



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

St. Mary, Mother of God

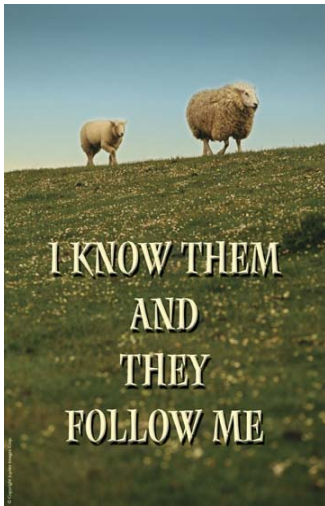
Roman Catholic Church
608 High Street, Freeport, PA 16229



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 29TH, 2007

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b



A LAMB, A SHEPHERD

Christianity is a religion full of paradoxes. A few short weeks ago, we put them into focus in our Holy Week celebrations: a triumphant Jesus enters Jerusalem to endure ultimate humiliation; the one who is Teacher, Lord, and Master stoops to wash the feet of those who will betray, deny, and run away from him; the creator of all life dies like a common criminal; a hollow, dark, silent, tomb is the birthplace of eternal fullness of life, light, and the endless song of heaven's praise. These paradoxes continue today, as we hear that the Lamb (lowliest, weakest, most innocent of the flock) of the Passover sacrifice will now be the Shepherd who is shelter, leading the flock to a place of no more hunger or thirst, away from the crippling heat to streams of everlasting life. Our own lives often present us with contradictions and paradoxes, unexpected moments and turns of events. Do we look and listen carefully so that we might find the Shepherd, and hear the voice that will lead us to everlasting life?

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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Teen Ministry
First & Third Sundays, 9:30 to 10:45 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 Noon & 3:30 P.M.

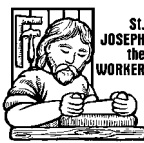
Baptism
Sundays at 9:15 A.M. (by appointment)

Weddings
Notify the Parish six months in advance

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- SATURDAY:** April 28
4:00 P.M. +Dorothy Pofi (Alene Malenky)
- SUNDAY:** April 29
8:30 A.M. +Margaret Laux (Rassau Family)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
- MONDAY:** April 30 - *Pius V, Pope*
8:00 A.M. +Eugene Nagy (Donna Nagy)
- TUESDAY:** May 1 - *Joseph the Worker*
8:00 A.M. +Gemma Wesolosky
(Son—Joseph Wesolosky)
- WEDNESDAY:** May 2 - *Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
8:00 A.M. +Charles Golembiesky (The Funeral Choir)
- THURSDAY:** May 3 - *Philip and James, Apostles*
8:00 A.M. +Mary Ralston (Dorrie Thomas)
- FRIDAY:** May 4
8:00 A.M. +Leonard Palyszeski (Lola & John Bono)
- SATURDAY:** May 5
8:00 A.M. +Bettye Polfus (Raymond & Mary Kay Valentine)



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

MASSES FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- SATURDAY:** May 5
4:00 P.M. +William F. Thompson (Wife—Jane D.)
- SUNDAY:** May 6
8:30 A.M. +Christian Mothers—Living Members (Christian Mothers)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
1:00 P.M. 1st Communion/Confirmation

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Pray for Vocations



Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

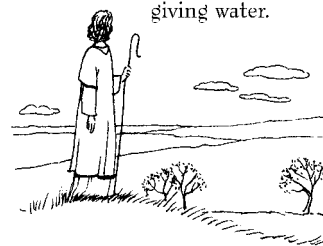
Christian Mothers' Cleaning Assignments - Donna Smith and Deb Showers

Liturgical Roles*

May 5th & 6th, 2007

- Altar Servers:**
Sat., 4:00 P.M. S. & E. Posney, R. Dudek
Sun., 8:30 A.M. C. & T. Holbein, G. Carson
Sun., 11:00 A.M. P. & J. D'Amico, A. Smith
Sun., 1:00 P.M. L. Kriger, J. Anuszek, N. McCrea
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
Sat., 4:00 P.M. D. Watt, G. Wilson, TBA
Sun., 8:30 A.M. G. Cooper, R. Check, B. Girardi
Sun., 11:00 A.M. P. Ralston, P. Hafera
Sun., 1:00 P.M. B. Cogley, H. Murphy
- Lectors:**
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Judy Bergstrom
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Helen Murphy
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Diane Zadnik
Sun., 1:00 P.M. TBA
- Cantors:**
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Alex Smith
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Sue Myford
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. Sue Myford
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Dave Wesolosky
Sun., 1:00 P.M. Sue Myford

He will shepherd them
and lead them
to springs of life-
giving water.



