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

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

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.

March 10, 2019

The devil said to him, “All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

First Sunday of Lent
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 12th (5:15pm Mass), 16th & 17th

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Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

1st Sunday of Lent - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own. “Turn these stones to bread.” Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It’s the simplest of temptations because it’s instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap “from the temple parapet” would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God? When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

Question of the Week:

How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others? Would you say that you ‘believe in Jesus’ if others made fun of you for saying it?
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.
11th Pat Pfeuffer, Betty Cheatle, Nicole Schneider
12th Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th Steve & Dody Winiarzcyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold, Helen Riddle
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler

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.

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 Sacred Heart Parish Office at 834-7861.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
The Benedictine Gift Shop needs additional volunteers. If you can help out 2-3 hours ONCE a month, please call Kim at the St. Mary’s Parish Office at 781-1019 or if you want more information. No experience necessary.

PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE
In the bulletin today we post the Parish Penance Service schedule for our deanery. Please “refrigerate” this notice and try to attend one of these that best suits your schedule. It is helpful to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance while we have several priests available. The Penance Service here at QW will be Wednesday, April 3 as an appropriate response to and conclusion of our Parish Retreat.

THE ‘GOSNELL’ MOVIE AT ECCHS AUDITORIUM
Sunday, March 10th, 2 pm. Rated PG 13. Free Admission. 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 15 will be at Sacred Heart Church at 7 pm. All of the St. Marys community is welcome to pray the Stations together on the Fridays of Lent. Connect this devotion to one of the area Fish Fries in support of our Catholic parishes and schools.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.................................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date.............................................$531,588
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of March 2/3, 2019
Regular Envelope .....................................................$12,363
Loose .................................................................$2,697
Children...............................................................$0
School Support .....................................................$15
Utilities & Maintenance ..........................................$488
Memorial ..............................................................$450
Total Received..........................................................$16,013

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Faith Magazine.........................................................$25
Thank you!

Mass Attendance for Mar 2/3, 2019..........................938
Envelopes used weekend of Feb 23/24, 2019.............357
Mass attendance Mar 2/3, 2019................................860

CSA 2019 FIRST REPORT
Number of Pledges 88
Amount Pledged $24,650
Assessment to Diocese $105,000
Thank you to those “Early Birds” who have us off to a good start!

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — 40 DAYS FOR LIFE....
A “united voice from all around the world (over 24 countries participating), storming heaven to stop the killing of God’s precious, innocent unborn babies.” This is a peaceful Pro-Life International Campaign that occurs twice a year, the purpose of Praying for the end of abortion. The three part campaign consists of: Prayer and Fasting; Community Outreach - bringing awareness to the whole world; Peaceful Prayer Vigils in front of Abortion clinics/Planned Parenthood. 40 Days for Life prayers are available in the back of Church, please sign up for a day or several. Attend the 8:30 am Mass on all Tuesdays in Lent at St. Mary’s Church, and stay after for a special Pro-Life Rosary. Sponsored by Elk County Right to Life

