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Directors of Admissions  
Franchesca Stubber – 834-1480  
Elementary / Middle / High School

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.

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

Happy Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving Remembrance …….  
This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. Let’s focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Thank You Lord!
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 25th & 26th

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Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 25:14-30

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day. What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us. Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do. Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Question of the Week:

What gift has God given you that you haven’t developed as you hoped? What could you still do?
VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

20th Helen & John DaCanal
21st Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
23rd John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark
24th Ada S, Monica Werner
25th Gale O’Neill, Patty Brennen, Mary Ann
26th Carol & Barry Lemmert, Timothy Stauffer, Jerry Meyer, Amy Popielksi

CHOIR MEMBERS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Queen of the World Choir has begun practicing for the Masses on Christmas. If you would like to join in for the Christmas Masses, come to practice on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

THE GIVING TREE

In cooperation with Queen of the World, Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s Church, parishioners will have an opportunity to assist the less fortunate among us through the Giving Tree. It has become a custom to “gift” the less fortunate with presents at Christmas time. This weekend a Giving Tree and ornaments with gift requests has been set up in all three churches. We encourage all to take an ornament, purchase the requested item; please leave on the store tag but Do Not include the sales slip; wrap gift and tape the ornament to the gift. Please NO toys! Return to any of the churches by December 6th. If you prefer giving a monetary gift, please use the envelopes on the trees, you can drop into the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. If you have any question, please call Mary Ann at 834-4701.

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. Deadline is Nov. 21, 2017.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Sunday, 11/19: 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO & Lottery Extravaganza at ECCHS cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45, Free Lunch at 12:30. Special Lottery Prizes!
- Sunday, 11/19: 6:00 pm - Evening of Prayer & Music at St. Bernard’s Church, 205 Taylor Ave., Falls Creek with Fr. Mathias M. Guimno presiding. Service will include prayers for healing. For info - call 814-637-5930 or 814-771-7932. Note: New location!
- Monday, 11/20: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Monday, 11/21: 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- Tuesday, 11/22: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, 11/23: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A Free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 11/24: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.

SACRED HEART THANKSGIVING BAKED GOODS

Pumpkin Roll - $7; 10" Pumpkin Pie - $9; Dinner Rolls - $2.50/doz. Please order by Monday, Nov. 20th. Call 834-7861, #1 or 834-3698. You can leave a message. Pickup is Wed. Nov. 22 - 2 to 5 pm. Use the Parish Center Rear Entrance for pick up.

GIFT OF FOOD AND HOPE

If you would like to be a blessing to the needy people of our area AND to honor someone this Thanksgiving or Christmas, please consider making a donation to the Christian Food Bank.

ELK HAVEN CHRISTMAS CARD FUND

To make Christmas a joyous one for Elk Haven residents, 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. Sponsored by the CD of A.

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
____ Interested in a Parish Ministry

November 19, 2017
CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Tues., Nov. 28 - 7:30 pm at St. Leo Church  Ridgway
Saturday, Dec. 2 - 7:30 pm at St. Mary’s Church
Presented by Concert Choir of Elk County joined by Dr. Paul Fehrenbach and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bell Choir, directed by Bev Yates. Social to follow both concerts.

The Greatest Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was only a couple days away. Everyone in our family would be coming to our house. My funds were limited, therefore my box of coupons would be accompanying me as I shopped that day. I knew I had to be creative in my shopping as I had to stretch every dollar. Just as I was leaving, my husband called. He said he heard about a family with a half dozen kids that will not have anything to eat for Thanksgiving. “The little one is only five year old. While in the store could you possibly buy something for them?” His words echoed in my heart!! Nothing to eat...a five-year-old...eight in the family... My head began to spin thinking that I only had fifty dollars reserved for our family’s Thanksgiving dinner.

In the back of my mind I counted the hungry guests who would be coming to our house for dinner. I almost felt defeated. There’s no way possible, I thought. But, the compassion in my husband’s voice struck a nerve inside me. I dashed off a quick prayer for guidance shopping that day.

As I entered the grocery store parking lot, I noticed a big sign in the window: “Turkeys - 29 cents a pound. Feeling blessed, I whispered, “This is the place, Lord!” I grabbed my box of coupons, went inside, secured two shopping carts, and headed to the frozen foods. The turkeys were indeed on sale, but the sign read “Limit one.” My heart sank! Thinking to myself, BUT, I need TWO! I found the manager and explained my dilemma. He made an exception!

After tossing a turkey in each cart, I began my shopping furly. It was amazing how many buy-one, get-one free items were being featured that day. The first item went into one cart, the free item into the other. In addition, I had all the right coupons to get exactly what both families needed for a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. I proceeded to the register and held my breath while the cashier rang up all the groceries.

To my surprise, I had enough money. I was even able to purchase a small package of cookies for the five-year-old who had stolen my heart, even though I had never met her.

Later that afternoon, my husband and I made a special delivery to a home filled with children of all ages. I will never forget the smiles on the six kids’ faces, as they made several trips from my car carrying numerous bags of groceries inside.

This event reminded me of a story. Even though He only had a few loaves and fishes, Jesus multiplied them and fed five thousand people. And to top it off, there was food left over. I wondered if God was doing the same thing that day. The first item went into one cart, the free item into the other. In addition, I had all the right coupons to get exactly what both families needed for a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. I proceeded to the register and held my breath while the cashier rang up all the groceries.

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Remember to be very thankful this Thanksgiving Day!

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — “Sometimes a single issue will be so important that it overrides a whole range of lesser issues...The taking of the life of an unborn child is such an issue. The arbitrary destruction of such life cannot be justified on the grounds that one should be free to choose to kill.” Bishop Donald Wuerl

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Elementary School: Wednesday, Nov. 29th at 6 pm. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday no class will be held Nov. 22nd.
Middle School - Sunday, Nov. 19th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Nov. 19th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation Class: Sunday, Nov. 19th.
Note: No 5 pm Mass or classes will be held November 26th.
Dear Parishioners,

Most of us do some kind of “taking stock” this week as we come to Thanksgiving. Our Eucharist reminds us that “always and everywhere” do the people of God give thanks and praise. Sometimes, we even get specific about those blessings for which we are expressing our prayerful gratitude. Usually, at Church, these words have some connection to the saving action of God through Jesus the Lord. But Thanksgiving, the national holiday, is a bit different. We express our gratitude to God for the privilege to live in the greatest nation on earth - even with its problems and troubles. We give thanks for our ancestors - native Americans and colonials, who came together at harvest time to share in peace. We give thanks for a country that accepted immigrants for centuries and incorporated people from various lands, cultures, languages, and times, into the Melting Pot. This is very special to the majority of us, for we are products of those who came to this country to build new lives in great hope and anticipation of what America would offer. This prompts us to come to this week in a festive spirit. We gather as family and as church family. We prepare a feast. We pay particular attention to the hungry, poor, and lonely. We watch a lot of football. We prepare to hunt and to shop. And, we make a list. We take stock. We think of some of the very personal blessings we have experienced. And we tell the Lord, “thank you.” Even if we are among those who are hurting in these holidays, we know we still have some things for which to be grateful. May that gratitude deepen our awareness of God’s presence among us. May that gratitude move us to make the week a little better for someone else. May that gratitude move us to make this nation a little better place. May that gratitude move us to participate more in the building up of the Reign of Heaven on earth. - fr jeff

LECTOR’S WORKBOOKS

Lectors are asked to pick up their Workbook for the new church year in the Sacristy.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, November 20th
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21st
2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 22nd
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 23rd
1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 24th
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcde-12/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, November 25th
1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 26th
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Fr. Jeff and your parish staff join in wishing you and your family a blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Join us for Mass at 7 am Thanksgiving morning to offer our praise and thanks to God on this special day. Please note that there is no Mass scheduled here Friday morning and that the office is closed as well, so that we, too, might enjoy some time with our families. Also, we will not have our usual Thursday adoration this week.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please help us remember our faithful departed daily in your prayers. Many names are inscribed in the Book of the Living near the altar, and there are names placed in remembrance near the Pieta, and there are names inscribed in the Book of the Living and as church family. We prepare a feast. We pay particular attention to the hungry, poor, and lonely. We give thanks for our ancestors - native Americans and colonials, who came together at harvest time to share in peace. We give thanks for a country that accepted immigrants for centuries and incorporated people from various lands, cultures, languages, and times, into the Melting Pot. This is very special to the majority of us, for we are products of those who came to this country to build new lives in great hope and anticipation of what America would offer. This prompts us to come to this week in a festive spirit. We gather as family and as church family. We prepare a feast. We pay particular attention to the hungry, poor, and lonely. We watch a lot of football. We prepare to hunt and to shop. And, we make a list. We take stock. We think of some of the very personal blessings we have experienced. And we tell the Lord, “thank you.” Even if we are among those who are hurting in these holidays, we know we still have some things for which to be grateful. May that gratitude deepen our awareness of God’s presence among us. May that gratitude move us to make the week a little better for someone else. May that gratitude move us to make this nation a little better place. May that gratitude move us to participate more in the building up of the Reign of Heaven on earth. - fr jeff

WOMEN’S CURSILLO

As we gather this weekend several women of our diocese are enjoying a Cursillo weekend, including parishioners from Queen of the World and the St. Marys area. Please keep these women and the team members in your prayers.

RCIA

RCIA meets this Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Anyone seeking more information about the Church or the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult is welcome to join us.

The Parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please make note of this.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christian Food Bank needs men and women capable of lifting food boxes twice a month on Wednesdays and Fridays. Also needed are two drivers with vehicles that can pull the food bank trailer. To help, call 834-1051 and leave a message.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Today we take up a special collection on behalf of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Our gift supports Catholic agencies and efforts to raise up the life and hopes of the poor. Please be generous in this offering, using the envelope from our monthly packet.