Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor
Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am
Confessions
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00
Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

Music Ministry
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation
139 Church St.
Phone: 781-1042

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812
Susan Jansen, Director
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

For Director of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 23rd & 24th

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D People of the Parish
7:30 AM  + LaJoy Newell
10:00 AM + Charles J. Marconi

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of February 17th burns in memory of LeRoy & Agnes Fox and Les & Rose Mary Hoover

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 6:17, 20-26

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich? who are filled now? who laugh? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor? you who are now hungry? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid! Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future. This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

Question of the Week:

In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did? When have you helped bring God’s love to someone?
UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Sunday, 02/17:** 9:00 am - Pan Cake Breakfast at St. Joseph Parish Center, Division St., Mt. Jewett until 1 pm.
- **Sunday, 02/17:** 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO in ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45 am. Free lunch of Vito’s Hoagies, chips & cookie at 12:30. Covered.
- **Monday, 02/18:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 02/19:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Rosary at 4:05 pm, Benediction at 4:00 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 – 3 pm.
- **Wednesday, 02/20:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Thursday, 02/21:** 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center basement with Fr. Michael Gabler. Come to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. There is no fee or obligation to attend every meeting.
- **Friday, 02/22:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- **Friday, 03/08:** 6:30 pm - ECCHS Music Booster BINGO. Doors open at 5 pm, Early Birds at 6:15. Free Meal included with admission. Note new start time!

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
Catholic adults who need to be Confirmed are invited to attend a series of Preparation Sessions that will begin in February. Please call Kathy Cheatle at 781-3009 or call the QW office at 834-4701. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Easter.

2232 MEN 2019 CONFERENCE
The 2019 Men’s Conference will be held Saturday, March 2nd at Our Lady of Peach Parish, 2401 West 38th Street, Erie. The day will include Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico and inspiring National Speakers: Tom Peterson, Sean Forrest and Sean O’Hare. Master of Ceremonies will be Fr. Larry Richards. $40/Adult, $25/College Student, $10/High School Student. Registration includes lunch and free parking. For more details / to register go to: www.2232Men.com or info@2232Men.com

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019..............................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date............................................$497,267

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Feb. 9/10, 2019
Regular Envelope ..............................................$10,850
Loose ...............................................................$1,446
Children ............................................................$0
School Support ..................................................$1,324
Utilities & Maintenance .......................................$201
Memorials ..........................................................$100
Total Received..................................................$13,921

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Faith Magazine ..................................................$5
Spread the Faith ..................................................$28

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly.............................938
Mass Attendance for Feb. 9/10, 2019.........................1199

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BIBLE STUDY: GOD’S SPOUSAL LOVE
Youth, Young Adults and Parents are Welcome!
Every Tuesday night from March 12 through April 16, 6:30 pm at Hoss’s (dessert and beverages will be provided), a one-time suggested donation for the materials is $10. Come one night or all six! Email scottbecker28@gmail.com or call 781-1042 to sign up.

FAMILY HONOR PRESENTS REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE
Family Honor will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at ECCHS on Mondays, March 11, 18 and 25, 2019. 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 amazing power we have to give life; discusses other topics all teens are facing, such as peer pressure 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 to find out more about this program, call Laurey Kraus at 781-6746.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School - Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Feb. 24th - at QW 6 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Feb. 24th at QW at 6 pm.
Confirmation - Sunday, Mar. 10 at QW Church, for QW Confirmation Candidates after the 10:00 Mass with Pastor
Dear Parishioners,

