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

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.

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

Music Ministry
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation
139 Church St. - Phone: 781-1042
Mary Lynn Carnovale... Ext 226

Elk County Catholic School System
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St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812
Susan Jansen, Director

Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

For Director of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School

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TWENTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 9th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Tuesday, September 10th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, September 11th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
8:45 AM For the Victims of the 911 Tragedy

Thursday, September 12th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service
6:30 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, September 13th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Saturday, September 14th
7:00 AM + Helen & Nick Solc

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Charles E. Frey
7:30 AM L&D People of the Parish
10:00 AM L&D Kuppelweiser & Schwartz Families

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of September 8th burns in memory of Joseph & Raymond Frey

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 14:25-33

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes. “Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?” Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!” For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

Question of the Week:

How do you try to discover what God is asking of you? When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? What helps you know?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 14th & 15th

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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.
OLMSTED MANOR RETREAT
Enjoy a relaxing day of prayer, reflection, and fellowship at the Olmsted Manor in Ludlow on Wednesday, September 18th. Father Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Church, will speak on the topic “Christ in Me” - a day retreat looking for Christ in every person. The day begins at 9:30 am with coffee and donuts. The cost of $22/pp includes the light breakfast and lunch. For Reservations, call the St. Mary’s Parish office at 781-824-1247 or minter@eriercd.org.

CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK OPEN HOUSE
The Christian Food Bank located at 817 South Michael Road is holding its first Open House this Sunday, September 8th from 11 am to 2 pm. Everyone in the community is invited to come and see this local mission that has been providing food and hope to those in need in the St. Marys area for over 36 years. Also during that time, “Just Ben Catering” will be holding a drive through chicken or rib barbecue in the food bank parking lot as a fund raiser for the food bank. Cost is $10 - until sold out! Everyone is cordially welcome.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM
Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
Phone No. __________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________

Please check one: __ I am new in the parish & wish to register
___ Change of Address
___ Moving out of Parish
___ Want Envelopes

Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania  
September 8, 2019
FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS
Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Leslie Gahr, LifeTeen Coordinator
Nick Heise, Youth and Young Adult Minister, Middle Level Coordinator
Kathy Cheattle, Elementary Level Coordinator, RCIA Liaison
For more information, call 781-1042.

FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF DATES....
Elementary: September 11th, 6 to 7:30 pm at St. Mary’s Parish Center and St. Boniface School
Middle School (grades 6-8) and Life Teen (grades 9-10): September 15th, 6 to 7:45 pm at Queen of the World.
To register for Faith Formation, go to: disciples.life/store

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY
Nick Heise, our new St. Marys Area Catholic Youth Minister, invites all teens in 9th - 12th grade to join him at the CYMA/CAVs Gym Building, 126 Church Street for “Rooted Youth Ministry” every Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm. Come one night or both: the first half of the night will include different phases of interior remodeling (giving the CYMA building a face lift). The second part of the evening will include fellowship through a plethora of activities; with snacks! Come and enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit!!!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspicions of child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese is committed to ongoing screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese is also committed to the yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To read the policy and see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

INTERESTED IN SCOUTING?
Boy Scout Troop 199 extends an open invitation to anyone in the grades of 6th through 8th that would like to become a scout. Troop 199 is a very active, family-oriented troop with many activities planned throughout the year. If you are interested in learning skills that will help you hike, hunt, camp, perhaps save lives, practice service to others - Scouting can strengthen you in all of these areas. If interested, please contact Terry Detsch at 389-3698. Parents are always welcome at meetings and events.

$10,000 FOOTBALL RAFFLE
Drawings held for each quarter of all ECC home games. Payout each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters of $250; 4th quarter payout will be $500.
FINAL GAME OF THE YEAR:
- Payout of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of $500;
- 4th quarter of the final game payout of $10,000; $100 per tkt.
Only 300 tickets sold - $100 per ticket
Contact Ray Knight 834-7800 or Kim Kim 594-1688.
Benefits ECCSS Music Program

SHOWING OF MOVIE “UNPLANNED” AT ECCHS
The movie “Unplanned” will be shown at Elk County Catholic High School Auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 pm and 6:30 pm. The movie tells the true story of Abby Johnson who was one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. She was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman’s Right to Choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood. UNTIL THE day she saw something that changed everything and transferred her into a true ProLife activist. Admission is free. Sponsored by Elk County Catholic Students for Life, Elk County Right to Life and Life Matters Now.
Please Note: This movie is R rated because it accurately portrays abortion. If a parent cannot attend with their children under the age of 17, students should bring a permission slip signed by parent or guardian.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM?
DisciplesLife Faith Formation is striving to be a team that offers opportunities for all ages to grow in faith. Would you consider being a volunteer? There are many different roles on the team besides being a catechist. We want to take the talents and strengths of each other to build a solid, balanced team. Please pray how you might join us in making an impact. If you have questions or would like more information, don’t hesitate to call our office at 781-1042 or you can email them at: ourdiscipleslife@gmail.com. Help is especially needed with LifeTeen and the Middle School level.

