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 pm

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
Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Mary Lynn Carnovale…ext 226

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
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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
Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

For Director of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 29th
7:00 AM + Matilda (Dolly) Heindl, + Marie Lang and + Betty Hoffman

Tuesday, July 30th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, July 31st
7:00 AM + Sr. Josepha Meyer, O.S.B.

Thursday, August 1st
7:00 AM 75th Anniversary of Sister Victoria Marconi
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, August 2nd
7:00 AM L&D Ehrensberger & Wehler Families

Saturday, August 3rd
7:00 AM + Leo Geitner

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Richard & Virginia Ritter and + Ed Klock
7:30 AM L&D People of the Parish
10:00 AM + James G. Geitner

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of July 28th burns in memory of Lawrence & Anna Baumer

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 11:1-13

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:
Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. “Give us each day our daily bread.” This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, “What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give. Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. “I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

Question of the Week:
Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often? What are you most thankful for right now?
BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
Aug. 6  St. Joseph Church, Force  787-4151
Aug. 22  St. Mark Church, Emporium  486-0569
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.
29th  Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm
30th  Hunter Samnick, 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
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
A 2019 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held at 2 pm on August 25th (deadline to sign up is Aug. 16th) at Sacred Heart Parish, Erie for those celebrating 25, 50, or 60 or more years of marriage. The day includes Mass and a light reception. If you would like to sign up for this celebration, please call the parish office at 834-7861 #1 or 8343698.

DIVINE MERCY ENCOUNTER IN ST. MARYS
Divine Mercy Encounter (D.M.E.) will be hosting its 4th annual three-day event here again in St. Marys on August 9, 10 & 11, 2019. D.M.E. is a call to discipleship with Jesus and assists participants who are searching for a deeper meaning, purpose, and hope in life to find those things in a true relationship with God and a community of believers. D.M.E.’s primary goal is to enable participants to · Encounter Jesus Christ Risen and alive today · Learn about the Catholic Church, faith & sacraments · Share a faith journey with other young men, women & adults. D.M.E. is held 4 times a year at St. Joe’s Church in Erie and only 1 time a year in St. Marys. If you are 16 years or older or a sophomore in high school, young adult, or an adult please consider applying to attend this weekend. D.M.E. begins Friday at 10 am at ECCHS and ends Sunday at 5:00 pm. For more information, call Kim Kerchinski at St. Mary’s Church office, 814-781-1019. Applications are also available online at: Divinemercyencounter.com

COMMUNITY NURSES BUTTERFLY RELEASE
Penn Highlands Community Nurses will be hosting their annual butterfly release to honor and remember loved ones. The butterfly is the symbol of hope, new life and resurrection. Please join Penn Highlands Community Nurses Hospice staff and volunteers for a day of remembrance, fellowship and music: Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Serenity Garden at Penn Highland Community Nurses, 757 Johnstown Rd., St. Marys. For more information, go to: www.phhealthcare.org/butterfly19. Butterflies are available for purchase and release for $15 each. Make check payable to Penn Highlands Community Nurses, and send to 757 Johnstown Road, Suite 200, St. Marys, PA. All are encouraged to gather and join in this celebration of remembrance. Anyone requiring seating should bring a lawn chair.

NO ECCHS MUSIC BOOSTER BINGO in August.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Monday, 07/29: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Patima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 07/30: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Rosary at 4:05 pm, Benediction at 4 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- Wednesday, 07/31: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, 07/31: 7:00 pm - Rosary Walk for Souls at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery. NO pets allowed in the cemetery. Any questions, call 834-3214.
- Thursday, 08/01: 3:00 pm - Sacred Heart First Friday Bread Sale until 6 pm. To pre order by July 31st, call 834-7861 #1 or 8343698.
- Friday, 08/02: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- Friday, 08/02: 10:00 am - Sacred Heart First Friday Bread Sale until 2 pm or sold out.
- Saturday, 08/03: 10:00 am - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at Housler Residence, 589 Church St.
- Saturday, 08/03: 9:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Church until 4 pm.
- Saturday (08/10) & Sunday (08/11) - St. Leo’s Summer Festival at Ridgway Fireman’s Lot. For more info go to: www.stleosfestival.com or call 772-6487.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Our Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, Aug. 11, following the 10 am Mass. We look forward to gathering as a Parish Family for the meal and fun. For now, please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Sign up in the vestibule to help us prepare. In particular, we want our families with young children to join us so we can be prepared with activities for them.

