 30th †Marilyn Adams & Carol Goldscheitter— Loving Sisters (Brothers & Sisters) ♥St. Mary Parishioners

Readings for the Week

Monday:	<i>Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29</i>
Tuesday:	<i>1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40</i>
Thursday:	<i>Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51</i>
Friday:	<i>Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59</i>
Saturday:	<i>Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69</i>
Sunday:	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10</i>



Altar Memorials



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of

Martin Sikora

By
Silvia Sikora



The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of

Dr. Kenneth Mikolas,

requested by
Larry & Judy Lutz

Ministry Schedule April 29th & 30th, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Dawson Gaillot
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Huth Family; Zollinger Family
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Mason DeMeno; Evan Giori

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Patty Hughes
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Judy Bergstrom
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Andre Volek

LECTORS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Tim Fogarty
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Ali Brestensky
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Bill Cogley

ORGANIST:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Dmitri Koval
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Tom Koharchik
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Dave Wesolosky

CANTOR:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	MMC
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Tom Koharchik
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	TBA

Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer for any of these liturgical ministries! Note—All liturgical ministers must have their clearances up to date! Thank you!





If you are new to the area, we invite you to share fully in our parish life. Your presence brings vitality and new gifts to the community. Please take a moment to register. Forms are available at all of the church entrances or by calling the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

St. Mary's Calendar

April 23rd	Religious Education Classes/1st Communion Workshop—9:30 to 10:40 A.M.; Grief Share Dinner—6:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
April 24th	Card Party/Board Game Social—6:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall; Parish Council Meeting—7:00 P.M. - Conference Rm.
April 26th	MMC Practice—6:30 P.M. - MMC Room
April 27th	Alpha—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
April 30th	Donut Sunday; Religious Education Classes (Last Day)—9:30 to 10:40 A.M.
May 1st	Christian Mother's Meeting—Christian Mother's Room—7:00 P.M.
May 2nd	First Holy Communion Practice—6:30 P.M. - Church
May 3rd	MMC Practice—6:30 P.M. - MMC Room
May 4th	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—9:00 A.M. - Fellowship Hall; Alpha—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
May 5th	First Friday—Adoration until 5:00 P.M.—No Benediction
May 6th	1st Holy Communion—11:00 A.M.
May 7th	May Crowning—8:30 A.M.
May 8th	Leadership Meeting—6:30 P.M. - Christian Mother's Room
May 10th	MMC Practice—6:30 P.M. - MMC Room
May 11th	Alpha—6:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Parish Information/Events

Vacation

Msgr. Gilbert will be leaving at the end of this week to visit his home in the Philippines. He is scheduled to return on Thursday, June 1st. In his absence, Fr. Euker will be celebrating mass and hearing confessions. Please note that where there is a Communion Service scheduled, the requested mass intention will be taken by Msgr. Gilbert to be celebrated in the Philippines. If there are any business matters that need to be addressed while Msgr. Gilbert is gone, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Bill Girardi, at 724-295-2281 or 412-719-7085. We pray that Msgr. has a safe trip and enjoys his time with his family. ☺

READ PLEASE

Our new bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing, is excited to announce their relocation plans. As you can imagine, moving all the printing equipment and putting everything in place at their new location in Ivyland, PA will be very challenging. Because of this move, they will have early transmission deadlines for our bulletin during the month of May. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

SCHEDULE FOR MAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

Information for the May 7th bulletin must be submitted by email to the parish office by 12:00 Noon, April 26th
Information for the May 14th bulletin must be submitted by email to the parish office by 12:00 Noon, May 3rd
Information for the May 21st bulletin must be submitted by email to the parish office by 12:00 Noon, May 10th
Information for the May 28th bulletin must be submitted by email to the parish office by 12:00 Noon, May 17th



In your charity, please remember the souls of those who passed away, especially **William J. Davis, Cheryl Ann Wetzel** and **Ronald D. O'Brokta**. We ask God to welcome *William, Cheryl* and *Ronald* and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families. ☺

First Friday Adoration

First Friday Adoration—For the month of May, First Friday will fall on May 5th. There will be all day adoration beginning at 9:00 A.M. *With Msgr. Gilbert being in the Philippines, there will be no benediction.* If you are able to come and give an hour of your time to spend with our Lord, there are sign-up sheets located at our church entrances. Please remember that if we do not get enough parishioners to commit their time, we will have to discontinue this Catholic tradition at our parish. Please join us as we adore our Lord Jesus! ☺

