



St. Mary, Mother of God Church

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2nd Sunday of Lent

March 17th, 2019



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Office Information

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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.

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.*

From the Pastor's Desk



Last Sunday, we reflected on the temptations of Jesus and His courage of how He overcame them through His strong willed determination as the devil did not only lure Him once, but three times. It showed how persistent the devil was but in the end, Jesus triumphed over him because He knew how to attack him. This gave us insight that yes, temptation is an ever-present reality in life meant to conquer us by the allurements of the devil, but there is always a way to overcome it and that is by being connected with God, because He can give us grace and the strength to overcome it like Jesus did.

This second Sunday of Lent, we have the gospel on the Transfiguration of Jesus. This event gives us a preview of the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is one of the peak moments in the life of Jesus and for the three disciples as well who witnessed it. In fact, we can see it from Peter, James, and John how happy and overwhelmed they were that they would rather stay there for the rest of their lives – “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for You and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Now what does that tell us? And why did Jesus allow the three disciples to witness His transfiguration event?

It tells us one thing in life -- that those peak moments are God given moments for us in order to remind us not to easily give up when we encounter difficulties in life. Because sometimes we easily get discouraged when life is hard. But with the peak moments experience, it inspires us to persevere and believe that someday it will be better again for us.

May the Transfiguration of Jesus encourage us to live our life with hope, even in the midst of difficulties! We remember that Jesus attained His glorious resurrection after His suffering and death on the cross.



TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS St. Raphael (1828) - 1828

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Mardi Gras

Income	
Payment from Sponsors	\$ 5,925.00
Ticket Sales	4,800.00
Auction Ticket Sales	3,400.00
50/50 Raffles	<u>505.00</u>
Total	<u>\$14,630.00</u>
Expenses	
Caterer	\$ 1,950.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>263.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,213.00</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$12,417.00</u>



Calendar of Events

March 17th	Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - “Jake Heasley” Teen Ministry Meeting—9:35 - 10:45 A.M. - “Vocation: A Call to Serve” presented by Rob & Gen Svitek Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass The Mass—9:00 A.M. - Christian Mothers’ Room
March 18th	Evening Mass at 7:00 P.M.
March 20th	The Mass—6:30 P.M. - Christian Mothers’ Room
March 21st	Stations of the Cross—7:00 P.M.
March 22nd	Religious Education Classes—9:30 - 10:40 A.M.— Security Guard - “Ed Daquila” Choir Practice—9:45 - 10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass The Mass—9:00 A.M. - Christian Mothers’ Room
March 24th	Evening Mass at 7:00 P.M.
March 25th	The Mass—6:30 P.M. - Christian Mothers’ Room
March 27th	
March 28th	



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stmarysocialmedia@yahoo.com

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Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Diocesan Target - \$37,826.00
Parish Target - \$32,174.00
Combined Target - \$70,000.00



St. Mary, Mother of God Parish Men's Group Invites YOU! All men of the Parish are encouraged to become a member of the St. Mary, Mother of God Men's Group. If you have any questions, please call or email Tim Fogarty at 724-294-0089; tpfogarty618@gmail.com. Forms are located at all of the church entrances. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket; mailed in; dropped off at the Administration Office.

If you want your Christmas wreaths/decorations, please remove them by March 31st. If you don't, the caretaker will remove and destroy them. Thank you for your cooperation.



On Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 P.M., *Helping Hands Ministry* will be holding their very first “helping through educating” program and they would LOVE to have everyone in attendance. Attorney Larry Lutz will be presenting “Be Prepared: An Advanced Guide to Planning”. He will be discussing and answering questions on Wills, Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship and more. This VITAL information is for EVERYONE regardless of where you are in life. “Be Prepared” is FREE to attend and open to the community. In order to plan accordingly, please contact Gina Jones at 724-448-9251 or: ginaj1904@gmail.com to register. Please plan on attending and spread the word to family and friends. You will not want to miss what Larry has to share.



Come join us for *Theology on Tap* on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 P.M. at the Anchor Inn on Freeport Road, Natrona Heights where we will explore “Social Media: The New Face of Christ.” Speaker Elisa Esasky will begin the evening followed by an open discussion. Appetizers will be provided with dinner and drinks available for purchase. If you are interested in attending, you can contact Chris at: cmwhite929@gmail.com, Natalie at: kolishn@gmail.com, or Gen at: gennifersvitek@comcast.net with any questions! We hope to see you there!

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LENTEN GATHERINGS FOR THE FREEPORT COMMUNITY

Freeport Area Ministerial Association

LUNCH AND WORSHIP 12:00-1:00 P.M.

3/21 Sower's Chapel God's Generous Heart Rev. Adam Cleaver



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Doors Open, Breakfast Served at 7:30 am
Conference & Mass 8:00 am – 3:45 pm


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Our parish will cover your registration fee but you must register by March 22nd by calling the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 23RD & 24TH, 2019

Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Greeters	Organist	Cantor
Saturday - 4:00 P.M.					
Madison & Dawson Gaillot Zach Showers	Deb Showers, Fred Walker Sharon Mihalich	Janice Meola	Doug Scholl Mary Scholl	Diane Pleva	Stephanie Bragiel
Sunday—8:30 A.M.					
Sam, Jacob, David Kristine Madison & Austin Bachar	John and Betty Lou Nemcek Kim Holbein	Lisa Boylan	Carol Carson Dave Kradel	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sunday—11:00 A.M.					
Marie Pelliccione Michael & William Speers Paige Liti; Mason DeMeno	Marushka Steele Mary Scholl Alyson Scholl	Bill Cogley	Jenn Liti	Dave Wesolosky	Choir

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

<u>MASSES FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</u>	
SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	March 16th St. Mary Parishioners
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	March 17th ✦ David Robert Shipe (The Policicchio's) ✦ Ken Hughes (Patty & Family)
MONDAY: 8:00 A.M.	March 18th ✦ Baustert Family (Family)
TUESDAY: 8:00 A.M.	March 19th ✦ James Ebig (Tom & Cynthia Swisher)
WEDNESDAY: 7:00 P.M.	March 20th ✦ Jane Thompson (Ron & Peggy Thompson)
THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.	March 21st ✦ Marjorie Noroski-Kohlmyer (Deborah Sullivan)
FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	March 22nd ✦ Bernadette Fearing Kelly (Marilyn & George Winovich) Stations of the Cross 
<u>MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</u>	
SATURDAY: 4:00 P.M.	March 23rd ✦ John & Michael (Wife & Son)
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	March 24th St. Mary Parishioners ✦ Nicholas Karlsonas (Friend)



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of
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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of
JOHN & MARY LUCOVICH
By
Dan & Karen Lucovich & Family



Offertory Collection for March 10th, 2019

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 598
No. of Envelopes Received: 172
Collection: Offertory - \$3,588.00
Electronic Payments (-) - \$0.00
Loose - \$281.00; Children - \$15.00
Home Mission Appeal - \$761.00
Ash Wednesday Collection - \$1,502.00
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Judy Policicchio and Joanne Colpo

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