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
Janet VanEerden, Director

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
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
Franchesca Stubber, Assistant Director
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Directors of Admissions
Franchesca Stubber - 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Monday, January 1st**
7:00 AM  L&D Member of the Parish

**Christmas Week**

**Tuesday, January 2nd**
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

**Wednesday, January 3rd**
7:00 AM  Christmas Flower Memorials & Donors
8:45 AM  + Iona Meyer

**Thursday, January 4th**
7:00 AM  + Lucille & Theodore Murry
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

**Friday, January 5th**
7:00 AM  + Gen Copella

**Saturday, January 6th**
7:00 AM  + William Wehler

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil  L&D Wilfred Olson & Allie Erich Families
7:30 AM  + Joseph, Sara & Albert Hoffman
10:00 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
5:00 PM  Community Mass: For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate & Religious Life

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of December 31st burns in memory of Robert & Dolly Heindl & Carol Ferringer

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

**Feast of the Holy Family - Cycle B**

**Gospel Summary:**
"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus 'grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.' As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home. And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

**Question of the Week:**
How do your family members know that your are a compassionate person? What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 6th & 7th**

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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.
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION
The next Baptism Preparation Session for our area will be Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm here at Queen of the World in the Rectory. All first time parents are asked to attend along with sponsors when possible. Also, if it has been more than three years since you celebrated a baptism in your family, we ask you to come. Call 834-4701 to pre-register. Looking ahead, Lent begins February 14, so we will not have baptisms from that date until Easter.

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

1st  Eileen Bremen, Dave & Char Gerber  Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
2nd  Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy
3rd  Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Joanne Gasper, Rita Peterson  Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrissy & Jason Kuhar
4th  Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell  