Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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.

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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

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 - Will be closed for all Holy Days

PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS~ We will be having the drawing on June 24, 2023 at the Parish Picnic instead of live streaming the drawing. We are so excited because the **SACRED HEART PARISH** PICNIC IS BACK !!! With that in mind, please make every effort

to either sell your tickets or consider purchasing the book yourself. This is a Major fundraiser for the parish so we appreciate your help to make it a SUCCESS. God bless you for your support. Patsy McAllister/Chairperson





LENTEN RETREAT - ALL ARE WELCOME

Queen of the World featuring Fr. Ben Daghir Sun., March 19th thru Tues., March 21st at 6:30 pm. Fr. Ben, a native of St. Mary's Church and a priest of the Diocese of Erie, will lead us each evening in

prayer and reflection with the theme, "Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."



March 11(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent		
4:00 p.m. †† Paul & Elizabeth Keller		
March 12: Third Sunday of Lent		
7:00 a.m. †† Gerald & Dorothy Newell		
9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners		
11:00 a.m. L/D of Bob & Mary Ann Gregory Family		
March 13(M): Third Week of Lent		
6:15 a.m. † Jeff Breindel		
March 14(T): Third Week of Lent		
6:15 a.m. † Richard Sarnoski		
March 15(W): Third Week of Lent		
6:15 a.m.††† Izzy, Helen & Agnes Drost		
March 16(Th): Third Week of Lent		
6:15 a.m. † Magdalen O. Bauer (An.)		
March 17(F): Third Week of Lent		
6:15 a.m.††† Robert, Marilyn & Steven Hammer		
March 18(S): Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent		
4:00 p.m. L/D of John & Winnie Schreiber Family		
March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent		
7:00 a.m. L/D of Ed & Estella Heary Family		
9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners		
11:00 a.m.†††† Mack & Rose Newell (An.) and		
Earl & Celine Feldbauer (An.)		

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS~ Friday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Albert A. Prechtl. 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, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Miranda J. Halpin, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Keith Schreiber, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Nini Tamburlin, Fr. Eric Vogt, & Mary Jo Wheeler. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

ADDRESS FOR

Fr. Eric Vogt, OSB Select Specialty Hospital One Mellon Way Third Floor Room 321 Latrobe, PA. 15650

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be held at 4:00 p.m. "Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World".



Date:

The week of March 12, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: Lou Ann Nellis t.

Thomas Nellis Jr. t

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the 'living water" only good role models can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

Time:

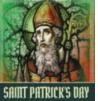
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Place: Sacred Heart 814-834-7861 #1

Sat., March 25, 2023 10:00 a.m.

PRE-CANA SESSIONS Date: Time: March 26, 2023 9:00 a.m. to Queen of the World 5:00 p.m. Mass included

Place: 814-834-4701



Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church.

St. Patrick's Day (March 17 Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on a Friday in Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has dispensed all Latin Catholics from the requirement of abstinence from eating meat on March 17, 2023 within the territory of the Diocese of Erie.

"Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." -Ordination Rite of Priests-

"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.
- 13th Carleen Koch. Alice Wiesner
- 14th Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger
- 15th Frank Fodge, Delores Frey
- 16th Jerry & Ann Brennen
- 17th Kathy Cheatle, Dave Shaffer
- 18th Julie Handwerger, Barb Linder, Bonnie Housler
- 19th Mary Ross, Nancy Plows



ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 14th @ 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex. For more information please call Mary Bea @ 814-834-3834

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING March 21st @ 6:00 p.m.



3rd GRADE SERVICE PROJECT~ Wed., March 1st the 3rd Grade Faith Formation classes of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and Queen of the World completed a service project by helping the Second Grade complete Lapbooks for their First Reconciliation which they will make the week of March 13th.

