Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” - Lk 13:2-3

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

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.

Disciplines of Lent....
**THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

**Monday, March 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord**
7:00 AM  Helen Marie Ferraraccio

**Tuesday, March 26th**
7:00 AM  *Scripture & Communion Service*
5:15 PM  Special Intention in Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, March 27**
7:00 AM  + Saba Dezanet
8:45 AM  + Paul McCluskey

**Thursday, March 28th**
7:00 AM  + Harold Cheatle
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Friday, March 29th**
7:00 AM  + Anna & Walter Partenheimer
2:30 PM  (Children’s) Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM  Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 30th**
7:00 AM  + Pete Humphrey

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - Wilfred & Elenora Olson Family

7:30 AM  L&D People of the Parish
10:00 AM  + Bill & Mary Straub

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of March 24th burns in memory of Wilfred & Elenora Olson Family

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 26th (5:15 pm), 30th & 31st**

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Greeters: 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.

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

**Read Sunday’s Gospel, LK 13:1-9**

**3rd Sunday of Lent - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none.” We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit. This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future." How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't. The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

**Question of the Week:**

What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care? What can you do to begin now?
### Register by calling 814 Davis and Sonja Corbitt. Conference cost includes lunch.

5th ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
March 30, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie. Conference includes 3 dynamic speakers - Amanda Vernon; Beth Davis and Sonja Corbitt. Conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364.

### UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- **Sunday, 03/24:** 6:30 pm - Lenten Evening of Prayer at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois
- **Monday, 03/25:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 03/26:** 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, 03/26:** 6:00 pm - Bible Study at Hoss’s with Fr. Ross and Scott Becker.
- **Wednesday, 03/27:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A Free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Wednesday, 03/17:** 6:30 pm - Lenten Penance Service at Holy Rosary Church, Johnsonburg.
- **Thursday, 03/28:** 12:00 noon - Lenten Lunch with the Lord at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys with Pastor Tim. Theme: “My God My God”.
- **Thursday, 03/28:** 6:30 pm - Lenten Penance Service at St. Boniface Church, Kersey.
- **Thursday, 03/28:** 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center basement with Fr. Michael Gabler. There is no fee or obligation to attend every meeting.
- **Friday, 03/29:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart, Benediction at 4 pm.
- **Friday, 03/29:** 8:00 am - Sacred Heart Garage Sale until 4 pm in SH Parish Center.
- **Friday, 03/29:** 12:00 noon - Haddock Fish Fry or Shrimp at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- **Friday, 03/29:** 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church, Kersey and Holy Cross Center, Brandy Camp.
- **Friday, 03/29:** 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Severin Church, Drifting until 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday, 03/30:** 8:00 am - Sacred Heart Garage Sale in their Parish Center until 12 noon.

### COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 7th - 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the ECCHS Cafeteria. Bring the whole family and enjoy great food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Menu includes: ALL you can eat pancakes (Gluten Free pancakes available), sausage, applesauce and refreshments. $7/Adults, $5/Children 5-12, Children 0-4/Free. A Bake Sale will also be held that day. This event is being hosted by the Elk / Cameron Cursillo Movement.

### QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Please check one:
- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Interested in a Parish Ministry

### EASTER FLOWERS
If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please use the envelope in your monthly packets. A flier will be published in the bulletin after Easter. Thank you in advance for your donation that will help to beautify our Altar for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

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### CONVENT PROPERTY TOURS FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE
Offered by St. Mary’s Parish
Sunday, March 31st - 1:00 pm

* Note: NO handicap route.
  **Must** be able to climb stairs.

* Meet in the church parking lot. Entry will be through the old chapel / library.

### A REALLY BIG THANK YOU!
To all those who helped with our recent Cinnamon Roll Sale. To everyone who came early to help mix and roll the dough, to everyone who helped frost and package the rolls, to those who helped to clean up and sell the rolls, we could not do this without you. We also want to thank those who purchased the rolls, without your support we wouldn’t have a successful sale!

### WALNUT ROLL SALE
at Queen of the World, March 30th & 31st after weekend Masses. To order, call 834-4701 by March 28th. You won’t want to miss having this delectable dessert for Easter! They freeze beautifully.
**INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**Elementary School** - Wednesday, March 27th at 6 pm.  
**Middle School** - Sunday, March 24th at QW 6 pm.  
**Life Teen** - Sunday, March 24th at QW 6 pm.  
**Confirmation** - Sunday, Apr. 14 at St. Boniface Church

**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 donations of fiberfill to complete the project would be appreciated. T-Shirts and fiberfill can be dropped off at the St. Marys Catholic Elementary school office by April 30.

