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 MARCH 2nd & 3rd

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Greetings: Please feel free to welcome your fellow parishioners at the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your ministry!

All Ministers: Always check the website at www.qwchurch.com for any last minute changes to the ministers schedule. It is the most up to date for the schedule!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is between the ages of 5 years old through to third grade, have them participate in this special Children’s Liturgy.
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Feb. 28 St. Mark Church, Emporium, 6:30 pm 486-0569
Mar. 12 St. Boniface Church, Kersey, 6:00pm 885-8941
Please call the office of the church where you wish to attend to pre-register.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

25th  Gale O’Neill, Patty Brennen, Mary Ann
26th  Carol & Barry Lemmert, Timothy Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Popielski
27th  Mary Beth Schaut, Karen Cheatle, Rose Belsole
28th  Brian, Ann
1st  Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd  Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
3rd  Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey

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 / more info call Laurey Kraus at 781-6746.

SACRED HEART KEUCHEL SALE
Monday, March 4th. Order by Feb. 28th by calling 834-7861 ext. #1. Pickup - 3:30 to 6 pm at rear entrance to parish center. $10/Doz., $5/half Doz., plain or sugared.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held at St. Eulalia Church, 6 E. Maple Street, Coulersport on Sunday, March 24th. To purchase a ticket or for more information, call 814-274-8646. The featured speaker will be Judy Hehr.

SACRED RELICS COMING TO HOUTZDALE
An exposition of Sacred Relics by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years will be held at Christ the King Church in Houtzdale on February 25th at 6:00 pm. This will include relics from St. Therese (The Little Flower), St. Francis, St. Anthony, a portion of the veil of Our Lady and a piece of the True Cross. Come to examine and venerate each relic. Bring your articles of devotion (eg. Rosaries) and pictures of the sick which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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. $40/Adult, $25/College Student, $10/High School Student. Registration includes lunch and free parking. To register go to: www.2232Men.com or info@2232Men.com

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, 02/25:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 02/26:** 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.
- **Tuesday, 02/26:** 12:30 - Pro Life Ecumenical Prayer Meeting at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys. Plan now to join in prayer for the cause of life!
- **Wednesday, 02/27:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Thursday, 02/28:** 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, 03/01:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- **Friday, 03/01:** 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart Super BINGO Doors open at 4:30 pm, Free Lunch at 5:30.
- **Saturday, 03/02:** 9:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Church.
- **Saturday, 03/02:** 10:00 am - First Saturday Children’s Rosary at Housler Residence, 589 Church St.
- **Wednesday, 03/07:** 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church, Kersey and Holy Cross Center, Brandy Camp.

SACRED HEART FIRST FRIDAY BREAD SALE
Feb. 28 - March 1st. Pick up Thursday, Feb. 28th, 3-6 pm and Friday, Mar. 1st - 10 am to 2 pm or sold out! To order call 834-7861 or 834-3698 - call by 3:30 pm on Wednesday. Specials include Cheesey Potato Soup, Loaded Ham & Swiss on Rye, 3” Peanut Butter Pie and Cherry Cheesecake.

5TH ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
Will be held March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie. The conference speakers include: recording artist Amanda Vernon; Blessed is She, Ministry Advancement Director, Beth Davis and author and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. $40/Adults, $35/Senior Citizens, $25/College Students, $10/High School Students and Religious Sisters are FREE! Conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364 or go on-line at: www.138women.com.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, February 25th**
Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 26th**
Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 27th**
Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165-175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday, February 28th**
Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday, March 1st**
Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday, March 2nd**
Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday, March 3rd**
Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019..............................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date........................................$509,574

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Feb. 16/17, 2019

Regular Envelope ..............................................$10,270
Loose .................................................................$1,780
Children.............................................................$0
School Support ...................................................$172
 Utilities & Maintenance........................................$35
Memorials.........................................................$50
Total Received..................................................$12,307

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE

None this week..................................................$0

Thank you !

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly.................................938
Mass Attendance for April 2/3, 2018......................794

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — HOPE FOR LIFE!

Come to hear the truth - Help save Lives! All are invited to the movie Gosnell, the shocking true story of the investigation, arrest and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell of Philadelphia, who performed abortions for decades under the most deplorable conditions. ‘Gosnell’ will be shown at the Elk Catholic High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 10 at 2 pm. Learn how to be involved. There is no charge to view this film. This is being sponsored by local pastors, Elk County Right to Life, and ECC Students for Life.