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Mother/Child Breakfast will be held in the Church Hall on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th, immediately following the 8:30 A.M. Mass. All parishioners and family members are invited. Breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of the parish - thank you guys! Reservations are \$4.00 per person and must be called in to Helen Murphy (724-295-2701) or the Parish Office (724-295-2281) **no later than Monday, May 7th.**

Thank You! Spaghetti Dinner/Bake Sale/Drawing Results

Our annual spaghetti dinner/bake sale/drawing was a great success! Dinners were served to 568 adults and 67 children. A great big **thank you** to the officers and members of the White Star Club who donated their facility and worked together with our volunteers. We would like to say **thank you** to all of the ladies who donated the baked goods for our bake sale. Special thanks to **all** the wonderful volunteers who made this such a big success. Also, a **special thank you** to **Bob Camerlo** who donated the spaghetti and to **Victor Ravioli Company** who donated the cheese. The drawing winners were:

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| Zach Zeppuhar - 1st Prize | Mario Ravotti - 2nd Prize |
| Erin Schaeffer - 3rd Prize | Dolores Gowetski - 4th Prize |
| Joan Barber - 5th Prize | |

The results for the spaghetti dinner are as follows:

Spaghetti	\$3,748.50
Drawing	1,297.00
Bake Sale	254.20
Total	<u>\$5,299.70</u>

Thank You to Zach Zeppuhar for donating part of his winnings from the raffle to St. Mary's. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.



Practice will be held for First Communion/Confirmation on Wednesday, May 2nd, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Church. **All children and sponsors must be present. First Communion/Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 6th, 2007, at 1:00 P.M.**

Sunday, May 13th, will be the last class for religious instruction for the 2006-2007 school year. The children who attend religion classes will assist at the 11:00 A.M. Mass along with May Crowning. **All students are asked to attend!**



The Teen Ministry is having a Spring Plant Fundraiser. Order forms are located at all of the church entrances and on the Teen Ministry page of our parish website www.stmaryfreeport.com. Checks are to be made payable to "**St. Mary's Youth Group**". Completed forms and money are to be placed in an envelope marked "Spring Plant Sale" and may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office no later than Tuesday, May 1st. Your support is greatly appreciated!



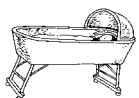
Legion of Mary - You are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 8:45 A.M. No obligation to join if you attend a meeting.



Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 7:00 P.M. New members are always welcome! Remember, *when you sing, you are praying, twice.*



Christian Mothers Spring Card Party on Monday, April 30th, 7:00 P.M., in the Church Hall. Cost is \$8.00/person. Salad buffet and prizes will be provided. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Annual "Catholic Charity Baby Closet" will be held by the Christian Mothers the first two weeks of May. The bassinet will be displayed at the front of the church to hold your donations of practical clothing (age newborn to 24 months), diapers and wipes, as well as needed items such as strollers, booster or car seats, etc. Remember when your children were born? How much "stuff" was needed? Thank you for your support!



Girl Scout Spirit Day, hosted by The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girls, will be on Saturday, May 12th, at the Bishop William G. Connare Center (formerly St. Joseph Center), Greensburg, for all Girl Scouts in grades 2nd thru 12th. Registration begins 9:30 A.M. Mass at 4:00 P.M. which will fulfill your Sunday obligation. The theme will be "A Journey Around the World with Mary". Cost is \$10 and includes program, materials, snacks and lunch. Although this is a Catholic program, non-Catholics and non-Scouts may also participate. To register, please call Glenda at 724-446-5197. Registration deadline is May 7th.

Breast Cancer Screening for the uninsured and underinsured - Saturday, May 12th. Clinical Exams/Mammograms - both will be held in the Richard G. Laube Cancer Center at ACMH Hospital. Call 724-543-8682 to register by *May 2nd*.

Collections

Following is the Offertory Collection for April 22nd, 2007

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 632

No. of Envelopes Received: 215

Sunday Collection: Offertory - \$5,257.61

THANK YOU!

UPDATE

DLA - Thank you to all who have responded to this year's DLA Campaign. We have currently received pledges totally \$55,000+. We are still waiting for the response of some parishioners and we will give a final report within the next two weeks. Thank you to all the many volunteers who generously serve our parish and make it possible for us to complete this important work on a timely basis.



Just A Note To Remind You! **Please remember that payments on pledges are to be sent in directly to the Diocese.**

A Call For Mystery Lovers! *Theatre of the Living Word*, an evolving liturgical dramatic ensemble, is coming to St. Mary's! Are you a player? Are you eager to transform yourself into a creative member of a vibrant, self-giving theatrical ensemble committed to interpreting the great cosmic drama of creation and redemption? (Their efforts will be on a smaller scale, of course.) If you are a player, then do not hesitate, one minute more, to contact Marushka Steele (724-295-1934); or, email her at: renmaru@earthlink.net, for information about the first meeting. *Theatre of the Living Word* is seeking men, women and youth with a generosity of spirit, imagination and passion (be it kindling or burning).



What would you give to save one Life? Everyone knows the tragedy of abortion, but not everyone knows of the life-giving alternatives offered through *Life Choices*. *Life Choices* invites you to participate in the **Walk for Life** to be held on **Sunday, May 6th, at 1:00 P.M.** Walkers will cover a (flat) 1.5 mile course in downtown Kittanning. Pick up your walk-a-thon registration form or find out how to sponsor a walker by contacting Gina Jones at 724-295-1904. Would you consider giving just one afternoon to help save a Life?

Natural Family Planning - CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for Monday, May 14th, at 6:00 P.M., at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only ONE session. The instruction, continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional. PRE registration is required. For additional information or to register for this class, call Mary Ann Newhouse, Catholic Charities, at 724-837-1840, ext. 658.



Make-up Placement Test for current eighth grade students planning to attend St. Joseph High School in the 2007-2008 school year will take place Saturday, May 5th, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, at the high school - 800 Montana Avenue, Natrona Heights. Call St. Joseph High School at 724-224-5552 to register.