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.

Music Ministry
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation
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Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
Mary Lynn Carnovale……ext 226

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Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School /  
Elk County Catholic High School
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John Schneider, Principal

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Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 10th & 11th**

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

**Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 12:13-21**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn’t seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn’t quite enough. Today’s Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life – grateful or greedy? "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others. Jesus doesn’t condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "storing up treasure for ourselves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

**Question of the Week:**

When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life? Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn’t make you as happy as you thought it would?
UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, 08/05:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 08/06:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Rosary at 4:05 pm, Benediction at 4 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- **Tuesday, 08/06:** 11:00 am - Blood Drive at Penn Highlands Elk Education Center until 4 pm.
- **Wednesday, 08/07:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Wednesday, 08/07:** 7:00 pm - Rosary Walk for Souls at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery. NO pets allowed in the cemetery. Any questions, call 834-3214.
- **Friday, 08/09:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- **Friday (08/09, Saturday (08/10), Sunday (08/11):** Divine Mercy Encounter at ECCHS

ST. LEO’S SUMMER FESTIVAL
August 10-11th at the Ridgway Fireman’s Lot. Games, food, Musical bands (PF Flyer on Friday; Polka Band Friday Niter on Sunday & “Elvis”), raffles, legal beverage booth, craft vendors, chance to win over $5,000 in cash prizes and kids play land. Polka Mass, Sunday at 11 am. For more information, call 772-6487 or go to: www.stleosfestival.com.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MICHAEL GABLER, OSB
Beginning Tuesday, September 17th, 7 to 8 pm in the Boy Scout room in the Sacred Heart Parish Center and continuing for the next 5 weeks. The subject will be based on “1st & 2nd Peter”. There is no charge, no test, no obligation to come weekly. The only requirement is to please bring your Bible. Everyone welcome!

PICK YOUR OWN BLUEBERRIES from dawn until dusk—Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville $3 per quart - benefits the Ministries of Young People Who Care, Inc. Bring own containers - just 15 miles from Clearfield! Any questions call 814-263-4855

TRAVEL WITH FR. ROSS TO ITALY & GREECE Dates: October 12-28, 2019. Cost: $4,999.00 Airfare, most meals, four and five star hotels - all included! To register, call (855) 842-8001 or 508-340-9370. Or online at www.proximotravel.com. (Trip code: #6136—use when calling).
SPEAK OUT ON LIFESAVING ISSUES ON AUGUST 9TH

The future lies in the heart of the young. It is for this reason that a local group of concerned citizens decided to form a committee and initiate the Students for Life Project.

Students for Life is a means for bringing high school students together to be educated on the human rights issue of abortion and to learn to debate the issue in a reasoned and civil manner. It is our young who will shape the culture of the future. The hope is that it will be a culture that embraces life.

The Students for Life Project is hosting a gathering on the morning of Friday, August 9th, beginning with 9 am sign in, a meet and greet with coffee and donuts, to bring together any and all from our area who want to learn more about the human rights issue of abortion and the project itself. Community leaders, youth ministers and others who work with high school students, school administrators and staff, pastors, parents, students, pro-life volunteers are all welcome and encouraged to bring others. Scheduled speakers include U.S. Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson and PA Representative Matt Gabler and Liana Hollendornner, Mid Atlantic Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America. Lunch will be served compliments of Life Matters, the parent group of concerned citizens of which the Students for Life Project is a sub-committee. For more info about the project or to make reservations, contact Mary Meyer, 335-8019 or Mary Bea Maloney at 834-3834.
Dear Parishioners,