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Dear Parishioners,

This is the weekend you have to do your own homiletic homework. I can’t promote the CSA and offer a homily as well, unfortunately. Given this powerful Gospel, that’s a real shame! So, go to work!!! Read again, Lk 6:27-38. Jesus challenges us to live a life of absolute charity and forgiveness. He calls us to go beyond expected norms, which would include treating others well if they treat us well, expecting reward for doing good, and forgiving someone if they seem deserving. None of this is sufficient in Jesus’ Kingdom. Do more. Go further. Give. Love. Forgive. Don’t judge. Don’t condemn. Believe that God’s reward for you is greater than you can imagine! The final live of this Gospel has always put “the fear of God” in me: The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you! I am a person of high expectations. First of all, of myself. And then, yes of others. There are times when this works well. There are also times when it gets me in trouble. Lowering my expectations is part of my life’s journey and my spiritual journey. While it’s good to have some high standards, it doesn’t help if no one, including myself, can live up to them! And I certainly don’t look forward to a judgment in which the Lord would say, “Did you expect too much? Why didn’t you gladly accept the blessing?” Spend some time reflecting on the great challenge of Jesus in the Sermon on the Plain. To put it in shorthand, Jesus expects us to pass on Unconditional Love, even if we were never loved unconditionally. He expects us to be quick studies, who see the needs and respond to the people who have them with His compassion. How are you doing with that? Do you see any connection with this and the CSA? Can you take this Gospel with you into the upcoming Season of Lent. It would surely be a worthy examination of conscience and call to conversion. Sorry, truly, that I can’t give you a spoken homily on this. But I’m thinking you can give one to yourself. - - - fr jeff

FR ALLEN AND THE PEOPLE OF NOTRE DAME

As you know, two years ago Fr. Allen and I switched places as your pastors. Recently a tragic car accident took a toll on the life of Notre Dame parish. Two High School students were killed and two others gravely injured as a winter squall blew up on I-80. Three of the four young ladies belonged to Notre Dame. There were two funerals of teenagers in one day. The other students, one from Notre Dame, continue to struggle with severe injuries. I ask us, as a sister parish given our connections, to join in prayer for these young ladies, their families, the students at Hickory High School, and the larger community in this time of grief and suffering. Thank you.

LENT

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 6. Enjoy Mardi Gras and let us look forward to this holy season together. We are planning our devotions, Penance Services, and a time of Lenten Retreat for our parish family. Stay tuned.

FINANCE COUNCIL meets this Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 pm. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL PROMOTION SUNDAY

This weekend I share with you our responsibility in the Catholic Services Appeal. Using diocesan information and a word of my own, I will try to “make the case” for us to pledge toward our assessment, which is $105,000. I ask every wage-earning parishioner to consider making a pledge as part of your “Sacrificial Gift” to our parish, along with our Regular Offertory, which we must sustain.

The diocesan services from which we all benefit would not be possible without our contribution. This is the point of the CSA. But it also affords us another means of income here at QW. Every dollar we receive beyond our assessment stays here to help us meet our own responsibilities and goals. This is where I’d like to see us improve. We do well with Offertory. And, we meet our CSA assessment annually. But, given the number of participants and the level of participation, we should be able to do better. This is just one of many indicators about our practice of faith, but it certainly is a helpful one toward the health and well-being of our parish.

The bishop has made it clear that this money does not and will not go toward victim compensation or the costs of the child abuse crisis. It simply accomplishes the work of the Church in ministry.

Here at QW it is likely we will need much roof work, if not an entirely new roof on the Church when the weather breaks. I would like to see the CSA become part of its affordability.

So, for many reasons, I ask your prayerful consideration of a pledge to the CSA.

How do the numbers line up? Typically, we get about 1/3 of our parish to contribute, with an average gift of about $250. To go beyond our assessment, then, we either need more participation, or a higher average. If you haven’t given to the CSA in recent years, please reconsider. If you have been giving, please look again to see if you might be able to increase your pledge, even if slightly.

My last word is to ask you to make it part of your faith. Pray about your participation. See it not just as an obligation or as a good thing to do, but a way of giving thanks to the Lord for your own blessings. See it as something of a Sacrifice as we head toward Lent and beyond. See it as one way to show your commitment to your Lord, your faith, and your Church.

Thank you for your responding to this request and all the ways you respond to the call to give of your treasure, your time, and your talent.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the CSA. We will have pledge envelopes in the pews and ask our regular and faithful parishioners, having heard the Promotion of CSA, to come prepared to make a pledge either next weekend or in the next couple of weeks. It is important and very helpful to get the CSA off to a good start. I appreciate those who so readily respond to the needs served by this appeal.

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, March 1, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound in the morning. Please call the rectory by Tuesday to add someone to the list, 834-4701.

Confessions will take place Thursday, Feb. 28 at 4 pm. Also, join us for Adoration throughout the day Thursday, Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm as part of your devotional prayer this week.