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
TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 17th
7:00 AM  + Tom Mitravich
7:30 AM  + Luigi Zumbagel
8:00 AM  + James K. Krug, Sr.
8:45 AM  + Maurus Sorg

Tuesday, September 18th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service
7:00 AM  + Thomas K. Krug, Sr.
8:00 AM  + Lucretia P. Zumberge

Wednesday, September 19th
7:00 AM  + William Wickett
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Thursday, September 20th
7:00 AM  + Joseph C. Krug
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, September 21st
7:00 AM  + Dorothy (Dixie) Newell
7:00 AM  + Barbara Reeder

Saturday, September 22nd
7:00 AM  + Adam Bobenrieth
7:00 AM  + Susan Sorg

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of September 16th burns in memory of Rose Dietz & Alice McKnight

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Lawrence Billotte
7:30 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM  + John M. & Elizabeth W. Clark

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mk 8:27-35

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter. First, Jesus’ questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus’ rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

Question of the Week:

Why should faith always lead to good works?
What good work can I do to show my faith?
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS**

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

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

- **17th** Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
- **18th** Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
- **19th** Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
- **20th** Helen & John DaCanal
- **21st** Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
- **22nd** Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
- **23rd** John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark

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**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 at 6 pm (which began on Sept. 10). The Traditional Choir sings at the 10 am Sunday morning mass. Weekly practice for this group is held Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm and began on Sept. 11. Any questions, please see Peggy Hoffman or Stephen Toney after Mass.

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**OLMSTED MANOR RETREAT** *(Change of Date)*

Enjoy a relaxing day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship at the Olmsted Manor in Ludlow on Wednesday, **Nov. 14th**. 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 Nov. 2nd and may be made by calling 781-1019.

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**PLANNING REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?**

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. **Pre-registration is required.** Call the Family Life Office at 814/824-1261 or 800/374-3723 ext 261 to register. Next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th in Erie.

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**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

2-3 hours twice a month. No experience necessary. For more info, 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.

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**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.

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**UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS**

- **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.
- **Monday, 09/17: 12:00 noon** - St. Anne meeting at Sacred Heart Parish Center following lunch.
- **Monday, 09/17: 6:00 pm** - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 09/18: 9:15 am** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm.
- **Wednesday, 09/19 4:00 pm** - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Wednesday, 09/19: 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, 09/21: 1:00 pm** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.
- **Saturday, 09/22: 6 pm** - Bennetts Valley Senior Center Annual Auction Extravaganza. Admission $5. Auction baskets displayed now thru 22nd at the Center. 787-7888.
- **Sunday, 09/23: 10:30 am** - Cavaliers Chicken BBQ at St. Mary’s Church Annex parking lot until sold out. $9 for 1/2 chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and dinner roll.
- **Sunday, 09/23, 11:00 am** - “Taste of Italy” Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph Church, Force until 2 pm or sold out.

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**CINNAMON ROLL SALE - SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2018**

A Cinnamon Roll Sale will be held here at Queen of the World, Sept. 22 & 23 after all the Masses next weekend. An order form was in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago, or call the parish office (834-4701) by Sept. 18th to pre-order.

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**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.

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**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
PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — What have we done to our children by legalizing abortion and championing it? The daily abortion stories, polls, editorials, and stories showing how the “abortion rights” movement is faring — all this has drummed into our children’s heads the idea that human life is not special, is not sanctified, is not a life formed by God but a fertilized ovum that makes demands and can be removed.

Peggy Noonan, “Abortion’s Children”

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019……………….…….$780,365
Parish Budget to Date………………………..…..$155,991
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Sept. 8/9, 2018
Regular Envelope …...…………...…………….$12,175
Loose ..................................................…..……….$1,126
Children………………………………………………..…..0
School Support …………...…..…….………………...1,146
Utilities & Maintenance.…………………………....……$302
Assumption…………………………………………..…..$333
Total Received……………………………………………..15,082

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Church in Latin America.………………………………….$36
Peter’s Pence………………….…………………………….$20
Thank you !
Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly……………………………938
Envelopes Used Sept. 1/2, 2018……………………….337
Mass Attendance for Sept. 8/9, 2018…………….………768

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! 🎫
Dear Parishioners,

In the great classic TV comedy, “The Honeymooners,” Ralph Kramden was a bus driver for the Transit Authority. His buddy, Ed Norton, worked for the Sewer Department. Neither were glamorous jobs, but each in their own way took pride in what they did. They saw their work as contributing to the good of society while affording them the care of their families, as meager as these seemed to the viewing audience. This week the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Matthew. It’s fair to say that few people had the despised job that Matthew had among his people. He exacted money from them and passed it on to the Roman government. He was also quite free to attach his own fees, whether he was deciding how to earn his own living or extort those who had more. We can only imagine the distaste people had for the tax collector’s job and therefore for him as a person. Along comes Jesus, who invites Matthew into discipleship. That couldn’t have gone over very well among these humble people following Jesus as He walked through the territory of the Holy Land. But Jesus saw the person, and something within that person, which no one else presumably saw. And like He did with everyone, He welcomed Matthew and offered Him graces beyond imagining.

In turn, Matthew invited Jesus into his own home, where he introduced him to his family and friends. One has to wonder if there were protesters and onlookers outside cackling at this gathering. It didn’t matter. Jesus enjoyed his dinner, taught, shared life with these people, and invited them likewise to be part of His vision for the Kingdom. Sometimes we just don’t grasp the radical nature of the call of Jesus, His transformative love, and the dignity He gives to everyone He encounters. The work we do? It carries with it similar purpose. The money we make? It belongs not to us but to the God of all resources. The thoughts and concerns of others or of society in general? Who cares... the Lord wants us as part of His plan to transform the world. Also, Matthew preserves for us the story of Jesus through the Gospel that bears His name. He invites every one of us to work for the Kingdom of God in Jesus and to overcome any obstacle that seems to get in the way.  

--- fr jeff

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