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Middle .......................................................... 834-7800
High .............................................................. 834-7800

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
First Friday Week:
Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard
Anytime by Appointment

Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Established 1876

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Music Director .................................. Lois Sadley
Care & Concern .......................... Church Office
Social Committee ….. Helene Burdick / Linda Brunner
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Saint Anne Society ...... Helene Burdick / Gerda Squires
Small Faith Communities ... Sam & Barbara Glatt
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Cursillo Coordinators ......................... Mike & Kim Stoff
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Pregnancy ….. Pregnancydecisionline.org
Post-Abortion Counseling .......... Rachelsvineyard.org
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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES~
Are you an adult Catholic who was never confirmed? Have you been asked to be a Godparent to an infant or child about to be baptized? Does someone you love want you to sponsor them for their Confirmation? Classes for practicing Catholic adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation will be starting in February. Members of all area parishes are welcome. Classes will be held one evening a week for six weeks, and participants will be confirmed by the Bishop in May. The cost to you is some time; the rewards are beyond measure.

For more information, please contact your parish office, or Kathy Cheatle at 781-3009.

Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday - 6:15 a.m. (Monday—Friday)
Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin

SACRED HEART GARAGE SALE~ will be on
March 29th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and
March 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cleaning out your home during these cold winter days, remember to save your clean, gently used treasures for the garage sale.
Drop off days March 20th from 9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. and
March 21st 6:00 p.m./8:00 p.m.
Also on March 25th 9:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. and
March 26th 6:00 p.m./8:00 p.m.
We cannot accept: clothing, large furniture, exercise equipment, large electronics, tires or consoles.
Notice! There will be NO food available at the Garage Sale.

COME
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Ruth F. Cooney (Step-Mother of Michelle Muccio), Elizabeth “Betty” Burgess, Richard J. “Dick” Feidler (Brother of David A. Feidler), Diane M. Eckert Kane (Sister of Dora Yanak, Darla, Doug and Donald Eckert) and James F. Costanzo (Father of Karen Meholic). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Lindsay Lenze, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Harry Plows, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow, & Kathy Clausen. We pray in hope that God’s healing power may touch all those who are sick.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 781-6430, or Ann at 834-6534. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP
Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group will pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church starting at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

The week of February 10, 2019 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
†† Raymond & Gertrude Hannibal
†† Howard & Theresa Schneider

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
In today’s gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by “going a short distance.” Later he asked Simon to “go into deeper water.” The first step toward reconciliation is usually a “short distance” which gives us the courage to further “go into deeper water.” Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES
Date:     Time:    Place:
February 16 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. Sacred Heart 834-7861

PRE-CANA SESSIONS
Date:     Time:    Place:
April 7    9:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. Queen of the World (814) 834-4701
Includes Mass

WORD OF LIFE!!
“Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests...” (1 Cor. 13: 5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

THANK YOU
For the donation to the Liturgy
$20 in memory of Joan Winklbauer
For the donations to the Church
$100, $15 in memory of Yolanda Jeselnick

“31 DAY” VOCATION CALENDAR - Please consider joining the Parish “31 Club” for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour OR Pray on your chosen date and offer it for:
• Priests/religious who have served our parish in the past.
• For those priests, religious and deacons serving now.
• To ask the Lord of the harvest for future vocations.

9th  Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker
10th Don Weis, Kathy Clark
11th Gretchen Meyer, Irene Taylor
12th Tom Dornisch
13th Carleen Koch, Alice Weisner
14th Gerry Chalot, Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger
15th Frank Fodge, Delores Frey

Call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1 to add your name to the Vocation Calendar.
**ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP**— will meet on Tuesday **February 12**, at 6:30 p.m. in the St Mary’s Church Parish Annex. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 834-3834.

**6TH ANNUAL 22:32 MEN’S CONFERENCE**—
**March 2, 2019**-Our Lady of Peace Church
2401 West 39th St. Erie, PA
8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
Internationally Known Speakers:
Tom Peterson, Sean Forrest and Sean O’Hare
Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards
Mass and Homily: Bishop Lawrence Persico
“But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:32

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS LIFE CHANGING DAY!
More info: www.2232men.com or Email: info@2232men.com

**“THE 5TH ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**—
is happening March 30, 2019
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 West 39th St. Erie, PA
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Come and learn how to “Live JOY-Fully.”
The conference includes 3 dynamic speakers –
Internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon, Director of Ministry Advancement at Blessed is She Beth Davis and author, speaker and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. Cost of the conference is $40 for Adults, $35 for Senior Citizens, $25 for College Students, $10 for High School Students and Religious Sisters are FREE!
The conference cost Includes lunch.
Register by calling 814-455-7364 or online @ www.138women.com

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF FEB. 2019**
Feb., 17  Support of Our School Children

**DATES TO REMEMBER**
Mondays  Praying the Rosary in Church  6:00 p.m.
Thursdays  Father Michael’s Bible Study  7:00 p.m.
           NO Saint Anne Society / see you in March
Feb. 12     Elk County Right to Life  6:30 p.m.
Feb. 19     Parish Council Meeting  7:00 p.m.
Feb. 28/March 1 First Friday Bread Sale
March 1     SH Super BINGO doors open  4:30 p.m.

