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**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**

- **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.

March 3, 2019
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania

**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 9th & 10th**

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<td>6:00 PM Marissa Ullman, Olivia Meyer</td>
<td>Doug Bauer, Linda Hoffman, Bill Miller, Barb Rajchel, Mary Steele, Suzanne Wortman</td>
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<td>7:30 AM Adam Bobenrieth</td>
<td>Paul Baumgratz, Terry Baumgratz, Angie Bennett, Marvin Riddle, Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth</td>
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<td>10:00 AM Andrew Seltzer, Zachary Seltzer</td>
<td>Mary Lee DePrator, Wanda Dragone, Rod Mills, Marie Giazzoni, Thad Sorg, Ken Vogt, Sr.</td>
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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 6: 39-45

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C

**Gospel Summary:**

Emails. Carpoools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations. "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first." So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

**Question of the Week:**

When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?
BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS
Mar. 12 St. Boniface Church, Kersey, 6 pm  885-8941
Apr. 6 Sacred Heart Church, 10 am  834-7861
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.
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri
5th  Ann, Matt & Becky Averly, Joanne Gasper, Rita Peterson
6th  Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrenberger, Mary Gore, Chriissy & Jason Kuhar
7th  Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell
8th  Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp
9th  Doll Fox, Dick & Leah Dallasten, Dale & Jen Vogt
10th Tom Snyder, Anna Mae Mertz, Sally Geyer

5th ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
Will be held March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie. The conference includes 3 dynamic speakers - Internationally known recording artist Amanda Vernon; Director of Ministry Advancement at Blessed is She, Beth Davis and also author, speaker and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. $40/Adults, $35/Senior Citizens, $10/High School Students and Religious Sisters are FREE!. Conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364 or go online at: www.138women.com.

SACRED HEART GARAGE SALE
March 29th - 8 am to 4 pm and March 30th - 8 am to 12 noon.
When cleaning out, remember to save your clean, gently used treasures for their garage sale. Cannot accept: clothing, large furniture, exercise equipment, large electronics, tires or consoles. For more info / drop off dates, call 834-7861.

BIBLE STUDY: GOD’S SPOUSAL LOVE
Youth, Young Adults and Parents are Welcome!
Tuesday nights from March 12 through April 16, 6-7:30 pm at Hoss’s (dessert and beverages will be provided), a one-time donation for the materials is $10. Come one night or all six! Email scottbecker28@gmail.com or call 781-1042 to sign up. Co-hosted by Fr. Ross Miceli and Scott Becker.

REQUESTING T-SHIRTS FOR STITCHING PROJECT
Cleaning your closets? Please save any local school, Steelers, Pirates, or Penguins t-shirts or sweatshirts for a stitching project to benefit the St. Marys Catholic Elementary School’s Christmas Store. Also appreciated would be donations of fiberfill to complete the project. T-Shirts and fiberfill can be dropped off at the St. Marys Catholic Elementary school office by April 30.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Monday, 03/04: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 03/05: 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, 03/06: 12:00 noon  Haddock Fish Fry or Shrimp at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- Wednesday, 03/06: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, 03/06: 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church, Kersey and Holy Cross Center, Brandy Camp.
- Thursday, 03/07: 12:00 noon - Lenten Lunch with the Lord at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys with Pastor Brad. Theme: “Father Forgive Them”.
- Thursday, 03/07: 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, 03/08: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- Friday, 03/08: 12:00 noon - Haddock Fish Fry or Shrimp at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- Friday, 03/08: 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church, Kersey and Holy Cross Center, Brandy Camp.
- 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!

- QW ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING
  Monday, March 4th, 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

HAPPY MARDI GRAS
For the next couple of days, let us enjoy Mardi Gras in any way possible - a meal, a treat, some time together with family and friends to celebrate before Lent begins. Or, we could all just head to New Orleans for a couple of days!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, March 4th
Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday, March 5th
Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, March 6th - Ash Wednesday
JL 2:12-18/Ps 11:3-6ab, 12-14 and 17 [cf.3a]/2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, March 7th
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday, March 8th
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, March 9th
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, March 10th - First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15b/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
**PARISH BUDGET**
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.................................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date...........................................$520,575

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Feb. 23/24, 2019
Regular Envelope ..................................................$9,801
Loose ......................................................................$1,727
School Support .......................................................$5
Utilities & Maintenance...........................................$60
Total Received .......................................................$11,593

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
None this week..........................................................$0

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-Monthly.................................938
Mass Attendance for Feb 23, 24, 2019....................709

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**PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE**

**THE ‘GOSNELL’ MOVIE AT ECCHS AUDITORIUM**
See this true chilling movie and judge for yourself. Let the truth about this abortion scandal and all abortions rattle our nation’s conscience that the media establishment tried to cover up. Sponsored by Life Matters Elk Co., Elk Co. Right to Life, Pastors & ECC Students for Life

Hope for Life - weekly Ecumenical prayer meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th at the Faith Baptist Church in St. Marys at 12:30 pm. Come to join others in praying for life. All are welcome to attend.

