

# St. Mary, Mother of God Church



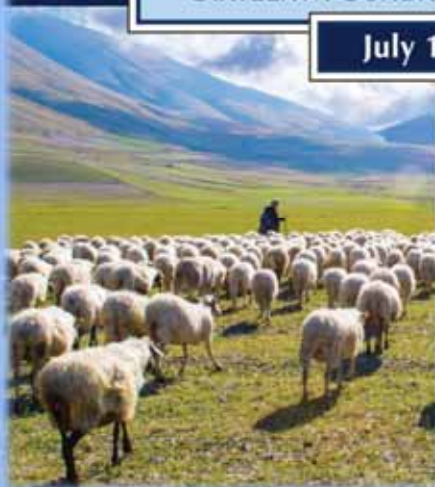
Roman Catholic Church  
608 High Street ~ Freeport, PA 16229  
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021



When Jesus saw the vast crowd  
his heart was moved  
with pity for them,  
*for they were like sheep  
without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34

**Monsignor Gilbert C. Gente—Pastor**  
[ggente@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ggente@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

## Parish Information

**Saturday (Vigil):** 4:00 & 6:00 P.M. (some restrictions)  
**Sunday:** 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. (some restrictions)  
**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—8:00 A.M.;  
Wednesday—7:00 P.M. (some restrictions)  
**Holy Day of Obligation:** 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. (some restrictions)  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 3:00—3:30 P.M. (some restrictions)  
**Baptism:** Sundays (by appointment and with some restrictions)  
**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. Pre-registration is required. Contact Msgr. Gilbert 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, call 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 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.

## Parish Staff

**William Girardi**  
*Pastoral Associate—412-719-7085*  
**Claudia Vertosick**  
*Business Manager/Parish Secretary*  
**Helen James, Religious Education Director**  
**Thomas Koharchik, Main Organist**  
**Cindi Harbison**  
*Social Hall Coordinator—724-272-7744*  
**Ed & Jeannie Lepkowski**  
*Parish Custodians*  
**Judy Bergstrom, Cemetery Sales Coordinator**  
*724-316-5352*  
**Jeff Jones, Groundskeeper—724-448-9250**

## Ministries

**Kristen Marhefka—Teen Ministry**  
**Melissa Kristine—Evangelization**  
**John Nemcek—Homebound Ministry**  
**Gina Jones—Helping Hands**  
*724-448-9251; [ginaj1904@gmail.com](mailto:ginaj1904@gmail.com)*  
**Brenda DeMeno—The Caring Tree**

## Organizations

**Diane Grant—Christian Mothers**  
**Stella Aul—St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**Tim Fogarty—FORGED (Men's Group)**

## 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)

**Facebook:** Saint Mary, Mother of God - Freeport

**Send Information to share:**  
[stmarysocialmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysocialmedia@yahoo.com)

**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.**

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

†=(in memory of) ♥=(IHO/special intention/parishioners)

## MASSES FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>July 17th</b>
4:00 P.M.	†Parents & Ann Cingolani (John & Betty Lou Nemcek)
6:00 P.M.	†Donald Smith (Himes Family)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>July 18th</b>
7:00 A.M.	†Rose Evans (Silvia Sikora)
8:30 A.M.	†Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Richard & Wendy Kelly)
11:00 A.M.	♥St. Mary Parishioners
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>July 19th</b>
8:00 A.M.	†Georgina Mikolas (Family)
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>July 20th</b>
8:00 A.M.	†Rose Pesci (Dave & Cleatus Burk)
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>July 21st</b>
7:00 P.M.	†Martin & Mary Hoffman and Robert Hoffman (Jean Anne Postle)
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>July 22nd</b>
8:00 A.M.	†James & Mark Shearer (Friend)
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>July 23rd</b>
8:00 A.M.	†David Shipe (Wyant Family)

## MASSES FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>July 24th</b>
4:00 P.M.	†John P. DeMeno (John & Brenda DeMeno)
6:00 P.M.	†Louis Valencic (Patty Hughes)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>July 25th</b>
7:00 A.M.	♥St. Mary Parishioners
8:30 A.M.	†Charles Lentz (Karen & Rich Brestensky)
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Edward Mikolas (Bud & Karyn Roenigk)

**[Outside Mass and will be celebrated at Renshaw Farms]**

# Altar Memorials



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **All Members of the Ledoux, Hastings & Walker Families** by *Fred Walker & Family*



The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **Charles & Ellen Huth**, requested by *Dan & Karen Lucovich*

## Ministry Schedule

July 24th & 25th, 2021

### ALTAR SERVERS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Saturday, 6:00 P.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Sunday, 7:00 A.M.</i>	None
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Bachar Family
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Lasko Family

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Mary Williams
<i>Saturday, 6:00 P.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Sunday, 7:00 A.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Carol Carson
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Bill Cogley

### LECTORS:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Ernie Bragiel
<i>Saturday, 6:00 P.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Sunday, 7:00 A.M.</i>	TBA
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Linda Koharchik
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Brigitte Kennedy

### ORGANIST:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Diane Pleva
<i>Saturday, 6:00 P.M.</i>	Quiet Mass
<i>Sunday, 7:00 A.M.</i>	Quiet Mass
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Sue Myford
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	Dave Wesolosky

### CANTOR:

<i>Saturday, 4:00 P.M.</i>	Alex Smith
<i>Saturday, 6:00 P.M.</i>	Quiet Mass
<i>Sunday, 7:00 A.M.</i>	Quiet Mass
<i>Sunday, 8:30 A.M.</i>	Sue Myford
<i>Sunday, 11:00 A.M.</i>	TBA



**Please Note:** If any ministers attend the temporary new masses at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday or 7:00 A.M. on Sunday, could you please come to the sacristy to offer your services in your respective ministry. Thank you!

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<i>Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18</i>
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<i>Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30</i>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15</i>



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.

## Calendar of Events/Meetings

**Weekday Mass—8:00 A.M. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; Wednesday - 7:00 P.M. (some restrictions)**  
**Confessions—Saturday - 3:00 to 3:30 P.M.**

**Weekend Masses—Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 & 6:00 P.M. (some restrictions)**  
**Sunday: 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. (some restrictions)**

**Remember that the rosary is prayed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, immediately following the 8:00 A.M. mass and at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, prior to the 7:00 Mass. On weekends, the rosary is recited before each weekend mass.**

July 16th Adoration and Divine Mercy—6:00 P.M.  
 July 17th/18th Donut Social—Immediately following all weekend masses - Fellowship Hall  
 July 19th Finance Council Meeting—7:00 P.M. - Conference Center  
 July 19th-23rd Vacation Bible Camp—6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall  
 July 23rd Adoration and Divine Mercy—6:00 P.M.  
 July 25th Outdoor Mass—11:00 A.M. Renshaw Farms; Parish Picnic—12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. - Renshaw Farms  
 July 30th Adoration and Divine Mercy—6:00 P.M.

The 8:30 A.M. Sunday Mass is live streamed every week!



## Parish Information/Events

The new guidelines from the diocese are now in place. We still recommend (per CDC and diocesan recommendations) that you please wear a mass in church if you have not been vaccinated or if you still feel uncomfortable not wearing one. In time, we are hoping that we will bring back placing the missalettes in the pews and filling the holy water fonts with holy water. Hand sanitizer is available at the church entrances and we will continue to sanitize on a daily basis. As we receive updates regarding diocesan guidelines, we will publicize them in our bulletins. †



**Donut Weekend** — After all masses today, we will have donuts in the Fellowship Hall. Come catchup with those who you normally see at the same Mass you worship at or meet someone new.