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — The 2019 Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign begins September 25th and runs through November 3rd. “Fasting and praying with 40 Days for Life unifies pro-life energies and illuminates us with grace in our efforts to conquer the culture of death. Every person and organization that believes in the dignity of life is encouraged to join the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion, restore families, and renew communities for life. Join us for these 40 days to help overturn Roe v. Wade, because we didn't have a choice in the beginning with the Supreme Court justices — they decided it for us.”

Peggy Hartshorn, Heartbeat International & Norma McCorvey (Former ‘Roe’)

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Dear Parishioners,

I will be leaving today for the annual retreat required of any priest by Church law. I do so, not because it’s required, but because it is both needed and desired! You’ll remember last year that we offered our parish retreat in Lent. We also offer days of prayer and other talks and times of formation, not just for young people but for ALL parishioners. These are meant to supplement our daily walk of faith and our Sunday Eucharist, the hinges of our spiritual lives. Time to step back, reflect, pray, evaluate, discern, and more… this is what “retreat” is all about. We need it in some fashion or other. It is a privilege and a blessing that the Church forms these kinds of days for our priests, particularly geared toward our calling, ministry, and lives. This is not Emmaus, and it is not the same as the few additional days we have during the year. A bit more extended time is warranted. Getting away is not as easy as it used to be. There is no other priest here at QW. I even feel pangs of guilt for leaving you. But I leave you in the Lord’s hands and ask other area priests to take care of any special needs and funerals. That’s the way it has to be. I will be praying for you. I hope you will do the same… say a prayer for myself and the other priests on retreat with me as well as our retreat leader. It is fair to say that if the retreat does me any good, YOU will benefit too! Have a good week!  - - - fr jeff

FR JEFF ON RETREAT

Fr. Jeff will be on retreat this week. There will be no early morning Mass until Saturday. Please join us for the Scripture/Communion Service at 7 am, take advantage of the daily Mass schedules at our neighboring parishes, or join us for School Mass Wednesday at 8:45 plus any funeral Mass that comes up. Fr. Jeff will be with a group of priests from a variety of places on the East Coast for a week of renewal in New Jersey. Please keep him in your prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTION, CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next weekend we take up the special collection on behalf of Catholic Education.

The Bishop’s letter is found elsewhere in our bulletin. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Every month we pass the basket hoping to add to our assessment toward our Catholic School System. But this collection is different. This is one major effort by our parish and every parish to assist EVERY FORM of passing on the faith. We assist our own Catholic School System and our Faith Formation processes, Sacramental Preparations, and all forms of sharing the faith for our young people and beyond that, for adults as well.

I would ask you to consider a significant gift that will help us. This money goes to both the Diocese, which supports every form of education and formation we offer -- and, half of it stays right here at QW to assist us with all the expenses incurred in this crucial aspect of parish life.

Please use the envelope from our monthly packet and do your best in generosity in response to this appeal.

SCHOOL MASS

Join us Wednesday at 8:45 am for School Mass. All are welcome.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Will meet this Monday, September 9th, 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria to pray the rosary followed by the monthly meeting.

“A SPECIAL INVITATION”

Hi Fellow Parishioners!

I wanted to share with you a project that I am involved with and invite you to join in! A colleague and I felt called to do something for our community that will propel our faith and bring folks together as Christians. After a lot of searching we have found a program that will be coming to our schools in October.

The program has an anti-bullying theme and is called the Dignity Revolution. It talks about the worth and value of every person. After the day programs there will be a community night with Bob Lenz a Christian speaker. We have this scheduled for 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 9th at the St. Marys Area High School auditorium. All are welcome to this event and more details will be coming as it gets closer.

We will be taking up a collection the week of September 8th to help with the costs. If you are able to donate any amount, we very much appreciate it!

I’m intensely praying that this event is successful in helping folks come together for the good of our great community - please join me in prayer if you can!

God bless,
Mandy Assalone
faithforwardelkco@gmail.com