ST. BONIFACE LENTEN MISSION ~ March 19-21, will host Fr. Dan Molochko, a priest of the Diocese of Richmond, VA, & a close friend of Fr. Kevin. Fr. Dan will explore the practical ways to live out our faith by comparing Mary and Martha. Confessions will be offered following his presentations at 7 p.m. on Sunday (3/19) and Monday (3/20) with a reception following on Tuesday (3/21). Each talk will last roughly 45 minutes and will surely be an excellent way to encounter God in our busy lives.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

AT ECCHS is looking and currently seeking new families for the 2023/2024 school year. Kevin Nguyen will be attending ECC in the fall as a junior and is in need of a host



family. Kevin is from Vietnam and is following in his sister's footsteps, Len Nguyen who graduated from ECC in 2017 and went on to attend Lawrence University. **Please contact** Mrs. Kim Schlimm at (814) 834-7800 at ext. 231 or schlimmk@eccss.org, if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH
19th Support of Our Parish School Students
26th Easter Flower Offering

DATES TO REMEMBER

MondaysPraying the Rosary in Church4:00p.m.FridaysRosary after 6:15 a.m. Mass 40 Days for LifeFridaysRosary in Church1:00 p.m.March 14Elk County Right to Life Meeting6:30 p.m.March 20Saint Anne Society Meeting12:00 p.m.March 21Parish Council Meeting6:00 p.m.NO AprilS.H. Super Bingo see you in May

AREA NEWS

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

RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING

Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. It is opened Mon., thru Fri., from 9 am to 4 pm. Not on Holidays or Holy Days

THAT MAN IS YOU Catholic Men's Group meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Join them at St. Leo's for Mass and a meeting.



BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

Gift Shop Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sat 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Closed Sunday & Monday, & Holy Days. Join their team by calling St. Mary's Parish Office 814-781-1019.

PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP~

March 6th thru 16th Clearance Sale **20% OFF** ALL Winter Clothing, Gloves, & Purses Exclusions: clearance, baby & magazines



THE MATERNITY CLOSET is located at 139 Church St. It is open to Elk County mothers, who have children from birth up to 3yrs.1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Wed's 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thurs's 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 4th Thurs., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

MERRY WIDOWS~ will meet on **Monday**, **March 13th ~ Noon ~** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

CAFETERIA Every Tues., 6:00 to7:00 p.m. during Lent, Fr. Thomas More, series of the Holy rule of St. Benedict.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH~ Lenten Fish or Fantail Shrimp Dinners Noon-6:30 p.m. All dinners \$14. Baked or Fried Haddock Fish or Fantail Shrimp, choice of Potato (Baked or French Fries), cup of Soup, choice of Cole Slaw, Applesauce or Macaroni Salad plus a Roll, Dessert, & Drink.

ST. BONIFACE~ Lenten Fish Fry every



Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Menu: Fried, Baked, Beer Battered Fish or Chicken, French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Desserts & Beverages. Adults: \$15 (Fish) Adults: \$10 (Chicken). Children Under 10: \$8. Take outs Available.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY~ will meet on Monday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's Parish Center.



St. Marys Inter-Parish

OLIFE TEEN

Confirmation

Confirmation is April 23, 2023 with Bishop Persico Queen of the World and St. Boniface students will be confirmed at the 1:30pm Mass.

FORMATION

Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church students will be confirmed at the 4:30pm Mass, at Queen of the World If you have any questions regarding Confirmation please call the Faith Formation office at 814-781-1042.

Sun., March 12 First Penance Rite of Enrollment at your parish

9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Mass at Queen of the World Church 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church

First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium **Middle School Class** 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. **Life Teen** (Grade 9) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Mon., March 13 First Reconciliation for Sacred Heart 6:00 p.m.
Tues., March 14 Frist Reconciliation for Queen of the World 6:00 p.m.
Wed., March 15 First Reconciliation for St. Mary's Church 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (2nd grade is excused)

Sun., March 19 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at the Sacred Heart Parish Atrium No Middle School class Faith Formation No Life Teen (Grade 9) Faith Formation

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.





FAMILY HONOR will be presenting **Real Love & Real Life**, a chastity program series at St. Marys Church Parish Center on **Mondays, March 20, 27, and April 3, 2023.**

Real Love & Real Life is for parents with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter. This Family Honor program includes communicating effectively in families; respecting the gift of our sexuality and the incredible power we have to give life; discusses other topics all teens are facing, such as peer pressure, dating and avoiding risky behaviors. This is an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with your teen and open the door to communication on some really important issues.

To register or find out more about this program, call or text Laurey Kraus 335-0124 or 781-6746.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, has reserved a school bus to the Eighth Annual 138 Women's Conference to be held in Erie on March 25, 2023, "Walk with Purpose". The cost will be \$30.00 and that includes the bus ride and registration for the conference. This cost does not include lunch, however we will be stopping for lunch.

