



A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

# St. Mary, Mother of God

Roman Catholic Church  
608 High Street, Freeport, PA 16229



## ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES JUNE 29TH, 2008

*“Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.” — Psalm 19:5*

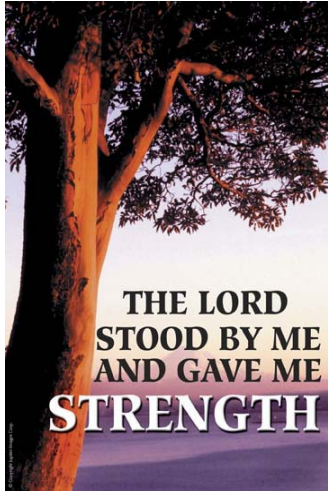
Today we celebrate the combined feasts of the two great pillars of the Church, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. To call these two saints “pillars” of the Church is not, however, to say that they were not a bit shaky now and then. Each man had his faults, but each capitalized on them to grow in faith.

In the first reading, we find Peter under attack. He withstands the slings and arrows of the Jewish leaders, recognizing that it is faith that drives him. Likewise, Peter’s designation as “rock” in the Gospel is owed to Peter’s faith, not his personality. In the reading from Second Timothy, Paul attributes his continual rescue to the Lord, in whom he has placed his faith.

### PRAYER OF FAITH

In times of stress, frustration, overwork, sorrow, or despair, when we are overwhelmed and feel ourselves sinking, we can make the prayer of Paul and Peter our own. Just as Jesus reached out to save Peter and Paul, so at each Eucharist does Jesus reach out to save us, and with a touch sustains us with the bread of life, the bread that Paul writes: “The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:16–17). Lord, who are you? You are the Bread of Life.

Today’s Readings: Acts 12:1–11; Ps 34:2–9; 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18; Mt 16:13–19



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724-295-4758

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724-295-3003

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

**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:15 & 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 12:15 P.M. (by appointment)

**Weddings**  
Notify the Parish six months in advance

# Mass Schedule

## MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

**SATURDAY:** June 28  
4:00 P.M. +Geno Pesci  
(Rose and Edith Pesci)



**SUNDAY:** June 29  
8:15 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. +Glenn Huth (Mary Brestensky)

**MONDAY:** June 30 - *The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
8:00 A.M. +Josephine Boninio  
(Mr. & Mrs. Dom Speranza)



**TUESDAY:** July 1 - *Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*  
12:00 P.M. +James Golembesky, Sr.  
(Cathy and John Gollatz)



**WEDNESDAY:** July 2  
8:00 A.M. +Richard Huth (John McDermott Family)

**THURSDAY:** July 3 - *Thomas, Apostle*  
8:00 A.M. +Domenic and Isabelle Canterna  
(Betty Canterna)



**FRIDAY:** July 4 - *Elizabeth of Portugal*  
9:00 A.M. +Arthur Triveri (Rose)



**SATURDAY:** July 5 - *Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest*  
8:00 A.M. +Ann Liti (Sue Fuhrman)



## MASSES FOR THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY:** July 5  
4:00 P.M. +Joan Brothers (Jim and Nancy Laux)

**SUNDAY:** July 6  
8:15 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners  
11:00 A.M. +Arthur Bocchi (Martin & Silvia Sikora)



**Today's Readings:**  
Acts 12:1-11  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

**Next Sunday's Readings:**  
Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

**Christian Mothers' Cleaning Assignments - Judy Policicchio and Joanne Colpo**

# Liturgical Roles

July 1st, 4th, 5th & 6th, 2008

**Acolytes/Altar Servers:**

Tues., 12:00 P.M. **G. Wilson**  
Fri., 9:00 A.M. **G. Wilson**  
Sat., 4:00 P.M. **T. Singer, A. Brestensky, A. Romanchak**  
Sun., 8:15 A.M. **P. & C. Shipe, J. Nigra**  
Sun., 11:00 A.M. **P. & J. D'Amico**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Tues., 12:00 P.M. **G. Pernazza**  
Fri., 9:00 A.M. **A. Volek, G. Cooper, J. Bergstrom**  
Sat., 4:00 P.M. **G. Pernazza, M. Bale, A. Camerlo**  
Sun., 8:15 A.M. **G. Cooper, B. Girardi, H. Murphy**  
Sun., 11:00 A.M. **C. Higgins, L. Isenberg, Fr. Dom DeBlasio**

**Lectors:**

Tues., 12:00 P.M. **Helen Murphy**  
Fri., 9:00 A.M. **Bill Girardi**  
Sat., 4:00 P.M. **Diane Zadnik**  
Sun., 8:15 A.M. **Debbie Baustert**  
Sun., 11:00 A.M. **Marushka Steele**

**Cantors:**

Tues., 12:00 P.M. **Sue Myford**  
Fri., 9:00 A.M. **Jamie Phillips**  
Sat., 4:00 P.M. **Jamie Phillips**  
Sun., 8:15 A.M. **Sue Myford**  
Sun., 11:00 A.M. **Pat Ralston**

**Organists:**

Tues., 12:00 P.M. **Sue Myford**  
Fri., 9:00 A.M. **Tom Misutka**  
Sat., 4:00 P.M. **Tom Misutka**  
Sun., 8:15 A.M. **Sue Myford**  
Sun., 11:00 A.M. **Dave Wesolosky**

## Peter & Paul



The Pilgrim statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima will be here at St. Mary's for a few more days. The rosary is recited in the morning, prior to our mass (7:30 A.M.), invoking the Blessed Virgin's intercession for our needs. If you have not had the opportunity to attend yet, please make an effort to do so. **Tuesday,**

**July 1st,** please note that the mass will be at **12:00 Noon.** This day, the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be transferred to St. Alexis Church, in Wexford. Prior to the mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 A.M., a holy hour and Benediction. Please join us as we close out these two weeks that the pilgrim statue has been with us.



**Mass Time Change** - Please note that mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.** on **Friday, July 4th.** Also, there will be no First Friday Adoration that day.



**Bake Sale** St. Mary's Parish Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, July 13th, 8:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M., in the Church Hall. Please mark this date on your calendar. We are grateful for your support.



**Recent Blood Drive Results**

35—Blood Donors  
31—Productive Units  
3—First Time Donors  
11—St. Mary Parishioners

Thank you to everyone who helped out with this drive. Congratulations to John Mazurowski—Winner of the Kiwanis bond



### Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) - "Power Lab!"

Bible Camp will be held July 21st-25th. Registration forms will be available next weekend. *We are in need of volunteers. We are also in need of food items.* If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Gina Jones (724-295-1904). If you are interested in donating any food/snacks, please contact Helen James (724-295-4758). Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you!



**Legion of Mary** - You are welcome to attend the next meeting scheduled at 8:45 A.M., on Wednesday, July 2nd.



### "Celebration of Later Life" - Did you ever wonder how to celebrate your life after the children are grown and gone and retirement comes? Plan to attend the seminar to be held Saturday, July 19th, 9:30 A.M. till 1:00 P.M., at St. Mary of Guadalupe, 348 North Water Street, Kittanning. Father Payer will be the speaker. The day will begin with 9:30 A.M. Mass (optional). The seminar, which will include a continental breakfast and a light lunch, is free to all members of Region 4; however, pre-registration is required. This seminar is for those 55 and older. *Registration forms are available at each of the Church entrances.* Please complete form and place in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. **Deadline is Sunday, July 13th.**

**Retrouvaille** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulties. The next weekend in the Pittsburgh area will be held July 11th-13th, at Gilmory Retreat Center in Moon Township. For confidential information or to register, please call 412-277-3434.

