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.

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
Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mk 7:31-37

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis."
For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well." In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "'Be opened!' Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised. As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, He has done all things well."

Question of the Week:

When has the Word of God penetrated my heart and given me the courage to preach the Good News?
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

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Please call the church you wish to attend to pre-register.

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

10th  Tom Snyder, Anna Mae Mertz, Sally Geyer
11th  Pat Pfeuffer, Betty Cheattle, Nicole Schneider
12th  Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th  Steve & Dody Winiarzcyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th  Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th  Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th  Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU!
An interactive men’s program focused on the spiritual development of men in the modern world, begins September 11th and ends December 4th, 6:30 to 8 pm at the St. Leo’s Knights of Columbus meeting room in Ridgway. This year’s program is titled, “The Revelation of the Father,” dealing with man in his relationship to his children. Each program will have prayer, short video, & group discussions. It’s not necessary to have attended previous sessions to attend this year. For more information, call Jim at 594-1476 or John at 512-8851.

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS
Queen of the World’s choirs are regrouping after summer vacation. The Contemporary Choir sings at the Saturday vigil mass at 6 pm. Weekly practice for this group is held Monday evening beginning at 6 pm on Sept. 10. The Traditional Choir sings at the 10 am Sunday morning mass. Weekly practice for this group is held Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm on Sept. 11. Any questions, please see Peggy Hoffman or Stephen Toney after Mass.

‘SURVIVING DIVORCE’ MINISTRY
formerly called The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG), a 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced, (which began Sept. 5) is held Wednesdays from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and will run until Nov. 28th. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (Cost = $15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1250, or email: familylife@erierced.org

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Monday, 09/10: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima  Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 09/11: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm.
- Wednesday, 09/12 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, 09/12: 7:00 pm - “Rosary Walk for Souls” at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery - walking while praying the rosary for our deceased loved ones. For info, call 834-3214 or 781-1109. Pets are not permitted in the cemetery.
- Friday, 09/14: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.
- Friday, 09/14: 7:00 pm - ECCHS Music Booster BINGO is Back!! Held in school cafeteria. Doors open at 5 pm.
- Sunday, 09/16: 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO in ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45. Free lunch served at 12:30 (Chili, Italian Bread & Dessert).
- Sunday, 09/16: 3:00 pm - Worship & Healing Service at The Cross on the Hill, Mt. Zion Road with Rev. Shawn Anderson, OSB. If it rains, moved to St. Joseph Church in Force. Benches available, but you may want to bring a folding chair. For info, 814-637-5930 or 814-771-7932.

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

OLMSTED MANOR RETREAT
Enjoy a relaxing day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship at Olmsted Manor in Ludlow on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Fr. Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Parish, will be the guest speaker on the topic “Leaving Church.” The day begins at 9:30 am with coffee and doughnuts. The cost of the retreat is $22/pp and includes the light breakfast and lunch. Reservations due by October 26th and may be made by calling 781-1019.

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.

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

Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania  September 9, 2018
Faith Formation Registration

Please visit disciples.life to register your children for the Faith Formation 2018-2019 Program.

All Faith Formation Program Calendars are on disciples.life

- St. Mary's Elementary begins this Wed., Sept. 12 at 6 pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Activity Center
- St. Boniface Elementary begins this Wed., Sept. 12 at 6 pm at St. Boniface Catholic School in Kersey, PA
- St. Mary's Middle School begins Sunday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm at Queen of the World Church
- St. Mary's LifeTeen Program (Grade 9-10) begins Sunday, Sept 23 at 6pm at Queen of the World Church

Confirmation Program begins Sunday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm at Queen of the World Church

YOUTH GROUP TEAM MEMBERS WANTED

Do you love your faith? Do you enjoy having fun? The Youth Minister is looking for dynamic people who care about their faith, and the teens of the community, to be on a core team of adults who would take part in ministering to the youth. Parents, young adults, adults of all ages, we would love to have you be a part of this team. If you are excited by this ministry opportunity please reach out to Scott Becker at 781-1042 or email: scottbecker28@gmail.com.

Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!

Twitter: @MinistryRooted
Instagram: @smyouthministry3
Facebook: @SMYouthMin

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

High School juniors and seniors and their families are invited to Get Acquainted Day Open Houses at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturdays, Sept. 22 and Oct. 20, and Sun., Nov. 11. On Sept. 22 and Oct 20, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event begins with registration 8:30 to 9 am in the Fred M. Rogers Center and will conclude at noon. On Nov. 11, the Get Acquainted Day Open House event will begin with registration from 10:30 am to noon and will conclude at 3 pm. Each day, the presentation will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For info/reservations, -800-782-5549, email: admission@stvincent.edu, or you can register on line at www.stvincent.edu.

