Parish Staff
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Deacon ................................................. William "Bill" Gibson
Office Manager / Finance ......................... Patsy McAllister
Receptionist / Sec. .................................... Pat Kneidel
Bulletin .............................................. Kathy Reuscher
Custodian ................................................ Dave Farley

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Mary Lynn Carnovale Faith Formation Secretary 781-1042
Facilitators:
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Kathy Cheatle, Elementary (1-5) .................... 781-3009
Middle-School ......................................... 781-1042
Sally Smith, Good Shepherd (Pre-First Grade) .. 781-6422

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Susan Jansen, Director/Advancement .............. 834-1480
Jessica Fritz, Communications/Marketing ........ 834-1480

School Principals
Mrs. Debbie Slay, Principal, Catholic Elementary .. 834-4169
John Schneider, Principal, ECCHS & Middle School ... 834-7800

Cafeterias
Elementary ........................................ 834-4927
Middle/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

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP~
The Committee will have a booth at the Bavarian Fall Festival that will be held September 13-15.
Can you spare some time to help on a three hour shift on any one or more of these days?
Items to be sold will be Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Reuben Sandwiches, Sauerkrat and German Potato Salad.
Help is also needed in the kitchen during the Festival weekend.

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

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Established 1876
Mission Statement
Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

Enjoy the last of Summer Picnicking! Always be safe!
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept., 2.
See you on Tuesday the 3rd.
Father Michael, Patsy, Pat, Kathy and Dave

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".
~Author Unknown
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 Edward J. Greenawalt, William A. “Bill” Bauer, and Jane Scutella. May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Kathy Clausen, Sandy Farley, Alice Feldbauer, Harold Gnan Jr., Cindy Herzog, Baby Leo Jaques, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Marty Prokop, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow, David Weaver. We pray in hope that God’s healing power may touch all those who are sick.

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 September 1, 2019 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions
† Special Intention
†† Lisa (An) & Joe Koch

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, “Those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES
Date: Time: Place:
September 5 (TH) 7 p.m. Queen/World 834-4701

PRE-CANA SESSIONS
Date: Time: Place:
October 6 9 a.m./6 p.m. St. Catherine Mass 8 a.m. 814-371-8556

WE WELCOME Hadley Rose Mahovlich and Caine Paul Kemmer into the Catholic Community. Hadley Rose is the daughter of Dustin A. & Kira L. (Smith) Mahovlich and Caine Paul is the son of Bradley W. Kemmer and Amanda R. (Thompson) Mazzotti. May God bless Hadley and Caine as they grow in their faith and love of God.

INFORMATIONAL LITERATURE & TALK ~ Sept. 9th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., held at St. Mary’s Parish Center (the former school cafeteria). Fr. Donald, O.S.B. will be speaking on Oblates of St. Benedict Affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey. There will be time for questions.

The Lady of Fatima First Saturday Children’s Rosary ~ September 7th Housler’s Residence 10/11 a.m. Call Bonnie at 834-3214. Light refreshments will follow.

“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.
28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer
29th Myra Trgovac, John Kosco
30th Jeanne Dippold, Gary Lang
31st The Steve Fritz Family, Leona Fritz
1st Rose Johnston, Terri Bish
2nd Catherine Labant, Joe Lynch
3rd Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch
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**.

**ECC Alumni Spirit Night**
ECC Alumni join us for Spirit Night!
When: Friday, September 6th
Who: ECCHS Varsity Football/vs. Redbank Valley
Where: SMAHS Football Stadium
Time: game time begins at 7 pm
1st-100 ECC Alumni will receive a Crusader Rally Towel! Following the game, ECC Alumni 21 years of age and older join us at The Pour House Bar and Grill located at 626 S. Michael St., Saint Marys for refreshments and appetizers!

**ECCHS MUSIC BOOSTERS BINGO**
Friday, September 13. ECCHS Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend, have some fun and support the Music Program.

**$10,000 FOOTBALL RAFFLE**
Drawings held for each quarter of all ECC home games.
Payout each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of $250; 4th quarter payout of $500. FINAL GAME OF THE YEAR: Payout of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of $500; 4th quarter of the final game payout of $10,000~ Only 300 Tickets Sold~ $100 per Ticket.
Contact Ray Knight 834-7800 or Kim Kim 594-1688 benefits ECCSS Music Program

**ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOC.**
“First Bingo of Fall” Sunday, September 15, 2019 at the ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45 a.m., bingo starts at 1:30 p.m.. A free lunch (Chili, Italian Bread & Dessert) will be served at 12:30 p.m.. Coverall. Bring a friend.

**OLMSTED MANOR RETREAT**
Enjoy a relaxing day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship at the Oلمsted Manor in Ludlow on Wednesday, September 18th. Father Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Kersey, will be the speaker and the topic will be “Christ In Me” – a day retreat looking for Christ in every person. The day will begin at 9:30 with coffee and doughnuts. The cost for the retreat is $22/person which includes the light breakfast and lunch. **Reservations due by Monday, Sept., 9th** call St. Mary’s Parish Office at 781-1019.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN FORCE~ is selling Harvest Raffle Tickets, $10 each. Call Barb Secco, 814-787-7733 or Barb Azzato, 814-787-4282. Top prize is $2,000.

