Queen of the World Church
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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

Advent Challenge
December 10, 2017

Spend time reflecting on what obstacle, large or small, has been preventing you from saying yes to God in some aspect of your life.
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 16th & 17th

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<td>Adam Bobenrieth, Robbie Bobenrieth</td>
<td>Mary Ann Facetti, Mary Ellen Frank, Marvin Riddle, Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth, Barb Taylor</td>
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<td>Tanner Pasi, Matthew Wehler</td>
<td>Mary Lynn Carnovale, Mary Lee DePrator, Marie Gahr, Kathy Herzing, Amy Jacob, Thad Sorg</td>
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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.

Second Week of Advent

Monday, December 11th
7:00 AM + Constance Villella

Tuesday, December 12th
7:00 AM **Scripture & Communion Service**

Wednesday, December 13th
7:00 AM + Jeff D. & Marilyn Eckert
8:45 AM L&D Anzinger & Shine Families

Thursday, December 14th
7:00 AM + LeRoy G. & Agnes Fox
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, December 15th
7:00 AM + John & Priscilla Sterbank

Saturday, December 16th
7:00 AM Matthew Meyer

Third Sunday of Advent

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Robert & Doris Fritz
7:30 AM + Art, Mercedes & David Krieg
10:00 AM L&D Members of the Parish
5:00 PM Community Mass: +Henry & Clara Samick & Daughters

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of December 10th burns in memory of Tammy Pichler

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, **Mt 1:1-8**

2nd Sunday of Advent - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance—clothed in camel’s hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits—feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity—"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Question of the Week:

With whom could you be more patient with this week, as God has been patient with you?
For those needing prayers, call 781-PARISH alone on Christmas, come let us serve you! Deliver meals, or clean up, call Vada at 834-6865. Monetary donations can be sent to the County United Way. For reservations to eat in or have a meal delivered, call 781-7401 or Marge at 787-4659. Reservations are due by December 20th.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Jan. 11 Queen of the World 834-4701
Jan. 24 Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 965-2819

Please make your reservation with the Church you wish to attend their Session.

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

11th Pat Pfeufer, Betty Cheattle, Nicole Schneider
12th Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th Steve & Dody Winiarczyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th Dixie Newell, Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler

“LESSONS & CAROLS”
St. Boniface Church will be hosting its fourth annual Advent ecumenical event—“Lessons & Carols” on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 pm in St. Boniface Church. If you are looking for an opportunity to prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, make plans to attend this event. Queen of the World Choir with Sacred Heart Choir and youth from both SMA and ECC will be participating. A festive Social will follow in the Gathering Space.

The Annual Shiloh Christmas Concert will be held this Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm, 217 Washington Street, St. Marys. Our own Organist Stephen Toney will accompany at the Concert. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

ST. MARYS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
The St. Marys Christmas Day Dinner is a free meal for any residents of St. Marys, Bennetts Valley, and Kersey who are alone or unable to prepare a meal. This is an opportunity for them to share Christmas with others. This is a community mission project having served the public for twenty-two successful years and plans to continue for years to come.

You can eat in or have a meal delivered. Dinner is served family style in Asbury Hall at the First United Methodist Church in St. Marys at 12:30 pm on Christmas.

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 donate cake, jello salads, ham, or turkeys call Jan at 781-6865. Monetary donations can be sent to the County National Bank, St. Marys, PA. Make checks payable to St. Marys Area Christmas Day Dinner.

To volunteer to help prepare food, serve food, pack meals, deliver meals, or clean up, call Vada at 834-2230. Don’t be alone on Christmas, come let us serve you!

PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
For those needing prayers, call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

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

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Monday, 12/11: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- Monday, 12/11: 6:30 pm - ECCHS Monday BINGO. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Come try the “Hotball” game!
- Tuesday, 12/12: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Wednesday, 12/13: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 12/15: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Sunday, 12/17: 1:30 pm - ECC Athletic Assoc. BINGO Doors open at 11:45, Free Lunch at 12:30 (Beef on wick, chips and dessert) Held in ECCHS Cafeteria.
LIFE TEEN
* 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. 10 & 17
Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the 5 pm Mass.

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!

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. Drawing will be held Dec. 16th.

DECEMBER ECCHS ALUMNI MASS
The Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association will hold its December Alumni Mass on Friday, Dec. 15th at 9:05 am at ECCHS. All graduates of Central High School and Elk County Christian/Catholic High School are invited to attend and celebrate with the students, faculty, and staff. Breakfast will be served immediately following in the cafeteria. We hope you will join in!