**Natural Family Planning** - CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to postpone or plan pregnancy. Next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled Monday, July 7th, 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 required. Call Mary Ann Newhouse, Catholic Charities, at 724-837-1840, ext. 658.

**Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS)** has released RESPONSE 2008, a directory of full-time, faith-based volunteer opportunities. RESPONSE is the most comprehensive listing of its kind, with nearly 200 member programs. Positions are available in all fifty states, Washington, DC, and more than 100 countries worldwide. Volunteers serve full-time in periods ranging from one week to one year or more. Volunteers are from all walks of life—from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children. Call CNVS to receive your free copy—1-800-543-5046.

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**Franciscans in Action Appalachian Summer - Mission trip to Kentucky - Make a Difference in the life of God's Poor and YOU!** July 26th thru August 2nd - Martin, Kentucky. Sponsored by the Franciscans from Pennsylvania and New York. For women between the ages of **18 to 60 with good health.** Activities include repairing and painting homes, praying, sharing meals, and enjoying fun times together. Cost is \$145.00 for room and board for the week. If you would like additional information, please contact Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF at 412-215-7708, or email: [guidance@nauticom.net](mailto:guidance@nauticom.net); [www.millvalefranciscans.org](http://www.millvalefranciscans.org) to print out a brochure.

**St. Vincent Theater** is presenting "Around the World in 80 Days" from June 26th thru July 19th. Groups rates are available for 20 people or more by calling 724-537-8900.

### Collections

Following is the Offertory Collection for June 22nd, 2008

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 613

No. of Envelopes Received: 208

Sunday Collection: Offertory - \$4,295.00

**THANK YOU!**



### Peter's Pence Collection

- Today we will participate in the Peter's Pence 2008 Appeal for the Works of the Holy Father. "Christ Our Hope" is the theme for this year's collection. Your generosity allows the Holy Father to bring hope—through timely and effective emergency assistance—to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. In solidarity with the Holy Father, we Catholics participate in works of goodness that distinguish us as followers of the Gospel. *Please pray for the Holy Father, and please give generously today to this special appeal.*

**The Diocese of Greensburg**, in partnership with Seton Hill University, offers an undergraduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry for men and women who are committed to the mission of Christ within the Roman Catholic Church and who seek formal preparation to minister in a variety of ecclesial contexts. This program is designed to develop and promote competent women and men for service as lay ecclesial ministers and serves as a resource to the diocesan Office for the Permanent Diaconate. Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 cohort of students who will begin classes in the fall, 2008. Seton Hill offers a 50% tuition rate reduction. Additional financial assistance is made available to qualified Diocese of Greensburg parishioners through the Anselm Fund which was established to support the initial and on-going educational formation of laity. For an application or further information, contact Marsha Kable, Director, Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, at 724-837-0901 or email: [mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mkable@dioceseofgreensburg.org). **Application deadline is July 17th.**

**Fatima/Lourdes Trip** in the Jubilee Year 2008, with Fr. Leon Hont, OSB, as your spiritual guide. Eight days, seven nights, meals, hotel, tips and taxes, sightseeing, daily Mass, baggage and handling, tour with a professional pilgrimage escort. Price is \$2,468.00/person (based on double occupancy). Explore Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Portugal. Stand before Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in France. If you would like additional information or a brochure, please call Rose Mary at 724-523-3744.



**Spaghetti Dinner** will be held at the White Star on Sunday, June 29th, from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Menu will consist of spaghetti and a salad. Large/\$6.00—Small/\$4.00. Take-outs will be available.



**Applications** are now being accepted for the C.C. Basketball Camp to be held this summer in the Central Catholic High School gym. The camp, now in its thirty-first year of operation, has two separate sessions for boys entering grades 4-9: July 7th-10th and July 14th-17th. Cost for the four day camp session is \$100.00. Interested students can make a reservation or obtain additional information by calling Coach Chuck Crummie at 412-208-3494 or 412-999-1668.



**The Parish Office** will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

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