The Sacred Heart Golf Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for a successful tournament. Bavarian Hills Golf Course, Sacred Heart Social & Bingo Committees, CMF, Dam Inn, DePrator’s Beverage, Dino’s Place, Northwest Bank, PFL, Save-A-Lot, Straub’s Brewery, St. Marys Beverage. Also thank you to Mary Lee DePrator, Anita Wendel, John Vogt and Dale Vogt. Special thank you to Fr. Mark Mastrian for saying the blessing before our meal.

**WINNERS~ 1ST Flight Winners~** Vermont Rd. Sinners
Denny Simons, Burr Bauer, Chipper Simons, Frank Fodge

**2nd Flight Winners~** Larry Wendel, Anita Wendel, Bob Hoffman, Judy Hoffman.

**THE CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK~** located at 817 South Michael Road is having it’s first Open House on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We want the community to come and see this local mission that has been providing food and hope to those in need in the St. Marys area for over 36 years.
Also “Just Ben Catering” will be on hand with a drive through Chicken or Rib Barbecue as a fund raiser for the food bank in the parking lot.
EVERYONE IS CORDIALY INVITED!

**R.I.O.T.RuN~** Run Inspire, Overcome, Teach-Run or Walk 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk
**When:** Saturday September 21, 2019
**Where:** FSG Elementary School, Ridgway, PA.
**Sponsored by:** Ridgway Area School
**District Faculty & Staff**
**Benefit:** Michele Spence
**Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
**Cost:** $25.00

**Applications Available at:**
Ridgway High School or Kamats & Walfanger on Erie Ave. St. Marys
**Contact:** Amy Goode 814-772-1585 or 814-594-0190

**SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF Sept., 2019**

**September 15** Support of Our School Children
**September 22** Catholic Education Collection

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**PARISH COUNCIL** will be meeting on Sept., 10th at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**
Popular Catholic author Scott Hahn tells the following story.

One of his priest friends visited Rome, and on the steps of one of the churches he saw a beggar with a familiar face. With a thrill of horror, he realized that it was one of his classmates from the seminary, and he rushed over to him. “Didn’t we go to the seminary together,” he asked. “Yes,” the beggar affirmed. “You’re a priest?” “Not anymore,” the beggar replied, “I fell off the deep end.”

A short time later Scott Hahn’s friend had an audience with Pope John Paul II. He told him the entire story, and asked him to pray for his friend. John Paul II assured him that he would, and then whispered something to an aide.

Later that day the priest received a phone call inviting him to come with the ex-priest to have dinner with the Pope. He rushed off the church where he had seen him, and, by God’s grace, he was still there on the steps. Upon hearing about the invitation, he said, “I’m a mess. I haven’t showered in a long time, and my clothes are filthy.” But his friend took him back to his hotel room and helped him get cleaned up, and then they went to dinner with the Holy Father.

At the end of a very enjoyable dinner, the Holy Father asked to be alone with the ex-priest. After a long while, the latter emerged with tears in his eyes. “What happened in there?” his friend asked?

“The Pope asked me to hear his confession,” choked the beggar. After regaining composure, the man continued, “I told him, ‘Your Holiness, look at me. I am a beggar. I am not a priest.’” “The Pope looked at me and said, ‘My son, once a priest always a priest, and who among us is not a beggar. I too come before the Lord as a beggar asking for forgiveness of my sins.’” I told him I was not in good standing with the Church, and he assured me that as the Bishop of Rome he could reinstate me right then and there.”

After he heard the Holy Father’s confession, the priest asked Pope John Paul II to hear his, and then received an assignment to minister to the beggars on the steps of the very church from which he just came.

Through the humility of Pope John Paul II, who humbly saw himself as God saw him; this man received a new lease on life.

Father Michael

THE PROLIFE move “Unplanned” is scheduled to be shown at Elk Catholic High School on September 22nd.

There will be 2 showings, 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Because of the content of this movie it is Rated R.
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**September 2019**

- **Sunday 1:**
  - 9 AM Rosary
  - 10 AM Mass
  - 11 AM Confessions
  - 12 PM Devotions

- **Monday 2:**
  - 7 AM Rosary
  - 8 AM Mass
  - 9 AM Confessions
  - 10 AM Rosary
  - 11 AM Mass
  - 12 PM Confessions

- **Tuesday 3:**
  - 7 AM Rosary
  - 8 AM Mass
  - 9 AM Confessions
  - 10 AM Rosary
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  - 12 PM Confessions

- **Wednesday 4:**
  - 7 AM Rosary
  - 8 AM Mass
  - 9 AM Confessions
  - 10 AM Rosary
  - 11 AM Mass
  - 12 PM Confessions

- **Thursday 5:**
  - 7 AM Rosary
  - 8 AM Mass
  - 9 AM Confessions
  - 10 AM Rosary
  - 11 AM Mass
  - 12 PM Confessions

- **Friday 6:**
  - 7 AM Rosary
  - 8 AM Mass
  - 9 AM Confessions
  - 10 AM Rosary
  - 11 AM Mass
  - 12 PM Confessions

**Special Events:**

- **Fall Festival:**
  - October 5

- **BAVARIAN FALL FEST:**
  - October 8-14

**Daily Activities:**

- **Parish Office Closed:**
  - Labor Day

- **Adult Leaders MtG:**
  - 7 PM, Boy Scouts

- **Church Fatima:**
  - 6 PM, Apostolate Rosary Grp.

- **Bible Study:**
  - 7 PM, Bible Study

**Locations:**

- **Cemetery:**
  - Multiple

- **Annex:**
  - Multiple

- **Grp. #9:**
  - Multiple