Queen of the World Church
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00

December 3, 2017
FIRST WEEK
OF ADVENT

Monday, December 4th
7:00 AM + Thomas Nissel

Tuesday, December 5th
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, December 6th
7:00 AM + Ethel Caseman

Thursday, December 7th
7:00 AM + Stephen Bon
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception
7:00 AM + Richard & Dorothy Dubler
9:00 AM L&D QW Rosary Altar Society
7:00 PM L&D Member of the Parish

Saturday, December 9th
7:00 AM + Richard Luzier

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Alberta & Wilfred Hoffman

7:30 AM L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM + Ruth M. Nedzinski
5:00 PM Community Mass: + Jerome & Mary Hasselman

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of December 3rd burns in memory of Marlene Schatz

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 13:33-37
1st Sunday of Advent - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:
"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of “the Lord of the house.” During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour-namely, the hour of our death. So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ. To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God’s loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas. During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

Question of the Week:
At this time, how faithful do you feel you are to God’s plan for you?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 9th & 10th

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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!

ADVENT Evening of Prayer - Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 6:30 pm
SAVED HEART’s BAH-HUMBUG FESTIVAL
Will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th - 9 am to 3 pm.
Over 90 craft tables - gigantic bake sale, a large
assortment of Holiday Baked Goods. Lunch menu:
Spätzle Soup, Beef on Wick, Hot Sausage, Ruben Sandwich-
es, Pigs in the Blanket, cinnamon rolls and drinks.

VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish
31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy
5th  Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Joanne GASPER, Rita Peterson
6th  Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrisys &
     Jason KUHAR
7th  Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell
8th  Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp
9th  Doll Fox, Dick & Leah DALLASEN, Dale & Jen VOGT
10th Tom Snyder, Anna Mae MERZT, Sally Geyer

WELCOME JESUS INTO YOUR HEART……
AN ADVENT RETREAT
Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 - 11 am to 4 pm at St. Eulalia Church,
Coudersport, featuring presentations by: Carmelite priest,
Fr. Justin Cinnante. The Retreat will include 11:00 AM Mass,
presentations, luncheon, Holy Hour and confession. Presenta-
tions will include: ‘The Season of Prayer & Waiting’; ‘Mary,
the Woman of Advent’; and ‘Divine Mercy’. Pre-registration
and fee of $15 pp is due by Dec. 3rd. To register / or for info:
call 814-274-8676 or mail to: Judy Castano, % St. Eulalia
Church, 6 E. Maple Street, Coudersport, PA 16915.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Monday, 12/04: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour
  at Sacred Heart Church.
- Monday, 12/04: 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO.
  Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- Tuesday, 12/05: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
  St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, 12/05: 11:00 am - Blood Drive at Penn Highlands
  Elk Education Center until 4 pm. Walk ins welcome.
- Wednesday, 12/06: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free
  meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 12/08: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
  at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Friday, 12/08: 4:30 pm - St. Leo Fish Fry until 6:30
  pm or sold out. Take outs = call 772-4605 after 3 pm.
- Sunday, 12/10: 12:00 noon - Cinch Tournament at St.
  Leo’s Social Hall. Call 335-3969 by Dec. 8th to sign up.

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

ST. MARYS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
Dinner is served at the First United Methodist Church
Asbury Hall, Christmas Day at 12:30 pm. For reservations to
eat in or have a meal delivered, call Carol - 781-7401 or
Marge at 787-4659. Reservations are due by December 20th.
To volunteer to help, call Vada at 834-2230. Don’t be alone
on Christmas, come let us serve you!

BUFFET STYLE ITALIAN DINNER
Saturday, December 16th at St. Boniface
School after the 4:15 pm Mass in their Social Hall. There will be lots of delicious Italian food, raffles and
the Big Drawing for the Ford Escape at 7 pm. Adults $8.00,
children under 12 - $5.00

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

THE GIVING TREE REMINDER
If you took a tag for the Giving Tree, please have
your gifts back to Church no later than December
6th. You are asked to leave on the store tag but
Do Not include the sales slip; wrap gift and tape the orna-
ment to the gift. Please NO toys! If you have any questions,
call Mary Ann at 834-4701. Thank you for participating!
* Visit the newly designed website: www.disciples.life.
* Text @DLIFE to 81010 to receive alerts and notifications of ministry events.
* Visit disciples.life to view upcoming Faith Formation events.
* Life Teen Youth ministry is still accepting new applications for volunteers who feel called to serve our youth.

Snack ministry, affirmation ministry, administration ministry, environment ministry, Youth Mentor, and Music Ministry.

For more information, call Janet at 781-1019.

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:
- Dec. 3, 10 & 17
Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the 5 pm Mass.

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS STORE
The ECCSS PTO Christmas Store committee will be accepting NEW homemade 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!

CAR TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE
There are only a few car tickets available for the 2017 Ford Escape from the Kersey Knights of Columbus and St. Boniface Church. Be sure to get your tickets from a Knight or online at www.winkersey.com.

GIFT OF FOOD AND HOPE
If you would like to be a blessing to the needy people of our area AND to honor someone Christmas, please consider making a donation to the Christian Food Bank, Box 1033, St. Marys, PA. 15857

SOCK DRIVE
The box for the donations of socks is near the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. Thank you for helping our children help children!

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Dec. 3rd, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Dec. 3rd at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation Class: Sunday, Dec. 3rd.
Dear Parishioners,

Make a plan. That’s the only way to handle Advent. The month of December will go by so quickly that unless we make the effort to honor the Season of Advent, it will slip by. It is a unique season in the Church. It is a time of preparation for Christmas, but it has its own themes and relevance. It is not like the penitential season of Lent, although penitence can certainly be part of it. There’s so much more to Advent - hope, joy, anticipation, making ready, seeing the bigger perspective. At one and the same time, we are so busy about things, yet trying to be so patient in waiting. So, sit down for a few minutes and decide how you are going to tackle this season. Mark you calendar. Catch a daily Mass. Spend some time at Thursday Adoration, or join us for Evening Prayer and Benediction. Come to Church this Tuesday evening for some prayer time. Choose the time you will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (don’t wait until the last minute). Enjoy some Scripture reading, such as the prophet Isaiah or the first two chapters of Matthew or Luke’s Gospel. Choose a prayer partner for this holy season - they don’t even have to know that you have made them your “Kris Kringle.” Just do something before the sun sets on December 24th to begin our Christmas celebration. Remember that Jesus’ birth serves one purpose - that we might be re-born in Him and Him is us. - - fr jeff

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Before this season of Advent gets too far along and too busy, let’s take a night as a parish and dedicate it to some prayer and reflection.

Join me this Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm in Church. With a combination of prayer styles, let’s dedicate this evening to the spirit of the season Advent. I look forward to praying with you.

FOR YOUR ADVENT

Check out BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited - a website sponsored by “Dynamic Catholic” - an opportunity to do some Advent prayer, reflection, and activities through this online resource.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for Mass at 7 am or 7 pm or our School Mass at 9 am.

FYI there is also a very special Mass at St. Mary’s Church at 5:30 pm celebrating the 175th anniversary of the first Mass and the founding of the Mother parish and the town of St. Marys. Bishop Persico and Archabbot Douglas will join the celebration. Other Masses in the area include:

Sacred Heart Church: Vigil Mass: 5:15 pm & on Friday, December 8th - 6:15 am & 12:05 pm
St. Mary’s Church: Vigil: 6:30 pm & on Friday, December 8th - 8:30 am & the special 5:30 pm Mass. Be sure to get to Mass at some point for this sacred day.

CONFESSIONS AND PENCENCE SERVICES IN ADVENT

PLEASE REFRIGERATE ME!

The schedule for Advent at Queen of the World and for the area -

Confessions: Thursday, Dec. 7 at 4 pm
Saturdays, Dec. 9 and 16 at 4:30 pm

Note: No Confessions scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 23rd.

AREA PENCENCE SERVICES

Wednesday, Dec 6  St. Leo, Ridgway  7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 10  St. Mark, Emporium  3 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 12  Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg  6:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 14  St. Boniface, Kersey  7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 17  St. Joseph, Force  3 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20  Queen of the World  7 pm
Thursday, Dec. 21  St. Mary’s Church  7 pm

RITE OF WELCOME

Today at the 10 am Mass we celebrate the Rite of Welcome for Ruth Donachy. Ruth is seeking the full Communion of the Catholic Church as a baptized Christian. She is preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion through the RCIA. Today we welcome her officially and pledge to support and pray for her as she continues this process. Congratulations, Ruth!

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council meets this Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm following Evening Prayer and Benediction. The meeting takes place in the Rectory Meeting Room. I ask all members of the Council to be present and to bring your 2018 calendars to schedule our future meetings. This Council is the only consultative body legislated by the Church, and so is very important to the workings and ministries of our parish.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 4th
Is 2:1-5/Ps 8:12-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 5th
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 6th
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 7th
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday, December 9th
Is 30:19-26/Ps 147:1-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, December 10th
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Dec. 9/10 - The Retirement Fund for Religious