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Dear Parishioners,

Spring Training is going on in Florida. We expect as much, since we want the players to be ready to open the season by the end of this month. In the same way, we begin Lent early, in the middle of the week. Thursday through Saturday of this week have no special name, they are called the “days after Ash Wednesday.” They are not even part of the “First Week of Lent.” They are like spring training. We begin this season and warm up to it. We practice. We try the fasting, sacrificing, almsgiving and praying. But don’t get discouraged if you forget or fail. We are in this for the long haul. The 40 days of Lent will have their ups and downs, like any other time or season. Try - just try - to get your Lent off to a good start using these early days. Reflect on the things I offer you in this bulletin and in the letter you received from me this week. Take it to your personal prayer and ask yourself what you might do in your own special way. Attempt to get to an additional daily Mass, here or at any parish. Fit some extra prayer time into your schedule. By the time we get to next Sunday, maybe you’ll be into “full swing” of Lent. Or maybe you’ll feel like you need a fresh start… Have a good week of transition, from this extended period of “Ordinary Time” that we’ve been enjoying, into the spirit of Mardi Gras, and then into Lent… May God’s grace abound for you whatever the week brings. - - - fr Jeff

QW PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

In the mailing you should have received from me this week, I also invited you to our most special feature of Lent, our parish retreat, set for Sunday, March 31, Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2. Fr. Ross Miceli will lead us each evening in a reflection, “Shouting for Joy.” Please, please, please, clear your calendars for this retreat, and praying. But don’t get discouraged if you forget or fail. We are in this for the long haul. The 40 days of Lent will have their ups and downs, like any other time or season. Try - just try - to get your Lent off to a good start using these early days. Reflect on the things I offer you in this bulletin and in the letter you received from me this week. Take it to your personal prayer and ask yourself what you might do in your own special way. Attempt to get to an additional daily Mass, here or at any parish. Fit some extra prayer time into your schedule. By the time we get to next Sunday, maybe you’ll be into “full swing” of Lent. Or maybe you’ll feel like you need a fresh start… Have a good week of transition, from this extended period of “Ordinary Time” that we’ve been enjoying, into the spirit of Mardi Gras, and then into Lent… May God’s grace abound for you whatever the week brings.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses here will be at 7 and 9 am and 7 pm. The distribution of Ashes takes place during Mass. Please consult the flier in the bulletin for the Ash Wednesday schedule around town as well as for other details for Lent. Stations of the Cross will take place at one of our parishes every Friday in Lent at 7 pm, including this Friday, March 8. This week Stations will be held at St. Mary’s Church.

Watch for the parish and school Fish Fries in our area and try to support them during this season. The universal regulations of the Church for the season of Lent are also listed on the flier in the bulletin. Please “refrigerate” this notice for the whole family.

We are adding a Tuesday evening Mass during Lent, at 5:15 pm. I hope this is a time that works for many of you with our work and family schedules. If you are not able to join us at 7 am on weekdays, I hope this gives you another option to join us for Mass. The only exception will be Tuesday, April 2 as we wrap up our Parish Retreat with Fr. Ross - Mass will be at 7 pm.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY

This weekend I ask every parishioner who is prepared to make your commitment to the CSA. Last week was Promotion Sunday. We watched the video from the diocese and I shared with you our assessment ($105,000) and my hope that we will have some money beyond that to help pay for a new roof on the church this year. If everyone does his/her part, this will be easily enough accomplished.

The bishop make it clear that while we all struggle with the abuse crisis currently, none of our CSA gift goes toward victim compensation or legal fees, but is all used for the mission of the Lord through the ministries of the diocese.

You should have received two letters from me in one envelope this week. If you did not, please check with us as that means something is amiss with our information. In one letter, I asked you to consider your CSA pledge. You may use the form at the bottom of that letter or the envelope in the pews to make your pledge. If you are not prepared today, please take one with you and return it as soon as possible. If your pledge is ready, you may place it in the collection basket, or, at any time, drop it off at the rectory or mail it to us.

We have been averaging about 1/3 of our families pledging about $250 to this appeal each year. Anything we can do to increase that number would be great. So, if you have not given recently, please give it prayerful consideration. And, those who have been giving, any increase would be very helpful.

As the diocesan video acknowledged, this is a difficult year to ask for your trust and your participation in financial matters. But the needs of God’s people to which the Church responds have not lessened or disappeared. Please help us be instruments of this segment of the Gospel of Luke that we have been listening to, calling us to be people of compassion and generosity. Thank you for your faithfulness and your commitment.

WHAT ELSE?

The Lenten season calls us to sacrifice in some way, to enter into the desert with the Lord, to take on a penitential season with a willing spirit. The goal is to be renewed in faith, especially as we prepare for our Sacred Three Days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.

The opportunities abound in our area - devotions, both private and communal; Bible studies; daily Masses, the Sacrament of Penance, our parish retreat, and more.

Please give some prayerful consideration to your participating in the season of Lent.

Above all, since Lent is geared toward those sacred days, please mark April 18, 19, and 20 on your calendars and plan to be with us. It is indicative of where we are when we get to these most special celebrations and have so few people praying with us. Holy Thursday is a most beautiful celebration of Eucharist - PLEASE JOIN US. Good Friday is a remembrance of the day our Lord died for us - PLEASE JOIN US. The Easter Vigil is the highlight of the Church year - PLEASE JOIN US. This year, we will have the privilege of baptizing Denny Lee, our catechumen - trust me, it will be exciting! When was the last time you came to an Easter Vigil liturgy? It is the most sacred liturgy we have. Maybe you can take these 40 days to ask yourself why you wouldn’t be with us.

Let’s make a deal. Do whatever you can to make Lent a sacred time. Join us for our Sacred Three Days. And, then please come and tell me the graces you experienced. I’ll anxiously await your sharing of faith!