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

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.

Prayer for Priests
Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

October 29, 2017
Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 22:34-40

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Jesus gives us a simple moral principle in today's Gospel. He speaks about two kinds of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He tells us that all the other laws and teachings of our faith fall under these two headings. So if we can master these, we will be in good spiritual shape! First of all, regarding the love of God, Jesus tells us in essence that we must love God completely and entirely, with our whole being—heart, soul, and mind. If we are holding back from a full commitment to God, then we are falling short of this vision. So we would do well to examine ourselves and find those trouble spots where we are hesitant to give God everything. Is there a relationship we hold in our heart that is somehow separating us from God, either by negative association, lingering bitterness, or a kind of idol-worship of the relationship itself? What about our souls? Are we deeply attached to any pastimes, pleasures, or pursuits that cloud our soul from clearly welcoming the presence of God? An examination of our minds is in order as well. How do we direct our thoughts? Do we strive to form our conscience and understanding in the truth, or do we passively allow public opinion or popular consensus to direct our conclusions about the Church, the world, and our own identity? It follows that the closer we come to loving God with our whole being, the better we will be at loving our neighbors. The more we are filled with God's love, the more that love radiates out to those around us, and the less we concern ourselves about what we can get out of the deal. So let us truly love God, and all the rest will follow.

Question of the Week:

In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself? Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor?
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Nov. 7  St. Boniface Church, Kersey  885-8941
Nov. 28  St. Mary’s Church  781-1019

Please make your reservations at the Church you wish to attend.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Monday, 10/30: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Monday, 10/30: 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- Tuesday, 10/31: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, 11/01: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A Free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 11/03: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Friday, 11/03: 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart “Super BINGO” Doors open at 4:30 pm, free lunch at 5:30 pm and Early Birds at 6:30 pm. Door prizes and progressive games!
- Saturday, 11/04: 9:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary’s Church until 4:45 pm.

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

30th  Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer
31st  Kathy & Jim Herzing, Irene Gregory
1st  Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd  Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
3rd  Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy
5th  Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Joanne Gasper, Rita Peterson

CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRY RETREAT
Catholic Rural Ministry is offering an overnight retreat, “Living Compassion Today,” Nov. 8-9, from noon to noon, at Olmsted Manor Conference Center in Ludlow. Sister Anne McCarthy, OSB will be the guest presenter. The cost is $50, which includes four meals and overnight accommodations. Please send a $25 registration fee to: Catholic Rural Ministry, 7 Pulaski St., Oil City, PA 16301, or call 814-677-2032 to register by Nov. 1. Accommodations are limited.

ELK HAVEN CHRISTMAS CARD FUND
If you wish to make Christmas a joyous one for Elk Haven residents, you can send a donation and how you wish your name to appear in The Daily Press to: Elk Haven Christmas Card Fund, P.O. Box 853, St. Marys, PA 15857. The deadline is Dec. 1st. This project is being sponsored by the CD of A.

SACRED HEART FIRST FRIDAY BREAD SALE
Will be held November 2nd & 3rd. Fresh baked breads will be available with specials for November including: Harvest Chowder, Loaded Ham & Swiss on Rye, Pickled Eggs, Pea Salad, Lime Jello/Pear Dessert, Assorted Turnovers, large and small Pumpkin/Raisin Breads. Pick up at Sacred Parish Social Hall on Thursday, Nov. 2nd - 3 to 6 pm and Friday, Nov. 3rd from 10 am to 2 pm or sold out. For advance orders, call 834-7861 #1 or 834-3698 by 4 pm on Wednesday.

Honor our Veterans - Sponsor a Wreath
Wreaths Across America and Helping Hands of St. Marys are again joining forces to honor local Veterans. To remember and honor our Veterans, you can sponsor a wreath for Christmas. Forms to honor our veterans with a wreath can be found on the tables in the back of Church. Wreaths can be ordered for all St. Marys cemeteries, Kersey, Ridgway, and also Johnsonburg.

THANK YOU
To all the faithful volunteers who helped with the Walnut Roll Sale. Thank you to the ‘Solic’ Family who carry on this beautiful tradition started by their parents here at Queen of the World. Also, thanks to everyone who purchased the delicious rolls. The next Nut Roll sale will be held in March, 2018. We’re sure everyone will enjoy their “Holiday Nut Rolls”!!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, October 30th
Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, October 31st
Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, November 1st - All Saints Day
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday, November 2nd - All Souls Day
Friday, November 3rd
Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, November 4th
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday, November 5th
Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — In Nazi Germany’s atmosphere of across-the-board attacks on defenseless human life, the German bishop of Munich, Clemens von Galen on August 3, 1941 in the Cathedral bravely spoke these instructive words: “Have you, have I the right to live only so long as we are productive, so long as we are recognized by others as productive?”

COMMUNITY MASS DATES FOR 2017
Community Mass is held here at Queen of the World on Sunday at 5:00 pm on the following dates:
- Oct. 29
- Nov. 5, 12 & 19
- Dec. 3, 10 & 17
Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the 5 pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS STORE ACCEPTING NEW ITEMS
The ECCSS PTO Christmas Store committee will be accepting NEW handmade craft items for this year’s store being held on December 6th & 7th. Any new handcrafted gifts would be very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the elementary school during school hours. Thank You!