SHALOM CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Join in to welcome and celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ with music at Shalom Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 pm at the Paul G. Reitz Theater in Dubois. Admission is free. All are welcome. For info, call Judy at 814-637-5930 or Rich at 814-771-7932.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Dec. 10th, at QW beginning with 5:00 pm Mass; class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Dec. 10th at QW Beginning with 5 pm Mass, class 6 to 7:45 pm.
Confirmation Class: Sunday, Dec. 10th.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018……………….…….$746,042
Parish Budget to Date……………………..…..$361,273
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Dec. 2/3, 2017
Parish Offertory …...………………………..….
Loose ……………..……………...……….$1,434
Children…………………………………………….….
School Support …………...…..…….………...……….$791
Utilities & Maintenance..…………………………....……$360
Memorials………………………….……………...……...$155
All Saints…………………………………………….….
Christmas…………………………………………………..$30
Immaculate Conception……………………………………$75
Solemnity of Mary………………………………………….
Total Received………………...………………….$17,520

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of December 2/3, 2017
(Campaign for Human Development……………………….$10
Retired Religious…………………………………………..$35
Thank you !
Total Envelopes Mailed …...…………..……………….1,110
Total Number of Offertory Env Used 11-25/26…………....362
Total Mass Attendance for Dec. 2/3, 2017……………...

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — This year as you get ready to send out your Christmas cards, consider using some pro-life greetings. “As we celebrate this Christmas, we celebrate the life of Jesus, the life God has given each of us, and the lives God has allowed us to touch. May your Christmas be blessed with abundance and opportunity. Merry Christmas!” OR...“As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are grateful for sacred gift of life he has given to each us and the eternal life He has promised to his children.”

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Dear Parishioners,

We are moving along, already on the 8th day of our Advent season. It's particularly important this year, because we only have 22 Advent days, to do what we can to honor and celebrate this season. Through prayer, may you find the grace you need to prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord. Christmas will also be somewhat of an abbreviated season this year, with only 15 days of celebration. Let us take full advantage of these winter days to celebrate the birth and presence of Jesus among us in the flesh. For a little over a month, then, these two seasons kick off our church year and invite us into the Reign of Heaven even as it breaks into our fragile and limited world. Among the saints of Advent this week, we celebrate St. Lucy, whose very name means "Light," who gave her life to the Lord as a young girl, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the great devotion of the people of Mexico honoring the Blessed Mother's appearances there several centuries ago. We look to these heroes of faith for inspiration, guidance, example, and intercession. Like John the Baptist, they "point" to Christ. If someone were looking for Jesus, would they point to you? If someone were looking for compassion, would they point to you? If someone were looking for hope, would they point to you? May you find peace, patience, and quiet this week to allow the blessings of Advent to permeate your whole being…..Let Him look for you, and find you waiting! - - fr jeff

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Fr. Michael Gabler, OSB, Pastor, and the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church as they complete the refurbishing of their church and return to their spiritual home! Enjoy the fruits of your labors and the preservation of your worship space for a long time to come!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, December 11th**
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d] /Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday, December 13th**
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14th**
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15th**
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16th**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17th**

**CONFESSIONS AND PENANCE SERVICES IN ADVENT PLEASE REFRIGERATE ME!**

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

**Confessions:** Saturdays, Dec. 16 at 4:30 pm

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

**AREA PENANCE SERVICES**

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**SPECIAL NOTE FOR CONFESSIONS**

Please note that this Saturday, Dec. 16th is the final Saturday afternoon Confession time before Christmas as we will not have Confessions here on Dec. 23rd. Please take advantage of the many Penance Services scheduled this week and next to celebrate the Lord’s forgiveness in this Advent season.

**QUEEN OF THE WORLD CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24**

**Vigil Masses:** 5 pm and 7:30 pm **Music Program preceding**

**Principle Mass at Night:** 10 pm **Music Program preceding**

Monday, Dec. 25
Mass in the Morning: 9 am

Our weekend schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent will remain: Sat. Vigil (Dec. 23) 6 pm  
Sunday (Dec. 24) 7:30 am & 10 am

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers in Honor of / Memory of someone, please use the envelope in your monthly packet or just place in a plain envelope with the information for your loved ones and mark the envelope: ‘For Christmas Flowers’. An acknowledgement flyer will appear in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank You in advance for helping to beautify our worship space for the Christmas Season.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Dec. 9/10 - The Retirement Fund for Religious