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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

Lenten Reflections
Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred—return good for evil.
Give up anger—be more patient.
Give up sin—turn to virtue.
Give up giving up—hang in there!
THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 5th
7:00 AM  + Laverne & Ilene (Geci) Geyer

Tuesday, March 6th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service
6:00 PM  First Penance

Wednesday, March 7th
7:00 AM  + David W. Erich
8:45 AM  + Bernard Schreiber

Thursday, March 8th
7:00 AM  + M/M Marinus Vollmer &
         + M/M Mathias Herzing Families
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, March 9th
7:00 AM  L&D QW Rosary Altar Society
7:00 PM  Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10th
7:00 AM  + Buck & Greta Eckert
1:00 PM  Wedding: Patti McClain & Dennis Lee

FORTH SUNDAY
OF LENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil  - L&D Members of the Parish
7:30 AM  + Maurice & Rita Samick Family
10:00 AM  + Joseph Tamburlin, Jr.
5:00 PM  Community Mass - For Vocations to the
         Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
March 4th burns in memory of
Art Hasselman

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Jn 4:5-42

3rd Sunday of Lent - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here." When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect. The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross. In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

Question of the Week:

When has the message of the Cross not made sense to me? When has it?

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 10th & 11th

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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.
The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG NEW 8-Week group to help those who are separated or divorced is Wednesday, April 4th to May 23, 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM at Sacred Heart Parish Center benefitting Boy Scout Troop 95. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information / to register.

ONE-DAY MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM
NOVA, a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church, will be held Saturday, Mar. 10th in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information / to register.
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 Sunday, 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 schlimmkk@eccss.org or call 834-7800.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
LIHEAP helps to alleviate heating bill stress for those who qualify. To see if you qualify, go to: www.LIHEAPhelps.com or go to the County Assistance Office. For more information, call 1-866-857-7095. An example is: A family of four, with a gross annual income or $36,900, qualifies for a grant!

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

Marriage Moments..... How is your Lenten resolution coming? Is it bringing you closer to your beloved? Consider that both God and your spouse are your beloved. Sacrificing for one can give you a window into how to become closer to the other. Contemplate sacrificial love today.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Mar. 7th - at St. Mary’s Parish Center at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, March 4th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, March 4th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation - Next class is March 4th at 4:30 pm.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018…………………………$746,042
Parish Budget to date……………………………………$549,929

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of
Regular Envelope ............................................$9,342
Loose .................................................................$1,656
Children...............................................................$2
School Support ...................................................$111
Utilities & Maintenance........................................$17
Memorials .........................................................$50
Easter .................................................................$10
Total Received....................................................$11,188

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of February 24/25, 2018
(These funds go to the Diocese.)
Help Spread the Faith............................................$5

Total Envelopes Mailed ........................................938
Envelopes Used Feb 17/18, 2018..............................380
Mass Attendance Feb 24/25, 2018............................1,007

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation.” Franklin Graham

40 Days for Life continues through March 25th. Please consider signing up on the sheets in the back of church for a day to pray for the unborn. Through the 40 Days for Life Campaign in 2017 - 693 lives were saved from abortion. This Campaign is sponsored by the Elk County Right to Life.

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Dear Parishioners,

Our little prayer group on Thursday evenings is growing! To conclude our parish day of Adoration, we have Evening Prayer, followed by Benediction. Recently, the group was nearly double in size compared to our typical numbers. I wish more of you would get in the habit of joining us whenever possible. This prayer takes about 20 minutes. The Evening Prayer portion is the formal, official daily prayer of the Church. We pray psalms as a family, have a brief Scripture Reading, and offer Mary’s hymn of praise, the Magnificat - in union with the whole Church around the world. It is a simple, beautiful, shared prayer. Then, we enjoy the traditional Benediction, a blessing, through the Eucharist, by the Lord Himself. I’ve tried to encourage those who have Thursday evening meetings to join us before the meeting. This concept has had limited success. But I won’t stop trying to get you - all of us - to consider this regular time together as an important part of our parish life. Perhaps you could try it for Lent. As Jesus says, “Come and see.” A few extra moments with the Lord and with one another at prayer is a good thing. With the Evening Prayer of the Church, we are giving voice in the name of all people, asking God to shower great graces upon His created and redeemed world. So, it’s not just personal prayer, or not just about our own intentions. We use our “priestly office” to offer prayers in the name of and in behalf of others. This is what the Church means when it refers to us as a “priestly people.” Come and exercise the gift that was given to you at your baptism, the gift of prayer - prayer with and for others. - - - fr jeff

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, March 5th
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Tuesday, March 6th
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Wednesday, March 7th
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Thursday, March 8th
Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Friday, March 9th
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Saturday, March 10th
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Sunday, March 11th
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018

Number of Pledges: 272
Amount Pledged: $69,761
Diocesan Assessment: $100,000
Parish Goal: $140,000

Thank you for your generous response to this year’s appeal. May God bless you with even greater generosity. If you have not yet pledged and did not receive a letter from me, please let us know at the office, as this means our information is not correct. We’d like to include you in all of our parish endeavors.

FIRST PENANCE

This week we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time with our Second Grade Students. Our celebration takes place Tuesday, March 6th at 6 pm. The other parishes in town also celebrate First Penance this week. Thank you for keeping our students in prayer. Congratulate them when you see them this week.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICES

Included in the bulletin this week is the Parish Penance Schedule for our entire area for the season of Lent. Note that they begin this week with one to be held at Holy Rosary on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Please keep the schedule handy and attend the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance that best fits your schedule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Friday, March 9, Queen of the World hosts Stations of the Cross for all the parishes in town at 7 pm. We had a nice “crowd” at our first opportunity. Join us for this Lenten devotion. Take in a parish fish fry at one of the area parishes before attending. Bring your family or a friend or neighbor to pray together.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who were part of and participated in the recent presentation “Hard As Nails.” This includes our own parishioners and others who were part of the team and who sponsored the presentation, all who came to the evening, and those businesses and individuals who helped with the expenses.

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 at 781-1019. The 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.

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