CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School

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
Mass Intentions for the
THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 28th
7:00 AM + Jean Slezkak
9:30 AM For the Students, Faculty, Staff and Supporters of ECCSS

Tuesday, January 29th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, January 30th
7:00 AM + Ray Shadick

Thursday, January 31st
7:00 AM + Ambrose C. Hoffman
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, February 1st
7:00 AM + Jerome Lanzel, Jr.

Saturday, February 2nd
7:00 AM + Jim & Bea Clark

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Clem & Clara Weber Family
7:30 AM Elizabeth “Betty” Guido
10:00 AM L&D People of the Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of January 27th burns in memory of Betty Guido

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 1:1-4; 14-21

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

“He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up.” Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that’s very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it’s strange for them if you do not. In today’s Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all.” His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth. Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we’re content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

Question of the Week:
What do you believe the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do? What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2nd & 3rd

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Greetings: 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 is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is between the ages of 5 years old through to third grade, have them participate in this special Children’s Liturgy.
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Feb. 5  St. Joseph Church, Force  787-4151
Feb. 16  Sacred Heart Church  834-7861

Please call the Church office of the church where you wish to attend to pre-register.

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

28th  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
3rd  Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey

PREPARING FOR RE-MARRIAGE 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. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday March 2nd in Erie.

INTERESTED IN BEING RENEWED?
How are you taking care of yourself spiritually, physically and emotionally? Find out during Personal Days of Renewal, Feb. 4-8 or Mar. 6-8 at the Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville. Come for a day, stay overnight or a few days. Daily prayer and Mass included. Walk the grounds, enjoy home-cooked meals and the opportunity for reconciliation. An $80 free-will offering per night is requested (includes meals). For further information, go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org, or phone 814-263-4855.

“FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL”
Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, Sept. 7-16, 2019, visit Athens and 14 locations in total. Cost is $3,600.00; Airfare and ALL-included. To register, call 855-842-8001, or online @ www.proximotravel.com. For more information, call Fr. Paul @ 814-486-0569.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held at St. Eulalia Church, 6 E. Maple Street, Coudersport on Sunday, March 24th. Mass - 11:00 am, Program - 12:00 to 3:00 pm; Dinner - 3:00 pm. The cost is $20. To purchase ticket or for more information, call 814-274-8646. The featured speaker that day will be Spiritual Motivator & Inspirational Speaker, Judy Hehr.

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

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
If you would like to receive a copy of your 2018 Church Contributions statement, please call the parish office at 834-4701 and ask to have it e-mailed to you, or if you do not have email, it can be mailed out to you.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, 01/28:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 01/29:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church. Rosary at 4:05 pm, Benediction at 4:00 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- **Wednesday, 01/30:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Thursday, 01/31:** 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center basement with Fr. Michael Gabler. Come to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. There is no fee or obligation to attend every meeting.
- **Friday, 02/01:** 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart Super BINGO Doors open at 4:30 pm, free lunch at 5:30 pm.
- **Friday, 02/01:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- **Friday, 02/01:** 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church - Pre-Lenten Fish Fry!!
- **Saturday, 02/02:** 9:05 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Church, Benediction - 4 pm.
- **Saturday, 02/02:** 10:00 am - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at the Housler Residence, 589 Church Street.

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART BREAD SALE
White, Rye & Raisin Breads, Cinnamon rolls. Specials are: Liver Dumplings, Loaded Ham & Swiss on rye, Macaroni Salad, Zucchini Breads, Assorted Fruit Turnovers & Toasting Bread. Pickup is Thursday, Jan. 31 - 3 to 6 pm and Friday, Feb. 1 - 10 am to 2 pm or sold out. To order (by 3 pm, Jan. 30) call 834-7861, ext. #1 or 834-3698.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Thank you to everyone who helped at our Cinnamon Roll Sale last weekend. We could NOT have done it without YOU!! To those who come in early to mix the dough, the rollers & cutters, “frosters”, packaging and clean up! And of course to everyone who purchased the rolls. We truly appreciate all your continued help and support. The next Cinnamon Roll Sale will be held March 9th & 10th. See you then.

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
Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!
Twitter: @MinistryRooted
Instagram: @smyouthministry3
Facebook: @SMYouthMin

Phone number for the Faith Formation office - 781-1042.

YOUTH MINISTRY DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
Held at the Youth Room in the Cavalier Gym Building, 132 Church Street - Wednesday, January 30th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come to play Dodgeball, have snacks, and discuss the Faith.

ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 in the Cavalier Building.
Large Group Games: Discussion of the Faith:
• Dodgeball Who God is….
• Board games Our relationship with Christ
• Ultimate Frisbee Church Teachings

Thursday Afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30
• Study All High School Students
• Have Snacks Welcome!
• Play Games!

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OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Jan. 19/20, 2019
Regular Envelope ...............................................$8,489
Loose ....................................................................$1,591
Children .................................................................$7
School Support .....................................................$130
Utilities & Maintenance ........................................$60
Solemnity of Mary ................................................$5
Total Received ........................................................$10,282

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Faith Magazine ....................................................$619
Spread the Faith ...................................................$5

Thank you!

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Envelopes Used Jan 12/13, 2019 ........................537

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Dear Parishioners,

Today I want to reflect back on the Saturday Evening Mass change that took place (see last week’s Pastor’s Column). There are several reasons for the Bishop’s mandate for here and across our diocese as part of the Long Range Pastoral Plan. For about two years, studies were conducted concerning the best use of clergy personnel, Mass attendance and seating capacities. We were told, then, to reduce from two Masses to one. The first thing I did was ask for an extension, as we were told to change by May. Being new to you, I knew we needed more time. I began the process with Pastoral Council and by introducing the question to parishioners, especially Saturday evening Mass attendees. The basic response I received was, “keep the Mass I/we attend.” You didn’t know, and perhaps still do not, that by nature I typically seek compromise. I hoped and expected there would be some “give and take.” After several meetings and conversations, it became apparent that we were deadlocked. It was obvious to me that our community alone could not make a decision without bringing in the other parishes in town. I met with the Pastors at that time. They were willing to change their own parish schedules and to join me in asking the Bishop for the necessary Indult to offer the entire community three separate Mass times that would be spread out across the evening. This also enabled an important piece of the change, that we priests could cover for one another if someone was unable to celebrate Mass. My brother priests asked for the 4 and 5 p.m. time slots. I thought this would be good for two reasons. First, it was our way of showing appreciation for their willingness to change schedules and work together as a faith community. Second, it enabled our Mass to be a time that would be between our two previous times, a compromise. I then asked the Bishop for even more time, all the way until August, to make the change, so we could talk about it as a community and get ready for the inevitable change. I was not fond of the time myself. But I have learned to adjust and, in some ways, to appreciate it. I was fully aware that some people would not like it or be able to adjust to it. I knew we would “lose parishioners” over this. But I actually thought it was a good solution in the bigger picture. It is, after all, one small change among many that must come in our future. The priest shortage is not changing. The multiplication of parishes will not continue. St. Marys and Warren are the only places in 13 counties outside the city of Erie with more than one parish. This includes Dubois, Meadville, Sharon, Bradford and Oil City - all of which had multiple pastors and parishes. Yes, I am hurt by some of the harsh criticism about this change. And yes, as your Pastor, I ask people of faith to compromise and work together for the good of the whole Church. I accept the consequences of this decision. But for those who believe I do not “listen,” or “care” or strive to meet the needs of God’s people, I stand on my record as your Pastor for these two years and the 32 years of my priesthood. Again, come and sit down for a conversation if it would help move us into a better future together. - - - fr jeff

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week around our Diocese and here where we are blessed by the Elk County Catholic School System. In particular, we are truly enriched by hosting the campus for the St. Marys Catholic Elementary School. Let us welcome and congratulate our Catholic School families, including students and parents, faculty and staff. Watch for additional announcements about the activities to which we are invited this week, including Mass, activities at the various school levels, and sporting events.

Join us here at QW tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 28th at 9:30 a.m. for a system-wide School Mass. Note that this liturgy replaces the usual Wednesday morning school liturgy.

Thank you, parishioners, for your financial and moral support of our ECCSS. We have a rich tradition as one of the finest systems in our Diocese.

FIRST PENANCE RETREAT

Today our Second Grade Students spend some time on retreat in preparation for their reception of the Sacrament of Penance. The retreat begins at 1 p.m. at the St. Mary’s School Building on the campus of St. Mary’s Parish. Please keep our students in your prayers and encourage any that you know as they take this next big step in faith.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, Feb. 1, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 a.m. and at Adoration on Thursday in preparation for the day. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound throughout the morning. Please call the rectory by Tuesday, 834-4701, to be added to the list.

Confessions will take place this Thursday at 4 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council Meeting previously set for this Tuesday, Jan. 29th, is postponed.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, January 28th
Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29th
Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30th
Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31st
Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, February 1st
Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2nd
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Sunday, February 3rd
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30