Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor
Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:00 & 7:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am
Confessions
Saturday: 4:00-4:50 pm & 7:00-7:20 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00 pm

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.

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

Faith Formation
Janet VanEerden, Director
Meredith Bon, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812
Susan Jansen, Director
Franchesca Stubber, Assistant Director

Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812
Directors of Admissions
Franchesca Stubber – 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Aug. 8 St. Joseph Church, Force 787-4151
Aug. 31 St. Mark Church, Emporium 486-0569

Reservations must be made to attend. Please make your reservations by calling the Church you wish to attend.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
20th Helen & John DaCanal
21st Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd Marian Vignione, Don Schneider
23rd Dick Straub, John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark

2017 DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Liturgies on Sunday, August 6th at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway at 2 pm with Bishop Emeritus Trautman presiding or Sunday, August 13th at St. Jude the Apostle, Erie at 2 pm with Bishop Persico presiding. Liturgy will include presentation of scrolls to each anniversary couple. A light reception will follow in the parish social halls. The deadline to sign up for Ridgway is July 28th and for the celebration in Erie is August 4th. To register for either event, call the parish office at 834-4701.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE
Sunday, July 30th is “Diaper Sunday.” Disposable diapers, gently used infant clothing up to size 24 mo., baby wash, ointment, shampoo and wipes are needed. This helps expecting families with newborns and children under age 1. Drop donations in designated boxes in back of church. Make monetary donations payable to Catholic Charities - Diaper Drive.

PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
For those needing prayers, please call Mary Ann Facetti at 781-3085 or Cathy Olson at 834-3844.

NOAH’S ARK EXPERIENCE
Have you ever wanted to experience the “REAL” Ark? The QW Rosary Altar Society’s trip to visit Noah’s Ark, August 4/5, 2017 - still has a few seats available. Come along to explore the life-sized reconstruction of Noah’s Ark. For more information, call Mary Ann at 781-3481 or 594-4490. You won’t want to miss out on this opportunity to experience an exact replica of Noah’s Ark. Only $359/pp in a dbl. accommodation, includes transportation, accommodations, Riverboat Dinner Cruise, Ark Experience, Creation Museum and a breakfast.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Monday, 07/17: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Monday, 07/17: 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- Tuesday, 07/18: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, 07/19: 4:30 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 07/21: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Saturday, 07/22: 2:00 pm - Dedication at Benedictine Sister’s Cemetery. A permanent marked will be placed honoring the First Benedictine Women’s Foundation in North America and their 162 years of service to the people of St. Marys and surrounding area. Reception to follow in the St. Mary’s Parish Social Hall. (Cafeteria)
- Saturday, 07/22: 7:00 pm - BINGO at St. Leo’s School.
- Friday, 07/28: 6:30 pm -  ECC Athletic Association BLUE MOON BINGO! at  ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 5 pm, free lunch at 5:45 pm. Special end of year Grand Prize drawing. MUST be present to win!

FAMILIES ALWAYS MATTER
Looking for resources for your family? Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website: http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm and discover why families always matter!

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13th at the United Methodist Church Pavilion on So. Michael Road beginning at 11:00 am with lunch being served. Parish Family Life Committee will be providing meat (roast beef & hot dogs) & drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. You are asked to sign up in the back of church if attending and also sign up sheets for a set up & clean up crew that is needed as well.

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

July 16, 2017
PARISH OFFERTORY REPORT

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

New Budget numbers are yet to be finalized.

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of July 8/9, 2017
(This is our daily operating income.)

Regular Envelope ................................................. $9,926.25
Loose ....................................................................... $2,288
Children...................................................................... $4
School Support ......................................................... $1,292.25
Utilities & Maintenance............................................ $46.50
Memorials................................................................. $50

Total Received........................................................ $13,607

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of July 8/9, 2017
(These funds go to the Diocese.)

Peter’s Pence.............................................................. $30

Thank you!

Total Envelopes Mailed ........................................... 954
Total Number of Offertory Env Used July 2/3, 2017 .... 435
Envelopes Mailed Not Used..................................... 519
Total Mass Attendance for July 8/9, 2017 .................. 927

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Those who counsel women with an unexpected pregnancy have a valuable technological tool at their disposal—an ultrasound machine that provides pictures of the unborn child in the womb. One young woman who was contemplating abortion said after seeing her baby’s sonogram: “As soon as I seen that, I was ready. It wasn’t no joke. It was real. It was like, he’s not born to the world yet but he is inside of me growing.”

