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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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

BROKEN DOOR (Excerpts Continued from August 13, 2023 Bulletin) I Wasn't - I am - I Won't Be By Brian Pusateri 4th Day Letters

I am (small case): God alone is the great **I AM** (all caps)! We are made in His image. Through grace imparted to us at Baptism, we share in God's divinity. During our life, we are called to bring others to Christ. In between the time I wasn't and the time I won't be, is the time that I am alive! Our "I am" is our life, and life is a gift from our Heavenly Father. The way in which we live our life is our gift back to the Father in return for the life He has bestowed on us.

SOMETIMES, GOD DESTROYS YOUR COMFORT so that you can FULFILL YOUR CALLING

Why am I here? What is the meaning and purpose of life? What is expected of me during the limited number of days of life I have been granted? What comes next when this life, as we know it, ends? These are the perplexing questions of our human existence.

God made each of us, in His image to KNOW, LOVE, and SERVE HIM in this life so that we can be with Him forever in the next. Knowing, loving, and serving, brings a certain responsibility.

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Sept., 9(S):	Vigil of Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m.††††	Doug & Ele Andrews and
	Tony & Zora Frank
Sept., 10:	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. †	Mildred Cheatle
11:00 a.m. †	Peggy (Wolf) Bauer
Sept., 11(M):	Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
6:15 a.m.†††	
Sept., 12(T):	Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
6:15 a.m.	L/D of Clarence & Barb Fried Family
Sept., 13(W):	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop,
	Doctor of the Church
6:15 a.m. †	Rich Sarnoski
Sept., 14(Th):	Exaltation Of The Holy Cross
6:15 a.m.	David & Susan Weinzierl
	40th Wedding Anniversary
Sept., 15(F):	Our Lady of Sorrows
6:15 a.m. †	David Froberg
Sept., 16(S):	Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday
	in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. L/D	of the John & Winnie Schreiber Family
Sept., 17:	Twenty-Fourth Sunday
	in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
9:00 a.m. †	Anna Burdick
11:00 a.m.	For Sacred Heart Parishioners

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. **Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet**.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. 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, Patty Brock, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Sandy Tucker, Lucy Weis, and Mary Jo Wheeler. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick. 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 private prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534.

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".



The week of September 10, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions: **† Donald W. Fleming ††† Marie (An.), Adolph & David Forgione**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

BAPTISMAI	PREPARATION	CLASSES
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 Date:
 Time:
 Place:

 Sat., Oct., 14, 2023
 10:00 a.m.
 Sacred Heart 814-834-7861 Ext 1

PRE-CANA SESSIONS

Date:Time:Place:Oct. 14 & 15*2 days from
12 - 4 pmGood Shepherd in
Sharon, PAPlease contact the Church to pre-register 724.813.4848

WORD OF LIFE!!

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Romans 13:9) Of course a married person's closest neighbor is your spouse and spouses can sometimes be irritating. Is there a complaint you have about your beloved? Try to avoid criticizing each other for one week.

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

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"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.
- 11th Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner
- 12th Tom Dornisch
- 13th Carleen Koch, Alice Wiesner
- 14th Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger
- 15th Frank Fodge, Delores Frey
- 16th Jerry & Ann Brennen
- 17th Kathy Cheatle, Dave Shaffer

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

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear Lord, What a beloved idea you had with grandparents, relationships of care and support that bridge generations.

Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond, all those who care for little ones with patience, wisdom, and love. St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us! Amen.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~

Will meet on Tuesday, September 12th in the St. Marv's Church Parish Annex at 6:30 p.m. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.



TODAY THE MATERNITY CLOSET is collecting diapers, wipes, and other miscellaneous items. The number of mothers & grandmothers visiting the Maternity Closet has recently increased.



In addition to the mothers who visit on a monthly basis, we also have an outdoor cabinet that is filled with diapers, wipes and other items. We are asking your **HELP** in supplying these items. We thank you for supporting our pro life efforts. It's not to late to give, stop by Sacred Heart Parish Office and see Kathy Reuscher. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!!



ST. ANNE SOCIETY ~ will meet on Monday, September 18th in the Sacred Heart Parish Center Cafeteria. Lunch will be served at Noon with group #9 followed by meeting and cards. New members are always welcome.

Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for January 19-21, 2024, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our website at https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/

for more information and registration. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime".

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF Sept., 17 In Support of Our Parish School Children Sept., 24 Catholic Education Collection Supporting LIFElong Learning

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church 4:00 p.m. Fridays Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m. **Fridays** Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church 3:00 p.m. Sept.,12 Elk County Right To Life Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sept.,18 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting Noon

DISCOVERY

Doubt becomes discovery, Of Truths you have ignored, Allowing Faith to dominate, Questions you implored... To have Him answer lovingly... You sought so you would find, The key to self abandonment, In renewal of your mind. Poem by: Susan Kneidel Werner

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. Evening prayer & Benediction: 5:00 PM.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP at 139 Church St, St. Marys, PA is fully stocked for Fall. Stop in and have a look around. And while you're in the area, please take time to stop by our renovated '1886 Chapel' at 315 Church St. (Right beside the St. Mary's Catholic Church).

RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING

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

THE MATERNITY CLOSET ~Hours: the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3 years. 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. Remember that in front of the Maternity Closet is a cabinet filled with items should you need something at anytime. Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ST. TOBIAS will be offering an evening Mass at 6:00 pm once a month for the remainder of the year on the following dates: Oct., 8, Nov., 5, and Dec., 3.



SAINT MARYS SENIOR CENTER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS! Persons 55+ can join for \$1 a month to participate in fellowship, puzzles, card games, and other activities. Balanced meals are offered Monday thru Friday for only \$6.50. Those over 60 may register with OHS to receive meals at \$4.00. Reservations for meals must be made by noon on the previous open Center day. We are open from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm M - F. Coffee hour begins at 8:30 am – stop by to pick up a monthly menu or call 814.781.3555 for more information. We look forward to seeing you!













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WELCOME, HANNAH!

FORMATION

We want to take a minute to introduce our Youth Minister and MS Faith Formation Coordinator, Hannah Cheatle. Hannah has been a catechist with the Faith Formation program since 1999. She has 3 children in the program and will be a 5th grade Catechist as well, for another year.

Rooted Youth Ministry

OPEN HOUSE FOR FAITH FILLED MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOCATION TOP FLOOR OF THE SAINT MARYS CHURCH PARISH CENTER 325 CHURCH ST. ST. MARYS HOMEMADE COOKIES, ICE CREAM AND GAMES!!!



TUES. SEPT. 12th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM TUES. SEPT. 12th 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM WED. SEPT. 13th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM THURS. SEPT. 14th 2:30 PM TO 4:00 PM

Registration is NOW open for Faith Formation at sminterparishff.com Faith Formation Orientation Nights

Middle School Orientation Grades 6 - 8 Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm – 7:45pm St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café 325 Church St. (Former Catholic Middle School) At least One parent and student must attend First class for Middle School level will be Sept. 17 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center cafe, 325 Church St.

Confirmation Orientation

Grades 9th, 10th Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm - 7:45pm In the St. Mary's Church At least One parent and student must attend First Class will be at St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café. 325 Church St. on Sept. 17 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm

student and sponsor or one (1) parent must attend first Confirmation class.

If you have any questions call at (814) 781-1042 or email sminterparishff@gmail.com

Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to:

https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

HISTORIC PIPE ORGAN AND CHOIR CONCERT Sunday, September 17th 2 pm St. Catherine's

Church, DuBois. Under the direction of our Music Director, this concert will feature members of Queen of the World's choir and St. Catherine's Choir with Sacred choral music and organ solos. The concert will demonstrate the historic 1910 Hook and Hasting Pipe Organ from Boston, MA. Our Music director,



Stephen Paul Toney, has been restoring this magnificent instrument for posterity for the last 14 years. He learned to play organ music on this instrument and it has a special connection to him. The most recent work done to the pipe organ was reinstalling the missing concussion below the Great division wind truck. Restoring the Reed tops on the organ which includes the Trumpet on the Great Division and the Coropean and Obeo on the Swell Division. Most significant work has been done bringing the speech of 1737 pipes back to their original glory.

Mark your calendar now for this special event!

MEN INVITED TO HALF-DAY CONFERENCE IN

PITTSBURGH ~ The 15th Gathering of Pittsburgh's Catholic Men's Conference has adopted "The Light of the World" as its theme, reminding men they don't need to go far for answers: Jesus



Christ is the Light and leads to the way, the truth, and the life. At this September 23rd gathering, speakers will equip men to respond to the call. Presenters include:

- We Have to Do the Works: Battle for the Family (Chris Stefanick)
- *Night is Coming*: Restore Healing: (Ennie Hickman)
- While it's Day: Dignify Life (Mark Houck)
- I Am the Light of The World: Disciples for Today's Times (Bishop David Zubik)

The doors will open at 11:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 23, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30 pm. The program will begin at 1 pm with the closing Mass at 4:00 pm. Confessions will be available during the conference. Worship music will be provided by songwriter John Paul Von Ark and Dan Bozek. Register online at www.cmfwpa.org. The event will be held at the Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom, 1015 Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh, within walking distance of a nearby parking garage.

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A PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.

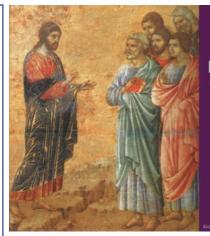












23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you...*" Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are.

Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not. — Father John Muir ©LPi

BETHANY RETREAT CENTER in Frenchville, PA will be hosting the BETHANY following retreats in September. **16th:** Monthly Labyrinth Walk Led by Sr. Suzanne Thibault 22nd-24th: Ideas Everywhere! Inspirations for Poetry Led by Marjorie Maddox 22nd-24th: 7 Essentials of Well Being Led by Elle Morgan 23rd: Drum Making Retreat Led by Thomas Long 26th: The Grieving Spirit: Sudden Loss Led by Dr. Jan Satterlee **30th:** Forest Therapy as Spiritual Practice Full Day Retreat Led by Anna Marie Nachman

To register for any of our retreats, visit us online at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call us at 814-263-4855.

