Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

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.

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

Memorial Day

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13

May 26, 2019
Mass Intentions for the

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, May 27th
7:00 AM + Tammy Pichler & + Albert Erich

Tuesday, May 28th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, May 29th
7:00 AM + Tammy Friedl

Thursday, May 30th The Ascension
7:00 AM + Paul & Abby Horchen 9:00 AM L&D People of the Parish
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction 7:00 PM + Debbie Young

Friday, May 31st
7:00 AM + L&D Hoffman & Dezanet Families

Saturday, June 1st
7:00 AM + Jim & Bea Clark

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Dick & Marie Hoffman
7:30 AM + Mary & Richard Wittman
10:00 AM L&D People of the Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of May 26th burns in memory of Mertz & Dubler Families

6th Sunday of Easter - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:
Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today’s Gospel. “Whomever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation’s sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning’s resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!” How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to him and love as he loved, the more we will experience his nearness. We can have confidence in his presence and rest in his encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

Question of the Week:
What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus’ teaching? What will help you make a good decision?

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Jn 14:23-29

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1st & 2nd

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Greetings: Please feel free to welcome your fellow parishioners at the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your ministry!

All Ministers: Always check the website at www.qwchurch.com for any last minute changes to the ministers schedule. It is the most up to date for the schedule!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is between the ages of 5 years old through to third grade, have them participate in this special Children’s Liturgy.
BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

June 6  St. Mary’s Church, 7 pm  781-1019
July 9  St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway  772-3135

Please call the Church you wish to attend to pre-register.

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

27th  Mary Beth Schaut, Karen Cheatle, Rose Belsole
28th  Brian, Ann
29th  Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm
30th  Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer
31st  Kathy & Jim Herzing, Irene Gregory
1st   Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd   Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Monday, 05/27: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 05/28: 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.
- Wednesday, 05/29: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Mary’s First United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, 05/30: 7:00 pm - Rosary Walk for Souls at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery.
- Friday, 05/31: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm
- Saturday, 06/01: 9:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Church after 8:30 Mass.
- Saturday, 06/01: 10:00 am - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at the Housler Residence, 589 Church Street.

Cruise on the Gateway Clipper

The Queen of the World Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a Fall Luncheon Cruise on the Gateway Clipper on October 4th. We will have a full day of fun, as we continue onto the St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill to view over 5,000 relics. We will then travel to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville and finish out our day at the Jennerstown Mountain Playhouse to see the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical “The Million Dollar Quartet,” featuring the music of icons Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley. Tickets will go fast for this unforgettable day, so if you are interested, please call Mary Ann at 594-4490.

Rosary Altar Society Summer Picnic

Members are reminded to get in their reservations for the Summer Picnic to be held on Monday, June 3rd at Hoss’s. They will meet at 6:00 pm. Please note the time! RAS Members - come join the fun, no ants to worry about, cool atmosphere and some pleasant sociability!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, May 27th
Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday, May 28th
Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 29th
Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 30th - Ascension Thursday

Friday, May 31st - The Visitation of the BVM
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday, June 1st:
Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, June 2nd
Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-9/Rv 22:12-20/Jn 17:20-26

Dennis Lee at our Easter Vigil being Baptized and Confirmed into the Faith!
Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!
Twitter: @MinistryRooted
Instagram: @smyouthministry3
Facebook: @SMYouthMin

For Faith Formation information, call 781-1042 or visit the website disciples.life. Scott Becker, Youth and Young Adult Minister; Leslie Gahr, Life Teen and Confirmation co-ordinator.

ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 in the Cavalier Building. Thursday Afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30
Middle School youth group meets in Youth Room in CYMA Bldg, 7 to 8:30 pm every other Thursday.
These Youth Groups offer your teen a chance to interact with others in a Faith based environment. All are welcome!

CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS
The ECC Students for Life Club and Elk County Right to Life group have constructed a display in the yard at St. Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway to offer a visual reminder of the scourge of abortion in our country. There are 300 crosses. Each cross represents 10 babies. So, over 3,000 babies are lost to abortion each DAY in the U.S! Many men and women who had abortions say they felt they had no other option or they were alone. And many post-abortive parents give testimonies to the emotional scars they endure that no one told them could happen. But, HELP IS AVAILABLE. See the brochures in the churches and at the display site to find out how to find help. In the month of May - we pray to Mary to help the unborn - and their parents.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT?
The St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery is seeking lawn care help for the summer. Openings for 3 hours per day or 6 hours per day are available. Must be 18 years of age and able to run a grass trimmer. If interested, call 781-1019.

CAMP FLUTTERBYE
Have your children or grandchildren experienced a loss through death? The Penn Highlands Community Nurses will host a free 2-day camp for children and teens, K-12, at The Pines in St. Marys on June 6 & 7. Fun and educational activities are structured by bereavement professionals to help students understand that grieving the loss of a loved one is healthy and normal. To register, call 781-4722.

SAINT VINCENT TO HOST SUMMER PROGRAM
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, will host the ninth annual Faith and Reason summer program from Sunday, June 9, through Friday, June 14. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program, which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare students for college-level education. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost ($495). Limited scholarship funding is available. For further information, contact Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844, or michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Students may register online at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.................................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date............................................$712,277

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of May 18/19, 2019
Regular Envelope ..................................................$9,908
Loose .................................................................$1,375
Children ...............................................................$0
School Support ....................................................$75
Utilities & Maintenance .........................................$50
Memorials ............................................................$50
Other Income / Confirmation ....................................$725
Total Received ......................................................$12,213

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
International Needs ...............................................$336
Good Shepherd ....................................................$183

Thank You!