ECCHS BAND BOOSTERS $10,000 FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Tickets still available. Contact Ray Knight 834-7800 or Kim Kim 594-1688. Final game, 4th qtr. - $10,000 payout!

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — There is an ongoing effort to pass laws requiring abortion providers to offer a woman the opportunity to view an ultrasound image of her unborn child. One physician states: “Allowing a patient to view her ultrasound examination implies respect for the dignity and autonomy of a patient, and her ability to participate wisely in her own plan of care.”

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Dear Parishioners,

This week we come upon one of those terrible dates to remember, “9-11.” Those who are old enough are able to say exactly where we were when we learned the devastating news and watched this terrible day unfold. Our nation, attacked on our own soil. Unthinkable crimes and deaths on a huge scale. Uncertainty about how much destruction had been planned, carried out or thwarted. What to do next? What would our response be? How would our leaders handle this? What would we do? This week we mark the 17th anniversary of this day and continue to do at least two things. We pray for the victims and their families keeping that promise never to forget. And, we honor our military and first responders. One thing September 11th 2001 did for us was reawaken a sense of gratitude for those who serve us, protect us, and save lives. It strikes me that the crisis of 9-11 might shed some light on the crisis the Church is now facing. We need to ask ourselves some of the same questions. What should we do? What is our response? How will our leaders handle this? How do we support victims and fight for what is right? Maybe there are some heroes among us who will restore holiness and peace to the Church - it will also likely take a good deal of time. Our world and our church are not what we envisioned the new millennium would bring us. But we still have time. As the Scriptures say, the Vision has time, and presses on to fulfillment. We pray to be part of the solutions. We know what they are...peace, justice, compassion. We just aren’t sure how to implement them. But if we learn the lessons of history, at least we are less likely to repeat our mistakes.

FR. JEFF ON RETREAT

This week Fr. Jeff will be on retreat with several priests. As you can see, we will have Scripture and Communion services at 7 am throughout the week. Feel free to join us or attend daily Mass at one of the other parishes in our area. You are, as always, welcome to our School Mass Wednesday at 8:45 and at any Funeral Mass that will be held.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

Next weekend we will take up the important collection for Catholic Education. This money supports all of our endeavors to teach and spread the faith to our children, young adults, all in our parishes, and all those in Sacramental Preparation processes. Please do your best to respond generously to next weekend’s special collection. In a special way, we are blessed here in St. Marys to have a strong and vibrant Catholic School system. Many in our community offer support in gratitude for the quality Catholic education available. Join us in this endeavor with your prayerful presence and support to bolster our system at all levels. This collection is an additional way to offer your help.

Day of Prayer, Our Lady of Sorrows

This Saturday, Sept. 15 is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Bishop Persico invites all of us as Catholics to spend part of this day in prayer regarding the sexual abuse crisis in the Church. He asks that every parish be open and available for quiet prayer time so that all of us, the faithful, might pray in our own way to end the scourge of abuse and heal the Church so harmed by this evil. He asks that our regular schedule for the day be observed, but that everyone know they are invited for quiet prayer during the day or into the evening. I post our schedule below and invite you to join us for Mass at 7 am or for the 6 pm Vigil Mass. Please make use of early to mid-morning prayer time, midafternoon, or evening. You are also welcome to pray on our Adoration Day, Thursday, or any other time. You may know that QW is typically open for the faithful to come, pray anytime. On this particular day, we join the Church around our diocese and the Commonwealth to ask Mary’s intercession and help and rededicate ourselves to the care of God’s children and those who have been harmed by clergy or other adults in positions of authority and in the name of the Church itself. Indeed, let us pray.

Saturday, Sept. 15 - 7 a.m. Mass
11 a.m. Anniversary Mass
1 p.m. Wedding Mass
6 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for our Elementary Students begins this Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6 pm. Please be attentive to notices in the bulletin and at the Disciples Life Web Site. We look forward to a great year together.

Kathy Cheatele is the leader for Faith Formation at the Elementary Level. Call the office at 781-1042 to get in touch with her. Office hours are posted on the Web Site, and you can always leave a message that will be returned.

Faith Formation for the Middle and High School begins Sunday, Sept. 23. Leslie Gahr is the leader for the High School, including Confirmation, and Scott Becker for Middle School. Again, be attentive to bulletin notices and the Website, and call the office number to get in touch with our leaders.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 10th
1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 11th
1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12th
1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 13th
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 14th - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday, September 16th
Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35