**Vacation Bible Camp** — Join us for Vacation Bible Camp “Go!” July 19th to 23rd! Our evenings of fun for children ages 4 to 11 will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:00 P.M. live in the Fellowship Hall. We will be exploring how much Jesus the Good Shepherd loves each of us through his Parables. These stories that Jesus told will come alive for the children. It will be a great week filled with laughter, songs, games, crafts, stories, along with food, fun and friends. Each child will receive a T-shirt to wear. **There is no cost for the week.**

**Parish Picnic (July 25th)** — The picnic is a great time to meet other parishioners and become a part of the St. Mary family. There will be picnic food, games/activities for the children and Murphy’s Music Center Big Band playing. The picnic will be held at Renshaw Family Farms—318 Ford City Road—Freeport. 11:00 A.M. Mass will be celebrated outside at the Farm. Fellowship will be 12:00 Noon - 3:00 P.M. and food will be served 12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. All food will be provided and we ask that you register to ensure we have enough food. Register on the parish website: [stmaryfreeport.com](http://stmaryfreeport.com) or on the signup sheet at the entrances of the church. *Hoping to see you at the farm on July 25th for faith, food, family, fun and fellowship!* †



**In your charity**, please remember the souls of those who passed away, especially **George Fedor**. We ask God to welcome **George** and all who have gone before us into the joy of everlasting life and bring comfort and peace to their families. †



In celebration of St. Mary, Mother of God’s 195th Anniversary, we will have a Mass of Celebration on Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00 P.M. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on joining us for this special mass to celebrate our great history of 195 years. †



**Our Fall Festival/Oktoberfest/Lite Fare Fundraiser** will be held on Friday, September 10th, from 6:30 to 10:30 P.M., at Renshaw Farms, 314 Ford City Road, Freeport. Due to the pandemic, the annual Mardi Gras has been replaced by this event for 2021. In addition to good food, there will be wineries and a brewery. Tickets are available for \$30.00/ea.; tables of ten are available for \$270.00. Tickets are needed to attend and may be purchased in the back of the church following our weekend masses. You may also purchase your tickets by calling Bridget Fogarty at 724-294-0089 or by contacting any of the parish council members. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office at 724-295-2281. †



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 second quarter of 2021. Please welcome:

*Gigi Francisco  
James & Mary Kownacki  
John Kristine  
David & Bridget Kuczynski  
James & Margaret Levri  
Chaz Shipman  
Alia Tesoro  
Joe & Jeanne Walkiewicz*

*A Joyful  
Welcome  
to Our Parish*

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. †

**INTENTIONS  
FOR THE  
WEEK**

We still have some envelopes available for your weekly intentions for The Sanctuary Candle and the Altar Bread & Wine. **For the month of August, the Altar Bread & Wine is available for the week of August 29th.** This is a very special way to remember a deceased family member or to celebrate a special event. The remembrance begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday of that week. **Please note that your donation (\$20.00/ea.) must be given at the time of your request.** Thank you! †



**Mass Intention Requests** for weekday masses are being accepted for 2021. Mass requests will be received at the Administrative Office during normal office hours and your donation is to be made at the time of your request. If you have already made your requests and would like to do additional masses, please stop in at the Administrative Office during normal office hours. Please note that if a mass is requested and a Communion Service needs to be scheduled, Msgr. Gilbert will take the mass intention with him. Also, please note that we are currently accepting mass requests for only the 7:00 A.M. Sunday mass for the month of August, 2021. Thank you! †

**YOUR ATTENTION  
PLEASE**

*Now that we are gradually beginning to start up all our ministries and events, please remember that All Volunteers are required to obtain/update their Clearances, as required by Pennsylvania State Law and the Diocese of Greensburg. The following clearances must be obtained or updated every five (5) years:*

- Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct (one time only)*
- PA Mandated Reporter Training (one time only)*
- VIRTUS Training - Every Five (5) Years*
- PA Criminal History Check Form - Every Five (5) Years*
- PA Child Abuse Form - Every Five (5) Years*
- FBI Fingerprint Check - Every Five (5) Years—Employees only.*
- Affidavit for volunteers - Every Five (5) Years*

**NOTE:** *Volunteers—If you have not lived in the State of Pennsylvania for the last TEN (10) years, you must get fingerprinted! No exceptions! If you need assistance in completing these forms, please call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281. †*

***In order to meet our weekly deadline, please note that all bulletin announcements/information must be received in writing or by email no later than 10:00 A.M. on Mondays.  
Thank you!***