Diocesan Target

\$42,467.00

Parish Goal

\$90,000.00

Total

\$132,467.00

Amount Pledged

\$172,627.00

Amount Paid

\$135,452.00

Number of Donors

270

Percentage of Parish Participation

44.6%



Gifts/pledges may be made online at:
dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBody.
If you prefer, filled out pledge cards may be mailed to:

Diocesan Lenten Appeal—Diocese of Greensburg
723 East Pittsburgh Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

For those who have not yet made their pledge, we ask that you prayerful consider doing so today. ☺

On behalf of all the parishioners here at St. Mary, Mother of God Church, we would like to welcome our newest members to our parish family. We hope you find warmth and hospitality here. These members joined the first quarter of 2023. Please welcome:

Todd, Kathleen & Seth Anuszek

Russ Corsi

Denny & Thelma Foust

Karen Godfrey & Mason Smith

Jason, Bethany, Norah & Nolan Hough

Georgia Rigatti

Drew, Jules & Solomon Sanchez

Tammy, Mark & Jacob Sarver

Jake Schaeffer

Janet Schuch

Joe & Denise Shetler

Tony, Lyndsey & Antonio Veneziano

Gary & Becky Walker

Kelsey Wolfe & Nate Smith



St. Mary's is now your parish family so please try to become actively involved in the many different ministries that we have; allow the Holy Spirit to lead you to that particular ministry that will not only give you the opportunity to be of service to our Lord, but also help you in your growth as a *disciple* of Jesus Christ. *Become involved and let us together grow in our faith!* We look forward to getting to know you and are happy that you chose to become a member of our parish. ☺

Spring Card Party and Game Board Social

Monday, April 24th, 2023

6:30—10:00 P.M.—Fellowship Hall

Salad Bar/Desserts/Beverages

50/50 Raffle

\$10.00/person

Information/Tickets—Contact:

Carol Carson—724-316-1204

(Hosted by St. Mary Christian Mothers)

HOLY SATURDAY Preparation



Holy Saturday

Easter Food Blessing

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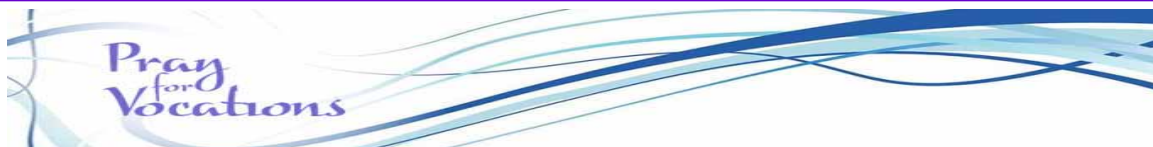
EASTER VIGIL





Easter Sunday





***Heavenly Father**—Your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that you continue to call sons and daughters from our families and parishes to serve as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg. Send your Spirit upon us so that many will respond with great love to your call to service and leadership in your Church. Give to those you have chosen the faith of the apostle, the vision of the prophet, and the courage of the martyr. Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, help us to be faithful disciples of your Son by following the example of Mary. Make us generous in sharing ourselves and our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.*

Imprimatur
The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD
Bishop of Greensburg

LAST WEEK *Collection*

Offertory Collection for April 16th, 2023

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 603

No. of Envelopes Received: 191

Collection: Offertory - \$5,569.17

Electronic Payments (11) - \$1,800.00

Loose - \$306.00; Children (12) - \$16.40

Additional Easter Donations - \$990.00

Additional Holy Thursday - (3) - \$23.00

Additional Good Friday (3) - \$23.00

Total Collection - \$8,727.57

Month of March On-Line Donations (27) - \$1,315.47

Although we are now able to attend Mass, we continue to urge those who do not yet feel comfortable in attending to please mail your weekly/monthly contribution or drop it off at the Administrative Office or the mail box outside the office doors.

THANK YOU!

Every penny counts!



Ways to Support Our Parish

- Automatic giving (for additional information, please contact your banking institution).
- Online at: www.stmaryfreeport.com. Click on On-line Giving. If you have questions, please email Beth at: bmacurdy@zoominternet.net.
- By mail (donations may be mailed to St. Mary, Mother Of God Church, 608 High Street, Freeport, PA 16229).
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- Reaching the St. Mary, Mother of God community
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