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THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, April 16th
7:00 AM + Joseph & Caroline Snyder

Tuesday, April 17th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, April 18th
7:00 AM + Elaine Hanes
8:45 AM + Walter & Anita Young

Thursday, April 19th
7:00 AM + Agnes Fox
7:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, April 20th
7:00 AM L&D Isabell & David Caskey Family

Saturday, April 21st
7:00 AM Enrollees in the Benedictine Association

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D of the Rita Steele Family
7:30 AM L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM + Catherine Rossi

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Third Sunday of Easter - Cycle B

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 24:35-48

Gospel Summary:

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died—John had been there and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost." Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity—"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"—Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms." Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations." This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.

Question of the Week:

What questions still arise about Jesus appearing to the Apostles?

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 21st & 22nd

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<th>Altar Servers</th>
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| 6:00 PM                | Luke Caskey
                      | Ivy Ginther                                     | Bill Miller, Terry Pontzer, Barb Rajchel          | Chris Lampe |
|                        |                                                 | Virginia Sorensen, Mary Steele, Mike Weinzierl     |              |
| 7:30 AM                | Adam Bobenrieth
                      | Kiley Pesce                                      | Angie Bennett, Patty Brennen, Mary Ann Facetti     | Paul Carnovale |
|                        |                                                 | Mary Ellen Frank, Lori Schreiber, Barb Taylor      |              |
| 10:00 AM               | Mary Defilippi
                      | Jenna Feronti                                    | Mary Lee DePrator, Marie Cahr, Char Geci           | Jim Herzing   |
|                        |                                                 | Linda Glass, Kathy Herzing, Rita Peterson         |              |

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

16th  Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold
17th  Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th  Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th  Tara Vavala, Susan Jaynes, Maureen Newman
20th  Helen & John DaCanal
21st  Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd  Marian Viglione, Don Schneider

FOURTH ANNUAL 1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
“Intimacy with God and Love for One Another” is the theme. Saturday, April 21 - 9 am to 3:30 pm. Doors open at 8 am. Held at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. Guest speakers: Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, Katie Hartfiel and Patty Schneier with Fr. Larry Richards as Emcee. The day will also include Adoration, Confession and Mass. To register / more info, go to: www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364. Lunch will be included in the day.

CURSILLO SCHEDULED FOR APRIL
A Men’s Cursillo will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek on April 19-22.
To submit an application / or for more info contact Rob or DeeDee at 335-6135.

ECCHS PRESENTING THE MUSICAL “CHICAGO”
The High School Edition of “Chicago” will be held yet this Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm in the ECCHS Auditorium.

CAMP NOTRE DAME OFFERS SUMMER JOB
Attention College Students and 2018 High School Graduates. If interested in being a counselor at Camp Notre Dame this summer, contact Fr. Mark Nowak at (814) 476-7657 or online at MANowak@aol.com or go to www.campnotredame.com.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Monday, 04/16: 12 noon - St. Anne Society meeting in Sacred Heart Parish Center cafeteria.
- Monday, 04/16: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Tuesday, 04/17: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 4:45 pm
- Wednesday, 04/18: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 04/20: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm.
- Sunday, 04/22: 10:30 am - Cavalier Chicken BBQ at St. Mary’s Church Annex parking lot until sold out. Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, dinner roll all for only $9.00.
- Friday, 04/27 & Saturday, 04/28 - Sacred Heart Church Garage Sale

The Easter Fun Fest Committee wishes to thank all who helped with this event. We had over 75 children attend! We also thank those who donated candy and all our volunteers, as well as the school administration for use of the building! Happy Easter Season!

Door Prize Winners: Jonah Bauer & Natalie Snyder

ST. MARK CHURCH PARISH MISSION
St. Mark Church in Emporium will hold its Annual Parish Mission - April 22 through April 25. Special presentation by: Redemptorist, Rev. Eugene O’Reilly, CSSR.
Themes: Sunday, 6:00 pm - “Intimacy with God/Self”
Monday, 6:30 pm - “Living the Reign of God Today”
Tuesday, 6:30 pm - “Reconciliation”
Wednesday, 6:30 pm - “Discipleship”

BIBLE FAITH SHARING MINISTRY
Are you looking for a way to share your faith with others who need encouragement and support? Elk County Prison Ministry is looking for more people to help with Bible faith sharing with prisoners at Elk County Prison on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:45 pm. There will be a training session on Tuesday, April 17 at 6 pm at Ridgway’s K. of C. Building in time for volunteers to being in the fall of 2018. If interested in this ministry, call St. Leo’s rectory at 772-3135.

ELK COUNTY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Methodist Church Pavilion on South Michael Road.
CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR ADULTS
Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus and His Church? Do you wish you had more tools to help your children and others grow in their faith? If so, please prayerfully consider taking the ‘Catechesis of the Good Shepherd’ Level 1 Formation Course over two weeks this summer. Call Janet, 781-1042 or Elena at 834-5149 (home) or 518-879-3972 (cell) for more information and for the course registration form.

FAMILY HONOR will be presenting Real Love & Real Life, a chastity program series at ECCHS on Mondays, April 16, 23, 2018. Real Love & Real life is for parents with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter. This is an incredible opportunity to spend quality time with your teen, and open the door to communication on some really important issues. To register / or more info, call Laurey Kraus, 781-6746.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER TEA
A Dress Up Mother-Daughter Tea for girls ages ten and older and their moms will be held at St. Boniface Church, Kersey on Sunday, April 22, starting at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is $15 per family (non-refundable). For online registration go to: www.erieRCD.org/chastity.htm or call Kate at 814-824-1259. Come to learn and discuss the sacredness of human life.

ST. VINCENT GET ACQUAINTED DAY OPEN HOUSE
St. Vincent College, Latrobe is hosting for High School juniors and seniors and their families a Get Acquainted Day / Open House on Sunday, April 22nd. Event begins at 10:30 am with registration, a buffet at noon and concludes at 3 pm. For more info / reservations phone 1-800-782-5549 or email admission@stvincent.edu or online at www.stvincent.edu.

ECCHS ALUMNI MASS
The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association will hold its April Alumni Mass on Friday, April 20 at 9:05 am at ECCHS. All graduates of Central High School and Elk County Christian / Catholic High School are invited to attend and celebrate with the students, faculty and staff. Breakfast will be served immediately following in the cafeteria.

DACEDU LIFE TEEN
* Visit: www.disciples.life for Faith Formation events.
* For more info, call Janet at 781-1019.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018…………………………..$746,042
Parish Budget to date…………………………………….$668,731
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of April 7/8, 2018
Regular Envelope…………………………………………$11,868
Loose ………………………………………………………$1,509
Children……………………………………………………………..$2
School Support …………………………………………..$311
Utilities & Maintenance…………………………………….……..$84
Easter………………………………………………………..………..$711
Memorials…………………………………………………………….$350
Total Received………………………………………………..$14,835

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of April 7/8, 2018
(These funds go to the Diocese.)
Good Friday……………………………………………………….$20
Total Envelopes Mailed ………………………………………..938
Envelopes Used Mar 29, 30, 31 & Apr. 1 2018……………795
Total Mass Attendance for April 7/8, 2018………………827

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INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, April 18th - at St. Mary’s Parish Center at 6 pm. Last Session for this school year!
The Sacrament of First Eucharist - May 5th, 1:30 pm
Confirmation - May 20th, 2 pm at Queen of the World.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST EUCHARIST BREAKFAST
Help is needed for our First Eucharist Breakfast on May 4th. If you can help with serving breakfast and set up, please call Mary Ann in the parish office at 834-4701.

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Dear Parishioners,

I was saddened, as I'm sure you were, to see the recent headlines about “us,” the Church, regarding former cases of abuse and harm perpetrated particularly against children and young adults. The listing of names was the big “news” item, because most of us would have known at least some of the clergy, religious, and lay involved. The sheer number of cases, and thus, the sheer number of victims, is numbing in itself. As your pastor, I feel like I should say something, but I'm not sure what that something is. I apologize, if that helps. And I don't mean that lightly.