## **Regional Mass**

A regional Mass is celebrated every  
Sunday at 7:00 P.M. at St. Lawrence Church  
First Street—Cadogan, PA 16212

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# News/Activities from Our Ministries/Organizations



The **Christian Mothers** Summer Picnic will be held at the Twin Oak's Farm on Penny Lane (Don & Jean Miller's place) on Sunday, August 29th. Additional information will follow. All members are invited and asked to save the date! †

## Evangelization

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 18, 2021

### LEARN

GIVEN FORUM TALKS: EDUCATING ON THE NATURE AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN BY KATHERINE MEEKS



This week we celebrate Mary Magdalene, the most well-known woman in the Gospel accounts besides Christ's holy mother. In honor of this great saint and disciple, enjoy this presentation on the nature and dignity of women by Katherine Meeks. In her talk, Katherine shares how she chose to pursue a mission-driven life for Christ.

### LISTEN

WOMEN MADE NEW BY CRYSTALINA EVERT

In "Women Made New," Crystalina Evert, author of Pure Womanhood, explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been. All that matters now is where you go from here. Moreover, she discusses topics like dating, healthy habits, and the importance of listening to the Lord. In honor of Mary Magdalene and her devout discipleship, enjoy this talk on authentic femininity.

WOMEN  
MADE NEW  
CRYSTALINA EVERT



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**Quite Sheepish** — The gospel reading for this 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us a picture into the lives of early 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jews...apparently and quite surprisingly similar to ours. We hear how Jesus and His disciples needed to get away and recharge after a time of teaching and ministering to the vast crowds. But the crowds, still coming in large numbers and clamoring to be near Jesus, did not even stop to eat or rest. He had something they so desired, something that was missing from their lives. Talking about modern day culture, author G.K. Chesterton once quipped that we are "homesick...within our own homes". We are surrounded by every comfort we could imagine, yet we long for something other. This led C.S. Lewis to ponder and write in his classic Mere Christianity, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world". In casting His merciful eyes upon the throngs and sensing their emptiness, "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). We know a lot about whom the Good Shepherd is and how He so loves and desires our eternal happiness. **But what can we learn about sheep and why God uses this description of us over five hundred times in the Holy Scriptures? It is as simple as ABC.** Sheep tend to be **Aimless** due to their long history of domestication. Historians estimate that sheep have been domesticated for almost 13,000 years which means that they are completely dependent upon their shepherds to lead them to food. A sheep needs direction to find suitable grazing areas or tragedy will befall it. A sheep will look for nourishment in all the wrong places and in all the wrong faces. When a sheep ventures away from the protection and guidance of the loving shepherd, it may find a tasty meal once or twice before itself becomes a banquet for its many predators. Isaiah prophesied that the suffering servant (Jesus) came to heal us through His passion because "We like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). A sheep cannot bear a **Burden** of any sort. When was the last time you saw a picture of a sheep loaded with a rider or yoked to another in order to plant a field? When the thick wool gets saturated with water or its own oils, a sheep can barely stand on its on and even risks death at times when it falls onto its back and cannot right itself without the help of the shepherd. The psalmist is wise to instruct us to "Cast your burdens onto the Lord, and He will sustain you" (Psalm 55:22). Jesus came not to promise us a life without a cross to bear, but that He will carry it along side of us, every step of the way. Each sheep has a **Cost** which can be of great value to the owner. In the scriptures, the wealthiest of men were described to have great flocks of sheep. No doubt, considering that it could provide meat, clothing and sometimes even milk. Interestingly though, we have no value to God that makes Him a wealthier deity. He loves us because we are priceless in His eyes, regardless of what we can do or what we have done, good or bad. That is why "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16) who is "the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus Himself became the priceless lamb who paid the price He didn't owe, because we owed a price we couldn't pay. This week, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus (**Aim**), cast our anxieties upon Him (**Burden**) and let it sink into our hearts how valuable and precious (**Cost**) we are to Him! †

