

Queen of the World Church

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...and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

February 14, 2021

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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Call for an Appointment
See Bulletin for Additional Times

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

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Mass Intentions for the

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, February 15th
7:00 AM L&D Guerino & Onesta Dallasen Family

Tuesday, February 16th
7:00 AM + Leo E. Ehrensberger

Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM Special Intention (CE)
7:00 PM + Lucille DeGroat

Thursday, February 18th
7:00 AM + Marian Viglione

Friday, February 19th
7:00 AM + Matt, Artie & Jean Meyer

Saturday, February 20th
7:00 AM L&D LaJoy & Virginia Newell Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Dick & Marie Hoffman

7:30 AM + LeRoy G. & Agnes Fox

10:00 AM L&D People of the Parish



THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
February 14th burns in memory of
Dean Hansen

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins this Wednesday, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 7 am and 7 pm. Around town there are also Masses at: St. Mary's Church - 8:30 am, 12 Noon and 6 pm; Sacred Heart Church - 6:15 am and 6 pm.

The distribution of Ashes will be done differently this year. If you choose to come forward, the words will be prayed while the minister sprinkles a few blessed ashes over your head.

Confessions will be held Thursday, Feb. 18 at 4 pm. Please do not arrive before 3:45 pm - we must wait until school dismissal is complete and our Porters are in place. We will announce more opportunities for Confession as the season continues. The next scheduled time will be Thurs., Mar. 4 at 4 pm.

Stations of the Cross will be alternated from parish to parish again this year. **This Friday, Feb. 19, they will be held at St. Mary's Church at 7 pm.**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Days of Abstinence from Meat: Ash Wednesday, All Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday for all Catholics 14 years and older for whom it is not a grave difficulty.

Days of Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. For all Catholics, ages 18-59 inclusive for whom it is not a grave difficulty. Those unable for reasons of healthy or heavy work are asked to take on some other form of penance on these days. **FASTING:** one main meal; two lesser meals; nothing to eat between meals.

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday's Gospel, Mk 1:40-45

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

Question of the Week:

Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be Christian? What can you do this week to be an example?



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for all the faithful departed, including Jerome Herzing and Monica Werner, who died recently. *Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Eternal Rest...*

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Feb. 18 St. Mark Church, Emporium (814) 486-0569

Mar. 2 St. Boniface Church, Kersey 885-8941

Please call the Church you wish to attend to pre-register.

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

15 th	Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16 th	Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold, Helen Riddle
17 th	Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18 th	Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19 th	Tara Vavala, Susan, Maureen Newman
20 th	Helen & John DaCanal
21 st	Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller

WOMEN'S 1:38 CONFERENCE

The Annual 1:38 Women's Conference is scheduled for Sat., March 20th. The program has been shortened (9 a.m. - noon) with a limited number of women on site (Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, Pa - 200 max according to CDC guidelines). The biggest change this year is the virtual / Zoom options for guests to join in individually on Zoom or attend a live Zoom presentation of the program at a host parish near you! The day will include an opportunity for Confession and Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. For more info, call 814-455-7364 or you can email: office@thereasonforourhope.org.

ACCOMPANY JESUS ON THE PATH TO CALVARY

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a traditional Christian practice, especially during Lent. We accompany Jesus along his tortuous path to Calvary and come to more fully understand the depth of his love for us. As we enter another season of Lent and Easter still under the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Stations of the Cross can be an ideal form of prayer said alone in church or at home. For Stations Prayers, go to: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/stations-of-the-cross.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

Lenten resources for individuals and families to help enrich their Lenten season and prepare for Easter, including weekly Scriptures for reflection, can be accessed at the new website www.ErieRCD.org/lent.html.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**Monday, February 15th**

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16th

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17th - Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6, 12-17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 18th

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 19th

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20th

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 21st

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 02/14: 12:00 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Monday, 02/15: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour** at Sacred Heart Church. Please remember to maintain Social Distancing. Mass follows at 6:15.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 9 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
- **Tuesday, 02/16: 6:30 pm - That Man Is You** meets at Ridgway K of C. For more info, call 772-3135.
- **Wednesday, 02/17: 12 Noon - Fish Fry** at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm. For take out: 787-4151.
- **Wednesday, 02/17: 3:00 pm - Fish Fry** at St. Boniface Church until 7 pm or sold out.
- **Wednesday, 02/17: 2:00 pm - Maternity Closet** is open until 3:30 pm. Any questions, call 781-1137.
- **Wednesday, 02/17: 6:00 pm - Rosary prayed for Seminarians** at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Thursday, 02/18: 1:00 pm - Maternity Closet** open until 2:30 pm. Any questions, call Theresa, 781-1137.
- **Friday, 02/19: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- **Friday, 02/19: 12 Noon - Fish Fry** (Baked or Fried) or Shrimp at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm.
- **Friday, 02/19: 3:00 pm - Fish Fry** at St. Boniface Church until 7 pm or sold out.
- **Friday, 02/19: 3:30 pm - Haddock Fish Fries** at the St. Marys Moose until 6:30 pm (or sold out). Only \$10.
- **Friday, 02/19: 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross** at St. Mary's Church with Adoration.
- **Saturday, 02/20: 7:00 am - Men's Cursillistas** attend 7 am Mass at QW and then go to Marlo's for breakfast.
- **Sunday, 02/21: 12:00 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.