The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend themselves. Pope Francis

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Monday, July 29th
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday, July 30th
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31st
Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1st
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 2nd
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11/ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3rd
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4th
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!

Facebook: @SMYouthMin

ROOTED YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 in the Cavalier Building.

FAITH FORMATION YOUTH MINISTER POSITION
The Faith Formation Program is accepting applications for the Youth Minister/High School Faith Formation Director position. Send all applications to ourdiscipleslife@gmail.com.

ECCSS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS
Elk County Catholic School System is currently accepting new preschool through grade 12 students for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year! ECCSS is comprised of five schools: St. Marys Catholic Elementary (834-4169), St. Marys Catholic Middle School (834-7800), Elk County Catholic High School (834-7800), St. Boniface Catholic School (885-8093) and St. Leo Catholic School (772-9775). If you have any questions or would like to learn more, visit the website at eccss.org or call the specific school. To inquire about enrollment or to set up a school tour, you can also contact Mr. Sam MacDonald (macdonalds@eccss.org).

SAINT VINCENT GET ACQUAINTED OPEN HOUSE
High School juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, on Aug. 17. The Get Acquainted Day Open House events begin with registration and breakfast from 8:30 to 9 am in the Fred M. Rogers Center concluding at noon. Presentations will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College, a student panel, financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts and sciences college. Listen to Mr. Sam Thompson and PA Representative Matt Gabler. Lunch will be served compliments of Life Matters, the parent group of concerned citizens of which the Students for Life Project is a sub-committee. For more info about the project or to make reservations, contact Mary Meyer, 335-8019 or Mary Bea Maloney at 834-3834.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020...........................................$737,705
Parish Budget to Date.....................................................$59,983
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of July 20/21, 2019...
Regular Envelope .......................................................$9,652
Loose .................................................................$1,137
Children.................................................................$2
School Support..........................................................$133
Utilities & Maintenance.............................................$216
Memorials...............................................................$50
Assumption.............................................................$5
Total Received..........................................................$11,195

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Church in Latin America..................................................$5
National Needs..........................................................$720
Peter’s Pence.............................................................$41

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly.................................938
Mass Attendance for July 20/21, 2019.....................867

THE CHURCH ROOF
In the winter we were looking at the possibility of needing a new roof on the Church this year. We began the process of studying the needs, deciding what needs to be done, and preparing the bids. At this point, we have decided that the project can wait until next year. This was done for two reasons: first, while it is getting close, it is not yet at a point of severe enough need to be immediate (no leaks yet!). Second, we need to make sure the timeliness of the work coincides with other activities. Namely, we hope this will be a summer project so as not to interfere with children during the school day. The best way to do this was to aim for next summer, by which time the need will also be more pronounced. Thanks for your patience. As always, with the group of people who take responsibility for the care of QW, you can trust that the best decisions are worked out and the care will continue to be provided. I join you in thanking those who are so dedicated to the watchful care of our parish.

STUDENTS FOR LIFE PROJECT
The future lies in the heart of the young. It is for this reason that a local group of concerned citizens decided to form a committee and initiate the Students for Life Project. Students for Life is a means for bringing high school students together to be educated on the human rights issue of abortion and to learn to debate the issue in a reasoned and civil manner. It is our young who will shape the culture of the future. The hope is that it will be a culture that embraces life.

The Students for Life Project is hosting a gathering on the morning of Friday, August 9th, beginning at 9 am in the Fred M. Rogers Center concluding at noon. Presentations will include an introduction to Saint Vincent College, a student panel, financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts and sciences college. Listen to Mr. Sam Thompson and PA Representative Matt Gabler. Lunch will be served compliments of Life Matters, the parent group of concerned citizens of which the Students for Life Project is a sub-committee. For more info about the project or to make reservations, contact Mary Meyer, 335-8019 or Mary Bea Maloney at 834-3834.

