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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays

(Monday ~ Friday)

8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:00 a.m. &

7:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturdays at 1:00

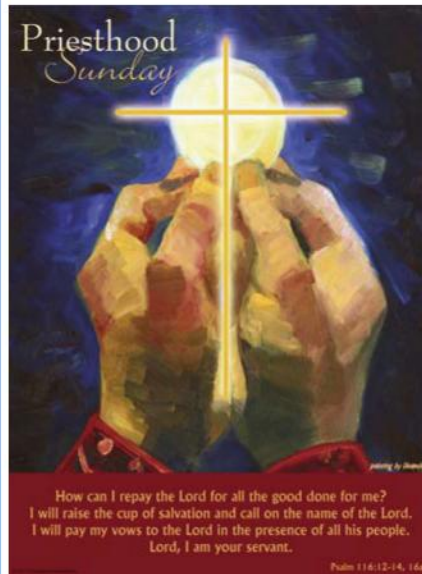
p.m. and by

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Priesthood Sunday



Priesthood Sunday seeks to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. This day also specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection -

Donations will be accepted in the baskets in church or mailed to the parish office. Your donation supports our seminarians, men preparing for the permanent diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and the International Priests serving in our diocese. In addition, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life. Let us all continue to pray for all vocations, so that those who are called may prayerfully respond to God's invitation. You may make a gift online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Donna Misak at the parish office. Baptism Seminars will take place the last Wednesday of the month.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office at least **nine months** in advance for information and scheduling.

(RCIA) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Considering entry into the Catholic Church? Contact the parish office for an appointment.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE HOMEBOUND: To arrange for the Sacraments, contact the parish office.

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Father Ken's Note

**“No matter how bad a situation is,
it’s critical to be proactive and face the problems head-on!”**

A lady was once heating up a pot of water on a gas stove with the intent of cooking pasta for her family for dinner. A frog fell into the pot while it was sitting on the stove. While it wasn’t his intention to be stuck in a pot of water, he didn’t try to escape. He was comfortable enough as he was.

The lady soon turned on the flame to begin boiling the water. As the water’s temperature began to rise, the frog was able to adjust his body temperature accordingly, so he remained in the pot without trying to do anything to change the situation.



However, as the water approached its boiling point, the frog’s body temperature could no longer keep up. He finally tried to jump out of the pot, but with water temperature continuing to increase, he didn’t have it in him to make the leap.

It was too late for the frog to save himself.

The Moral:

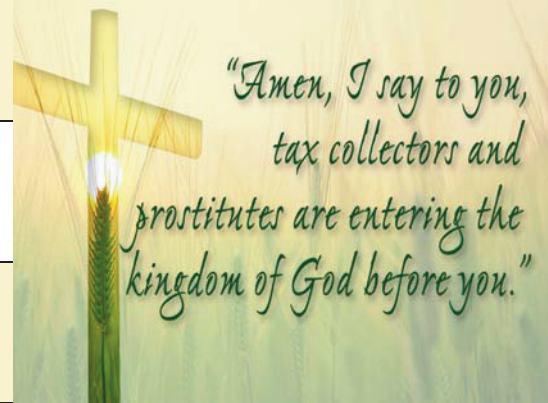
Things don’t always go as planned in life, and they certainly don’t always go the way we want them to. But, no matter how bad a situation is, it’s critical to be proactive and face the problem head-on.

Unlike the frog, who waited until the last minute to try to do anything about the problem he was clearly facing, it’s important to project the future outcomes of the obstacles that hinder you and mediate them before they get past the point of no return. [You have to avoid wasting time](#) and take appropriate action before problems get out of hand or become too much to handle.

Father Ken

The Eucharistic Table

Sat./Sun. 9/26-27 4:00 pm 8:30 am 11:00 am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 + Mary Thur (<i>Dolores & Irene Pjontek</i>) + Joseph Wolfe & Wendy Wolfe (<i>Marie Fantuzzo Wolfe</i>) + Mass for the Congregation
Monday 9/28 8:00 am	ST. WENCESLAUS; ST. LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50 + Rose & Rudy Belczyk, Richard & Alverda Stadterman (<i>Family</i>)
Tuesday 9/29 8:00 am	SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51 + John & Hilda, Jack & Jean Veitch (<i>Patty, Dorothy & Family</i>)
Wednesday 9/30 8:00 am	ST. JEROME Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62 + Margaret Chilko (<i>John & Karen Suszynski</i>)
Thursday 10/1 8:00 am	ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12 + Jack Aubele (<i>Wife Dianna</i>)
Friday 10/2 8:00 am	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10 + Rudy Veselicky (<i>Family</i>)
Sat./Sun. 10/3-4 4:00 pm 8:30 am 11:00 am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43 + Jim Liput (<i>Sharon, James, Shea & Rob</i>) + Mass for the Congregation + James, Margaret, Jim & Colleen Ryan (<i>Dorothy & Family</i>)



Confessions are on Saturday
 at 1:00 p.m. near the
 fountain outside or by
 appointment.