CSA UPDATE
Number of Pledges: 394
Amount Pledged: $109,683
Diocesan Assessment: $105,000

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — The fact that God came to rescue His own human creation is enough to firmly and forever form a concrete pro-life ethic. Yet HOW God came to rescue us cements the pro-life ethic even further. He came as one of us. He came to earth as a zygote. God, the Author of life, came to earth through the very process He authored to create human life. Every person who claims belief in Christ should marvel and be awestruck at this scriptural truth. Humans are valuable, and God affirmed it most miraculously when He came to earth as one of us. Because the pro-life ethic is grounded in Christianity, those who follow Christ are uniquely motivated in our reason for believing in and our passionate defense of the value of all humanity. In addition, the undeniable fact that the preborn and born have the same value should require all of us to act according to our belief.

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Dear Parishioners,

My 98-year-old uncle is one of those remaining Veterans of WW II. When he was injured in the war, my grandparents received notice that he was dead. Imagine what happened when they found out he was alive! Talk about living the Easter story. Today, he still lives to tell about it. This “greatest generation,” as they have been labeled, experienced a great deal as teenagers and young adults. Trauma, tragedy, and the victory over tyranny and evil. This weekend we honor them and all those who have, before and since, continued to serve the great ideals of freedom and justice for all. Since WW II there have been several more wars, too many deaths, and more of a recognition of our imperfections and struggles. The American dream has yet to be realized! And yet our great nations stands as a beacon of hope, a grand experiment of government “for” and “by” the people. We honor the sacrifices of those who serve our nation, including the military and first responders, who play such an important role in the saving of lives. While we enjoy our camping, parades, family gatherings, good food and more this weekend, we take the time to reflect. In particular, for us as a people of faith, we thank God and pray for God’s guidance. We are still “one nation under God.” This is a truth, whether it’s verbalized or not, whether it’s recognized or not. Ours is still a journey from death to life, from sacrifice to glory, from human weakness to redemption. Thank a Veteran this weekend. And thank God. And let that Easter story continue to resound. He died -- no, He lives! Death has no more power over Him or us… - - - fr jeff

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Welcome to the first holiday weekend of summer. In various ways as a community and as a People of Faith we honor those who serve and have served us in the Military, especially those who gave their life for our nation and for the cause of Peace. We pray for them as we gather for Mass on the weekend as well as the 7 am Mass on Monday. Enjoy your holiday and be safe in your travels. Welcome to all those who have come home or who are visiting for the weekend. Likewise, a special welcome to our college students, all of whom I’m sure have returned home with a 4.0 GPA this past year. It’s good to have you home.

SUMMER’S HERE!

Not only is Memorial Day bringing in summer, it will also begin as the students of our St. Marys Catholic Elementary School and all area schools empty out late morning this Friday, May 31st. We hope you’ve had a great year and can now enjoy summer vacation. Be safe and have fun!

BASIC COURTESIES

Again, may have fallen into the discourteous and bad habit of leaving Mass while the rest of us are still praying. Mass is not concluded until the final hymn is complete and the Sanctuary ministers have recessed to the Vestibule. Please pray with us. Likewise, if you come to Church and find lights on, doors open, and items set up, please leave things as they are. They are set for a reason. Thank you for being considerate.

CONFIRMATION THANKS!

Thanks to our Teachers, Catechists, Faith Form-ation Leaders, parents, families and sponsors for the great celebration of Confirmation last weekend. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed - may the gifts of the Spirit guide you in all your decisions and actions.

Trevor Atekeson Leo Gregory Megan Quesenberry
Hannah Barnett Ryan Hanes Carly Renwick
Robert Bobenrieth Tyler Henry Allison Schlimm
Madeline Bowes Anna Kamats Zachery Seltzer
Madyson Dellaquila Gabriel Kear Lindsay Werner
Allison Dezanet Kevin Kuhar Isaac Wortman
Jade Ginthner Jakob Meeker Regis Wortman
Kiana Ginthner Samantha Nunamaker

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Seniors of Elk County Catholic High School and St. Marys Area School celebrate their Commencements as we move into summer. Congratulations to all of you - enjoy the celebration of your accomplishments and look forward to all that is yet to come! We also congratulate our college graduates and those who have completed graduate level programs. God bless all your endeavors!

ASCENSION THURSDAY

This Thursday, May 30th is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation for us. Masses here are at 7 and 9 am and 7 pm. In our area you will also find these opportunities to observe this sacred day.

Sacred Heart Church:
Wed. Vigil - 5:15 pm; Thurs. 6:15 am and 12:05 pm
St. Mary’s Church:
Wed Vigil - 6:30 pm; Thurs. 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.

THE NOVENA BEGINS

The concept of Nine days of prayer began with the Church prayer from Jesus’ departure at Ascension until the experience of Pentecost. Beginning this Friday, add a specific prayer to the Holy Spirit to your daily prayers, asking that the Spirit bless each and all of us, the Church, and the world with the Power of grace so needed. Use any formulated or personal prayer, or the traditional prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be recreated. And you shall renew the face of the earth!

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

June 1st & 2nd, the annual collection for International Needs will be taken up. This collection gives aid to:
♦  those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine;
♦  Children who go to bed hungry and cannot attend school;
♦  The victims of war and natural disasters;
♦  Those who are persecuted for their faith;
♦  As well as those who wish to study for the priesthood; but do not have the means to do so.
Please give generously to this designated collection, and as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers.