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

PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

Prayer: Throughout Scripture, Jesus goes to pray in deserted place. Lent is our “deserted place.” We draw near to God through Mass, confession, and spiritual practices like the Stations of the Cross, but we are also invited to spend time in prayer alone with the Father like Jesus did. A good opportunity is at weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

Fasting: Fasting is not a diet! With a diet, we try to achieve a physical goal in this world. In fasting, we try to achieve a spiritual goal in the next. Fasting helps us to sacrifice our preferences and less-than-healthy impulses to build discipline to choose the good in all areas of life.

Almsgiving: Time and time again, the Bible tells us that to love God we must love others. Our “neighbor” is someone we might not expect. Giving alms is an opportunity to support and care for our neighbor in need.
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 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.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Monday, February 26th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
Tuesday, February 27th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
Wednesday, February 28th
7:00 AM L&D Maynard & Anna Pfoutz Family
8:45 AM + Patricia Allen
Thursday, March 1st
7:00 AM + Irene Covac
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction
Friday, March 2nd
7:00 AM + Bill & Mary Straub
Saturday, March 3rd
7:00 AM + Elmer Wendel

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Members of the Parish
7:30 AM L&D Terrence & Romaine Shannon Fam.
10:00 AM + Martha Pistner
5:00 PM Community Mass: For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of February 25th burns in memory of Joseph, Sara & Alberta Hoffman

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Gospel Summary:

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether. Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation. Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the assent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor. A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

Question of the Week:

When you have important choices to make, do you pray to make the right choice?
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.
26th  Carol & Barry Lennert, Timothy Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Popielski
27th  Mary Beth Schaut, Karen Cheatle, Rose Belsole
28th  Brian, Ann
1st  Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd  Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
3rd  Laura & Mady Ehrenberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy

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, strength-en 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.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
The Benedictine Gift Shop is in need of volunteers. Can you help 2-3 hours twice a month?  To volunteer / for more info, call St. Mary’s Parish Office (Kim) - 781-1019.  Gift shop is open Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am to 5 pm, Sat. 10 am to 1 pm Phone 834-1353, located at 139 Church Street.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Stations of the Cross are held Friday evenings at 7 pm
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, March 2, 9, 16 & 23.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
• Sunday, 02/25: 6:30 pm - Lenten Vesper Service at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois.  Prayer, Songs, Scripture and featured speaker - Bishop Lawrence Persico
• Tuesday, 02/27: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
• Wednesday, 02/28: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
• Thursday, 03/01: 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center with Fr. Michael Gabler.
• Thursday, 03/01: 6:30 pm - Bible Study a Hoss’s with Fr. Ross.  If dining come prior to 6 pm.  Open to all.
• Friday, 03/02: 12:00 noon - Lenten Fish Fry at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
• Friday, 03/02: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
• Friday, 03/02: 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church and also at Brandy Camp Social Hall until 7 pm.
• Friday, 03/02: 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart’s Super BINGO Doors open at 4:30, Free Lunch at 5:30 pm
• Saturday, 03/03: 9:00 am - Craft Show at St. Joseph’s Parish Center, Smethport until 3 pm
• Sunday, 03/04: 12:00 noon - Spaghetti Dinner at Sacred Heart Parish Center benefiting Boy Scout Troop 95.
• Sunday, 03/04: 6:30 pm - Lenten Vesper Service at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois.  Prayer, Songs, Scripture and featured speaker - Rev. Kevin Bockus, director of pastoral care at Penn Highlands, DuBois.

SACRED HEART SOUP, SANDWICH & DESSERT SALE
Thursday, March 1st from 3 - 6 pm; Friday, March 2nd from 10 am to 2 pm or until sold out!  For pre orders, call by Feb. 28 at 834-7861 or 834-3698.  Will have Hamburg Vegetable or Cheesy Potato Soup, Tuna, Egg, Chicken or Ham Salad sandwiches. Cinnamon Rolls will also be available. No Bread!

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.
 Kommunity Mass dates for 2018
Community Mass is held here at Queen of the World on Sunday at 5:00 pm. Mass will be held this Sunday, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. All are welcome to attend.

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

ECC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM
Elk County Catholic’s International Student program is in need of host families for the 2018/2019 school year. Housing is needed beginning mid-August until the last day of school. Host families will be given an $8,000 stipend to host a student for the 10 month school year. If interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please email Kim Schlimm at schlimmk@eccss.org or call 834-7800.

