THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2018

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

Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812
For Directors of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 25th
7:00 AM + Shirley Schneider

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

Wednesday, June 27th
7:00 AM L&D Peg & Frank Straub Family

Thursday, June 28th
7:00 AM + Ambrose C. Hoffman
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, June 29th
7:00 AM + Pat Hanlon

Saturday, June 30th
7:00 AM + Ronald Newell

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Members of the Parish
7:30 AM L&D Raymond & Helen Krug Family
10:00 AM + Marcella & Arthur Fledderman Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of June 24th burns in memory of Wilfred Olson & Allie Erich Families

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 1:57-66

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be? Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born. On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices - every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

Question of the Week:

How do you fulfill your baptismal call to be a prophet, announcing God’s Good News to all?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 30th & JULY 1st

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<td>7:30 AM</td>
<td>Adam Bobenrieth, Kiley Pesce</td>
<td>Paul Baumgratz, Terry Baumgratz, Angie Bennett, Lori Schreiber, Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth, Peggy Hoffman</td>
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<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>Alex Seltzer, Andrew Seltzer</td>
<td>Wanda Dragone, Char Geci, Marie Giazzoni, Amy Jacob, Terri Lanzel, Marie Gahr, Mike Lanzel</td>
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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!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word, which is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass, is on break for the Summer. Next Fall if your child is the age of 8 and under, consider, having them participate in this special Children’s Liturgy.
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS**  
July 10  St. Leo Church, Ridgway  772-3135  
Please call St. Leo’s for reservations 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 Popielski  
- **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

**“ROSARY WALK FOR SOULS”**
A new Walking Club - “Rosary Walk for Souls” will be starting on Wednesday, July 11th at 7 pm. The walk will take place around the St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery with the praying of the rosary for our deceased loved ones. Bring family, friends and strollers too. Sorry NO pets are permitted in the cemetery. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your rosary. Consider joining in for fresh air, exercise and prayer every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. For more information, call Bonnie at 834-3214 or Kathy at 781-1109.

**UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS**
- **Sunday, 06/24:** 3:00 pm - Healing Service at “The Cross on the Hill” 2041 Mt. Zion Road, Weedville. If it rains, service will be at St. Joseph Church, Forest.  
- **Monday, 06/25:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.  
- **Tuesday, 06/26:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm  
- **Wednesday, 06/27:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.  
- **Friday, 06/29:** 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.  
- **Wednesday, 07/04:** 11:00 am - St. Joseph’s Church, in Lucinda  

**FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCES**

- **Saturday, 06/23:** 12:00 pm - Lunch at “The Cross on the Hill” 2041 Mt. Zion Road, Weedville. If it rains, service will be at St. Joseph Church, Forest.  
- **Sunday, 06/24:** 3:00 pm - Annual 4th of July Celebration.  

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY SUMMER PICNIC**
**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for the Rosary Altar Society’s Summer Basket Raffle - June Glass, Mary Ann Facetti, Becky Taylor, Dick & Diane Hoffman, Lois Stauffer, Mary Ann McCluskey & Straub Brewery. Without your help and generosity, we could not be successful. Winners of the Baskets were: Patriotic Wreath & wine & candy - Veronica Keller, Sec-ond  Randy Geci Children, Third - Donald & Arlene Vollmer. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported the Rosary Altar Society’s basket raffle and money raffle.

**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
Text @DLIFE to 81010 to receive alerts and notifications of ministry events. Visit disciples.life to view upcoming Disciples Life Faith Formation events. Visit the newly designed website for registration: www.disciples.life.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR ADULTS
Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus and His Church? Do you wish you had more tools to help your children and others grow in their faith? Then prayerfully consider taking the ‘Catechesis of the Good Shepherd’ Level 1 Formation Course over two weeks this summer. The course is a retreat style, anyone can participate. Adult formation for the level 1 atrium of 3-6 year old (pre-K thru K) will be held Aug. 13-17 and 2 days TBD. Being held at St. Mary’s Parish Center. Call 781-1042 or Elena at 834-5149.

TEENAGERS SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP CAMP OFFERED
The Diocese of Erie’s Summer Discipleship Camp (Camp Totus Tuus), for middle school students who want to spend time with other Catholic Christians, will be held July 15-18 at St. Philip Church in Linesville. Camp begins with a family Mass at 1 p.m. on July 15, and ends with a family picnic at 6 p.m. on July 18. The cost is $175 per person. The cost includes all snacks and meals, overnight accommodations, a T-shirt, binder and materials for the week. Register online at https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=8fe13d or contact Jennifer Durney of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at jdurney@ErieRCD.org or call 814-824-1219.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY IN ST. MARYS
The Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Program is offering two dates to make a DME Retreat this summer: July 6-8 in Erie, and Aug. 10-12 in St. Marys. DME is a three day retreat program with a different focus each day. Friday is a day of invitation, focusing on how God is inviting us into relationship. Saturday is the Day of Encounter, where we encounter God through the sacraments, Adoration, and others. Sunday is the Day of Commission, where we as a community are empowered to evangelize and share our faith. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, community, and much more. The weekend runs from 10 am on Friday to 5 pm on Sunday. For more info or questions, call Kim at 781-1019 or email: kkcherhin@gmail.com

BE A ‘STAR’ SUPPORTER OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION
Do you own a business, want to support Catholic education AND receive a tax credit? You can be participating in PA’s EITC program. For more info go to: http://www.eriecrcd.org/tuition.htm. Your contribution to the STAR Foundation can be designated to a specific Catholic school, or made available to help students most in need at any of the Catholic schools within the diocese. New applicants may apply on July 2. Contact Michelle Basista, Catholic Foundation, 814.824.1192, mbasista@cfnwpa.org or Chuck Banducci, Diocese of Erie, 814-824-1188, cbanducci@eriecrcd.org with questions. Thank you for providing an opportunity for our students.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018……………………$746,042
Parish Budget to Date…………………………..$835,707
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of June 16/17, 2018
Parish Offertory ...............................................$10,197
Loose ..............................................................$1,272
Children..............................................................$2
School Support ..................................................$104
Utilities & Maintenance....................................$5
Memorials..........................................................$50
Total Received....................................................$11,630

2018 CSA
Number of Pledges: 437
Amount Pledged: $110,254
Diocesan Assessment: $100,000
Parish Goal: $140,000

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly..........................938
Envelopes Used June 9/10 2018....................463
Mass Attendance June 16/17, 2018...............890

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, the babe in Elizabeth’s womb - John the Baptist - leapt for joy! Even in the womb, John was manifesting his prophetic gift. He recognizes the arrival of the virgin and rejoices at the coming of the Savior. Blastocysts don’t do that, zygotes don’t do that, embryos don’t do that, fetuses don’t do that, - persons do that! John rejoiced at the coming of Mary bearing Christ is her womb. Fr. Paul O’Callaghan

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, June 25th
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday, June 26th
2 Kgs 19:20-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday, June 27th
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday, June 28th
2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: June 29th
Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday, June 30th
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
Sunday, July 1st
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43