ALL ARE WELCOME !! To reserve your seat or more information call Nancy Plows 814-335-6359 or Lori Schreiber 814-594-3972.

Deadline for reservations is March 15, 2023.





ST. JUDE PARISH / 2801 West 6th Street, Erie TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00 - 8:45 AM in the School Cafeteria SPEAKER: Laura Phelps ACTIVITIES: Adoration, Confession, and Mass Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards COST: \$20; College students \$10 High school students \$5; Religious FREE

www.138women.com / 814-455-7364

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RECENT ESSAY CONTEST AND WINNERS: Happy to announce the winners of the LOVE LIFE: Pro Woman, Pro Babies, Pro Love, Pro Life Writing Contest sponsored by: The Judith Manno Stager Right to Life Fund in conjunction with the English Department at ECCSS short biography, and two fables took the top prizes and are great examples of truth, beauty and goodness so needed in our current culture..

The following is a recounting of a mother's love for her son as retold by Gabrielle Weisner

I feel overwhelmed, as if I'm drowning. There is no way out, I'm stuck. There are so many options, yet I feel as if there is only one, abortion. I'm only seventeen. I live with my mother and my hidden unborn child. My mom has been through so much with her divorce that my heartbreaking news would only make the situation worse. How do I tell her I'm pregnant? The decision seems easier in my head than when I say it out loud. At fourteen, I was doing a lot of things to drown out a lot of emotional pain I was feeling because of abuses endured. I finally pulled it together, but not enough to carry or care for a child. I was and am still hurt and I've damaged my body so much that I don't think I'm capable of loving or being loved. I've always wanted a child, but not now, not like this. I'm only seventeen and I cannot deal with the toll this will take. It is too much. I want this baby deleted from my life. I want an abortion so my life will go back to normal. But maybe, just maybe, the baby will heal me. If I can find the courage to carry him.

Because there is doubt, I need to find someone to talk to...I could talk to my mom, but I know what she'll say, abortion is easier. I'll debate it alone. I'm going to follow my heart, and trust my instincts. "God gives his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers," and with His help, I will keep this baby, but I must leave my home. This shelter for pregnant girls will work, even though I'm only seventeen. I'm scared, anxious, yet excited. I can not wait to see what the future holds. If I decide I cannot be a mother, I can always put him up for adoption. There are plenty of families who long for a baby. If I can not figure out how to take care of myself and my baby, I will give him to someone who can. But for now, I am going to wait it out and see what I can do. I'm only seventeen, but I am determined...

The nine months went by so fast but at the same time, so slowly. I waited so long to decide that it was time for the baby to arrive. I was scared and nervous. As soon as he was born, his first cry was music. It was the happiest moment of my life! Seeing his little face, I was so grateful that God sustained me. He gave me the courage I needed. Later, I learned that approximately fifty percent of the pregnancies in the United States are unwanted. This statistic made me feel better and less guilty about wanting to abort him in the first place. I was not as alone as I thought.

Fast forward to today, all these years later, I see my son on stage in front of millions of people who love him and buy outrageously expensive tickets just to be in his presence. As I watch from my couch, I cannot even imagine the pain and suffering abortion would have caused leaving me to wonder what his life could have been. Instead I get to watch what his life unfolds, he is the one and only, Justin Bieber. If you are considering an abortion, you are not alone. I was there. I was scared, but your baby's life is worth it, and so are you.

Katie Petrosky	One family,
One moment,	Two dogs,
Two pink lines,	Three children later.
Three people affected by one choice.	Four grandparents over for dinner every
Four parents to tell,	Saturday,
Five minutes of silence followed by, "Do you have a plan?"	Five o'clock mass prior.
Four jobs,	Six little eyes watching the priest and the
Three months too long to decide if I want an abortion.	world around them.
Two kids forgetting their immature ways and making grown up decisions.	Seven nighttime Bible stories read,
One choice, life.	Eight o'clock bedtime.
	Nine goodnight kisses,
Ten people asking me in the halls if it is true.	Ten years later.
Nine more months of school to endure.	-
Eight teachers to inform about why I have been absent.	We made it.
Seven hour school days,	
Six hours of work to follow,	
Five days of the week.	
Am I strong enough for this?	
Four weeks between seeing my baby on an ultrasound.	
Three lives completely changed.	
Two outcomes, boy or girl.	
One beautiful child, brought safely into the world.	



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