**PARISH BUDGET**

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019........................................................................$780,365  
Parish Budget to Date.........................................................................................$570,022  
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of March 16 & 17, 2019
Regular Envelope...............................................................................................$10,396  
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Children..............................................................................................................$150  
School Support..................................................................................................$35  
Utilities & Maintenance.....................................................................................$1,259  
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**PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE - Pro Life National Speakers:**  
Kristin Hawkins, national president of Students for Life, and Seth Franko, retired Harlem Globetrotter, will be presenting prolife talks at a public assembly at the Red Fern, 421 Old Kersey Road on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm. This event is being sponsored by Life Matters Elk County, a local group of concerned citizens, local pastors, Elk County Right to Life, and Elk County Catholic Students for Life. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this FREE event! Come to hear the truth! This is a must be at event! Help End Abortion!

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Dear Parishioners,

What is a “Scrutiny?” You may be wondering about some of the language the Church uses in the Lenten season. This is the first time in my time with you that we have a member of the “Elect,” someone preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. During the middle Sundays of Lent, the Church asks us to pray over Denny Lee, our Elect, in a special way. We pray the “Scrutiny,” that is, a prayer asking the Lord to prepare him by Purification and Enlightenment. This prayer is akin to the official exorcism that is prayed as part of a baptism of an infant. In the case of those old enough to understand, that strengthening against the power of evil is offered as a final gift of the Church in readiness for entrance. At the 10 am Mass, we will pray over Denny and ask the Lord, then, to help him stay faithful to Jesus. We do this publicly because it’s a good reminder that all of us continue that battle against evil with the same power of our Savior, given to us in Baptism. A member of the Elect spends the 40 days of Lent on a kind of retreat, being purified and enlightened. The Word of God and prayer are the main sources of these blessings. So it is with all of us. Our prayer and other Lenten efforts, centered on the Scriptures, give us the opportunity to be rid of what is wrong so as to receive the graces God would bestow on us. With new insights, we see the light so that we can become the light. As we pray for Denny, and all those preparing for Sacraments in the upcoming Easter season, let us see a bit of ourselves, disciples of Jesus, in need of His healing, mercy, and help. - - - fr jeff

TUESDAY EVENING MASS
Remember that we are having 5:15 pm Mass on the Tuesdays of Lent in the hopes that many people who cannot attend a morning Mass are able to join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
This Friday, March 29, we will host Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Please join us. We welcome anyone from the larger community to join us for this Lenten devotion.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, March 25th**
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, March 26th**
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 27th**
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 28th**
Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 29th**
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8, 11, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 30th**
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 31st**
Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THANK YOU, MSGR. BRUGGER
Thank you to Msgr. Robert Brugger for being with us last weekend and this past week while Fr. Jeff was out of town. His willingness to be here, to pray with us and cover the parish during Lent was a great gift and blessing.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
Our Parish Lenten Retreat, under the direction of Fr. Ross Miceli, begins next weekend, with prayer and reflection on Sunday, March 31, at 7 pm. Please plan to join us, if possible all three nights as he leads us through the theme, “Shouting For Joy.” On Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2, we will also begin at 7 pm. On these weekdays, we will begin with Mass, followed by a further presentation by Fr. Ross.

I look forward to this important time for our parish family, to stir the flame of faith and unite us on our Lenten Journey. Please set aside this time and plan to be with us.

If you need babysitting for a toddler or young child, please call us at 834-4701 or email Fr. Jeff at frjeffnoble@yahoo.com. It will help tremendously to have some idea how many children we will be caring for. We offer this especially with an eye on getting our young people and young couples to join us.

Whatever else you are doing for Lent, I ask you to make these three nights the centerpiece of our Lenten season. Pray for our parish and for Fr. Ross to be an instrument of grace on these special days.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICES
This week, our Lenten Parish Penance Services begin. The flier was put in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago. If you would like one, we still have some available at the rectory.

This week: Holy Rosary Johnsonburg at 6:30 pm on Wednesday; St. Boniface at 6:30 on Thursday.

Here at QW, we will host our Parish Penance Service after our parish retreat on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm.

Please take advantage of these opportunities with several priest confessors available to receive the Sacrament as part of your Lenten experience.

PRE CANA TEAM MEETING
Members of the Pre Cana team are asked to gather for a brief meeting next Sunday, March 31 after the 10 am Mass in the Cafeteria. We will go over details for our April 7th Pre Cana. Please make sure at least one person from the couple is present.

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Help us reach and exceed our diocesan assessment so that we will have funds as needed here at QW through this appeal. Thank you to those who have already pledged. We hope to hear from most parishioners soon as part of our Lenten almsgiving. We will be sending out reminder letters in the near future.