This might be a good time to look at the hierarchical model of our Church. This Friday is the Feast of the “Chair of Peter.” On this day, we recognize that our tradition is blessed to have a human leader, the Bishop of Rome, who holds a unique place as the “Vicar of Christ.” We believe that he is chosen by the Holy Spirit to guide, serve, and lead the universal Church. We believe he holds a special position to teach the faith and can even invoke “infallibility” if necessary (though that has seldom happened). We believe that all other Bishops are his peers and yet he also has that position of holding them accountable. This creates a structure that is important to all of us and has worked pretty well through the centuries. In the hierarchy, we know who’s in charge of what. We look to that person to fulfill their vocation and expect them to, as Jesus said to Peter, “stay in line.” Are there times when the hierarchy has failed us? Indeed. Is it perfect? No. Does the Church have other factors that balance this model? Yes. We are reminded in the doctrine of the Church that the Holy Spirit guides the whole Church and each of us within it. Our doctrine also includes that the Holy Father must act with the “Sensus Fidelium,” that is, the Sense of the Faithful. This prohibits him from declaring something that the People of God could not do/believe/trust as God’s will for us. Our most important doctrine is taught in union with all the Bishops, so they also are called to be one with him. Still, we celebrate this feast because of the special gift of the Papacy and the person who sits on “The Chair.” We have been blessed with wonderful popes in our lifetimes, including Francis, whose compassion and humility are astounding. His sense of social justice and the charity we are called to live comes through his teaching and homilies. His predecessors have all been a reflection of Christ in their time. It is amazing to see the respect the Holy Father receives when he travels, or when heads of state come before him, or people of other faith traditions turn to him for prayerful advice. There are other important models of the Church: the Church as a Mystery; the Church as a Sacrament; the Church as the Herald of Good News; the Church as the People of God; the Church as the Body of Christ...to name some. But the hierarchical gift of the Church is also a blessing and a balancing beam for all of us. It reminds us that each of us also has a place in God’s plan and a call to answer. We should no more be able to image the Holy Father waking up some morning and saying, “I’m not going to be Pope today,” than we could imagine ourselves saying, “I’m not going to be a faithful Catholic today.” No matter how you look at the Church, that just isn’t the way it can be. - - - fr jeff

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?

Pre Cana is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples where both persons are entering marriage for the first time in the Catholic Church. Queen of the World will be holding a Pre Cana on Sunday, April 7th, 9 to 5. You must be pre-registered to attend. To sign up call the parish office at 834-4701.

LENT - PREPARING TO PREPARE

Lent is that Season of preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday and the Easter Season which follows. This year, Lent and Easter are quite late - Ash Wednesday is March 6.

With some time ahead of us, I want to “let you in” on some of our plans. As you know, the Catholic Services Appeal is connected to Lent - we will be hearing about that in the very near future.

More importantly is the call for repentance and conversion. During Lent we will be praying for our Catechumens, Denny Lee, who will become a member of the “Elect” for his Lenten preparation to be Baptized at the Easter Vigil. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with our 2nd Graders for the first time, and hopefully many of us will avail ourselves to this Sacrament of mercy during the season.

We will be listing our devotions, including daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, Bible Study opportunities...AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, a time for our Parish to be on RETREAT. I’m asking all of us to mark Sunday, March 31st, Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd on our parish calendar to spend those evenings with us here at QW. We need a spark, a “jump start” of renewal. I will be sharing details with you as this time draws near. For now, please join me in looking forward to this time of grace for our parish.

All of this is to be added to our personal call to follow the Lord through His teachings, His passion, death, and resurrection. Please take some time in this extended Mardi Gras season to ask yourself what you might look forward to in the Season of Lent.

REGIONAL MEETING ON FAITH FORMATION

This Tuesday evening we will host a regional meeting of the Diocese regarding Faith Formation. Pastors and parish representatives from our area will be gathering to see what comes next in our new approach to sharing, spreading, and teaching the faith to all people, from the womb to the grave. Obviously, our styles have not been working. This is evidenced by the few number of people who attend Sunday Mass and the overall lack of knowledge and understanding of our faith. The Diocese has hired a new Director of Faith Formation, Deacon Steve Washek. He is guiding us through a different approach and we are in the early stages. He asked us to identify the ways we are a welcoming community, and the ways we might improve in this area. Likewise, he asked us to assess the sense of belonging that people have with regard to their faith and their parish. From there, we await what next steps we will take as a Church toward evangelizing the People of God. Anyone interested in attending, please let Fr. Jeff know, 834-4701. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm Tuesday in the Cafeteria.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Today we welcome the 2nd Grade Students preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at our 10 am Mass. We congratulate, encourage, and pray for them as they take this next big step in faith in the weeks ahead. Please remember to continue praying for them. For those you know personally, please reach out to them to share your enthusiasm with them. And yes, please encourage them and mom and dad to come to Sunday Mass now that they are asking the Church for this Sacrament.