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

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

Celebrating Our Freedom
Heavenly Father,
you have given us the gifts of life and liberty
and entrust to your people the duty to guard these gifts
wherever they are threatened.
Help us to protect the freedom of all
to follow the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to bring his light and truth to the ends of the earth.
Guide all who play a role in enacting legislation
to uphold the freedom of conscience of all citizens.
Send us your Spirit to inspire in us the wisdom and courage
needed to witness to the truth and to stand up for all
whose religious liberty is endangered.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our country, pray for us.

July 1, 2018
**THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, July 2nd**
7:00 AM  + Dave DeLullo

**Tuesday, July 3rd**
7:00 AM  *Scripture & Communion Service*

**Wednesday, July 4th**
7:00 AM  + Bob Krug

**Thursday, July 5th**
7:00 AM  *Scripture & Communion Service*
6:30 PM  *Evening Prayer & Benediction*

**Friday, July 6th**
7:00 AM  George & Bertha Samick Family
         and  Francis & Josephine Sporner Family

**Saturday, July 7th**
7:00 AM  L&D Aunkst & Williamee Families

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Murphy & Donahue Families
7:30 AM  L&D Harold & Marian Mertz  and  Richard & Dorothy Dubler Families
10:00 AM  L&D Members of the Parish

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of July 1st burns in memory of Mertz & Dubler Families

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B**

**Gospel Summary:**

Today’s Gospel offers a rare framework -- a story in a story. Most of the healing miracles are standalone encounters. One person approaches Jesus, demonstrates faith, and is healed. The evangelist tells the next story. This Gospel, however, is different. Jesus is on his way to heal one person, a young girl of twelve, and is interrupted on his journey by “a woman afflicted with hemorrhages.” She bravely approaches Jesus in a crowd, despite being ritually unclean from her bleeding, and stretches out to touch his cloak. She is healed! Jesus meets her eye, confirms her faith, and continues on to resurrect the young girl. Reading this passage, it might be easier to identify with one story -- the long-suffering woman or the young, innocent girl -- and to move past the other. But here they sit side by side. The girl is twelve. The woman has been suffering for twelve years. For the Gospel writers, number parallels have deep symbolic meaning. Between the woman and the young girl, we are not one or the other. We are both. None of us had a perfect childhood, perfect families, or a perfect peer group. As we endure pain, disappointment, or unmet expectations, it can feel like a part of our childhood hopes have died. Our coping mechanisms, social adaptations, and hidden secrets can make us the “walking wounded” in some respects. Jesus wants to do more than simply staunch the bleeding. His healing hand makes dead things come alive. He awakens the dreams that are asleep. This process requires prayer, conversations with trusted community and spiritual mentors, and critical looks at difficult areas of our life. However, we can believe the words of our Lord. If we approach Jesus in faith, believing that he wants to heal and save, we, too, will hear his calming words spoken over the hurts of our life. “I say to you, arise!” “Go in peace.”

**Question of the Week:**

Have I sacrificed something for another person and felt enriched? Whom can I help with acts of kindness?

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR JULY 7th & 8th**

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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**

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Please call the church you wish to attend for reservations. Reservations are required to attend.

**VOCATION CALENDAR**

Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

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**ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY DISBANDING**

Founded at St. Mary’s Church on March 3, 1857, the St. Joseph Society was the oldest Catholic Society in St. Marys. As of May 31, 2018 after 161 years of continuous service to the community of St. Marys, the society has now closed down. This decision was due to declining interest and membership within the society. May God continue to have mercy on the society’s departed Brothers and bless the surviving St. Joseph members.

**HOME VISITS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!**

Are you looking for a very fulfilling ministry? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit the homebound on Sundays. If you are open to this ministry, please call the parish office - 834-4701 to let us know you would like to help.

**“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.

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

The 2018 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries will be held: Sunday, August 5 at St. George Church in Erie at 2:00 pm and on Sunday, August 19th also at 2 pm at Ss. Cosmos and Damian Church, Punxsutawney. If you would like to sign up for one of these celebrations, please call the parish office at 834-4701.

**UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS**

- **Monday, 07/02: 6:00 pm** - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 07/03: 9:15 am** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
- **Tuesday, 07/03: 11:00 am** - Blood Drive at Penn Highlands Elk Education Center until 4 pm.
- **Wednesday, 07/04: 11:00 am** - St. Joseph’s Church, in Lucinda Annual 4th of July Celebration until 4 pm. Traditional all-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham dinners, Homemade pie & soup and famous homemade noodles. Games, Live Entertainment, Festival Food, Bingo. For more info: st-joseph-lucinda.org or call 814-226-7288.
- **Wednesday, 07/04 4:00 pm** - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 07/06: 1:00 pm** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.
- **Friday, 07/06: 6:45 pm** - Sacred Heart Super BINGO Doors open at 4:30, Free Lunch at 5:30, Early Bird at 6:30
- **Saturday, 07/07: 10:00 am** - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at Housler residence. Call Bonnie at 834-3214 for details and directions. All are welcome!

