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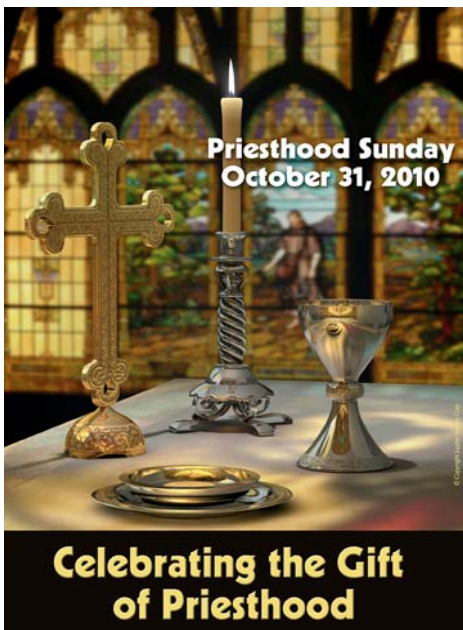
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 31ST, 2010

*The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.* — Psalm 145:14

The Book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him down out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Rev. Edward Volz, OSPPE—Pastor

William Girardi, Pastoral Associate

Administrative Center Hours

Monday thru 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

Parish Email Address

thechurch@stmaryfreeport.com

Religious Education - Helen James, Director
724-295-4758

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 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: October 30
4:00 P.M. +Floyd Boroski (Lisa Stuebgen)
+Mary Brestensky (Grandson—Tim)

SUNDAY: October 31
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. +Domenica Mennow
(Joseph & Gloria Sbaffoni)

MONDAY: November 1 - All Saints' Day
8:00 A.M. +Lawrence Brestensky
(Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brestensky)
7:00 P.M. +All Souls' Intentions



TUESDAY: November 2 - All Souls' Day
8:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions
7:00 P.M. +All Souls' Intentions



WEDNESDAY: November 3
8:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions

THURSDAY: November 4
8:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions

FRIDAY: November 5
8:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions

SATURDAY: November 6
8:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions

MASSES FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: November 6
4:00 P.M. +All Souls' Intentions
St. Mary Parishioners

SUNDAY: November 7
8:30 A.M. +Christian Mothers—Deceased Members
(Christian Mothers)
11:00 A.M. +All Souls' Intentions



Liturgical Roles

November 1st, 2nd, 6th & 7th, 2010

Acolytes/Altar Servers:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. G. & K. Huth, N. & E. McCrea
Tues., 7:00 P.M. A. Smith, B. McBride, M. & Z. Zecca
Sat., 4:00 P.M. S. & E. Posney, B. & D. Kolek
Sun., 8:30 A.M. T. Holbein, R. Giori, J. & A. Nigra
Sun., 11:00 A.M. V. Jones, A. Smith, M. & Z. Zecca

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. G. Pernazza, B. Cogley, A. Camerlono
Tues., 7:00 P.M. TBA
Sat., 4:00 P.M. D. Watt, M. Bale, S. Aul
Sun., 8:30 A.M. R. Check, G. Wilson, J. Bergstrom
Sun., 11:00 A.M. C. Higgins, D. Rossey, P. Hughes

Lectors:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. Bill Girardi
Tues., 7:00 P.M. TBA
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Geno Pernazza
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Debbie Baustert
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Bill Cogley

Cantors:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. Jamie Phillips
Tues., 7:00 P.M. Sue Myford
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Jamie Phillips
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Choir

Organists:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. Sue Myford
Tues., 7:00 P.M. Sue Myford
Sat., 4:00 P.M. Tom Misutka
Sun., 8:30 A.M. Tom Koharchik
Sun., 11:00 A.M. Dave Wesolosky

Greeters:

Mon., 7:00 P.M. TBA
Tues., 7:00 P.M. TBA
Sat., 4:00 P.M. M. Bale (S), J. & D. Felice (M)
Sun., 8:30 A.M. D. Grant (S), C. Macurdy (M), J. Zurisko (C)
Sun., 11:00 A.M. E. Schaeffer (S), D. & K. Lucovich (M), J. Zalewski (C)
(S)-Side Door by School (M)-Main Door - Back (C)-Side Door by Previous Convent
(Ministry Schedule may be found on our website: www.stmaryfreeport.com)



PARISH NEWS

We would like to thank Dr. John A. Marty & Associates for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Collections

Following is the Offertory Collection for October 24th, 2010

No. of Envelopes Mailed Out: 643
No. of Envelopes Received: 242
Sunday Collection: Offertory - \$6,138.60
Children - \$17.28
World Mission Sunday - \$539.00
THANK YOU!