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Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Mass should be the cornerstone of our week and the highlight of our parish family. As we gather to thank and praise God and receive the graces of Word and Sacrament, the miracles of life and faith continue to happen in our midst. Last Sunday’s 10 am Mass was just such an example. There was a lot going on! It was the Sunday before the start of Lent, so there was much celebrating. We ended with a bit of Mardi Gras of our own, with coffee cakes and drinks prepared by our “Social Committee” (which at this point is pretty much two people unless you’d like to pitch in!). But before we got to that, we had Scout Sunday. Our own parish-sponsored Pack 100, with the Scouts of various ages, joined us for Mass, processed in, and headed for their banquet afterward in the Cafeteria. We had not one but two baptisms - two beautiful children of God brought to us to begin their walk of faith. We remembered three people who died this past week and prayed that God would grant them Eternal Life in Christ. We sent our children off to hear the “Good News of Jesus” on their own, without us distracting them! We sent our catechumen, Denny Lee, off to focus his faith journey on the Word of God as he prepares to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the near future. We made our commitment to the Catholic Services Appeal as members of the Body of Christ, strengthening the drooping limbs of other members of His Body. We sang our last “Alleluia”s until the Easter season. We offered our greatest prayer, the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus, during which the Bread and Wine were transformed into His very Presence in those elements. And, yes, we received the Eucharist in the context of all of this action. The very reason we came became the touchstone of all the other activities and prayers that we brought to the celebration. This would include all the personal prayers, needs, worries, troubles, joys, and hopes that each and all of us brought to the Lord. So, go ahead and tell me Mass is boring. I might just laugh. How could any gathering that features the People of God gathered in the name of Jesus be boring? The cries and giggles of our youngest members tell us the voice of God is with us. The beautiful music that augments our liturgy joins the choirs of angels... I just wish more of US would sing - and yes, men, that means YOU! The Second Vatican Council envisions a liturgy that is alive with the grace of God. We are not an audience who sit back and watch. We are engaged as an integral part of the Assembly of believers. Of this kind of liturgy, we need more. - - - fr jeff

**DAILY MASS**

Join us for daily Mass any time you are able as part of your Lent. Here we have Mass at 7 am; School Masses are Wednesday at 8:45 am; We are trying a new endeavor with **Mass on Tuesday evenings in Lent at 5:15**. You are also welcome to join us at any Funeral liturgy that is scheduled. The Presence of the Lord in the Word and Sacrament are the greatest graces of this Lenten season.

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

We are reminded on this First Sunday of Lent of the invitation to join our Savior in His desert experience. For 40 days we, too, fast and pray. We prepare for our celebration of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. We prepare for our celebration of New Life in Baptism, renewed at our Easter liturgy. Whatever you take on as spiritual exercises in this penitential season, may the Lord bless your Lenten journey with reminders of His mercy and His Presence.

**PARISH RETREAT**

I hope you have marked your calendars for Sunday, March 31, Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2. I have asked Fr. Ross Miceli to lead us in three evenings of Retreat as a parish. I see this as a centerpiece of our Lenten season. Let us plan to be together as a parish family to pray, reflect, and grow deeper in our faith commitment. Fr. Ross has entitled his retreat, “Shouting for Joy.” Let us look forward to the joy of God’s love on these special days.

Sunday evening we will pray a version of Evening Prayer together (it will not be a Mass). Monday and Tuesday, we will celebrate Eucharist. Each evening will begin at 7 pm. We will have babysitting available for toddlers and young children.

As I mentioned in our letter to you, I see this as the most important thing we have done to date in my time with you. Please reach out to others in your family, neighborhood, and at work to bring them to the Lord on these special evenings. Let’s fill God’s house with a willing spirit!

**REMEMBER THURSDAYS**

Thursdays are a special day of prayer here at QW. I ask that you make time in Lent to spend before the Lord during Eucharistic Exposition from after the morning Mass until 6:30 pm. You are also encouraged to join us for Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm. It would be great to see parishioners make this part of our Lenten practice.

**THE RITE OF SENDING AND THE RITE OF ELECTION**

Today is a very important day in the life of the Church. The Bishop welcomes all those across our diocese who intend to join us as Catholics this coming Easter. The ceremony of his prayer with them is called The “Election,” meaning that in the name of The Lord he “elects” or chooses to accept their intention to be one with us.

We are blessed here at QW to have a catechumen, Denny Lee, who will become a member of The Elect today. He and his sponsor, his wife Patty, and members of our RCIA team will travel to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election at 3 pm. At our 10 am Mass, we officially “send” Denny with our prayers and ask the Lord to make him ready for his Lenten season and Easter celebration. Denny will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Please keep him in your prayers and plan to join us on this most holy night.

**FIRST PENANCE**

This Tuesday at 6 pm we welcome our 2nd Graders to the Sacrament of Penance. Please pray that they have a great experience of the Lord’s forgiveness and mercy. Parents, please come at 5:45 pm for our celebration.