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH HIRING AN ORGANIST**

Organist opening at St. Mary’s Church. For more information, call Kim at 781-1019 or you can email them at smchurch1@windstream.net.

**HAPPY Independence DAY**

The Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday, for the Fourth of July. Have a safe and happy Holiday!

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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Loose ................................................................. $3,746
Children ............................................................ $0
School Support ..................................................... $0
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Church Memorials ............................................... $50
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Total Received ................................................... $13,681

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
International Needs .............................................. $2
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Amount Pledged: $110,254
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Thank you!

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Dear Parishioners,

A recent weekend Mass count tells us that 799 people were in attendance at ALL weekend Masses at QW. I find that scary. We had more people than this total at one Easter morning Mass. This tells us several things. First, that people are taking a “summer break” from Church attendance. For the life of me, as they say, I don’t understand this approach that says we can take a break from our faith. Next, it reminds us that many, many people are not practicing their faith - anytime of the year! I’m aware that most of you who are reading this are the ones who are attending, that I am “preaching to the choir.” But I ask you to pass this on to your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. I cannot evangelize from here as well as you can from your home, neighborhood, or place of work. I would be happy to have a conversation with anyone about their faith. But those conversations are rare compared to the opportunity you have constantly to give living witness to the importance of your Catholic faith and the Eucharist. We MUST be about the business of giving witness and calling others to join us. For about two generations now, people have been deciding “on their own” whether they “want” to come to Mass. This is afterliterally TWO THOUSAND years of people living faithful Catholic lives. People have grown comfortable calling themselves “Catholic,” but not living the basic beliefs of our faith. When people tell me how “Catholic” St. Marys is, I just smile now, knowing that our town is no different in this regard than any other place. There are two other practical pieces to this reality. We really don’t need THREE weekend Masses any more, in a Church with a seating capacity of 750-800 people. When the next round of consolidations happens, I’m sure this will be considered. In other words, it is becoming quite evident that we don’t need to staff three parishes here in town. And lastly, let me just take the following off the table: this is not about finances! Those of you who are attending help us to far exceed our Offertory budget each year. This means you are carrying the load for those who do NOTHING and give NOTHING. It also means that when you invite them, you could tell them to come for FREE, since you already have that covered! As you know, answers to this dilemma are complex. But we cannot shy away from our Responsibility. For my part, I am looking at possible opportunities specifically for renewal in the coming year to call people back to our faith and its appropriate place in our life and hope for eternal Life. I thank you for giving this some prayerful reflection and perhaps having the courage in one of those graced moments to extend an invitation. That’s pretty much what Jesus did...and does... - - - fr jeff

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Enjoy the mid-summer Fourth of July holiday and celebration. To those who are traveling and using fireworks, please be careful and safe. We welcome those who have come home for the holiday or for a summer visit. Enjoy your time with us and thanks for making Sunday Mass part of your routine even while on vacation. Join us for Mass at 7 am on Wednesday to start the day giving thanks to God for the opportunity to live in freedom, to know the blessings of our nation, and to pray for those who govern and protect us.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, July 6, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the home-bound during the week. Please call the rectory by Tuesday if someone at home needs to be added to the list, 834-4701.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available Thursday at 4 pm.

Join us Thursday for some time of private prayer during Adoration, from after morning Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION & ANNULMENT MINISTRY

Next Thursday, July 12, our parish will host an update session for those who minister to couples either preparing for marriage, such as Pre-Cana team members, or helping people entering the annulment process. This gathering is for clergy and laity. I extend the invitation to our own Pre-Cana Team members to join us. The meeting takes place at 7 pm in the Cafeteria. Because it is a Thursday, we are inviting/asking everyone to join us for our parish prayer at 6:30 in Church as well. Please call the rectory, 834-4701 or email Fr. Jeff, frjeffnoble@yahoo.com to let us know if you are planning to attend so we can prepare for seating and refreshments.

PETER’S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend is the special collection knows as “Peters Pence.” With this gift, we assist Pope Francis in his responsibility to the Church and all people world wide. Nations turn to us when they face war, famine, and natural disaster for the kind of assistance that helps them be relieved and able to rebuild. Please be generous in your response to this request, using the envelope from our monthly packets.

CHURCH NEWS

The final edition of FAITH LIFE Newspaper has been printed and distributed by our Diocese. From this point forward, our main news outlet will be on line. The diocesan website is ErieRCD.org. You will also find diocesan, and worldwide Church news at nwpaCatholic.com. To receive news directly into your email, register at the website: https://www.ErieRCD.org/news.

We will continue to receive FAITH Magazine in the mail every other month. This magazine is sent to every registered household. So, if you do not already receive it, please check with us at the Rectory, 834-4701.

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, https://www.erieercd.org/familiesmatter/, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!