BECOMING CATHOLIC



Do you come to Mass but are not able to receive the body of Christ? Have you been longing to join everyone in the Sacraments? Have you been praying for an answer? Come and join us!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children **ONLINE** will begin in October 2020. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please have them contact Donna Misak at 724-335-2336 or dmisak@smmlb.org.



Baptized In Christ



Easton Patrick Noll with parents Brendon & Shelby, sister, Teagan, Godparents Gregg & Susan Dale, aunt Skylar and Father Ken.



Ezra Amadeus Martin with parents Samuel & April, Godmother Kalley Adame and Father Ken.

Remember in your prayers

† Carol McGinnis who died September 16.

† Frank DiDonato who died September 17.

† Thomas Koziatek who died September 18.



May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace, and bless their families with consolation.

RCIA Candidate ~ W. Troy Stevenson



We'd like to welcome W. Troy Stevenson as a new member of Saint Margaret Mary Church.

Troy was welcomed into the church on Sunday, September 13. Troy received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Troy is pictured (left) with his wife Ann Stevenson and Father Ken.

Welcome & Congratulations Troy!

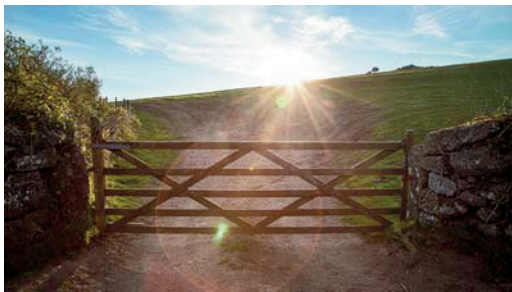


Leaf Raking

To all parishioners of
St. Margaret Mary
Church:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Youth Ministry are unable to rake leaves this year. We are not permitted to gather or travel together at this time. We will keep all of you in our prayers. May everyone stay safe and let's all remember that we are in this together.

Suddenly a Wall Becomes a Gate



Death is part of a much greater and much deeper event, the fullness of which we cannot comprehend, but of which we know that it is a life-bringing event.

What seemed to be the end proved to be the beginning; what seemed to be a cause for fear proved to be a cause for courage; what seemed to be defeat proved to be victory; and what seemed to be the basis for despair proved to be the basis for hope. Suddenly a wall becomes a gate, and although we are not able to say with much clarity or precision what lies beyond the gate, the tone of all that we do and say on our way to the gate changes drastically.

Henri J. Nouwen

"When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

Death has been swallowed up in victory."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54 (NIV)

Pray for our Military

Please remember the following military personnel in your prayers:

- Cpt. Ryan Bruner, Fort Hood, TX
- Cpt. Justin C. Liberatore, Germany
- Maj. Bryan J. Musolino, USAF, Washington, D.C.
- E6 Kody Orkis, Bahrain
- LTJG Brian Ferguson, NRC, Millington, TN
- Cpt. Dennis Keller, Jr., New Orleans. LA
- Master Sgt. George L Carabin, Hurlburg Field, FL
- Cpl. Ryan A. McCauley, Afghanistan
- Maj. Brandon Currie, Camp Pendleton, VA
- Pvt. 1st Class Benjamin Cook, Camp Lejeune, NC
- PFC Josh Silliman, Afghanistan
- BGen. Matthew Van Wagenen, London, England
- LS1 Mike Wolford, Stuttgart, Germany
- PFC John-Paul Miller, MCAS, Cherry Point, NC
- Sgt. Ryan Hanlon, Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
- Maj. Edward Adams, AFB, Maryland
- MSgt Justin Decroo, Afghanistan
- LCDR Josh Kempinski, Washington, D.C.
- Cpt. Julie Adams, AFB, Maryland
- Sgt. Benjamin Macklin, Fort Hood, TX
- 1st Lt. Veronica Jeffries Arnold, Laughlin AFB, TX
- SN Peter Samson, Coronado, CA
- 2nd Lt. G. Kane Franklin, Shepherd, Texas
- Sr. Airman. Nichole Klaphcar, Afghanistan
- U.S. Navy, Austin Sites, Monterey, CA
- 2nd Lt. Gino Lamantia, Fort Benning, GA
- Cpl. Devon Hajas, Camp Lejeune, NC
- 1st Lt. Anthony Jarussi Ponzi, AFB Qatar
- En Nicholas Pattock, Joint Base Charleston, SC
- 2nd Lt. Benjamin Johnson, Kuwait
- Pvt. 1st Class Devin J. Myers, Afghanistan

If you have a family member or friend who is serving in active duty in the military contact Marie Dunmire at (724-594-8272 or rmdunmire@comcast.net).



STEWARDSHIP

September 19 & 20, 2020

Mass Attendance	479
Envelopes and Loose: (158)	7,718.00
Electronic Transactions: (49)	1,312.00
Maintaining and Enhancing Parish Plant: (5)	110.00
Total:	\$9,140.00

Your donations in support of Saint Margaret Mary Church are important and very much appreciated.



It is preferred at this time that your weekly church offerings be placed in the baskets located in church on the weekends or mailed to the parish office.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, you call each of us to service in your Kingdom. Through the intercession of Mary, we place before you all who are discerning your call. In a particular way, we pray for all men who are seeking to answer your invitation, "Come follow me."

Please help them discover your plan for their lives. May they be open to priesthood, marriage, religious or single life, and respond generously to your call.

Help them to know themselves.
Help them to overcome their fears.
Help them to want what you want.
Help them to trust you completely.

Send your Holy Spirit in their minds and hearts so they can see the gifts you have given them and hear your call to serve the Church. Increase their desire to bring others to you and help them reach heaven.

Mary Most Holy, Queen of Clergy, pray for them, that they can discover their vocation and have the courage to respond in faith.

Amen.

Prayer adapted from Vianney Vocations



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

Peter's Pence and the Support of the Holy See Collection - October 3 & 4, 2020

The Peter's Pence Collection helps to fund the charitable works of the Holy Father. The proceeds from this collection provide emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. The Peter's Pence Collection gives us the opportunity to extend a sign of peace to the Body of Christ around the world. Our gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father to support people most in need of assistance. The Peter's Pence Collection is used to strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith when they need it most.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule - October 3 & 4

PRESIDER		LECTORS		TECHNOLOGY TEAM			
4 pm	Father Ken	M. Arabia		A. Pacuch			
8:30 am	Father Ken	A. Heidenreich		B. Krajci			
11 am	Father Ken	R. Harris		M. Capsambelis and L. Capsambelis			
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS							
4 pm	R. Cortez	J. Gulick		D. Hyland		C. Wardoclip	
8:30 am	C. Fantuzzo	M. Farinelli		J. Lee		J. Ward	
11 am	M. Cochran	F. Dombrowski		R. Dunmire		D. Fellers	
USHERS							
4 pm	K. Keller	D. Swick	M. Kardibin	T. Cavanaugh	G. Rapp	T. Cambal	
8:30 am	J. Sanner	R. Kostewicz	T. Campbell	M. Polczynski	A. Kish	T. Dean	J. Manga
11 am	G. Spiering	P. Spiering	T. Rayburg	J. Linza	D. Linza		

Community Corner

REVIVAL ROSARY WALK

Where: K-9 OFFICER DEREK KOTECKI MEMORIAL PARK

Address: 730 Wildlife Lodge Rd. Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Date: EVERY SATURDAY starting **Sept 19, 2020**

Time: 7:45AM - 8:45AM

Kid Friendly: Yes, but no childcare available currently

Please Bring: Rosary
(extra rosaries & water will be provided)

RSVP: Kylee Kohler text or call **724.393.6978**

Everyone is welcome from all parishes, Catholic & Non-Catholic

CHRONICLES 7:14

* if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Rosary Recitation - The Addolorata Society of Mt. St. Peter invites everyone to *A Rosary Recitation for Our Youth* on **Tuesday, October 13**, the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Each decade will be dedicated to children locally and throughout the world. Plus, as Our Lady requested in 1917, prayers for peace will be offered. The Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. St. Peter Church followed by Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Respect Life Sunday - One hour, one day a year across our country, people of all ages and backgrounds stop to pray and witness for life. On **Respect Life Sunday, October 4**, the local line of the National Life Chain will take place at Routes 156 & 981 (Avonmore Crossroads) from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** We will stand in quiet prayer for one hour and witness for life. Please bring a chair if standing is difficult. Call Angie at 724-697-4514 for more information.

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