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

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm
SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 12th
7:00 AM  L&D Lynn & Marion Denio Family

Tuesday, February 13th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM  + Harrison & James Schlimm
9:00 AM  + Maureen Pistner
7:00 PM  + Silvio Cortina

Thursday, February 15th
7:00 AM  + Margaret Verbke
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, February 16th
7:00 AM  + Leo Ehrensberger

Saturday, February 17th
7:00 AM  L&D Virginia & LaJoy Newell Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Members of the Parish

7:30 AM  60th Wedding Anniversary of Melvin & Judy Luhr

10:00 AM  + Mary & Jerome (Jump) Hasselman
- - - NO Community Mass - - -

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of February 11th burns in memory of Harold Mertz & Richard Dubler Families

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that’s what Jesus shows us in today’s Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today’s Gospel, Jesus defies convention. “Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him.” The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes. Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be over-joyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway. It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today’s Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the un觸able. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. “The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.” Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission. When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

Question of the Week:

What daily activity can I do without so that I can use that time to renew myself in Jesus, the Messiah?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 17th & 18th

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<td>6:00 PM  Matthew Avery Marissa Ullman</td>
<td>Nancy Conway, Linda Hoffman, Bill Miller Terry Pontzer, Mary Beth Schaut, Mike Weinzierl</td>
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<td>7:30 AM  Jack Cuneo Need A Server</td>
<td>Patty Brennen, Cathy Olson, Marvin Riddle Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth, Barb Taylor</td>
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<td>10:00 AM  Alex Seltzer Zachary Seltzer</td>
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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. 17 Sacred Heart Church 834-7861
Mar. 1 St. Mark Church, Emporium 486-0569

Please make your reservation with the Church you wish to attend their Session.

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

12th Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th Steve & Dody Winiareczk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th Dixie Newell, Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel

CURSILLO FAMILY DINNER
Elk & Cameron County Cursillistas are invited to the Elk Cameron County Mass at St. Mary’s Church on Saturday, February 17th. A Winter Family Turkey Dinner for Cursillo and family will be held after the 5 pm Mass in the St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. The Guest Speaker will be Nate Nicklas. The main meal will be provided, with Cursillistas from Queen of the World asked to bring a dessert to share. There will also be a Good Shephard Program for ages 3-8 and a movie for ages 9 & older children. Please RSVP to: elkcameron cursillo@gmail.com or text Lynn at 814-512-5121.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Our parish as well as the other parishes in town have consistent days and times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend some quiet time in prayer before the Lord here on Thursdays from 7:30 am to closing at 6:30 pm. The Lord would love to see you! Also at St. Mary’s Church on Tuesdays after 8:30 am Mass until 4:45 pm and at Sacred Heart on Fridays - 1 pm to 4 pm.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Once again this year, our parish cooperates with the other parishes in town to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7 pm. This Friday, Feb. 16, they will be held at St. Mary’s Church. We host them on Friday, Feb. 23rd, as well as Friday, March 9th. Make a habit of attending Stations whenever they are held and combine this prayer with one of the local parish Fish Fries. You are also welcome to attend the Stations with our Elementary School Children here at QW at 2:30 pm every Friday in Lent.

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.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Sunday, 02/11: 11:30 am - Spaghetti Dinner at Bennetts Valley Senior Center until 2 pm. Take outs available.
- Tuesday, 02/13: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
- Tuesday, 02/13: 6:30 pm - Elk County Right to Life meeting in St. Mary’s Church Annex Bldg. 834-3834
- Wednesday, 02/14: 12:00 noon - Lenten Fish Fry at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 02/14: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Mary’s First United Methodist Church.
- Thursday, 02/15: 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center with Fr. Michael Gabler.
- Thursday, 02/15: 6:30 pm - Bible Study a Hoss’s with Fr. Ross. If dining come prior to 6 pm. Open to all.
- Friday, 02/16: 12:00 noon - Lenten Fish Fry at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- Friday, 02/16: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Friday, 02/16: 7:00 pm - ECCHS Music Booster BINGO. Doors open at 5 pm. Free dinner.
- Sunday, 02/18: 13:00 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO. Doors open at 11:45, Free Lunch at 12:30

CANDY EASTER EGGS FOR SALE
Fox Township Senior Center is selling Peanut Butter and Coconut Easter Eggs. $8/doz.—$5/1/2 doz. To place an order, call 814-885-8111 by March 16th.

PART TIME JOB OPENING
Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is seeking a part-time counselor for its Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program in the St. Mary office. Duties include providing emotional support, parenting education and assistance with accessing community support. Requires a minimum of an assoc. degree in Health and Human Services, Social Work or other related fields. Qualified applicants please email resume and cover letter to: nmattison@cccas.org

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, February 12th
Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13th
Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15th
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16th
Is 58:1-9/Ps 53:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17th
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18th
Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 .......................$746,042
Parish Budget to Date ...........................................$489,768

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Feb 3/4, 2018
Regular Envelope ............................................$10,858
Loose ..............................................................$1,816
Children ..........................................................$2
School Support ..................................................$60
Utilities & Maintenance .....................................$631
Memorials .........................................................$50
Solemnity of Mary ..............................................$40

Total Received ..................................................$13,458

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of Feb 3/4, 2018
(These funds go to the Diocese.)

Spread the Faith .................................................$114

Thank you!

