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

Repent & Believe
Before Jesus began his ministry, the Spirit “drove him out into the desert.” After forty days he emerged to announce that the kingdom of God was at hand and to encourage the people to “repent, and believe in the gospel.”

As we begin this season of Lent, we, too, enter into our own desert.

“By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 24th & 25th

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<td>7:30 AM</td>
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<td>Paul Baumgratz, Terry Baumgratz, Angie Bennett, Mary Ann Facetti, Lori Schreiber</td>
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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
Mar. 1  St. Mark Church, Emporium    486-0569
Mar. 13  St. Boniface Church, Kersey     885-8941
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.
19th  Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
20th  Helen & John DaCanal
21st  Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd  Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
23rd  John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark
24th  Ada S, Monica Werner
25th  Gale O’Neill, Patty Brennen, Mary Ann
26th  Carol & Barry Lemmert, Tim Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Papielski

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, Pomeli 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.proximototravel.com.

FIFTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE
Be part of it! 2232 Men, is a half-day event based on the theme of Luke 22:32, “But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” The conference will be held March 3, 9 am to 3:30 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring speakers - Steve Wood, Mike McCoy and Fr. Larry Richards - along with lunch, adoration and opportunity for reconciliation. The event concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Persico. Visit www.2232Men.com or call (824) 455-7364 for info and to register. Discounts available for groups of eight or more as well as high school students.

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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Stations of the Cross are held every Friday evening at 7:00 pm
February 23rd  Queen of the World Church
March 2nd  St. Mary’s Church
March 9th  Queen of the World Church
March 16th  Sacred Heart Church
March 23rd  Sacred Heart Church
You are also welcome to attend the Stations with our Elementary School Children here at QW at 2:30 pm on Friday, February 23rd, March 2, 9, 16 & 23.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Sunday, 02/18: 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc, Valentine BINGO Doors open at 11:45, Free Lunch at 12:30
- Sunday, 02/18: 6:30 pm - Lenten Vesper Service at St. Catherine’s Church, Dubois. Prayer, Songs, Scripture and featured speaker - Msgr. Edward Lobse.
- Tuesday, 02/20: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
- Wednesday, 02/21: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Thursday, 02/22: 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center with Fr. Michael Gabler.
- Thursday, 02/22: 6:30 pm - Bible Study a Hoss’s with Fr. Ross. If dining come prior to 6 pm. Open to all.
- Friday, 02/23: 12:00 noon - Lenten Fish Fry at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- Friday, 02/23: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Saturday, 02/24: 9:00 am - Father & Son Event at Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro, PA. To register, call Kate Whiteford at 814-8024-1259.
- Saturday, 02/24: 6:45 pm - Cinch Tournament at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Lunch at 6 pm. For reservations call Patsy at 834-7861 or 834-7804 (after 6 pm).

PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
For those needing prayers, please call Mary Ann Facetti at 781-3085 or Cathy Olson at 834-3844.

ONE-DAY MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM
NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th in Erie. Pre-registration is required.

LENTEN FISH FRIES IN THE AREA
St. Boniface Church every Friday in Lent starting at 4 pm until 7 pm
St. Joseph Church, Force every Friday in Lent 12 Noon to 6:30 pm. Good Friday: 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Dinners include Baked or Fried Haddock Fish, choice of potato, Cup of Soup, Dinner Roll, Cole Slaw, Dessert and Drink. Take outs are available 787-4151.

PARISHIONERS ENCOURAGED TO BE CAUTIOUS!
In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information, exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information. Do not respond using contact information in the potential fraudulent request.
COMMUNITY MASS DATES FOR 2018
Community Mass is held here at Queen of the World on Sunday at 5:00 pm. Mass will be held next Sunday, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. All are welcome to attend. Note: Community Mass will not be held this weekend - Feb. 18th.

FEBRUARY ECCHS ALUMNI MASS
Will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 at 9:05 am at ECCHS Chapel. All graduates of Central High and Elk County Christian / Catholic High Schools are invited to attend and celebrate with the students, faculty and staff. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria following Mass.

“HARD AS NAILS” FAMILY / COMMUNITY EVENT
Want a great way to kick off your Lent - with your family? Come to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry’s presentation of Justin Fatica and ‘You’re Amazing Missions with Hard As Nails “All Heart All In” Family / Community Event on Tuesday, February 20th, 7-9 pm at Queen of the World Church. This 2 hour interactive event give all attendees the opportunity to grow in relationship with Christ and others. Families are restored with this message of hope and healing while given the opportunity to live “All Heart All In” for Jesus. Appropriate for middle age children and up (parent’s discretion for younger children). A social will follow. Confessions will be heard as well. Come spend some time together and strengthen your family and your faith. Any questions, call 781-6746.

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

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Feb. 21st - at St. Mary’s Parish Center at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Feb. 25th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Feb. 25th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 $746,042
Parish Budget to Date $526,136
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Feb. 11/12, 2018
Regular Envelope $13,704
Loose $2,376
Children $2
School Support $823
Utilities & Maintenance $80
Memorials $50
Total Received $17,035

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
None this weekend
(These funds go to the Diocese.)
Thank you!

