Forgiving

When we forgive and accept others with their imperfections we are sparing ourselves the negative emotion of resentment. If you resent others you squander your energies. Your become sad and cynical and easily depressed. The unforgiving person destroys relationships and breaks hearts. The art of forgiving can be essential to the art of living. Give up the blame and hatred you harbor for others. Learn from the horrible treatment you were given and vow not to treat others that way. Forgive them in your heart. If you cannot forgive them, you will be choosing to be hurt and have all your energy bound up, victimizing you! If you don’t forget and forgive you will be the only person to suffer. Jesus is our model and by modeling ourselves on Jesus our wounds are healed; our lives become free; our thinking can become positive.
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday, March 12th
7:00 AM  + Josef Merklein

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

Wednesday, March 14th
7:00 AM  + Bill VanAlstine
8:45 AM  + Lois Steudler

Thursday, March 15th
7:00 AM  + Joseph, Sara & Alberta Hoffman
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, March 16th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Saturday, March 17th
7:00 AM  + Rosemary Dugan

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil -  + Dick Stine
7:30 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM  + Mike & Pat Belsole
5:00 PM  Community Mass:  + Stephen Bon

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
March 11th burns in memory of
Elmer Wendel

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel,  Jn 3:14-21

4th Sunday of Lent - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:
Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time
to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing
on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future.
We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspa-
er. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the
tide.  In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one
of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so
loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone
who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal
life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging?
Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a
proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal
one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but
people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are
formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result
of an interconnected web of human choices.  Where do we
stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to
hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's
rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our
parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work
because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a
process, not a destination! This Sunday, Jesus invites us to
consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer
darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly
acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be
transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd
like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the
light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Question of the Week:
Do I see the world as good or evil, and how does
my view impact my life?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 17th & 18th

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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**

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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 Winiarczyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
- **14th** Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DuCanal
- **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

**Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain**

For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

**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 Kim in the St. Mary’s Parish Office at 781-1019. Gift shop is open Tues. - Fri. 9:30 am to 5 pm, Sat. 10 am to 1 pm Phone 834-1353, located at 139 Church Street.

**UPCOMING TRIP TO SOUTH ITALY**

Travel with Fr. Ross Miceli, 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. July 1-13, 2018. Cost of $4,600 includes airfare and all included. To register, contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. Or online at www.proximototravel.com.

**CATHOLIC’S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE**

The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG NEW 8-week group to help those who are separated or divorced is Wednesdays, April 4th to May 23, 2018, 6:30—8 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. (Cost is $10 for book/journal - If you need financial help, inform them when you register). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVD’s with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Call the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1250, or email familylife@eriercd.org, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for info / to register.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are held Friday evenings at 7 pm
- March 16th Sacred Heart Church
- March 23rd Sacred Heart Church

You are also welcome to attend the Stations with our Elementary School at 2:30 pm on Friday, March 16 & 23.

**UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS**

- **Sunday, 03/11:** 6:30 pm - Lenten Vesper Service at St. Catherne’s Church, Dubois. Prayer, Songs, Scripture and featured speaker - Sister Tina Geiger, co-director of Catholic Rural Ministry in Venango County.
- **Tuesday, 03/13:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
- **Tuesday, 03/13:** 6:30 pm - Elk County Right to Life Group meeting at St. Mary’s Church Parish Annex. For more info, call Mary Bea at 834-3834.
- **Wednesday, 03/14:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Thursday, 03/15:** 7:00 pm - Bible Study at Sacred Heart Parish Center with Fr. Michael Gabler.
- **Friday, 03/16:** 12:00 noon - Lenten Fish Fry at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- **Friday, 03/16:** 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Camp until 4:00 pm.
- **Friday, 03/16:** 4:00 pm - Fish Fry at St. Boniface Church and also at Brandy Camp Social Hall until 7 pm.
- **Sunday, 03/18:** 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO “Lucky Leprechaun Lottery” in ECCHS cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45 am, free lunch at 12:30. Bring a Friend!
- **Sunday, 03/18:** 6:30 pm - Lenten Vesper Service at St. Catherine’s Church, DuBois. Prayer, Songs, Scripture and featured speaker - Pastor John Miller, Christ Lutheran Church, DuBois.

**ELK COUNTY FOOTLIGHTERS** presents “Moon Over Buffalo” at the Highlands - March 10, 15, 16 & 17, 2018. Curtain opens at 6:30 pm. A Special Matinee on March 11th at 2 pm.

**CANDY EASTER EGGS FOR SALE**

Fox Township Senior Center is selling Peanut Butter and Coconut Easter Eggs. $8/doz. To place an order, call 814-885-8111 by March 16th.

**WALNUT ROLL SALE**

A Walnut Roll Sale will be held here at QW the weekend of March 24th & 25th. Please see the order form in this week’s bulletin and return to the parish office by March 20th.

**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
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 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.

MARCH ALUMNI MASS
Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Assoc. will hold it’s March Alumni Mass on Friday, March 16th at 9:05 am at ECCHS. All graduates of Central High School and Elk County Christian / Catholic are invited to attend and celebrate with the students, faculty and staff. Breakfast will be served immediately in the school cafeteria.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
It is every adult’s moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of a minor is a pervasive societal problem and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Child line at 1-800-932-0323. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, go to: http://www.erie.rcd.org/protectyouth.htm

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Mar. 14th - at St. Mary’s Parish Center at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, March 11th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, March 11th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation - May 20th, 2 pm at Queen of the World.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018............................$746,042
Parish Budget to date.............................................$578,393
Regular Envelope ..................................................$12,462
Loose ...............................................................$2,191
Children.............................................................$35
School Support .....................................................$35
Utilities & Maintenance........................................$568
Memorials..........................................................$350
Easter.................................................................$30
Total Received....................................................$15,638

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of March 3/4
(These funds go to the Diocese.)
Retired Religious..................................................$40

Thank you!

Envelopes Mailed Bi-monthly...............................938
Envelopes used Feb 24/25, 2018..........................359
Mass Attendance Mar 3/4, 2018...........................943

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers”
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

40 Days for Life, a peaceful Pro Life International Campaign, will continue in our parish until March 25th. Please join in the prayers by signing up to pray for the end of abortions to save the lives of innocent children.

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Dear Parishioners,

Today’s work of Lenten Mercy is a very specific one, we are feeding the hungry. Our gift of money or staple goods will be passed on to the Community Food Bank. This well-run charity, which is structured and organized thoroughly, is just down the street. From their home in our neighborhood, many people are fed and cared for. It is great to have a Lenten work for which our gift is not just money - though that always helps. But, today we can also bring some of those hands on goods to be passed on directly such as staple foods and other typically-needed items. It would be awesome if we had to load up several trucks full to deliver our gift to the Food Bank. Thanks, too, to those parishioners and others from our area that volunteer there. Their hands-on gift is a great way to contribute to the care of others, share the Good News of the Lord’s presence, be a good neighbor, build up our community and the Kingdom of God all at once. When I’m on vacation I often visit a parish which does this EVERY WEEKEND. At Offertory time, some people bring money; others bring staple goods. Rather than have a “collection,” the Preparation of the Gifts allows time for everybody, I mean everybody, to go for a walk to present their gifts. Baskets are set at the foot of the sanctuary for monetary donations as well as for cans and packages of goodies. The Ushers’ task is to organize the gifts, pile them up, and then, at the end of Mass, to cart them off in orderly fashion for a later distribution. What a neat idea! We actually PROCESS during the procession. And, we actually give things that are useful and resourceful - money, included, along with whatever people express in their own creative way! I offer you this insight mostly to let you know that, even though we mostly give money at the Offertory and for additional gifts, and even though the money is “collected,” we are invited to envision the collection and distribution of our charitable gift for the good of others. Works of charity are one of the three Lenten practices, or rather, three practices of our faith, encouraged by Jesus, for our own good, as we say at Mass, “for the good of the whole Church.” May all of our “giving” be a symbol of God’s goodness to us and our willingness to share our blessings. - - - fr jeff

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

| Number of Pledges | 437 |
| Amount Pledged    | $78,608 |
| Diocesan Assessment | $100,000 |
| Parish Goal       | $140,000 |

Recently an invitation to participate in this year’s appeal was mailed to every parish household from whom we have not yet heard. Thanks to those who have already responded as you help us reach our goal for this year. This Appeal combined with our regular Offertory, constitutes the vast majority of our income, enabling us to meet the needs and responsibilities of our parish mission and property.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this past week. We thank your parents and families, teachers, catechists, helpers and coordinators for their part in helping you experience the Lord’s love and mercy.

Nico Assalone            Karson Hoffman
Lillian Belsole          Taya Hoffman
Hayden Buerk            Bryson Meyer
Ella Castellano         Ridge Myers
Nickalas Chamberlin, Jr  Victoria Rivera
Baylor Eckert           Trista Runyan
Jaydon Gabler           Jaxon Seeders
Anna Geci               Hunter Sorg
Gavin Henry             Landon Smith
Troy Herzing            Luke Sporer

THE SACRAMENT OF PENCANCE THIS WEEK

Confessions: Saturday at 4:30 pm until the last Penitent.

Penance Services in the area:

Monday, March 19 at 6:30 pm at St. Leo, Ridgway
Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart
Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 pm at St. Boniface, Kersey

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7 pm will be at Sacred Heart Church.

EASTER FUN FEST

Saturday, March 24, 2-3 pm at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School Gym for kids - 5th Grade and under are invited for Fun and Games to Celebrate Easter. Please register by March 21st. Call 781-3029 or 834-3585 if you didn’t get a registration form. Candy donations would be greatly appreciated. Please place in collection boxes that can be found in the back of church. Thank You!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, March 12th
Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 13th
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 14th
Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 15th
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 16th
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 17th
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 18th
Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45