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Dear Parishioners,

This will appear to be a little behind schedule, but, as promised, I want to offer my reflections on what I consider a very important anniversary, the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing, Apollo 11. Yes, I because I was coming of age in those days; it means a lot to me personally. But I believe, like many major moments in life, it speaks to all of us. I direct my first thoughts to our younger parishioners. You were not alive for this great moment, so I hope my enthusiasm for it helps you appreciate it. It may seem like remote history to you, but it is recent history - only 50 years ago. It is critical that all of us learn our history (as the saying goes, we are otherwise doomed to repeat it!) but it is also good to have a keen sense of the nearness of some things. For example, I see some of you wearing a “Clemente” baseball jersey - there’s a great difference having a reverence for someone like Babe Ruth and someone that many of us saw play not too long ago! I also want to remind you that every time you look at your phone, or turn on your computer at school or work, you can thank the brain trust of NASA and the rush to the moon for these technological and scientific advances. The lunar landing on July 20, 1969 was the very first thing ever televised live and around the world simultaneously. Thus, it was the first event and moment when the entire human family was able to witness and understand firsthand the importance of a global event. My final point for this article (that’s right, there will be more to come!) is the essence of the mission... “...new discovery! There is something in the human heart that compels us to discover. From the beginning of time people explored the earth and the sea, until finally we have plotted it out, for the most part. (This doesn’t mean that we don’t have more to learn about the earth.) But now we also set our sights on an even greater expanse in God’s awesome universe, the world beyond us. We might have dreamed about our place among the solar system, the stars, the universe. But not until our time did we ever really think it was possible to go there! It truly was a tiny step into exploring the unknown all around us. But, if we didn’t get to the moon, we could never have thought it possible to check out other planets and other systems. More and more discoveries about previously unknown galaxies are brought before us now on a regular basis. And, of course, from the point of view of our faith, this yearning and this pull toward discovery comes from the Divine, the Author of all that is. God invites us to learn about the world so that we can have more and more appreciation for its Creator, to offer fitting praise. And, to take the Lord up on the call to take care of the world God has given us. The better we know it, the more prone we are to be in awe, to respect it, and to do all we can to preserve it... - - - fr jeff

ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

Today all the Altar Servers of QW and the parishes of our area, along with their families, are invited to a Picnic taking place at St. Mary’s Church and Convent grounds. Come, join in the fun as we say “thank you” for your important service and ministry to the Church, the Lord, and our faith communities. As we turn toward the new school year we will be inviting new Altar Servers to consider this ministry, from 4th and 5th Grade and upward. We would appreciate your willingness to serve at Mass.

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Today welcome Maria Culej, a member of the MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION. Maria will speak to us of the great work Mission Doctors and medical professionals do in service to God’s people in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific. As they serve the sick and suffering they bring a measure of the Lord’s healing and grace in sharing their Catholic faith. Today we are invited to offer our prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

Every year it is our privilege to welcome someone and some Catholic organization that does the work of the Lord in far away places in great need as part of the “Mission Co-Op” program in our diocese. This opportunity broadens our horizons to see the Church at work in ways we might not otherwise experience through a more global perspective.

Please do your best to respond to our presentation today. The special collection for Mission Doctors will take place immediately after the regular collection. If you did not come prepared today to offer your gift, you may mail it to us at QW or drop it off at the Rectory this week. If using a check, please make it payable to QW and place “Mission Doctors” on the tag line. Let us welcome Maria and thank her for her presence and ministry.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Amount Pledged: $112,333
Received to Date: $ 94,720
Number of Pledges: 406

Thank you to all who participated in this year’s annual appeal. And thanks to those who have made and continue to make payments toward your pledge. Your generosity is appreciated and helps us greatly. This appeal helps us pay our share toward the diocesan regular budget, through which many of our ministry needs are fulfilled here at QW and around the diocese. We are part of a larger Church family, to which we are responsible and from which we greatly benefit. Beyond our diocesan assessment of $105,000, all the money from this appeal stays here at QW to help us in our local ministries and in care of our parish.

To date, 84% of our pledge money has been received. Many of you continue to pay on your monthly or quarterly plan and your faithfulness to the schedule will help us meet our goals.

The 406 pledges represent 43% of our parish registration. We wish more would contribute. But it is also true that this is about “typical” for QW and most parishes of our diocese. Some choose to make their Sacrificial Offering other ways. The aggregate is what matters. When all of us, or at least many of us do our part, we can trust and believe that our responsibilities will be met. When we look at our parish plant, we know how blessed we are to have everything in good shape and well taken care of. This is due, first to those who built and took care of our parish from the beginning and now thanks to all who do their part, financially and personally, to do the maintenance and improvements needed. God bless your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, Aug. 2nd is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Confessions will take place Thursday, Aug. 1st at 4 pm in preparation for First Friday. We will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day Thursday, beginning after 7 am Mass and concluding at 6:30 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction. Please take some time to spend in prayer before the Lord and join us for our brief concluding prayer.

Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound. Please call the rectory by Tuesday, 834-4701, if someone at home should be added to the list.