Yes, I’m still reflecting on the 50th Anniversary of the first lunar landing, one of the great moments of the 20th century. Many of us thought it was a strange political “reach” when President Kennedy announced in 1961 that the “race was on,” and that we wanted to be the first nation to put human beings on the moon. With his encouragement and then his tragic death, followed by the support of President Johnson and Nixon, this dream became a reality. As I touched on last week, this was a good thing in terms of the scientific and technological advances that it furthered. But there is so much more. Those of us who know the times remember the 1960s as the most tumultuous time in our history. Assassinations and riots joined political and social upheaval, an unpopular, unwinnable war, a generational divide, and newfound freedoms were among the forces shaking throughout the decade. The Cold War was in full bloom, and the space race became a unifying power for good. As we now know, some of the best minds and people in our nation were focused on doing whatever it took to figure out the intricacies of space flight and the ingenuity to handle many unknowns. Pope Paul VI encouraged our discovery of God’s world, watched keenly, held his telescope to the moon during the voyage, and welcomed the Astronauts to the Vatican after they returned home safely. The Church’s scientific arm and the Vatican Observatory did their part to contribute throughout the process. Yes, there were days when the Church’s help was desired and appreciated. One of my favorite stories is not a bit more known. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the second man on the moon, made sure after the Eagle landed on the moon and he had some quiet while Neil Armstrong was working on the lunar surface, to enjoy the first meal on the moon. He brought with him the elements of Communion, a bit of bread and wine. A man of faith, he wanted this moment to be sacred, to bring God’s grace to the adventure, and to sense that even though he was “alone,” he was at the same time “in communion” with God and all believers. I’d say that in itself was pretty much worth the investment it took to get people to the Moon. The Apollo program and our space efforts have suffered great tragedies which include the loss of several lives and tragic mishaps. We can never dismiss this reality. But the risks we take to learn, grow, and reach out beyond our limits bring us more and more rewards as human beings. That yearning is deep within us. Space travel is like everything else. It confronts us with a choice. The more we have; the more we see - we can accept these gifts as God’s way of drawing us toward Himself in the Wonder of the Life and the world He has given us. Or, we can dismiss the divine and think we’re pretty great on our own. Throughout human history, we’ve seen where the latter approach has taken us. We have yet to see where God is taking us if we live and believe in the former approach. But it sure is exciting. --- fr jeff

PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday, Aug. 11th, we hold our Parish Picnic after the 10 am Mass. Join us at the Methodist Pavilion for a great lunch, some games and fellowship. It would be great to see everyone there, even if only briefly, so we can spend some time together as a parish family. Even if you haven’t yet signed up, there is still time - just call us or stop by the vestibule. Your help in set up and clean up would also be appreciated. Bring the children and grandchildren, we still have several options for them, too! As has become our tradition, this is also my family reunion weekend. I will get to the Picnic, God willing, to check on all of you before I head back to my family for the day.

COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

In the near future our college students will be heading off, some returning and some for the first time. Whether you are attending a Catholic college / university or not, you will find on campus a Catholic Campus Ministry. We encourage you to check it out for Sunday Mass, retreat and service opportunities, or just as a place to gather with peers for quiet, prayer, or faith sharing. As you begin life “on your own,” perhaps you will come to a deeper understanding of the faith with which you have been blessed. Do well in school and know that you are always welcome at your spiritual home, QW. We will look forward to seeing you on long weekends and breaks.

IN CASE YOU’VE BEEN VACATIONING

Last weekend we announced that the project of putting a new roof on the Church will be held off until, God willing, next summer. We are in the process of putting the bid together. Spread the word among local companies to let us know if they are interested in the project. We are trying to make the timing work as such that we are not doing such a project while the children are in school.

FINAL INFORMATION SESSION - THIS SUNDAY FOR DIOCESAN ‘TREASURES OF ITALY’ PILGRIMAGE

The final, no-obligation information session on the Nov. 16-25 diocesan-sponsored pilgrimage to Italy will be held this Sunday, Aug. 4th at 2 p.m. here at Queen of the World. This pilgrimage is in conjunction with Bishop Lawrence Persico’s required ad limina visit to Rome. Led by Msgr. Edward Lohse and Father Nicholas Rouch, the trip will include stops in Assisi, Rome, Siena and San Giovanni Rotondo, home of St. Padre Pio. Also, a Mass with Bishop Persico as celebrant at one of the papal basilicas. For details, go to www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html or call Marianna at 1-800-777-7432.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, August 5th**
Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Wednesday, August 7th**
Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23
Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 8th**
Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday, August 9th**
Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday, August 10th**
2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

**Sunday, August 11th**
Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

**DIOCESAN PASTOR**

This week several of our diocesan priests will be on retreat. Please keep them in your prayers. May the Lord bless them and renew them in their lives and ministries.