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Mission Statement

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



HISTORY OF THE MESSAGE AND DEVOTION TO DIVINE MERCY

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."

The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

These requests of the Lord given to Sr. Faustina between 1931 and 1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms.

Through the efforts of Sr. Faustina's spiritual directors, Fr. Michael Sopocko, and Fr. Joseph Andrasz, SJ, and others — including the Marians of the Immaculate Conception — this message began to spread throughout the world.

However, it is important to remember that this message of The Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning.

This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us, His creatures, and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. This He had done partly through the Old Testament Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets, and fully through His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible.

Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. **Amen**

TODAY DIVINE MERCY WILL TAKE PLACE AT SACRED HEART CHURCH AT 3:00 P.M.

April 23(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter
 4:00 p.m. †† Howard & Margaret Miller

April 24: Second Sunday of Easter
 7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. † Jerome "Beezie" Bankovich
 11:00 a.m. Dave & Shelly Dush
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Divine Mercy

3:00 p.m.

April 25(M): St. Mark, Evangelist
 6:15 a.m. † Robert Rigard

April 26(T): Second Week of Easter
 6:15 a.m. † Jim Klaiber

April 27(W): Second Week of Easter
 6:15 a.m. †† Walter & Jane Vollmer

April 28(Th): Second Week of Easter
 6:15 a.m. †† Fred & Dorothy Fledderman

April 29(F): St. Catherine of Eiena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
 6:15 a.m. † Eugene C. Kraus

April 30(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter
 4:00 p.m. †† Margaret Bonfardine (An.) and Amy Bradley (An.)

May 1: Third Sunday of Easter
 7:00 a.m. † Frank Kneidel (An.)
 9:00 a.m. †† Al & Catherine (An.) Pfeufer
 11:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners



The week of April 24, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
 †† Margaret Bonfardine (An.) and Amy Bradley (An.)
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: May 19, 2022 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:** St. Mary's Parish
 814-781-1019



Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Dave and Shelly Dush**, celebrating the blessings of being together for 50 Years. May Our Lord Jesus Christ continue to send happiness, health, faith and love to both of you and your family.

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 Betty M. Crawford, Kathryn L. "Kitty" Johnson (Sister of May Hoffman), and Gerald I. Secco (Father of Athena "Tena" Emmert). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Deacon Bill Gibson, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Mary Jo Gutowski, Beula Kestler, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, John Rettger, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Kathryn Samick, Matthew Sharrow, Steve Wendel & Judy Wolfel. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

THANK YOU
 For the donation to the Sacred Heart Social Committee
 For the memory of **Betty Crawford: \$20**

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

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION~ allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. The collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit our needs of our Diocesan priests. Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of the needs of our Diocesan Retried Priests. Please use the special collection envelope in your May packet for the Good Shepherd Collection.

"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **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.

25th Dutch Wegemer, Cathy Schneider, Karen Dick
 26th A.J. Feidler, Amy Gorman
 27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg
 28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer
 29th Myra Trgovac, John Kosco
 30th Jeanne Dippold, Gary Lang
 1st Rose Johnston, Terri Bish

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.

SAVE THE DATE: Synod listening session **Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.** Queen of the World Cafeteria led by Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB and Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM, who have been trained and have led other communities through this process.

IT'S TIME AGAIN: "Rosary Walk For The Poor Souls" Beginning **Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.** we'll again be praying for our departed loved ones.

NOTE: New Location

We'll be walking the cemetery beside St. Mary's Catholic Church. We'll meet under the new Pavilion and proceed around the paved path where the stations of the cross are located and pass through the cemetery of our Beloved Benedictine Sisters, and continue around the circle. This walk will be easier for folks of all ages; and provides ample parking. We'll meet every Wednesday until September 28th. In case of rain, we will pray inside the Church or under the Pavilion. Bring your rosary and wear comfy shoes. Strollers and Wheel Chairs are welcome. Can't walk? Bring your chair. Please join us in praying for Poor Souls. **Sorry: No Pets** allowed on the grounds. Any questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3214 or Kathy at 814-781-1109.



Remember Every Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group prays the Rosary in Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 p.m. and **ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

THE LADY OF FATIMA ~ First Saturday Children's Rosary will begin on **Saturday, May 7, 2022** at the Housler's Residence on the Patio. Time is from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and will continue the first Saturday of each month until October. Dress according to the weather for that day. Light refreshments will follow. Any questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3217.

The last Wednesday for Seminary Rosary will be April 27th, 2022.

See you at the Rosary Walk For The Poor Souls.