EIGHTH ANNUAL 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 8th Annual Men's 22:32 Conference, scheduled for Sat., morning Feb. 27th, will be live streamed to St. Leo Parish, Ridgway via ZOOM! There will be talks by Bishop Persico, Fr. Larry Richards, Jon Leonetti, Author and Radio Host and John Edwards, founder of the Pew Ministries. Please go to www.2232men.com/event-registration. Use the **promo code: GROUP8**. The name of the St. Leo group is "**St Leo Ridgway**". Fr. Justin will celebrate Mass at 8 am before the conference and offer Confessions after the conference. If you have any questions, call 772-3135 or John Gangloff.

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For more information, call 781-1042.

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

SUNDAY, February 14th -

Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart) 10:45am
 Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 - 7:45pm
 Middle School, grades 7 & 8 online, 6:00 - 7:45
 Life Teen, grades 9 & 10 in person, 6:00 - 7:45 pm
 Confirmation, grade 11 - no session

February 17th - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL

Please attend Mass at *your* parish - QW at 7 pm.
 St. Mary's Church & Sacred Heart at 6 pm.

Sat. Feb. 20 - Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat

1:00 to 4:00 pm at your Parish. Retreat starts in Church.

Sun. Feb. 21 - Rite of Enrollment for First Reconciliation

at 10:00 am Mass for Queen of the World students
 (9 AM for Sacred Heart & 10:30 am for St. Mary's Church)

Grade 1 (CGS Sunday at Sacred Heart) 10:45am
 Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 - 7:45pm
 Middle School, grades 7 & 8 in person, 6 - 7:45 pm
 Life Teen, grades 9 & 10 online, 6:00 pm

Note: **Masks must be worn for all in person classes.**
All classes held at St. Mary's Church Parish Center.

FIRST PENANCE CANDIDATES

Our Second Grade students, preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, will be on a brief retreat this Saturday, Feb. 20th. Please keep them in your prayers.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:

Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of **digital dating abuse** according to *Psychology Today*. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found in at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

PARISH BUDGET

July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.....\$807,929

Parish Budget to Date.....\$581,770

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekends of Jan 30/31,2021
 Feb 6/7, 2021

Regular Envelope	\$10,271
	\$9,309
Loose	\$4,096
	\$1,715
School Support	\$14
	\$50
Utilities & Maintenance.....	\$41
	\$550
Memorials.....	\$50
	\$50
Christmas.....	\$20
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Easter.....	\$10
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Ash Wednesday.....	\$38
	\$45
Flowers.....	00
	\$45
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10
	\$30

Total Received.....\$14,550
Total Received (Feb 6/7).....\$11,794

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Spread the Faith.....	\$58
	\$50

Thank you !



The spring '40 Days for Life Campaign' is being held February 17 - March 28, 2021. You can help save lives by praying and fasting for an end to abortion during that time.

There will not be a sign up for this campaign, due to the Covid virus, but you can pray each day on your own. Prayers can be found in the back of Church for daily prayers.

Some abortion facts to consider:

- ◆ Human life begins at conception. This is a scientific and indisputable FACT. Ultra-sound proves these babies feel pain. Every person should cringe to think of those babies' "silent screams."
- ◆ There is NO EXCUSE for any abortion to be performed in the last 3 months. This "mother" has been pregnant for 6 months already. Often times, these late abortions are useful to create a "**product to be sold for parts,**" and the mother is paid (under the table) for her *service!*

It takes a great deal of COURAGE to publicly take a stand for Pro-Life. This is not a political issue; it is a MORAL issue. Life Matters, and is guaranteed every citizen of the United States of America by the Bill of Rights and our Constitution.

40 Days for Life is sponsored by Elk County Right to Life
For more information, call Mary Ross at 781-6867



Dear Parishioners,

Who of us likes or enjoys change? Not too many, I believe. Yet this week we make a big transition. We move, in Church language, from Ordinary Time to Lent. The Lenten season is almost definitive of Catholicism, which, in a way, is unfortunate. By that I mean, it has become more of a way to define us than any other time, *including Easter*, which of course is longer and yes, even more important. Still, we take Lent very seriously. We enter a time of penance and conversion. It is typically marked by some sense of sacrifice. Every year we try to make it a true and meaningful effort to draw closer to the Lord. But it often boils down to "what am I giving up?" Or, to make it more of a positive, "what am I adding to my spiritual life?" Some do both. Attending daily Mass, celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, praying the Stations and/or the Rosary - are just some of the traditional ways believers add to perhaps giving up.. the internet, sweets, or some bad habit that has crept into our lives. So, we make the transition from our typical life to a season of penance. Does the activity of Lent last beyond the 40 days? That's always the question, isn't it? Is there a change for the better in me? Can I carry on the good that is accomplished by the grace of God into and beyond our celebration of the New Life in the Lord? Last year, you'll remember, Lent was the season that we were forced to shut down due to the onslaught of the terrible disease we are still fighting. While we are open, we still have restrictions, including here at Church. But all of us will do our best to honor this holy season personally and as a parish family. Back to the "transition." The change in season is made more notable by our celebration of life in the spirit of Mardi Gras. I think this is also very important. Of course, that's probably because I've been to New Orleans a few times, including one Mardi Gras season. What a festive atmosphere! It's almost like we don't just make a switch, but we flip a switch to enter into Lent once we've partied in some similar fashion. I enjoy the early Ash Wednesday morning picture usually shown on the news of the streetsweeper on Bourbon Street, cleaning up the mess. It's a great image for what we are about to do, or try to do, with help of our Lord. If it's time to clean up the mess, I think we have to recognize the mess first. Spend some time early and later this week reflecting on your transition into Lent. May it be a blessed time.

- - - fr jeff



ATTENDANCE

We are blessed here at QW to have so many parishioners and visitors even during this pandemic. In case you were wondering, we averaged 348 people attending per weekend in the month of January at all three Masses. While this is about 1/3 of the number we would have present outside of COVID times, this is still representative of the desire of so many to celebrate Eucharist in person on weekends. Thank you for trusting us with your health and safety and for giving witness to your Catholic faith. We sure hope that our live streaming of 10 am Mass is available starting today...at the time of this writing we are still awaiting the final steps of preparation.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY

We ask all wage-earning parishioners to make your pledge to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal this weekend or in the very near future. This helps us by saving mailing costs for follow-up notices. It also encourages others to participate as they see the total rise to meet our parish assessment or even beyond that. Again this year, we will be grateful if we are able to meet the \$106,000 that is our fair share toward diocesan needs. As you know, the services provided directly assist many in our community through Catholic Charities, Catholic Education and Faith Formation, and help to our parish's ministries. Thank you for giving this appeal due consideration. A gift that needs more than one payment - quarterly or monthly, is a big help to us. However you decide your Offertory Sacrificial Gift, we ask you to consider the CSA in addition to that. Together, these are the basic ways to return to God in thanksgiving for our blessings.

There are fliers available at church that show by color chart how the money we give to the diocese is appropriated by department and thus how it comes back to the service of our own community and the people throughout our 13 counties in northwest PA.

ADORATION

As we announced last weekend, we are trying to re-start our Thursday Adoration as a day of prayer for QW parish. We will begin when all time slots are covered from after morning Mass until 6:30 pm. We must have at least three people in every half-hour or hour time period so that if one is not able to make it, the required two are still present. More people at any time is a blessing. We are also in need of a good substitute list, so if someone knows they cannot make their commitment, they can contact a willing substitute. Please call the rectory to see what times are needed to be covered or to be a substitute, or to sign up at a time that works for you regardless of whether others are already committed to that time. It shouldn't be too difficult for us to fill the slate. Men, join us please! Workers and students, can you come by at the end of your day to spend a little time with the Lord? Stay-at-home Moms, any daytime work for you? If we can make it our parish Lenten project to regenerate our day of prayer, that would be a gift we could carry forth long after this season is over! So, please, along with your commitment of money to the CAS, consider a gift of prayer for your own spiritual journey and as a blessing for others. Consult last week's bulletin for more about Adoration itself. The times we need covered: 8:30-9; 9-9:30; 10:30-11; 2:30-3; 4-4:30; 4:30-5; 5-5:30; 5:30-6; 6-6:30. Which is calling you?

Perhaps one way to fill the time periods would be for leaders of some groups connected to our parish to call one another together and spend time in prayer. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Rosary Altar Society Members, Cursillistas, Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members, School Teachers and Staff, Faith Formation Teachers and Staff, Parish Staff Members, Youth Group Members - may prayer time together be a source of grace for your ministries.

HAPPY MARDI GRAS!

In the spirit of joy, celebrate Mardi Gras between now and the dawn of Ash Wednesday, our season of repentance and renewal. Make a special meal. Dance! Sing! Have a parade! Even Jesus says, there is a time of fasting, and there is a time of feasting!