It's just that since the news broke some 16 years ago in a very public way, I've apologized in the name of the Church several times - each time these incidents come back at us in the news cycle. Of course, if there are any who have been hurt who need attention, healing, understanding - it is my prayer that this can and will happen. For those who have to muddle through their personal feeling about the perpetrators - know that you are not alone. Many of these people were, in spite of their crimes and moral lapses, people we knew, trusted, looked up to, etc. We have to reconcile ourselves to that, especially when it comes to matters of faith. As you know, many of those named have long been deceased. I pray that the mercy of God is theirs. Many have been removed from ministry and are now living somewhat obscurely as a result of these allegations, convictions, and admissions. Here's what I don't like: when these stories are lumped together, we fail to see the distinctions in each individual case. Not that any of these events are to be doubted or minimized or, God forbid, swept under the rug. But, the details of these sordid stories are as personal as each individual. As personal as my faults and yours. So, as terrible as the whole situation is, it makes me still reticent to be judge and jury. There is also the truth that the Church has gone to great lengths since the turn of the millennium to become a safe haven for children by policy and practice. Of course, if there are any personal feeling about the perpetrators - know that you are not alone. Many of these people were, in spite of their crimes and moral lapses, people we knew, trusted, looked up to, etc. We have to reconcile ourselves to that, especially when it comes to matters of faith. As you know, many of those named have long been deceased. I pray that the mercy of God is theirs. Many have been removed from ministry and are now living somewhat obscurely as a result of these allegations, convictions, and admissions. Here's what I don't like: when these stories are lumped together, we fail to see the distinctions in each individual case. Not that any of these events are to be doubted or minimized or, God forbid, swept under the rug. But, the details of these sordid stories are as personal as each individual. As personal as my faults and yours. So, as terrible as the whole situation is, it makes me still reticent to be judge and jury. There is also the truth that the Church has gone to great lengths since the turn of the millennium to become a safe haven for children by policy and practice. But, those troubling stories from our past are still with us. This does bring to mind the Easter story of the appearance to the Apostles, including Thomas, who see the Risen Christ as still the Wounded Christ. We, too, are both. We are a wounded people, deeply afflicted, and yet we share the New Life, the mercy and peace of our Lord. We need His help and we need to be beacons of hope and promise to the hurting. This includes ourselves, the people and matters that are precious to us as Church. Let us pray to find our way through this mess, this most difficult reality, so that at some point, we will truly be pro-Life, respectful of Life, that is, all Life.

Please know that I am here if anyone would like to talk about these matters personally, from any perspective. What I appreciate the most is that so many of us still live our faith, practice our faith, and stay with our faith - not giving up, not running and hiding, not denying, but being faithful to God and yes, to God’s Church. For that is who and what we are. 

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation for our younger students, wraps up the year this Wednesday, April 18th with its last session. Thank you to our students and families, to our staff, teachers, and to Janet Van Eerden for a great year of growth and learning. Of course, we are anticipating our First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations, yet to come in this Easter Season.

MEN’S CURSILLO

This Thursday, April 19, a Men’s Cursillo will begin at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek. Please keep the candidates and team members in your prayers that that weekend will be a blessed experience of faith.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Both Gannon University in Erie and St. Vincent College in Latrobe offer candidates from our parish scholarship opportunities as active members of Queen of the World Church, thanks to our connection with each of them. Rising Seniors should check into the Financial Aid office of either institutions and be sure you are members of QW.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. There is a very important special collection next weekend, the Good Shepherd Collection. Our gift goes directly to the care of the senior priests, of our diocese, for their health needs and long term care. Please consider making a generous gift to this fund in thanking for the priests of our diocese who have served in our parish and in our area, including at ECCHS.

RCIA will meet this Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm.

RCIA

CSA 2018

Number of Pledges: 375
Amount Pledged: $96,926
Diocesan Assessment: $100,000
Parish Goal $140,000

Thank you to those who have made pledges and payments to date!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 16th

Tuesday, April 17th
Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 18th
Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 19th
Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 20th
Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1b, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 21st

Sunday, April 22nd
Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18