



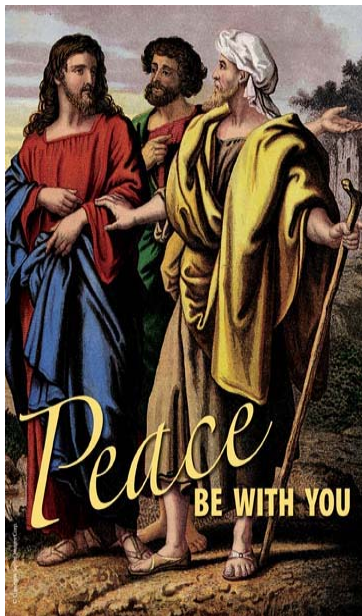
St. Mary, Mother of God

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

Roman Catholic Church

608 High Street
Freeport, PA 16229



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26TH, 2009

“You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.”

— Psalm 4:9

PROOF, PLEASE

The group of eleven does not seem to be as eager to have Jesus in their midst as the Emmaus disciples were. Most likely Jerusalem was still a dangerous place for them to be. After all, the story we are hearing took place only a few days after the death of Jesus. Instead of seeing Jesus as a traveling companion, they are terrified in spite of his greeting of “Peace” and need proof that it is he (akin to Thomas in last Sunday’s Gospel from John). Though they are joyful upon knowing that it is he, Luke tells us he gives them further proof by eating in front of them. Most importantly, he charges them to be witnesses that he is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures. Our Lectionary today omits the next verses, which tell us that Jesus was carried up to heaven that day (the day of the resurrection) and that they were made bold enough at having witnessed his risen presence to go out into Jerusalem, even to the temple, to proclaim their joyful message. We, today, ought to follow in their steps, allowing the presence of the risen Christ to send us out to proclaim his good news with joy.

Today’s Readings: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7–9; 1 Jn 2:1–5a; Lk 24:35–38

Rev. Edward Volz, OSPPE—*Pastor*

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Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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Teen Ministry

First & Third Sundays, 9:25 to 10:35 A.M.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Confession

Saturday - 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Baptism

Sundays at 12:15 P.M. (by appointment)

Weddings

Notify the Parish six months in advance

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: April 25
4:00 P.M. +Stephana Sutej (Dorothy Grondwalski)

SUNDAY: April 26
8:30 A.M. +Shirley Yost (Dennis and Debbie Baustert)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners

MONDAY: April 27
NO MASS 8:00 A.M. - *Communion Service*

TUESDAY: April 28 - *Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr;*
Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest
NO MASS 8:00 A.M. - *Communion Service*

WEDNESDAY: April 29 - *Catherine of Siena,*
Virgin, Doctor of the Church
8:00 A.M. +Patricia Laubacher
(Jeffrey Polana)

THURSDAY: April 30 - *Pius V, Pope*
8:00 A.M. +Eugene Nagy (Donna Nagy)

FRIDAY: May 1 - *Joseph the Worker*
8:00 A.M. +William G. Kelly Family
(Marge Mimless)

SATURDAY: May 2 - *Athanasius, Bishop,*
Doctor of the Church
8:00 A.M. +Pauline Koteski
(Marie and Emil Sosovicka)



MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY: May 2
4:00 P.M. +Mary Lucovich (Dan and Karen Lucovich Family)

SUNDAY: May 3
8:30 A.M. Christian Mothers - All Living Members
(Christian Mothers)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
1:00 P.M. *First Holy Communion/Confirmation*



Today's Readings:
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Next Sunday's Readings:
Acts 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Christian Mothers' Cleaning Assignments - Donna Smith and Deb Showers

Liturgical Roles*

May 2nd & 3rd, 2009

Acolytes/Altar Servers:

Sat., 4:00 P.M. S. & E. Posney, B. Kolek, A. Brestensky
Sun., 8:30 A.M. P. & C. Shipe, J. Nigra, T. Holbein
Sun., 11:00 A.M. A. Isenberg, V. Jones, A. Smith, B. McBride
Sun., 1:00 P.M. L. Kriger, R. Giori, A. Romanchak, TBA, TBA

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sat., 4:00 P.M. A. Camerlo, F. Walker, S. Aul
Sun., 8:30 A.M. H. Murphy, B. Girardi, R. Check
Sun., 11:00 A.M. D. Rossey, L. Isenberg, C. Higgins
Sun., 1:00 P.M. B. Cogley, D. Showers, B. Nemcek

Lectors:

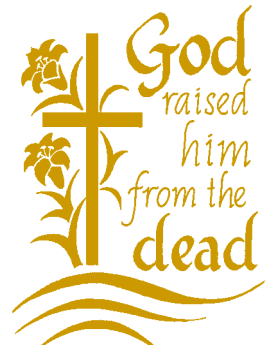
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Jerry Aul
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Judy Bergstrom
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Jeff Jones
Sun., 1:00 P.M. 1st Communion Parents

Cantors:

Sat., 4:00 P.M. Jamie Phillips
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Choir
Sun., 1:00 P.M. Sue Myford

Organists:

Sat., 4:00 P.M. Tom Misutka
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Dave Wesolosky
Sun., 1:00 P.M. Sue Myford



St. Mary's Parish Mission
Fr. Victor Karls, C.Ss.R.
Redemptorist Parish Missions
May 9th—13th, 2009



There will be a Communion Service for those who would like to receive on Monday and Tuesday, at 8:00 A.M.