Total Envelopes Mailed 938
Envelopes used Feb 3/4, 2018 410
Mass Attendance Feb 10/11, 2018 1,001

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PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — 40 DAYS FOR LIFE …
Sign up sheets for this peaceful Pro Life International Campaign can be found in the back of church. Consider signing up to cover one or several of the 40 Days for Prayer and Fasting. You will find that there is a prayer for each of the 40 Days. If there are no prayer sheets in church you can access them at the website: 40daysforlife.com. One great way you can pray is by attending Eucharistic Adoration. This 40 Days for Life Campaign is sponsored by Elk County Right to Life!

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Dear Parishioners,

This day reveals two of the fallacies that are often connected to our faith tradition. The first is: “We’ve always done it this way!” That is not and never has been true. There is nothing that I can think of that we always did a certain way. For example, for the first 500+ years, the First Sunday of Lent, today, was the beginning of Lent. Only later was it pushed back to Ash Wednesday. The reason was that we got more particular about the “40 day” thing. Which is the second fallacy: “You have to be exact in matters of faith, to get it ‘right’!” How do we count to 40? Do the Sundays of Lent count? Does Lent include Holy Thursday and/or Good Friday? No matter how you do it, you can’t come up with exactly 40...at least I can’t. Which is a great lesson...like Moses, we can only get close to the Divine. We can’t figure it out; we can’t understand it; we can’t imitate it exactly. We are mere mortals, in need of redemption. Still, we cling to these fallacies...this is the way it’s always been; this is exactly what I must do... Against these, we are simply given an invitation today, to spend time in the desert with Jesus. There, life is rough, inexact, and precarious. Confronted by harsh realities, we learn something about grace. We learn something about our need for the Divine. We learn something about ourselves and our shortcomings. The first step is to let go of the truisms that aren’t so true. Being a person of faith is about following Jesus through the unknown. We learn to trust that He knows where He is taking us. This First Sunday of Lent is a good time to start again. If you’ve always done Lent a certain way, try something new and different. If you think you know what God is up to, dare to venture into the desert. - - - fr jeff

AS WE ENTER INTO LENT...

During Lent, we follow the path of Jesus, preparing for the greatest celebration of the Church year - Easter. So, Lent is a good time to ask ourselves: How do I spend my time, energy, money? What does this tell me about my priorities?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, February 19th
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20th
Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21st
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22nd
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23rd
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24th
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25th
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

CONGRATULATIONS, RUTH!

Today at the 10 am Mass we celebrate the Rite of “Send.” We send our candidate for Full Communion in the Catholic Church, Ruth Donachy, to the bishop. This afternoon, he will welcome Ruth and the many others who are joining our faith at Easter in what is called the Rite of Election. In the name of the Lord, the Bishop “elects” or “chooses” Ruth and the others as worthy candidates for our tradition and our Sacraments. We send Ruth off with our prayers and support. At this Mass, you have seen Ruth be “dismissed” after she shares the Liturgy of the Word with us. That is because she is preparing to join us for Eucharist. How rude it would be to keep her at our celebration when she is not yet able to receive. So, parishioners continue to pray with her over the Scriptures while we proceed with Mass. Soon at Easter, Ruth will join us at the Lord’s Table. Please pray that she will be ready to embrace our tradition and our faith in its fullness and enjoy being part of our parish family. Let her know that you are praying for her throughout Lent.

NO RCIA

Because of the Hard As Nails presentation at Church this Tuesday, RCIA will not meet this week.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

One of the simplest and “non verbal” ways to show your participation in the liturgy is to present the gifts at Preparation time. We seem to have difficulty with this at QW. At some Masses, ushers won’t even ask people to participate. At others, they are turned down regularly. This is not a difficult ministry, to walk up the aisle. After all, Jesus walked the road to Calvary for us! But it is an important moment. For these “gifts” represent so much. They represent the offering of our lives. They represent the money we give as a resource for the good of the Church and God’s people. They represent the desire of our parish family to be of service to the Lord. They represent the People of God at worship.

Please do not take this lightly or make it more difficult than it is. If it is a special day in your family, someone’s birthday or special occasion, someone’s Mass intention, or just a good day to be part of Mass, please volunteer by telling an usher that you would bring up the gifts. If asked to do, don’t turn it down.

It is not good that we have such difficulty with something this simple. Please be willing to participate.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7 pm here at Queen of the World this Friday, Feb. 23. Join us for the Lenten devotion. Perhaps take in one of the area First Fries as part of your Friday Lenten observance and then join us for prayer. It would be nice to see a church full since we only host Stations twice during Lent.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018

Thank you to those early birds who returned their pledge for the Appeal. Please return your pledge this weekend or very soon to help us reach our Assessment and our Parish Goal. You will help us reduce mailing costs if we hear from you before we sent out the first letter.