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

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 Director of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction. When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much. Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them. In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?

Question of the Week:
How does the love between a husband and wife help me understand Christ's relationship to his Church? What can I do for my family to show them Jesus's love?

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1st & 2nd

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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.
Dear Parishioners,

There have been utterly sad occasions when I have had to “preach,” for example, at some very difficult funerals. My basic message was, if this is rock bottom, at least we know it can’t get worse and it will get better. This sums up our predicament at the moment. I believe. It really can’t get much worse for us as a Church. The pain, scandal, wrongful handling, very personal suffering, and sheer numbers of victims and abusers has thrust upon us a time when, well, it just can’t get much worse. But, if there’s anything we believe as Christians, it’s that death won’t win, suffering won’t win, evil won’t win. So, with repentance and firm resolve, we move forward and look forward to the saving power of God, our only answer. Our answer always. The Lord will set before us a path to follow. A path of Light, Truth, and Compassion. And we will rise to a new day. Hopefully it will be a day that sees no such suffering again. A day when we will “practice what we preach.” A day when the community of disciples of Jesus will give witness to holiness of life. Let’s walk in that direction every day. Together. - - - fr jeff

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Once again, best wishes to all students and families, faculty and staff who have returned to the classroom to begin a new year. May it be a year filled with much learning and many joys - - growth in understanding of God’s world and its wonders.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOTLINE

For anyone wishing to use the Hotline of the Attorney General: 888-538-8541.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children / youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Jesus Himself is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to the website: http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, Sept. 7th is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Thursdays we have Adoration throughout the day. Evening Prayer and Benediction is held Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Confessions for First Friday will be held Thursday, Sept. 6th at 4 pm. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound during the week. Please let us know if someone needs to be added to the home visits list, 834-4701.
YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM MEMBERS WANTED
Do you love your faith? Do you enjoy having fun? The Youth Minister is looking for dynamic people who are on fire for their faith to be on a core team of adults who would take part in ministering to the youth of our community. Parents, young adults, adults of all ages, we would love to have you be a part of this team. The time commitment would be 2-3 hours a week for the youth group meeting as well as a monthly core team meeting. If you are excited by this ministry opportunity please reach out to Scott Becker at scottbecker28@gmail.com or call 781-7800 or anyone you know, is interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Kim Schlimm, Director of Food Services, at (814) 834-7800, or schlimmk@eccss.org

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!
The Elk County Catholic High School and St. Marys Catholic Middle School have always been able to offer an on-site prepared, hot lunch to our students, including many options offered at the ala carte line. To ensure that this opportunity remains for our students, we rely on dedicated employees and volunteers. The Middle and High School is in urgent need of a person to fill the position of Cafeteria Staff worker from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday. This is a paid position that follows the school calendar. We are also in need of volunteers to help out periodically in the kitchen. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Kim Schlimm, Director of Food Services, at (814) 834-7800, or schlimmk@eccss.org

THAT MAN IS YOU!
Is an interactive men’s program focused on the spiritual development of men in the modern world. This year’s program is titled, “The Revelation of the Father.” This year we will be considering man in his relationship to his children, in particular, how do we raise children of faith in this current culture. Each week of the thirteen week program consists of light snacks and fellowship, opening prayer, short video presentation, small group discussions, and closing prayer. It is not necessary that you have attended previous sessions of That Man is You! to attend this year’s program. The program meets every Tuesday evening beginning September 11 and ending December 4 from 6:30-8:00 at the St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus meeting room in Ridgway. We would love to have you join our small group. It is a powerful thing when you gather with a group of other men striving to do right by God and their families. For more information, call Jim Delhunty at 594-1476 or John Gangloff at 512-8851.

ECCHS BAND BOOSTERS $10,000 FOOTBALL RAFFLE
Drawings held for each quarter of all home games
Payout each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters of $250, 4th quarter payout of $500
FINAL GAME OF THE YEAR
Payout of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters of $500
4th quarter of the final game of $10,000
Only 300 tickets are sold - $100 per ticket
Contact Ray Knight 834-7800 or Kim Kim 594-1688

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019……………………….$780,365
Parish Budget to Date……………………………..………. $115,357
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Aug. 18/19, 2018

Regular Envelope ..............................$10,656
Loose .............................................. $2,968
Children..............................................$4
School Support ..................................$247
Utilities & Maintenance..............................$35
Assumption..................................$2,349

Total Received..................................................$16,259

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Church in Latin America...............................$1,124
National Needs.........................................$5
Peter’s Pence..............................................$3

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly..........................938
Envelopes Used Aug 11/2, 2018..................487
Mass Attendance for Aug 18/19, 2018............783

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139
Legalized abortion on demand is not a merciful or a beneficent act of love. Legalized abortion on demand dismembers and destroys the God-given life of a baby in their mother’s womb. “Every human embryologist in the world knows that the life of the new individual human being begins at fertilization. It is not belief. It is scientific fact!” Ward Kischer, Ph. D., Human Embryologist

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CHANGES IN OUR FAITH FORMATION TEAM AND YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The old saying “we’ve always done it that way.” sums up the notion that we don’t like changes which disrupt our life routines. But, John Henry Newman once said, “To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

Our inter-parish Faith Formation is experiencing a time of change.

Janet VanEerden has stepped down from her fine work as our Director of Religious Education, a position she has held for the past five years. We thank her and are going to miss her. Patti Wagner steps away from her role as Faith Formation Secretary and Vicki Whiteman from her role as Middle School Coordinator. We thank them for their years of service to our children, families, and parishes.

We have been working to form a new Team structure with shared leadership and accountability.

Kathy Cheatle will oversee our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation for the Elementary level. She will also offer Confirmation Preparation for some adults as needed.

Scott Becker is our new Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. He will also guide Faith Formation for grades 6, 7 and 8.

Leslie Gahr will be responsible for High School (Life Teen) Faith Formation and guide the Confirmation preparation process for the 11th Grade. She will also serve as the Leader of the Faith Formation Team.

Mary Lynn Carnovale has become the new Faith Formation Secretary/Administrative Assistant.

In addition to these Team Members, we will continue to flourish with the help of many volunteer catechists and support personnel. In particular, we thank our many catechists who faithfully serve at the various levels of Faith Formation.

The Team is settling into place. You will find contact information, office hours, and eventually all necessary information as it is posted in our bulletin and on the website. (Please see next page)

We thank our students, parents, and families who have been faithful participants in our Faith Formation process. We look forward to a great year ahead.
Faith Formation Registration Begins

Give Thanks to the Lord!
We are Disciples Life - a combined parish ministry supported by the following parishes: Queen of the World, Sacred Heart, Saint Boniface, Saint Mary's. We are your evangelization team for youth, young adults and adults of all ages.
It is almost time to begin our new year of faith formation.
Please visit disciples.life to register your children for Faith Formation.
The registration process is:

- Click the “Visit Elk County Resources” button. Click the “Register” button. You will be directed to the "store".
- Click Sign in and create an account, unless you already have one. Set up your account with your email and a password.
- Choose the correct program for your children. You may register up to 3 children at a time for a program. Please choose the number of children for the program and insert each child's name. (For elementary, you will need to select which program you are registering for, St. Boniface or St. Mary's.)
- Once you have registered all of your children, you may begin the checkout process. You may use a debit or credit card or you may choose to bring or mail your payment to the Faith Formation Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at ourdiscipleslife@gmail.com.

Thank you for giving your children the gift of religious education.

God Bless You,
Your Disciples Life Family

All Faith Formation Program Calendars are on disciples.life

St. Mary's Elementary Program begins Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm at
St. Mary's Church Parish Activity Center, St. Marys, PA.

St. Boniface Elementary Program begins Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6 pm at
St. Boniface Catholic School in Kersey, PA

St. Mary's Middle School Program begins Sunday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm at
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, PA

St. Mary's LifeTeen Program (Grade 9-10) begins Sunday, Sept 23 at 6pm at
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, PA

Confirmation Program begins Sunday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm at
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, PA
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

| Sept. 6  | Queen of the World Church  | 834-4701 |
| Sept. 18 | St. Mary’s Church          | 781-1019 |

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.

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
31st  Kathy & Jim Herzing, Irene Gregory
1st   Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd   Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer

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.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
Can you help out 2-3 hours twice a month? No experience necessary, we’ll train you. For more information, call Kim at the St. Mary’s Parish office at 781-1019 open: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 9:30 am to 5 pm, Wed. - 9:30 am - 2 pm & Sat. 10 to 1. Phone: 834-1353.

FESTIVAL AT ST. MARK CHURCH, EMPORIUM
Friday, Aug. 31, 4 pm - Games & activities for young and old alike - free of charge. Turkey Dinner 4-7 pm. The Moore Brothers perform at 7 pm. Basket raffles also available. On Saturday, Sept. 1st - Yard Sale in church parking lot.

ECC MUSIC BOOSTERS MUM SALE!!
Get your ticket now - pick up of flowers is Aug. 29th & 30th, 2-7 pm. $9.00 each. Contact Cathy at 512-0818. Thank you for supporting the music program.

ELK CO. CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
“FIRST BINGO OF FALL”
Sunday, September 16th at the ECC Cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45, Bingo starts at 1:30 pm Free lunch (Chili, Italian Bread & Dessert) served at 12:30. Coverall. Bring a Friend.

Thank you.

Catholic Charities counseling and Adoption Services Pregnancy Program would like to thank everyone for the recent “Diaper Drive” donations for their infant pantry. Your generous donations will allow the agency to continue to serve area mothers in need, and improve the quality of life for their infants. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Sunday, 08/26:** 6:00 pm - Evening of Prayer & Music at St. Bernard’s Church, Falls Creek. Rev. Bill Barron will have Benediction and prayers for healing. For more info, call (814) 6375930 or (814) 771-7932.
- **Sunday, 08/26:** 11:30 am - Spaghetti Dinner at First United Methodist Church Asbury Hall. $8; children under 5 eat free. Proceeds benefit their Mission Trip.
- **Monday, 08/27:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 08/28:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm.
- **Wednesday, 08/29:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Wednesday, 08/29:** 7:00 pm - “Rosary Walk for Souls” at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery - walking while praying the rosary for our deceased loved ones. For more info, call Bonnie at 834-3214 or Kathy at 781-1109. Note: Pets are not permitted in the cemetery.
- **Friday, 08/31:** 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.
- **Saturday, 09/01:** 9:05 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Marys Church until 4:45 pm.

- **Friday, 09/07:** 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart “Super BINGO” Doors open at 4:30 pm, free lunch at 5:30.

SACRED HEART FIRST FRIDAY BREAD SALE
Will be held Thursday, Sept. 6 from 3 - 6 pm and Friday Sept. 7 from 10 am to 2 pm or sold out. For Advance orders call 834-7861 #1 or 834-3698 by Sept. 5th by 4 pm. Usual fresh baked breads and cinnamon rolls with the following special: Potato/Ham Chowder, Haluski, Ham & Swiss on Rye Sandwich, assorted fruit turnovers, Blueberry Bread.

ST. MARY’S CHURCH HIRING AN ORGANIST
There is an organist opening at St. Mary’s Church. For more information, call Kim at 781-1019 or you can email them at smchurch1@windstream.net.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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| 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