Total Envelopes Mailed ......................................938
Envelopes Used Jan 27/28, 2018 .....................416

Total Mass Attendance for Feb 3/4, 2018 ..............820

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
ADULT FORMATION COURSE

CGS is formation in the Christian way of life through the principles of the hands-on Montessori method. It is a method of faith formation where the child falls in love with Jesus. It can often become a transformative experience for the adult as we are privileged to witness the mysteries of our faith with the child. The course is a retreat style, anyone can participate. Adult formation for the level 1 atrium of 3-6 year old (pre-K thru K) will be held June 6-10, Aug. 13-17 and 2 additional days TBD. Sessions will be held at St. Mary’s Parish Center. For more details: Call Elena 834-5149 or (518) 879-3972 or by email: elenam73@aol.com

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Dear Parishioners,

We are a world and a church in transition. This ever-evolving life of ours is very well expressed this week. Today we celebrate an “Ordinary Sunday.” We take a break from our work and regular routines to honor the Lord, the Giver of all blessings. Then we move into the party atmosphere of Mardi Gras. Having been to New Orleans a couple of times, I have experienced the atmosphere of the festive days. The pageantry, color, music, food and fun are amazing, reaching a fever pitch from now through Tuesday. Wednesday we wake up to another reality, the Lord’s call to conversion and repentance. The season of Lent provides us with many opportunities to be renewed and strengthened in our walk as disciples of Jesus, disciples with Jesus. What manner of fasting will you take on? The Scriptures say, “This is the manner of fasting I (God) want(s)...to free the oppressed, to feed the hungry, to care for the poor, to bring about justice...” We can’t be about spiritual practices that are only for ourselves. This would be the greatest transition our world and church could make...to take Jesus seriously on His call to think of others first, to tend to others first, to serve others first. Implicitly, we thus express our trust that God will take care of us. But, if we are busy taking care of ourselves, the neglected simply remain the neglected. So, let’s move into Lent, after our Sunday and Mardi Gras, and see if we can change this changing world for the better, beginning with ourselves... - - - fr jeff

IT’S TIME TO PARTY 😃

Before we head into Lent on Wednesday, enjoy the season of Mardi Gras. Celebrate today, tomorrow and Tuesday. Eat well and do something enjoyable. You might also want to prepare for Lent by asking yourself what you might do for this holy season. Choose from among the traditional practices such as forms of prayer, fasting (“giving up” something?), and acts or gifts of charity (think CSA!). You might also want to do something creative this year. See Lent and Easter as a 90-day retreat rather than Lent as a temporary season. But in the meantime, live it up New Orleans style!

WHAT IS LENT ABOUT?

Too often we super-focus on the 40 days of Lent and forget their true purpose: preparation for the celebration of the Easter Triduum, the Sacred Three Days that highlight our Church year. Mark your calendar now...Plan to be with us; be sure to tell your boss and your family that your intend to celebrate with your parish family. Holy Thursday, March 29, 7 pm and into the evening; Good Friday, March 30 at 2 pm; and Holy Saturday, the Great Vigil of Easter, at 8:30 pm. Our Lenten practices fall short if they do not point us toward the renewal of faith in Christ that we enjoy at these special liturgies.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT CHOCOLATE? 🍫

With this year’s Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine’s Day, I’m not sure what to tell you! Have your chocolate for Mardi Gras, or, again, find some other way to enjoy this special day of kindness, compassion, and love in the context of Ash Wednesday.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY FOR CSA

Last weekend we watched the diocesan video and had our presentation on the needs expressed in the Catholic Services Appeal. Today I ask you to make your pledge if you are able. Help us reach our Assessment of $100,000 and more importantly our parish goal ($140,000). Please consider a pledge that is a bit of a sacrifice, in conjunction with your regular of- fertry, using a payment system beyond a one-time gift. If you have not given recently, please join us in this effort as part of our parish and faith family. If you need a week or two to make your pledge, we will wait. But the sooner we hear from all our parishioners, it saves mailing costs for the follow-up request. Thank you for your consideration and for doing your part.

FOR WHOM DO WE PRAY?

During Lent we especially remember in prayer and in personal support those who are making ready for the Sacraments of Initiation. We have our candidate, Ruth Donachy, who will be embracing our faith tradition at the Easter Vigil. We look forward to that great night with Ruth as we celebrate Confirmation with her and bring her to the Eucharist with us for the very first time! We also have our Third Grade students who we will welcome to the Lord’s Table on Saturday, May 5. They will spend a great deal of time this Lent in preparation. And, our High School Juniors are getting ready for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost, Sunday, May 20. You have 40 days to find out who these candidates for the Sacraments are and reach out to them to let them know of your prayerful support. Remind them of how much these Sacraments and your Catholic faith means to you. Let them know you are excited for them to join us in these milestone moments.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstention from meat for all persons 14 years of age or older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those ages 18-58. The manner of fasting: one full meal, two smaller meals, nothing between but liquids.

Remember that health issues and employment issues release someone from these obligations - you are asked to substitute some other time or some other manner of fasting or abstinence.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The distribution of Ashes takes place during Mass on Ash Wednesday. Join us here at QW at 7 am or 9 am or 7 pm. Other parish Masses in the area: St. Mary’s Church - 8:30 am, 12 pm & 6 pm; Sacred Heart Church - 6:15 am & 12:05 pm.

DAILY MASS

You are welcome to attend daily Mass as one of those forms of prayer during this holy season. Our daily Mass is at 7 am. Sacred Heart - 6:15 am; St. Mary’s Church - 8:30 am and at St. Boniface Church, Kersey - 7:15 am; Thursdays at 9:15 am. Watch for special times, school Masses, and funerals as additional opportunities to join us at prayer.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are held Saturday at 4:30 pm. In addition, on Thursday, March 1 at 4 pm. We will post the schedule for area Lenten Penance Services once it is completed.