**AREA NEWS**
- **BOWLS OF LOVE** is a free meal served every Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church from 4-5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.
- **ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD** every Thursday following the 7:00 AM Mass. Closing: Evening prayer and Benediction: 6:30 PM.
- **SPAGHETTI DINNER**—The Knights of Columbus from Brockway is having this dinner at the St. Tobias Center TODAY February 10, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This fundraiser enables the K of C to support the DuBois Area Catholic School and other charitable projects.
- **ECCHS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION’S “BINGO”** Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45, BINGO starts at 1:30. A free lunch (Vito’s Hoagies, Chips & Cookie) will be served at 12:30. Coverall. Bring a friend!!
- **RELAY FOR LIFE OF ELK COUNTY~ BASKET BINGO**, Saturday, February 23 from 1pm - 5pm at the St Marys Moose Lodge 30 Erie Ave., St. Marys. Tickets $20, call 814-389-3488. Don’t miss out on all the fun, food & friends.
- **HOPE FOR LIFE~ Ecumenical weekly prayer meetings. Each hour-long gathering will be comprised of brief visitation for getting to know each other followed by prayers for the hope, purity, saving and value of all lives. All are welcome to attend. Time 12:30 p.m. Feb., 12th -First Lutheran Church, Ridgway; Feb., 19th- Awakening Alliance Church, Ridgway; Feb., 26th- Shiloh Evangelical Presbyterian Church, St. Marys.
- **CINCH TOURNAMENT~** hosted by Domtar Paper Co Relay for Life Team Benefits the American Cancer Society. Saturday, **March 2, 2019** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Play to begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. $10/person. Call Sharon at 594-5594 or Parish office at 834-7861.

**SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS:**
TREASURES OF THE CHURCH—Christ the King Parish of Houtzdale presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Monday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.**
Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be there with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, and the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) & pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.
Started College but never finished?  
Want to advance your career?  
Thinking of trying college?  
College student home for the summer?  

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College go to  
www.regionalcollegepa.org  
or call 814-230-9010  

Critics of the Catholic Church say that because we follow what the Pope teaches, we don’t think for ourselves. They criticize Catholicism for cramping human freedom.

Just the opposite is the case. We are freer than anyone else, precisely because we know what we’re here for, who created us and why, where we’re going, and how to get there.

Who is freer to play the piano, the kid who pounds out notes on a whim, or the one who has taken lessons for many years, learned the scales and the harmonies, learned how to read music, and trained his fingers to move over the keyboard effortlessly?

Who is freer to go faster and farther, the traveler who has a map and a compass and a destination, or the aimless wanderer?

Which is freer to arrive safely to harbor, the boat guided by a lighthouse, or the boat guided merely by the moods and wits of its captain?

Who is freer to enjoy a healthy life, the person who knows the laws of nutrition and follows them, or the couch potato who just eats what he feels like whenever he feels like it?

God has given us a great gift by giving us a Church that teaches the truth about faith and morals with his own unerring authority: we have specific reference points that we can refer to in order to advance.

If you want to climb a mountain, you have to find firm handholds and footholds, otherwise you’ll never get anywhere. The teachings of the Church are like our handholds and footholds; they free us to move forward securely in the adventure of life.  

Father Michael
Schools throughout the 13-county Diocese of Erie now have a new tool aimed at increasing school safety: an anonymous tip reporting system.

The Safe2Say Something program, a partnership between Sandy Hook Promise and the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, launched statewide earlier this month. Pennsylvania is the first state to require all schools across the state to enact the program.

Here’s how it works: Students or adults can submit anonymous tips regarding harassment, threats and other worrisome behavior exhibited by fellow students using an app, a website or a dedicated hotline. Each tip is then reviewed by staff in a call center housed in the Office of the Attorney General. Call-center staff “triage” each tip, referring it to appropriate school teams and law enforcement agencies based on the level of threat.

Schools throughout the Diocese of Erie have begun training staff and students on how to use the system, according to Roberta Bucci, director of government programs for the Catholic Schools Office.

“I would hope (Safe2Say Something) provides students and parents a level of comfort, knowing there’s a method in place now for students and parents to make tips in an anonymous manner that could help save a child’s life or keep a school community safe,” Bucci said. “Sometimes people worry about repercussions, and this removes that.”

Nancy Kremm, principal of St. Michael School in Greenville, held a meeting for parents to explain the program and a separate training session for students in grades 5 through 8. The students took the session very seriously, she said.

“The initiative itself is an excellent idea because students are afraid to tell someone face to face, and this gives them a means to make anonymous tips” through channels they’re familiar with, including a website and app, Kremm said.

During the student session, Kremm talked about “warning signs,” behavior or speech that signals a student might be at risk of committing a violent act. It’s helpful – and reassuring – to students and staff to know what to look for, she said.

“Just to know now that they can take ownership of any threats against them or other students (by using the reporting system) empowered them,” she said. “I don’t think they feel helpless anymore.”

Attorney General Josh Shapiro said he was proud that his office was entrusted to run the program.

“Pennsylvania students deserve a safe place to learn, free from the threat of violence from classmates or other individuals.” Shapiro said in a statement announcing the reporting system. “Working together with Sandy Hook Promise, we can make Pennsylvania a safer place for families, teachers and, most importantly, our students.”

Sandy Hook Promise is a national non-profit organization based in Newtown, Connecticut. It is led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

For more information, visit www.safe2saypa.org.

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