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
139 Church St. – Phone: 781-1042
Janet VanEerden, Director

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

Director of Admissions
Franchesca Stubber - 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School

September 24, 2017
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30th & OCTOBER 1st

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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!

If you wish to attend Mass on Friday and Saturday morning - There is an 8:30 am Mass both days at the St. Mary's Church and a 6:15 am mass at Sacred Heart Church on Friday only!

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Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 20:1-16a

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A**

**Gospel Summary:**

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today’s Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers. This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy. Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

**Question of the Week:**

Which has deepened your faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Which felt better?

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**TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, September 25th**
7:00 AM  + Lawrence Billotte

**Tuesday, September 26th**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 27th**
7:00 AM  + Sam & Genevieve Asti
8:45 AM  + Julie Anderson

**Thursday, September 28th**
7:00 AM  + Edward F. Bosnik
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Friday, September 29th**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 1, 2017

6:00 PM  - Sat. Vigil -
L&D Lenox & Williamson Families

7:30 AM  + Nick P. Solic
10:00 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
5:00 PM  Community Mass: For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

Read Sunday's Gospel, Mt 20:1-16a

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of Sept. 24th burns in memory of Julie Anderson

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

| Oct. 14 | Sacred Heart Church | 834-7861 |
| Nov. 7  | St. Boniface Church, Kersey | 885-8941 |

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.

- **25th** Gale O’Neill, Patty Brennen, Mary Ann
- **26th** Carol & Barry Lemmert, Timothy Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Popielksi
- **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
- **1st** Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber

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 718-1019.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS

To learn more about this church teaching or the ongoing class at Sacred Heart Parish Center, call Cathy at 512-0818.

CATHOLIC MEN’S PROGRAM

“That Man is You” is a Catholic men’s group that uses interactive, multimedia to develop the vision of authentic male leadership based on the four leadership roles entrusted to men. Being hosted by St. Leo’s Church Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm, and began on Sept. 12th. There is no cost to attend. To register, go to www.thatmanisyou.org or just attend the next meeting.

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.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, 09/25:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Monday, 09/25:** 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- **Tuesday, 09/26:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- **Wednesday, 09/27:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 09/29:** 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- **Friday, 09/29:** 6:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO Doors open at 5 pm, free dinner at 5:45.
- **Sunday, 10/01:** 10:30 am - Cavalier Chicken BBQ at St. Mary’s Church Annex parking lot until sold out! Your support is greatly appreciated!
- **Sunday, 10/01:** 12:00 noon - Fox Twp. Lioness Annual Basket Auction. Drawing at 2:30 pm. Food available.
- **Sunday, 10/01:** 1:00 pm - Cinch tournament at St. Leo Church, Ridgway. Cost of $10/pp includes 12:30 meal. For reservations, call 3335-3969. Deadline is Sept. 29th.

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.

OCTOBER FEST CRAFT SHOW

At St. Mary’s Parish Center - Saturday, Oct. 7th, 9 am - 3 pm. Many vendor booths, a food booth, basket raffles, 50/50 and two door prizes. For table reservations: Mary Secco, 781-6228.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Queen of the World Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary, Monday thru Thursday, at 6 pm in the Church during the month of October, except on Wednesday, Oct. 11th. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come and pray for world peace and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of the Rosary.

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 ___________________
CAECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL II
Will be held Sundays 11 am - 12:30 pm beginning in October at the St. Marys Faith Formation Building. If your family is interested in continuing with CGS and your child is between the ages of 6-9 (grades 1-3) please contact Elena at 518-879-3972.

REGISTER NOW FOR FAMILY FEST!
Online registration is now available for Family Fest ‘17 on October 15th from 10 am to 5 pm at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. The cost is $10 per person or $40 for a family. Register before the event at www.CatholicFamilyFest.com or register with the Faith Formation office at 781-1042. Contact Jennifer Durney, jdurney@eriercd.org or 814-824-1219, with any questions.

TO INFORM PARISHIONERS OF DIOCESAN POLICIES REGARDING CHILD PROTECTION
The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to ongoing screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out the website at http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the Diocese: 814-824-1195.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN
September 27 - November 5, 2017
40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a twice yearly community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three point program:
1. Prayer and Fasting
2. Community Outreach
3. Peaceful Vigils in front of Abortion Clinics
Here at our local Churches there will be a 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Prayer and Fasting Campaign. People are requested to sign up for one of the 40 days to offer their prayers and fasting to help save the lives of unborn babies. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church. Please sign up for one or more days to pray. Special prayers and a Rosary prayed for the intention of the unborn will follow the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary’s Church on Tuesdays, from Oct. 2 to Oct. 31. Prayer and Fasting really do make a difference! This campaign is being sponsored by Elk County Right to Life.

PARISH OFFERTORY REPORT
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018
Actual income from OFFERTORY ONLY ...........$177,248
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Sept. 16-17, 2017
(This is our daily operating income.)