Saturday, November 6th, 2010
Judy Policicchio & Joanne Colpo
(Schedule may be found on our website: www.stmaryfreeport.com)

Parish Organizations

St. Mary Cemetery
Richard Bertino 724-295-3632

Homebound Ministry
John Nemcek 724-294-9486

Christian Mothers
Helen Murphy 724-295-2701

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ray Smetana 724-295-2604
Mary Ellen Gray 724-295-4657



Monday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day. We will celebrate two masses that day - 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. The 7:00 P.M. mass will be a mass for all the deceased members of our parish. The intention for this mass will begin our nine day Novena for the deceased members of our parish. At the end of this mass, we will call the names of those who passed to our Lord the past year and we will pray for our beloved. We invite you, as a parish family, to attend this Mass. All your faithful departed will also be remembered at this mass.



Tuesday, November 2nd, is All Souls' Day. We will celebrate two masses that day, one at 8:00 A.M. and the other at 7:00 P.M. Please make every effort to attend Mass and remember, in prayer, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith!



Security Guard for Sunday, November 7th, will be Sue Zurisko. If you have children enrolled in our program and have not signed up yet, please consider doing so. The more volunteers, the fewer days each person will be assigned.



Choir Practice will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. New members are always welcome! Remember, when you sing, you are praying, twice.



Christian Mothers - Sunday, November 7th, at 8:30 A.M., the Christian Mother's monthly mass will be offered in honor of all deceased members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. All members and their families are asked to sit in front of the Blessed Mother, pray, and receive Communion together. Members are reminded to arrive at church at 8:15 A.M. The monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 2nd**, immediately following the 7:00 P.M. Mass.



Ladies - it is time for all of you who would like to be involved in their church, meet new people, and keep St. Mary Church viable to consider joining the Christian Mothers. During the 8:30 A.M. mass on

November 7th, all new members will be installed, so why not step up and get in on the ground floor. Please call Bridget at 724-294-0089 with any questions you may have. The Christian Mothers would like 2011 to be the best year to date!



Thank you Father Ed and St. Mary Parishioners for providing spiritual and financial support to the Matthew Wolfe Family, the family struggling with Matt's Lymphoma cancer. A very special thank you to Kamri Brestensky, Stephen Posney, and St. Mary's Teen Ministry for sponsoring the "Home Run" Derby. Matt was able to participate in the events and had a wonderful time. All the volunteers and participants in this event truly made the day a family oriented, fun-filled day. May God bless all of you! —Matt Wolfe and Family



Congratulations to the proud parents, **Jeffrey and Michele Lasko** on the recent baptism of their son, **Zachary David**. He is a child of God, heir to the Kingdom!



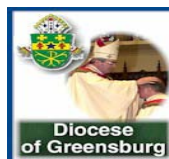
Rest In Peace - Please pray for the soul of **William R. Gretz** who was buried from our parish this past week. May he find eternal happiness with our Lord. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family.



Thank you for your generosity on World Mission Sunday. Our parish offered \$539.00 to the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Please continue to pray for missionaries. **May God bless all of you!**



First Friday Adoration will be November 5th, beginning at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude with Benediction at 6:10 P.M. From 5:00 to 6:00 P.M., the children of our parish are invited to participate in the children's adoration, sponsored by St. Mary Christian Mothers. Sign-up sheets are located at the church entrances. Two people should be represented for each half hour. **Please remember that if we do not get enough parishioners to commit their time, we will have to discontinue this Catholic tradition at our parish. Please join us as we adore our Lord Jesus!**



Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd. The diocesan Voter's Guide that was published in the October 14th issue of The Catholic Accent, which had information from all the races in the diocese, will be available from the diocesan homepage, www.dioceseofgreensburg.org through November 2nd. The diocesan Voter's Guide includes the PCC interviews with the candidates for the U.S. Senate and PA Governor, along with the PCC surveys for every race - from the U.S. House to the PA General Assembly - in districts entirely or partially within the diocese. Do your duty and vote, and remember to **"Vote for Life!"**



The Diocesan Collection next weekend benefits the elderly women and men religious (*Retirement Fund for Religious*). Your tax deductible donation to this fund supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to this appeal!



La Roche College, a private, nonprofit, Catholic, co-educational institution in the rolling North Hills of Pittsburgh, invites high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to its fall Visit LRC campus experience Sunday, November 7th. Check-in is at 8:30 A.M. Admissions and financial aid presentations, a campus tour, an opportunity to talk with faculty, specialty tours, and interaction with current students and alumni. A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch in the newly remodeled dining hall are provided at no cost for prospective students and their parents. To register, visit: www.laroche.edu and click on "Visit Campus!"





Clelian Heights School will hold its 13th Annual Wholey's Old Fashioned Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, November 7th, from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M., in the school gymnasium. Take-outs available. Enjoy a Wholey's half-chicken dinner with all the fixings for \$12 adult/\$6 child (under 8). Tickets - \$14.00 at the door. This family event includes basket raffles and silent auction with Steeler and Penguin tickets. Join them! Call 724-837-8120 for information.



St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, will host a Fall Open House on Sunday, November 7th, from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. Parents and students interested in visiting the school and learning more about what St. Joseph High School has to offer are invited to attend. When you arrive, please go to the Science & Technology Center to register.



Spaghetti Dinner - The White Star - Sunday, October 31st, 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 also be available.

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