THE CHOSEN~ is a multi series about the life of Jesus & His followers. Join us at **Queen of the World** (downstairs of the Church), as we will bring the second series to YOU! We are viewing an episode a week and discussing what we watched. All are welcome, including children. Adults should accompany anyone under the age of 14. **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., until May 12th** No RSVP necessary. **Come and see The Chosen.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays	Praying the Rosary in Church	6:00 p.m.
Wed.,	Last Rosary in Church April 27th	6:00 p.m.
Fridays	Rosary in Church	1 :00 p.m.
May 6	SH Super BINGO doors open at	4:00 p.m.
May 7	Children's Rosary at Housler's	10:00 a.m.

AREA NEWS



ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thursday** following the **7:00 AM Mass.** Closing: Evening prayer and **Benediction: 5:00 p.m.**

ECCSS Hiring ~



St. Marys Catholic Elementary Cafeteria Worker 8 am-1 pm (M-F) \$9.06/hr. Contact: Kim Schlimm 814-834-7800 x 231 **Or** schlimmk@eccss.org **ECC** is seeking an advancement director to coordinate major gift campaigns, our annual fundraising appeals, and all other aspects of our charitable giving programs. The ideal candidate will be familiar with our schools and our donors, well-organized, a self-starting professional and a practicing Catholic. **ECC** is also seeking a marketing/enrollment specialist to assist in all of our recruitment, advancement and communication efforts. Graphic design and social media skills are a plus. **ECC** is open to both full and part time arrangements for candidates with applicable skills and a strong interest in either position. Salary commensurate with experience and credentials. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a resume to ECCSS President Sam MacDonald at macdonalds@eccss.org as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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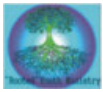


Ridgway, PA ~ **May 7 & 8, 2022**
Come enjoy a fun weekend at the Trout Derby - register now for only \$20.00 to fish a beautiful 7 mile stretch of Elk Creek for Lucky Leo and win \$1500. All fish will be tagged with CASH from \$10 to \$1500! Kids Derby on Saturday May 7 from 12-3 pm is a great time to teach little ones to fish and win prizes, all kids will receive a prize! You don't have to fish to join in the FUN! Come for some award winning BBQ by Beer N Bones Saturday ONLY! Live Music! Kids crafts, games, bake sale, basket raffle and MORE!!!

Mass Saturday May 7 at 7 pm at the Firemen's Grounds by Father Justin – Mass will be for Ken Bish - who started the Derby.

For more information and to register go to www.stleosfishingderby.com email trout_derby@hotmail.com See you at the Derby! Fish donations and sponsorships still accepted!





St. Marys Inter-Parish



Sun., April 24 First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment

9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart

10:00am Mass at Queen of the World

10:30am Mass at St. Mary's Church

First Grade Sacred Heart Session

10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium

Confirmation – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00pm

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and

Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 27 First Eucharist practice for **

St. Mary's Church students on at 6:00 p.m.

in the church

Last class for Elementary Faith Formation

(Grades 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sun., May 1 Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and

Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

First Eucharist for St. Mary's Church

at 10:30 a.m. Mass with a social to follow in the

St. Mary's Church Parish Center

Confirmation at 1:00 p.m. at Queen of the World

with Bishop Persico

Sat., May 7

First Eucharist at Sacred Heart at 9:00 a.m.

First Eucharist at Queen of the World at 1:30pm

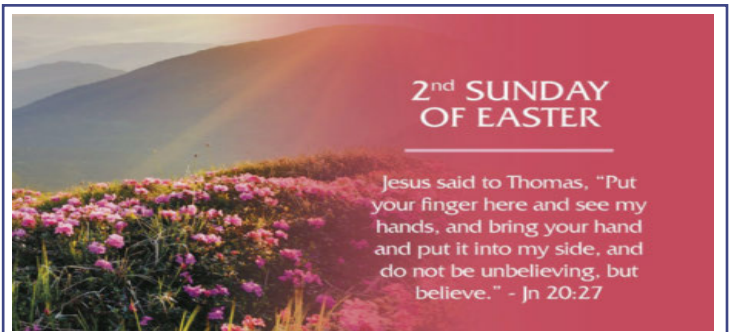
First Communion Students & Confirmation Students

There will be a professional group photo taken by Ray Beimel after the First Communion Mass of the students for each parish, as well as Confirmation Students on May 1, 2022. You can purchase a group photo at sminterparishff.com. **The cost of the photo is \$15.00.** All students will be in the picture regardless if you are receiving a picture or not. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation Office at 814-781-1042.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency.

Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.



REFLECT

First Reading:

Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Second Reading:

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel:

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidence from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



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