**\$FINANCE COUNCIL\$** The Finance Council will meet on Monday, July 19th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Center. All members are required to attend. †

## News from Our Diocese



**Bishop Kulick** desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2021. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition. Ideally, the Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th, 2021. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary. †

## Around Our Diocese



If you have ever experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child death, you are invited to a *Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Infant, or Child Loss Memorial Mass* on Wednesday, August 18th at 6 :00 P.M. at Holy Family Parish, 1200 Ligonier Street, Latrobe. A keepsake rosebud will be given to all families who attend, and refreshments will be served afterward. RSVP by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or emailing: [debdvb@yahoo.com](mailto:debdvb@yahoo.com). †

**RNS, LPNS,  
& CNAS**

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are looking for RNs/LPNs and Nursing Assistants to care for the retired Sisters at Caritas Christi, their motherhouse. This is a unique opportunity for those in the healthcare field. Working at Caritas Christi enables professionals, and those who would like to be in the healthcare field, to work in a setting where patient care comes first. Nurses and aids have the opportunity to get to know the patients on a personal level. †

*Festa Italiana*

**Festa Italiana 2021** is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st, from 10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. at the Mount St. Peter Parish back parking lot, 100 Freeport Road, New Kensington. The Festa Platter dinner is available drive-thru or takeout and includes lasagna, two meatballs and one sausage (heat and serve). The cost is \$15.00/platter. There will also be a virtual basket raffle.

Please visit: [www.mountsaintpeter.org](http://www.mountsaintpeter.org) to view all the items. †



The Roman Catholic Parishes of the New Kensington Catholic Community are actively seeking a candidate for a full-time youth minister/young adult position. The candidate would be responsible for one comprehensive high school ministry and one comprehensive middle school ministry, and begin implementation of young adult ministry. Organizational, communication and true leadership skills are essential. Desired qualifications are a bachelor's degree in youth ministry, catechesis, theology or education and at least two years of experience in a parish youth ministry program. The candidate must be a practicing

Roman Catholic. Please send your resume by July 25th to: Christina Smith, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Greensburg, 723 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Resumes may also be sent electronically to: [cmsmith@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cmsmith@dioceseofgreensburg.org). †

## Outside Our Diocese



**Saint Joseph High School** is hiring for several staff and teaching positions. Part-time teaching positions available include: Art, Physical Education and Spanish. SJHS is also hiring for the following part-time staff positions: Administrative Assistant and Event Planner. Learn more about these positions and how to apply at: [SaintJosephHS.com](http://SaintJosephHS.com). All clearances are required. SJHS is also still enrolling incoming freshmen and transfer students for the fall semester. Learn more at: [SaintJosephHS.com](http://SaintJosephHS.com). †

## Community Information/Activities

THE  
RAINMAKER

**Freeport Theatre Festival**, celebrating 32 years, has been presenting "The Rainmaker", written by N. Richard Nash and directed by Jennifer Bronder. The remaining performances are July 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th & 25th. Tickets may be purchased by calling Marushka Steele at 724-295-1934 or

visiting: [www.freeporttheatrefestival.org](http://www.freeporttheatrefestival.org). All performances begin at 7:00 P.M. *Reservations not required but recommended.*



Pray for  
*Vocations*

## Prayer for Religious Vocations

Pray for  
*Vocations*

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  
August 15th, 2004



### Offertory Collection for July 11th, 2021

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 587

No. of Envelopes Received: 129

Collection: Offertory - \$4,537.00

Electronic Payments (22) - \$2,605.00

Loose - \$315.00; Children (4) - \$6.00

**Total Collection - \$7,463.00**

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!**



**Something to think about**—If you normally give in the offertory basket, please think about on-line giving. Online giving is a safe and easy way to support our parish. This system enables you to support St. Mary, Mother of God Church by making your weekly, bi-weekly or monthly contribution or by establishing a recurring contribution. Thank you!

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### St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request/Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Address/Phone Change

\_\_\_\_ Please remove me from your census

Please drop this form in the collection basket

**\*\*New Membership Registration Forms are located at all of the church entrances\*\***

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