San Diego Union-Tribune

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!
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Sue Novosel 724-831-0974 snovosel@4LPi.com

NOTE: Sue will be at Queen of the World & in the area the week of July 24th, if interested in advertising, please give her a call!
Dear Parishioners,

We have all been talking about changes coming in the Church for a long time. We can see them coming on the horizon. There are fewer people attending Mass and fewer clergy to meet the needs of God’s people. The Bishop announced and carried through with the first steps of the Long Range Plan, which included the closing and merging of many parishes in the diocese. But, change doesn’t matter much until it hits home. And now, it has hit home. We endured a change in our Pastorate in February. Most people are sorta used to that - it happens every so many years. Now, the Saturday evening schedule reduction is on our plate. For many reasons, it has to happen. I pray that all of us adjust quickly enough. It involves a process. We get through our anger and our mourning for missing what once was. We make a choice. We move forward. We pray for the grace to adjust. I say to you, these are just the first steps of tremendous changes to come. In DuBois, Meadville, Corry, Titusville and Oil City, for example, major parishes have now been closed, or reduced to “mission” status, or asked to share a pastor with neighboring parishes. We can expect much more the same to happen here someday. And, what will the Church do when it completely runs out of clergy to cover parishes? That remains an open question, but one we should be pondering and praying about. And, of course, our town is also shaken now by the loss of both Fr. Eric and Fr. Alfred, who are moving on to other assignments. We will miss them, and the gifts they brought to our faith community. We will wish them well, send them off, and pray for them. We will be welcoming new pastors to our neighboring parishes and looking forward to working with them and praying with them. But, these are just more changes for us to deal with. It’s not easy. It’s not fun. It hurts. It’s necessary. It is reality. And it calls for us to work through the faith-based process that alone can bring healing and peace. - - fr. Jeff

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, July 17th
Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34–11:1
Tuesday, July 18th
Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, July 19th
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, July 20th
Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday, July 21st
Ex 11:10–12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, July 22nd
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday, July 23rd
Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Once again I bring to you attention our Thursday schedule. Mass is at 7 a.m., followed by Adoration throughout the day (unless there is a funeral or other major parish or school activity). Evening Prayer takes place at 6:30 p.m. and whenever Fr. Jeff is available, our day of prayer concludes with Benediction immediately following Evening Prayer. This a great opportunity to bring to the Lord our personal prayers, time of praise and thanksgiving, and the concerns of the Church, such as peace and justice, mercy, vocations, youth, guidance, and more.

Whenever the Eucharist is in Exposition, there are to be at least two people present. This has been a problem for us. During various times of the day, there is sometimes one person and sometimes no one present.

I will have to address this if these times are not secured. Most likely, we will truncate Adoration to a much shorter time. Evening Prayer will continue as long as those who gather appreciate it. But before this happens, I’m asking one more time for us as a parish to take advantage of this prayer time by stopping by for 15 minutes, a half hour, or an hour.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS SCHEDULE

As of the first weekend of August, our Saturday evening schedule will be:

Vigil Mass: 6 pm
Confessions: 4:30 pm
Other Vigil Masses in town: Sacred Heart Church  at 4 pm St. Mary’s Church  at 5 pm

We will try to correct the various media outlets with our Mass schedule, but some may take a while beyond that day of the change.

CURSILLO NEWS

A Men’s Cursillo begins this Thursday, July 20 at Kennedy Catholic, Hermitage, PA. There are some 20 men registered, and still plenty of room for any candidate from our area. Please keep those attending and those working the Cursillo in your prayers.

The Cursillo Picnic is set for Saturday, Aug. 5th beginning at Noon at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek. It concludes with Mass at 6 pm. Register at www.eriecursillo.org or at 814-824-1119.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Saturday & Sunday - Second Collection: National Needs
- Thursday, 7:30 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, 6:30 pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction

PARISH PICNIC - August 13th at the St. Marys United Methodist Church Pavilion!