Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Leonard J. Onest, Pastor
Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of the Sick
March 31st - 7:00 pm
April 1st & 2nd - Mass at 7:00 pm with Fr. Ross Miceli

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’” - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Philip H. Taylor

7:30 AM  L&D People of the Parish

10:00 AM  L&D Art, Marcella & Jim Fledderman Family

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of March 31st burns in memory of Charles Meiser

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1st, 2nd, 6th & 7th**

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**Question of the Week:**

When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

**4th Sunday of Lent - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today’s Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son. “I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.” The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father’s trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you’ve squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there. “While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.” The father in the parable sees his son’s selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son’s departure, the father waits with hope for his son’s eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful! Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. “My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours.” Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you’ve been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing. We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God’s personal invitation to growth!

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**Question of the Week:**

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Eggs, Soups: Spaetzel & Wedding and so much more! 

VOCATION CALENDAR Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

1st: Eileen Bremen, Dave & Char Gerber  
2nd: Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer  
3rd: Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey  
4th: Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri  
5th: Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Joanne Gasper, Rita Peterson  
6th: Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrissy & Jason Kuhar  
7th: Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell

EASTER FLOWERS
If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of someone, please use the envelope in your monthly packets. A flyer will be published in the bulletin after Easter. Thank you in advance for your donation that will help to beautify our Altar for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
The Benedictine Gift Shop is in need of additional volunteers. No experience is needed, they will train you. If you can help out 2-3 hours ONCE a month, please call Kim at the St. Mary’s Parish Office at 781-1019 or for more info.

CONVENT PROPERTY TOURS FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

Offered by St. Mary’s Parish  
Sunday, March 31st - 1:00 pm  
* Note: NO handicap route.  
* Must be able to climb stairs.  
* Meet in the church parking lot. Entry will be through the old chapel / library.

MASS REQUESTS
The Mass requests for 2019 have been fulfilled. If you forgot to schedule your mass or if you would like one additional mass, contact Mary Ann in the parish office for availability, 834-4701.

SACRED HEART “SPRING FOOD FEST”
Saturday, April 13th - 9 am to 2 pm in the Parish Center. Foods include: Cream Puffs, Lady Locks, Raisin Cookies, Sacred Heart Breads, Cinnamon Rolls, Walnut Rolls, Easter Eggs, Soups: Spaetzel & Wedding and so much more!

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 7th - 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the ECCHS Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome! ALL you can eat pancakes (Gluten Free available), sausage, applesauce and refreshments. $7/Adults, $5/Children 5-12, Children 0-4/Free. Sponsored by the Elk / Cameron Cursillo Movement.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Sunday, 03/31: 6:30 pm - Lenten Evening of Prayer at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois
- Monday, 04/01: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 04/02: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Rosary at 4:05 pm, Benediction at 4:00 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- Tuesday, 04/02: 11:00 am - Community Blood Bank at Penn Highlands Elk until 4 pm.
- Tuesday, 04/02: 6:00 pm - Bible Study at Hoss’s with Fr. Ross and Scott Becker.
- Wednesday, 04/03: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Thursday, 04/04: 12:00 noon - Lenten Lunch with the Lord at Faith Baptist Church, St. Marys with Pastor Scott. Theme: “I Thirst.”
- Thursday, 04/04: 6:30 pm - Lenten Penance Service at St. Leo Church, Ridgway.
- Thursday, 04/04: 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center basement with Fr. Michael Gabler.
- Friday, 04/05: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- Friday, 04/05: 12:00 noon - Haddock Fish Fry or Shrimp at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- Friday, 04/05: 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church, Kersey and Holy Cross Center, Brandy Camp.
- Friday, 04/05: 6:45 pm - Super BINGO at Sacred Heart. Doors open at 4:30 pm, Free lunch at 5:30.
- Friday, 04/05: 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Mary’s Church preceded by a Lenten Soup Supper at 6 pm in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome!
- Saturday, 04/06: 10:00 am - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at Houlsler Residence, 589 Church St.
- Sunday, 04/07: 10:30 am - Cavalier Chicken BBQ at St. Mary’s Church Annex parking lot until sold out. Dinners will be available at QW after 10 am Mass. $9.00.
- Sunday, 04/07: 3:00 pm - Lenten Penance Service at St. Mark Church, Emporium.

CANDY EASTER EGG SALE
Fox Township Senior Center Fundraiser: Peanut Butter and Coconut Eggs. $10/doz; $6/half doz. To place an order call, 885-8111 by April 10th.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
Phone No. ________________________________________________________

Please check one:  
  I am new in the parish & wish to register  
  Change of Address ______ Moving out of Parish  
  Want Envelopes ________  
  Interested in a Parish Ministry ________
Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!
Twitter: @MinistryRooted
Instagram: @smyouthministry3
Facebook: @SMYYouthMin

Visit disciples.life for Faith Formation information or you can call 781-1042. To reach the Youth and Young Adult Minister, Scott Becker by email at scottbecker28@gmail.com.
Life Teen and Confirmation co-ordinator: Leslie Gahr.
Confirmation Date is May 19th at Queen of the World.

ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 in the Cavalier Building.
Large Group Games Discussion of the Faith
Thursday Afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30
• Study
• Have Snacks
• Play Games!

CHILD PROTECTION, CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie is committed to help those who were harmed by clergy sexual abuse to heal and recover. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement.
To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals are also welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1542. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelsen, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit https://www.Eriercd.org/childprotection/

MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA
Erie Diocese Chastity Education Office is sponsoring the annual Mother Daughter Tea event, designed for girls age 10 and older & their moms, on April 28, 11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in at St. Boniface Parish, Kersey. To register, call 814-824-1259.

REQUESTING T-SHIRTS FOR STITCHING PROJECT
Cleaning your closets? Please save any local school, Steelers, Pirates, or Penguins t-shirts or sweatshirts for a stitching project to benefit the St. Marys Catholic Elementary School’s Christmas Store. Also donations of fiberfill to complete the project would be appreciated. T-Shirts and fiberfill can be dropped off at the St. Marys Catholic Elementary school office by April 30.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019..................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date...............................$582,891
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of March 23/24, 2019
Regular Envelope ....................................$10,023
Loose .....................................................$2,747
Children................................................$4
Utilities & Maintenance.............................$45
Memorials.............................................$50
Total Received........................................$12,869

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly..................938
Envelopes Used Mar 16/17, 2019...............785
Mass Attendance for Mar 23/24, 2019........845

CSA Report
Number of Pledges 321
Amount Pledged $92,536
Diocesan Assessment: $105,000

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “Abortion...is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.”

St. Theresa
Mother Theresa of Calcutta

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I am looking forward to these next three evenings, our Parish Lenten Retreat. As families and as laborers, we all know how important it is to take time away from the routine to be refreshed and renewed. It is especially important in our walk of faith. Oh, we can stay faithful to the daily routine, if we do. But sometimes we just need a “shot in the arm,” a different perspective, a more concentrated time to look at priorities. Whatever else you might be doing this Lent, whatever else you might be in need of, these three days will facilitate just that much more grace and opportunity. Actually, I see it as more than three days. We “cheated” a little by adding to our Sunday Mass and then offering the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday. Now that’s a serious bit of time to give to the Lord. I wonder what He’ll give back? Actually, we don’t have to, as we know, trust, and believe that, as always. He alone makes it all worthwhile. Pray with me for your own needs and those of your loved ones. Pray that God will bless us each and our parish with lavish grace during these holy days. Join Fr. Ross and all of us to “drink from the streams of Life-giving Water.” Let’s have a great Parish Retreat! - - -

fr jeff

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**OUR PARISH RETREAT**

Tonight, Sunday, March 31
Monday and Tuesday, April 1 & 2

7:00 pm

“SHOUTING FOR JOY!”

Fr. Ross Miceli

Sunday Eve: Prayer and Reflection
Mon and Tues: Mass and Reflection

Babysitting Provided

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**PENANCE SERVICE AND CONFESSIONS**

This week we are the host of the area Penance Service, Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm. Several priest confessors available. This was scheduled as an appropriate follow-up to our Parish Retreat.

Since Thursday is the day before First Friday, there will also be Confessions at 4 pm on April 4th.

Take advantage of these opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of God’s forgiveness.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This Friday, Stations of the Cross for the community will take place at 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s Church. A Lenten Soup Supper will precede the Stations at 6 pm in the St. Mary’s Parish Center. Everyone is welcome!

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**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Monday, April 1st**
Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4-6, 11-13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, April 2nd**
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, April 3rd**
Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, April 4th**
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 5th**
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 6th**
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, April 7th**
Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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**FIRST FRIDAY**

This Friday, April 5th is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Adoration with Evening Prayer and Benediction (6:30 pm) will take place Thursday in preparation for First Friday. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the home-bound in the morning - call the Rectory if someone needs to be added to the list 834-4701.

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT**

This Saturday we will have the Retreat for those Students planning to make First Holy Communion. The retreat will be at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 9 am to noon, beginning in Church. We ask that EVERY student be present as there is no make-up retreat available. Since Retreat is a diocesan requirement, failure to be present jeopardizes your child’s ability to celebrate with us in May.

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**PRE-CANA**

Next Sunday, April 7, our Parish and our Parish Pre-Cana Team hosts several couples for the beginning of the Marriage Preparation Process with the Pre-Cana program. Please keep the couples joining us that day and our presenting couples in your prayers. They will be joining us at the 10 am Mass. If you see them on campus, extend a warm welcome and where possible, a helping hand.

The Pre-Cana Team will meet briefly in the Cafeteria today, Sunday, March 31 after the 10 am Mass.

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*This Lent fast from hurting words and say kind words; Fast from anger and be filled with patience; Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  Pope Francis*