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
Janet VanEerden, Director

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

Franchesca Stubber, Assistant Director

Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Directors of Admissions
Franchesca Stubber - 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
**FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday, January 29th**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**Tuesday, January 30th**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**Wednesday, January 31st**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**Thursday, February 1st**
7:00 AM  + Jim & Bea Clark
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Friday, February 2nd**
7:00 AM  L&D Ron Newell Family and George & Bertha Samick Family
9:15 AM  For the Students, Faculty, Staff and Supporters of ECCSS

**Saturday, February 3rd**
7:00 AM  L&D Bernard Salter Family

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6:00 PM  Sat. Vigil - L&D Members of the Parish
7:30 AM  + Josephine Umbaugh
10:00 AM  + Jack & Mag Pauline
- - -  NO Community Mass  - - -

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of January 28th burns in memory of Francis Burt

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mk 1:21-28

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

**Gospel Summary:**

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners. We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth. As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11). This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

**Question of the Week:**

What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus?

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 3rd & 4th**

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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.
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Feb. 6 St. Joseph Church, Force 787-4151
Feb. 17 Sacred Heart Church 834-7861

Please make your reservation with the Church you wish to attend their Session. Looking ahead, Lent begins February 14, so we will not have baptisms here at Queen of the World from that date until Easter.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.
29th Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm
30th Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer
31st Kathy & Jim Herzing, Irene Gregory
1st Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd Vicki White, Maria & Terry Pontzer
3rd Laura & Mady Ehrenberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey
4th Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

Some ways you can improve your relationship in 2018:
- Make a “spiritual New Year’s resolution” together. Choose one thing, such as First Friday Mass or Adoration, to do through this year as a couple / family.
- Take turns selecting a favorite Scripture passage to pray about each week. Share your reflections with each other.
- Resolve to do a weekly act of love or service for your spouse—a hidden sacrifice, a little surprise, etc.
- Schedule “date nights” for each month of the year.
For more ideas, check the Diocesan website listed above.

PREPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?
NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Pre-registration is required. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or 800-374-3723 ext 261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th in Erie. Couples preparing for convalidation of Marriage in the Church are encouraged to apply.

UPCOMING TRIP TO SOUTH ITALY
Travel with Fr. Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Church to Italy South. Fr. Ross will be the Chaplain traveling to Calabria, Taormina, Syracuse, Mount Etna, Catania, Sicily, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Capri, Pomelli and Rome. Travel dates: July 1-13, 2018. The cost of $4,600 includes airfare and all included. To register, contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. Or register online at www.proximototrail.com.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- **Tuesday, 01/30: 9:15 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- **Wednesday, 01/31: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal** at St. Mary’s First United Methodist Church.
- **Thursday, 02/01: 7:00 pm - Bible Study** at Sacred Heart Parish Center.
- **Thursday, 02/01: 3:00 pm - Sacred Heart First Friday Bread Sale** until 6 pm. Specials include Liver Dumplings, Haluski, Banana Nut Bread & Raisin Filled cookies.
- **Thursday, 02/01: 6:30 pm - Bible Study** a Hoss’s with Fr. Ross. If dining come prior to 6 pm. Open to all.
- **Thursday, 02/01: 7:00 pm - Bible Study** with Fr. Michael Gabler at Sacred Heart Parish Center.
- **Friday, 02/02: 10:00 am - Sacred Heart First Friday Bread Sale** until 2 pm or sold out.
- **Friday, 02/02: 1:00 pm - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- **Friday, 02/09: 7:00 pm - ECCHS Music Booster BINGO. Door open at 5 pm, Free dinner, Early Bird Specials at 6:45 pm**
- **Sunday, 02/11: 11:00 am - Spaghetti Dinner** at St. Tobias Center, Brockway until 1 pm. Sponsored by K of C.

COMMUNITY NURSES RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS
Penn Highlands Community Nurses is recruiting a few volunteers for its Adult Day Care in St. Mary's. Volunteers are needed 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday to assist with daily group activities, such as playing board games and interactive games, cards, crafting, etc. For questions or to schedule a tour of the facility, contact Danielle Heiberger at 781-8253.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
If you would like to receive a copy of your 2017 Church Contributions statement, please call the parish office at 834-4701 and ask to have it sent to you. If you have an email address, it will be electronically sent or if you do not have email, it can be mailed to you.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM
Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone No. ____________________________

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
COMMUNITY MASS DATES FOR JANUARY 2018
Community Mass is held here at Queen of the World on Sunday at 5:00 pm. The January schedule is the following:

♦ January 28

NOTE: Community Mass will NOT be held on Feb. 4th as previously scheduled. Masses in February will be on the 11th & 25th. Everyone is welcome to attend the 5 pm Mass.

SMCES INFORMATION & REGISTRATION NIGHTS
The St. Marys Catholic Elementary School invites you to attend their Preschool / Kindergarten Information and Registration Night on Wednesday, January 31 from 6 - 7 pm in the SMCES Gymnasium. Registration for preschool, kindergarten and transfer students will take place. Preschool parents have several options:

— Four year-old classes: Three or Five days a week.
— Three year-old classes: Two days a week

For more information on the event’s agenda, what to bring with you that evening, and more, please visit the website at: www.eccss.org/prek.