Regular Envelope .............................................$12,113
Loose ...........................................................$1,389
Children..........................................................$4
School Support ..............................................$58
Utilities & Maintenance ...................................$45
Memorials.......................................................$205
Total Received..................................................$13,814

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of Sept. 16-17, 2017
(These funds go to the Diocese.)

Catholic Education............................................$1,578
Misc Aid (Hurricane) ......................................$580

Thank you!
Total Envelopes Mailed ..................................1,110
Total Number of Ofertory Env Used Sept. 2/3, 2017........433
Total Mass Attendance for Sept. 16-17, 2017 ..........1,040

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Planned Parenthood’s latest report contains more evidence for ending the organization’s federal funding. By its own admission, Planned Parenthood abortionists killed over 328,000 babies last year. It performs more abortions than breast exams, more abortions than “well woman” exams. By its own admission, Planned Parenthood abortionists killed over 328,000 babies last year. It performs more abortions than breast exams, more abortions than “well woman” exams. Yet Planned Parenthood still received $554 million in public funds last year. That’s almost $1,700 per dead child!

Priests for Life PFL-171-BS

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who worked our parish booth at the Bavarian Festival. Thankfully, with such beautiful weather, ice cream and floats made for a successful venture. Even more importantly, it was great to have our parish represented along with other parishes, churches, businesses and organizations from around the area. People enjoyed visiting, walking, eating and drinking, singing and dancing, and of course the parade, which featured many of our own, especially our children. Let us continue to ponder how we as a parish can make our presence known in our community, in particular in ways of service to others. Sometimes it’s hard to find the “niche,” that way that we aren’t duplicating what might otherwise be done, but still offer something of value. If it is difficult to ignite our young people with a fire for our ritual-style prayer, perhaps we can show them the importance - and the joy - of being compassionate toward others. It is evident that our children, young people, and young families are somewhat minimally involved in our parish life. Let us pray and think and be creative about ways to let them see that their own valuable gifts, and their very presence, are important to us and to others in our community. You’ve probably heard the saying that faith is more “caught” than “taught.” This is based on the image offered by the Gospels that we are all “fishing” in the Lord’s name. It also speaks to the example that we must give of our faith’s importance to us. The time is long past when we could afford to sit back and let others do the work of ministry, or invite others to join us in our endeavors to serve. If the Bavarian Fest was a good start, let’s keep the impetus going. What else might you like to do or serve. If the Bavarian Fest was a good start, let’s keep the impetus going. What else might you like to do or serve. If the Bavarian Fest was a good start, let’s keep the impetus going. What else might you like to do or serve.

--- fr jeff

SPECIAL SCHEDULING NOTE

Please note that this Saturday, Sept. 30th, there is NO morning mass nor Communion Service scheduled in the 7 am time slot. Fr. Jeff will be out of town. There will be Mass at St. Mary’s Church at 8:30 am on Saturday.

On Friday, Sept, 29th, as well as Monday, Oct. 2nd and Tuesday, Oct 3rd, we will have a Scripture and Communion service.

HOSPICE PRAYER SERVICE

This Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 6 pm, our parish will host a communal prayer service for Hospice patients who died this past year and for their families. You are welcome to join us for prayer and to welcome those attending - some of whom will be parishioners and some, visitors. May we ask the Lord’s mercy on the faithful departed and comfort for those in mourning.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 8th, we will invite children approximately ages 5-7 to enjoy the story of the Gospel and some brief prayer time in a room adjacent to the Church while we experience the Liturgy of the Word. This gives the children the opportunity to experience the message “in their own language.” Our leaders have been prepared to share the heart of the message during that brief period while we experience the Scriptures, homily, and prayers. The children will rejoin us during the Preparation Rite. Please send your children when called forward. If they are nervous about coming, come with them until they (and you) are comfortable. The Church asks that the children be able to understand and participate, and not be disruptive. We will send them with their leader and with a prayer.

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?

Perhaps you or someone you know has been considering the possibility of joining the Church. Our “RCIA” process, the way the Church invites us to welcome and prepare new members, will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 pm in the Rectory. Please come. Have someone come with you, or, in reverse, bring someone who might be interested. The RCIA process would also be a great benefit for any adult who has not been practicing their Catholic faith, or who did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You would also be welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Jeff, 834-4701.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I ask all Eucharistic Ministers to come together Thursday, October 5 in the evening. At 7 pm we will begin a meeting that will include some prayer, theological and spiritual renewal, and practical information for your ministry. As usual, we will have Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, with Evening Prayer and Benediction beginning at 6:30 pm. Perhaps you can spend some time in personal prayer or join us beginning at 6:30 for our parish prayer just before the gathering for your ministry. Please mark your calendar and join us.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, September 25th
Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26th
Ezr 6-7, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27th
Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28th
Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29th
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30th
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1st
Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32