First Friday Adoration - May 1st - Adoration at 8:30 A.M. and concludes with Benediction at 6:10 P.M.



Christian Mothers are hosting a Spring Card and Salad Party Monday, April 27th, 7:00 P.M., in the Church Hall. Unlimited Salad Bar, Refreshments, Prizes. For additional information or tickets, please call Char-maine at 724-353-2038



Congratulations to the proud parents, **Mark and Laura Likar**, on the recent baptism of their son, **Joshua Matthew**; **Benjamin and Jamie Clark**, on the recent baptism of their daughter, **Leah Elizabeth**; **John and Helena Passarelli**, on the recent baptism of their son, **Caleb Michael**; and **Derek and Tammy Johnson**, on the recent baptism of their daughter, **Tiffany Casmira**. They are all children of God, heirs to the Kingdom!



Rest In Peace - Please pray for the soul of **William Wallisch** who was a parishioner here at St. Mary's. May he find eternal happiness with our Lord. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family.



Practice for First Communion/Confirmation will be held on Thursday, April 30th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Church. **All children, parents and sponsors must be present. Confessions will be heard after practice.** *First Communion/Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, at 1:00 P.M.* The last class for the 2008-2009 school year will be Sunday, May 10th. The children who attend religion classes will assist at the 11:00 A.M. Mass along with the May Crowning. **All students are required to attend!** All children who made their First Holy Communion/Confirmation on May 3rd **must** attend this last class and the 11:00 A.M. mass, dressed in their communion/confirmation attire. Thank you for your cooperation!



The Teen Ministry is having a Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser. Order forms are located at the side entrance of the church (by the confessional). Completed forms and money (checks payable to St. Mary's Youth Group) are to be put in an envelope marked "Spring Plant Sale" and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Administrative Center. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, May 3rd.** Hanging baskets will be available for pick-up in the garage the weekend of Mother's Day, May 9th-10th. Flats and potted plants will be delivered Memorial day Weekend, May 23rd-24th.



Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday, April 29th, at 7:00 P.M., in church **Remember, when you sing, you are praying, twice.**

Christian Mothers - Sunday, May 3rd, the 8:30 A.M. Mass will be offered for all Living Members of the Christian Mothers. Members are asked to attend this Mass and sit with their families in front of The Blessed Mother to celebrate the liturgy and receive Holy Communion. **Monday, May 4th, at 6:30 P.M.,** all parishioners are invited to join the Christian Mothers in the Retreat Center garden to pray **The Rosary.** The monthly meeting will follow in the Administrative Center, at 7:00 P.M.



Annual "Catholic Charity Baby Closet" will be held by the Christian Mothers the first two weeks of May. The Baby Closet will assist mothers and/or mothers to be. Suggested items must be new and range from diapers, bibs, clothing, blankets and maternity clothes. Please bring in your donations and place them in the bassinet located in the church. Thank you!



7th Annual Trophy Trout Event - Enjoy an exciting day of non-stop fishing fun as the A-K Health Foundation sponsors this event. The waters of Yellow Creek near Indiana, PA, are once again in world-class condition and will be heavily stocked with healthy lunker trout. In addition to the fishing action, participants can also look forward to an incredible cook-out lunch, complimentary beverages, team and individual prizes, and a great prize raffle. Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M. Fishing competition begins with a shotgun start at 10:00 A.M. Call 724-226-9996 for more information. Proceeds supports the AKH Foundation's "Healthy Teen Initiative" and projects of the New Kensington Police Department. Volunteers are also needed for this event.



Following is the Offertory Collection for April 19th, 2009
 No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 630
 No. of Envelopes Received: 240
 Sunday Collection: Offertory - \$4,817.55
 Children's - \$34.30
THANK YOU!

UPDATE DLA - The latest DLA report shows 313 responses totaling \$50,069.00 pledged. I would like to thank everyone who has responded thus far. As the formal pledge drive will soon end, we have sent out one final appeal letter to those who have not yet responded. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's drive. **Volunteers** - please turn in your envelopes as soon as possible.



Please wait until you receive your statement from the Diocese before sending in your next payment. Payments are to be sent in directly to the Diocese.



Breast Cancer Screening for the uninsured and underinsured - Saturday, May 9th. Clinical Exams/Mammograms - both will be held in the Richard G. Laube Cancer Center at ACMH Hospital. Please call 724-543-8682 to register. Deadline is *May 1st.*



Spaghetti Dinner at The White Star on Sunday, April 26th, from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Menu will consist of spaghetti and a salad. Large/\$7.00— Small/\$5.00. Take-outs will be available.

On Vacation



Going Away on Vacation or a Business Trip? Free Ministry to traveling Catholics. For nationwide Mass times and locations, please call 1-410-676-6000 or visit their website at: www.Masstimes.org.

**St. Mary, Mother of God Church
 Membership Form**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Change of Phone Number

"Please drop form in collection basket or mail to the office"