Questions and concerns may be directed to Debbie Slay, Elementary School Principal - 834-4169 or slayd@eccss.org

ECCHS/SMCMD INFORMATION NIGHT
Elk County Catholic High School and St. Marys Catholic Middle School will both host and “Information Night” on Tuesday, January 30 from 6-8 pm. One-on-one visitations for transfer and new-to-high-school families will be available. For inquiries, please contact John Schneider, School Principal, at 834-7800 or schneiderj@eccss.org. You can also visit the website at www.eccss.org for more information on the schools!

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018..........................$746,042
Parish Budget to Date..................................$477,532

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Jan. 20/21, 2018

Regular Envelope ...........................................$12,015
Loose ............................................................$1,226
Children..........................................................$2
School Support ...............................................$117
Utilities & Maintenance..................................$27
Memorials.......................................................$50
Christmas.......................................................$151
Solemnity of Mary..........................................$15

Total Received................................................$13,603

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of Jan. 20/21, 2018
(These funds go to the Diocese.)

Retired Religious.............................................$50
Faith Magazine.............................................$933
Spread the Faith..........................................$20

Total Received................................................$1,483

Thank you!

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — How like King Herod today’s abortion providers are. First, he pretends he wants to worship the new born Baby Jesus, but hidden behind his deceitful words is a heart set on destruction of the Child. The magi, wise men that they were, saw in a dream Herod’s true intentions and did not report the child’s location to the destruction-minded king. Today’s ‘Herods’ tell women that they have their best interests at heart, meanwhile planning the destruction of their unborn children.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP
Open Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am to 5 pm, Sat. 10 am to 1 pm
Phone 834-1353, located at 139 Church Street.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Jan. 28th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Jan. 28th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation - Next class is January 28th at 4:30 pm.
Dear Parishioners,

As you come together this weekend and as you read this column, I am on my "winter break" with my family. Not long ago a friend said gleefully to me, "Winter is my favorite season!" All I could think to respond was, "Not me!" So, excuse me while I take a few days and try to find some sun and warmth. I’m sure you will enjoy Fr. Mike Polinek, our Vocation Director. Perhaps his presence and words will help us reflect on our own “calling,” especially to marriage and family life, and the ways we are called to serve the Church. Likewise, we are all called to support and encourage Church vocations. Our young people need to know that if the Lord is calling them, they will find the support of family and friends in the pursuit of priesthood or religious life. They need to know that part of the joy and fulfillment of this lifestyle will be as co-workers with lay faithful who care and do their part. They need to know that their family and friends will always be “there” for them, wherever they go and whatever they do. I’m just terribly afraid that when we say we “pray for vocations,” which is wonderful, that this is all we do. And it’s not enough. This is also the beginning of Catholic Schools week. We are blessed here in St. Marys, and especially at QW, to have the opportunity, and in our case, even the physical presence, of high quality Catholic education. Our elementary school, as well as the Middle School and High School, are great sources of joy, as we see young people learning and growing. They are making the connection that their faith is part of everything they learn, everything they do. It is a privilege for us as a parish to support this endeavor. Watch for the opportunities this week to be part of Catholic Schools Week, and join us for the public events. Let our children and families know that their financial sacrifice and their dedication is appreciated by the larger community. The Elk County Catholic School System has a proud place in our community and a rich tradition upon which it stands. This week, we celebrate that is a special way. See you in a couple of days. - - - fr jeff

WELCOME!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Michael Polinek, the Vocation Director of our diocese, as priest celebrant of our Masses. Please make him feel at home and let him know we appreciate his presence with us.

THE CAT’S AWAY

Fr. Jeff is out of town until Wednesday. Please note the Mass schedule in the bulletin. You are welcome to attend our morning Scripture and Communion Services or visit one of our local parishes for Mass. Likewise, if a funeral is scheduled, join us for your daily Mass while praying for the deceased and those in mourning.

FRIDAY

Friday, Feb. 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation (as well as Groundhog Day). Join us for Mass at 7 am or 9:15 am. This liturgy will include the blessing of candles used for liturgies. If you have a prayer candle that you would like to use at home, or at the cemetery, feel free to bring it to Mass. Set it at the foot of the sanctuary before Mass and take it home after it has been blessed for your use in personal prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, Feb. 2nd is First Friday. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound. Please call the rectory to be added to the list, 834-4701.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions for First Friday will be held Thursday, Feb. 1 at 4 pm. There will also be Confessions Saturday at 4:30 pm.

ST. BLAISE DAY AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS

Saturday, Feb. 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. This feast day includes the blessing of throats, which will take place at the conclusion of the 7 am Mass. Please join us for the morning Mass if you wish to participate in the throat blessing.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council meets Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 pm in the Rectory. Members are encouraged to attend Evening Prayer and Benediction beginning at 6:30 pm in Church prior to the meeting. We also invite all parishioners to this prayerful closing of the Thursday Eucharistic Adoration.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Jan. 30th: 7:00 pm - RCIA meets in the Rectory meeting room.