THINKING PRIESTHOOD?
Young men striving to follow Jesus’ call in their lives and open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood are invited to the St. Andrew Dinner, Thursday, March 8, 6-8 pm at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, PA. This is a free dinner open to any mature young man. RSVP to 814-453-6677. For more info, contact Fr. Polinek at mpolinek@eriercd.org. Come join Bishop Persico, Fr. Michael Ferrick and Fr. Mike Polinek as they share their vocations stories with you.

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.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018……………………….$746,042
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Thank you!

Total Envelopes Mailed……………….$938
Envelopes Used Feb 10/11, 2018…………….$462
Mass Attendance Feb. 17/18, 2018…………….$831

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death”
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

40 Days for Life is continuing until March 25th. Please see the sign-up sheets in the back of church to cover one of the 40 days. Rosary for the unborn is being recited after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary’s Church every Tuesday during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Please consider joining in.

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Dear Parishioners,

Into the second week of Lent we go. How's it going so far? Strange isn’t it... we may talk among ourselves about what we’re “giving up,” or “doing for Lent” or how we forgot and ate meat anyway...but, how often do we share any spirit of true conversion with someone? What has repentance meant to you so far? What has it done to you or for you? In what aspect of your faith have you rejoiced? Succeeded? Failed? Of all the possibilities for Lent... Mass... Confession... Stations..... Programs... Prayers... What is helping you the most? These are the things we ought to be sharing. It's just easier to stay on the surface, with the superficial... But today's gospel invites us more deeply into the journey with Christ Jesus... to be open to transformation.. to be open to grace. Let’s set ourselves up for the possibility that one month from now we might ask again...How did Lent go? No so much, “What have I done for Lent?” But, “What has Lent done for me?” Did it transform me, reshape my spirit? Renew my soul? Let’s try sharing that...

--- fr jeff

CSA FIRST REPORT

Number of Pledges: 199
Amount Pledged: $53,291
Diocesan Assessment: $100,000
Parish Goal: $140,000

Help us reach our objectives by returning your pledge as soon as possible. This week, we will be sending out a reminder to everyone, unless we have received your pledge. Thank you to those who have saved us some mailing costs by being an “early bird.”

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, February 26th
Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27th
Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28th
Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 1st
Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 2nd
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 3rd
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 4th
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jon 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

SATURDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

I recently heard from multiple sources that parishioners miss our former Saturday evening Mass schedule. So, let’s go over this again. The Bishop told us to reduce from four Masses to three, given our attendance, our seating capacity, and our priest staffing. So, we reduced our Saturday evening schedule to one Mass. The time was chosen in conjunction with the other parishes in town. Thankful for their cooperation which gave us options for three Mass times for everyone, we took the third choice, 6 pm. Now, people could choose 4, 5, or 6 o’clock. Some people are attending the other parishes while continuing their membership here, including using their QW envelopes. Some people are attending one of our three Masses, or, the Sunday evening Mass when available. Overall, our weekly attendance is down slightly, and the Offertory has maintained, even increased. Can we move forward, facing other challenges that lie ahead of us?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Another Lenten moment comes before us today as we recognize our Third Grade students preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time in this upcoming Easter season. At the 10 am Mass, we offer them our prayerful support and let them know we are excited about their progress in faith. Please do keep them in your prayers.

FIRST PENANCE PRAYER AND PRACTICE

Our Second Grade students gather this Friday for a portion of the school day as we spend time with them in prayer and practice for their First Penance. They will celebrate the Sacrament next Tuesday, March 6th at 6 pm. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

FIRST FRIDAY

Join us for Mass Friday, March 2nd at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound. Please let us know by Tuesday if someone needs to be added to the list, 834-4701. Confessions will take place Thursday, March 1st at 4 pm.

ADORATION

Remember that Thursday is our parish day for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Stop by the Church any time after the 7 am Mass until Closing Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm. Jesus would love to see you, and so would we!

TWO PRIESTS

Recently the Bishop announced the removal of two of our diocesan priests from active ministry based on incidents and / or credible accusations of improprieties. Please keep those who may have been hurt by what was said or done in your prayers. The public announcement of this news effects all of us who are Church as we are confronted with these realities. As St. Paul says, we are the Body of Christ, so, when some part of us suffers, we all share in that suffering.

QW RAS will meet on Monday, March 5th, 6:30 pm for their monthly meeting. Members, put it on your calendar!