ST. BONIFACE CASH BASH
Will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm in the St. Boniface Parish social hall. Doors open at 4:45 pm. Cost is $10/ticket - only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Ticket includes a chance to win $2,000, $500 or $100, as well as food & legal beverages. Need not be present to win. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets available in St. Boniface Parish office or the School.

OUR FIRST TRUNK OR TREAT is being held here in Queen of the World Parish’s large parking lot this Sunday, October 29th from 2 to 4 pm. Children are invited to dress in costumes and ‘Trick or Treat’ safely during daylight hours. Parish Council will provide a few games/activities as well as a drink and treat near the gym entrance. Everyone is encouraged to come participate bringing treats or ‘Halloweening.’

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Nov. 1st - Students are to attend Mass at their parishes for the Holy Day with their family next class will be November 8th at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Oct., 29th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Oct. 29th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Dear Parishioners,

We include in the bulletin today a report from the conclusion of the previous fiscal year. You will note that I try not to address finances too often, only when I must as your pastor. That includes the Catholic Services Appeal time (usually just before Lent begins). I think it is also good, and right, and healthy for us to see the end result, the conclusion of our financial year (which runs from July 1st through June 30th). I know it’s well past that, but it takes a while for us to put the year behind us, generate all the reports, go over them ourselves, and pass them on to you. So, here it is today. As you can see, we well exceeded our budget for income from Offertory and we did pretty well with the CSA. We are “in the black.” This is a great testament to the faith and generosity of the people of Queen of the World. We are able to accomplish a great deal with the gift of your Sacrificial Giving. We support the ministry and mission of the whole Church, world-wide, at the diocesan level, and here at QW. People are fed, children are taught, adults are welcomed, those in mourning are comforted, and much more is made possible by our sharing in the Gospel mandate. Thank you! We also are able to take care of our beautiful parish plant, its buildings and responsibilities. I’ve never been in a parish that is in such good physical shape. Again, this is because of your care and, in a good sense, pride in our parish. The only thing that I want to point out to you is the “ebb and flow” of monthly reports such as shown on our graphs. You may wonder why there is such fluctuation. Remember that there are 2 five-weeks months in any calendar year. So, these are helpful to us as they are to anyone who depends on weekly income. Also, as you know, we have fewer people who attend Mass in the summer and in the deepest part of winter. Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter are times of more attendance and also times when people choose to give more. So, while we can appreciate the month by month reports, it is truly best for us to measure year by year. One major expense that is not reported because we did not pay the bill until this fiscal year was completed, was all the work around the rectory concerning drainage and repair. The total bill was very large, as I reported to you earlier, about $65,000. This work was desperately needed in an emergency sort of way. Because of our healthy financial condition, we were able to pay for this work without going into any savings. I am always willing to share more detailed information or answer any questions you might have about our parish finances. What finances enable us to do is most important - taking care of our portion of the Reign of God breaking into our world.

HALLOWEEN, ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

Our children are very excited as Halloween draw near. May they have a great time as they remind us of the “masks” that we all wear and the childlike qualities within each of us. This night is Christian in its origins, lest we forget. It is the night the Souls are restless before the declaration of their Sainthood. May our children enjoy and be safe. Let us “treat them” well.

Our Pastoral Council came up with the great idea of offering “Trunk or Treat” here in our own parking lot today. Come to park and “open your trunk” with a treat for our children. Some may even want to decorate their trunks for the occasion. Join us from 2-4 pm today.

Added bonus: NO Steeler game until later tonight!

Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of obligation for us. Join us for Mass at 7 or 9 am or 7 pm. Other Masses in town include: St. Mary’s Church - Vigil - 6:30 pm; All Saints Day - 8:30 am & 5:30 pm. Sacred Heart Church - Vigil - 5:15 pm and All Saints Day - 6:15 am and 12:05 pm.

Thursday is the Feast of All Souls. Join us for Mass at 7 am or 7 pm as we remember all the Faithful Departed on this special day. At the evening Mass, we will pray in a special way for all who have died in this past year here at Queen of the World. There will be a light reception after. Please encourage effected family members to join us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are off to a great start with our Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10 am Mass. Please encourage your children and grandchildren of ages (approx. K through 3rd Grade) to attend this Mass and go with their peers to experience the story of Jesus while we do the same in Big Church.

We could still use some presenters and helpers. With a bit of training and preparation we will help anyone take on this ministry with the hope that it would only be once every couple of months of so. Please let Fr. Jeff know if you are interested, 834-4701.

OCTOBER

As the month of October winds down, we still remember and pray for RESPECT FOR LIFE. Let us support God’s gift of life from the womb until natural death.

We also remember the gift of the Rosary this month. Pray this beautiful prayer on your own and perhaps by joining us as we pray together at 7 am on Sundays as well as before and after daily Masses.

The QW Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary this week at 6:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday, as they have been all through the month of October.

2nd GRADE PARENTS

We ask all parents of 2nd Graders, that is, those planning to receive the Sacrament of Penance this year, to be with us next Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 6 pm for our Parent Preparation Session. We need each student represented and hope all parents are able to find babysitting and join us together for this important gathering.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

One of the easiest non-speaking ways of participating in Mass is to present the gifts. This is the privilege and responsibility of the People of God. Please help the Ushers by telling them you would like to participate. It is not good that so few people are willing to do this simple task for the Lord in the name of our parish family.