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 pm

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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
139 Church St. – Phone: 781-1042
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
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Monday, September 11th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Tuesday, September 12th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, September 13th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
8:45 AM L&D Margaret & Tony Herbst and + Louise & Don Nunamaker

Thursday, September 14th - Exaltation of the Cross
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
6:30 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, September 15th
7:00 AM + Alice McKnight and + Rose Dietz

Saturday, September 16th
7:00 AM L&D William & Walburga Nussbaum
1:30 PM Wedding: Erin Clancy / Dillion Shields

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Leroy & Zachery Feldbauer and + Gilbert & Virginia Lecker
7:30 AM L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM + Charles E. Frey
5:00 PM Community Mass: For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of September 10th burns in memory of Toby Pesce

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 16th & 17th

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Greeters: 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!

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 18:15-20

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill. We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

Question of the Week:

What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you? How can you help another person do the right things?
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Sept. 19  St. Mary’s Church  781-1019
Oct. 14  Sacred Heart Church  834-7861
Please make your reservations at the Church you wish to attend.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.
11th  Pat Pfeuffer, Betty Cheattle, Nicole Schneider
12th  Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th  Steve & Dody Winiarczyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th  Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th  Dixie Newell, Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th  Catherine Labant, Carol Ferringer, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold
17th  Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler

OLMSTED MANOR RETREAT
Enjoy a relaxing day of prayer, reflection and fellowship at the Olmsted Manor in Ludlow on Thursday, October 5th. Fr. Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Kersey, will be the guest speaker. The day will begin at 9:30 am with coffee and doughnuts. The cost for the retreat is $22/pp which includes the light breakfast and lunch. Reservations are due by Tuesday, Sept. 26th and may be made by calling the St. Mary’s Parish Office at 718 371-1019.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS
NFP increases intimacy, is 100% Natural and no side effects. To learn more about this church teaching or to register for the next scheduled class - beginning Sept. 17th - at Sacred Heart Parish Center, call Cathy at (814) 512-0818.

OCTOBER FEST CRAFT SHOW
At St. Mary’s Parish Center - Oct. 7th, 9 am - 3 pm.
For table reservations call: Mary Secco at 781-6228.

WOMEN’S ONE-DAY RETREAT AT FRENCHVILLE
September 30 at Bethany Retreat Center, presented by Vesta Siple. $30 / incl. breakfast and lunch. For reservations, call St. Catherine’s Parish office at 814-371-8556.

CD of A SPONSORING BUS TRIP
On Friday, Sept. 29th the CD of A will be traveling to the Rhonda Weis Miracle House in Canton, OH and to the National Shrine of Our Lady in North Jackson, OH. $60/pp. For more info / to sign up, call Lori at 781-3393.

ST. MARK ANNUAL FESTIVAL
St. Mark’s in Emporium 5th Festival begins Friday, Sept. 15th, with a spaghetti dinner at O’Connell Hall, 4 to 7 pm. On Saturday, Sept. 16, the festivities will be held 11 am to 10 pm. Family passes /$20 for your immediate family only. Individual tickets also available. For info, call 814-486-0427.
LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
Now accepting applications for volunteers who feel called to serve our youth. Snack ministry, affirmation ministry, administration ministry, environmental ministry, Youth Mentor, and Music Ministry. Contact Janet at 781-1042.

Check out our Youth Ministry Schedule online at www.disciples.life/calendar.

Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ourdiscipleslife.

2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
Is now open. Please visit www.disciples.life to register your child for 9th and 10th grade Life Teen.

Welcome to a new year with Disciples.Life!
Register online now for Faith Formation - -
Go to Disciples.Life - Register

♦ ELEMENTARY OPENING NIGHT
First - Fifth grade - Wednesday, Sept. 13th at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. 6 to 7:30 pm. Parents check roster in cafeteria, bring your child to the classroom and meet your child’s catechist. Children will stay for a full class until 7:30.

♦ MIDDLE, LIFE TEEN AND CONFIRMATION
Opening Night: Parents and Students - Sunday, Sept. 17th immediately following the Life Teen Mass at 5:00 pm.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program is being used for First Grade, so space is limited for other ages. If you have questions about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or would like to ask about availability, please call Janet VanEerden or Patty at Disciples.life at 781-1042.

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS
Queen of the World’s choirs are re-grouping after their summer vacation from practices. The Contemporary Choir sings at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6 pm. Weekday practice for this group is held Monday evenings, beginning Sept. 11th at 6 pm. The Traditional Choir sings at the 10 am Sunday morning Mass. Weekday practice for this group is held Tuesday evenings, beginning on Sept. 12th at 6 pm. Any questions, please call Peggy Hoffman or Stephen Toney at 389-4507.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Sept. 13th - 6:00 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Sept. 17th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation Class: Sunday, Sept. 17th.
Dear Parishioners,

The list of parish activities that are picking up now that September has arrived is growing. RCIA will soon be preparing to welcome possible new candidates for our Church. All other Sacramental programs and processes will likewise be up and running. I am working on re-establishing Liturgy of the Word for our children. This will, I hope, also soon be ready to roll out. I will let everyone know its purpose and the details as to how it will happen. Our Councils will be meeting as fall comes along to stay updated on various aspects of parish life. Our children and young people will be involved in faith formation, prayer, and education, from Faith Formation and our Catholic School System. It is also my hope to meet with various liturgical ministry groups for some spiritual renewal and practical, how-to information. As best as I can schedule these meetings, I will be posting them in the bulletin. If you have interest in helping in any of these areas, come to those meetings, or see me in person, or call the rectory to express your willingness to be involved. And, oh yea, as you see elsewhere in the bulletin today, I will be on retreat this week, which will help me get and remain focused, I'm sure. Also, I am finding a few days at the end of the month and beginning of October for a brief vacation, about which I say, it’s about time! I like to retreat and vacation in the fall. For some reason, these seem to help me prepare for the rest of the year ahead. So, in your spare time, I would appreciate it if you could throw in a prayer or two for your pastor. I hope the busy-ness of your lives is also not in the way of your prayer and spiritual life. Make time for that, the rest will follow. Keep the Eucharist, in particular, at the center. Prepare for Sunday celebration with quiet time before we gather; take some time later Sunday or in the week ahead to reflect on the experience of Word and Sacrament. These constitute the Lord’s great promise to be with us ALWAYS. Let us move into the fall by the grace of God. fr. jeff

IS CATHOLICISM FOR YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

This is a great time of the year for those who may be considering joining the Church to “come and see.” If you or someone in your family needs a little prompting, let this be it. Please call Fr. Jeff, 834-4701 to begin the exploration of faith. If someone you know is a little hesitant, promise to come with them to check it out!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT GATHERING

Next Tuesday, Sept. 19th, Fr. Jeff will meet with parents of those Third Graders intending to receive First Holy Communion this spring. He will go over changes in the preparation, process, and celebration and the reasons for them. Parent input will be needed for one important detail. Please, make every effort to see that your child is represented, and if at all possible, both parents present. The gathering will take place at 6:30 pm in Church, and will be brief, as in hopefully less than half an hour.

FAITH FORMATION PROCESSES BEGIN

Next Sunday, September 17th, is Catechetical Sunday. Our young people in Elementary education begin their Faith Formation this Wednesday evening with Junior and Senior High beginning next Sunday. Let us wish them well and keep them in our prayers as we begin again the formal process of teaching, sharing, and growing in faith together. Thank you to those who are teachers and staff members for their dedication and willingness, and to our parents and families for your support.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

With the start to our new year, we will also take up the “Catholic Education Collection” next Sunday. This money is an important and big help to us for all levels and types of faith education. Half of this offering stays here to assist us with texts and salaries and other needs for the classrooms, programs, and processes. The other half goes to the diocese and returns to us in the form of constant support and resources to underscore our local efforts. Please be as generous as possible in this particular collection.

FR. JEFF ON RETREAT

This week Fr. Jeff will be on retreat in New Jersey. Please keep him an all our priests in your daily prayers. While he is away, we will have Scripture and Communion services in the morning. There will be a school Mass at 8:45 am Wednesday. Those desiring to attend Mass on other days: 8:30 am at St. Mary’s, 7:15 am at St. Boniface and 6:15 am at Sacred Heart.

BAVARIAN FESTIVAL

Let us look forward to next weekend’s Bavarian Festival on this special anniversary for our community. Remember that we have a parish booth and that our children will be in the parade through the various schools and activities. If you have some time to help with the parish booth, please let us know, 834-4701.

HELP FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Once again this weekend, we will have baskets available in Church for any donation you might want to make to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey. Place your gift during or after liturgy. Any checks should be written to Queen of the World, clearly marked for “Harvey”…..

We will gather our parish gift and send it quickly through Catholic Charities. Every dollar will go toward victim assistance and relief. This is one of those times our Church structures and organizations are a big help to people in need as well as those trying to serve them. Let us all do what we are able to do in taking care of people in great need at this time.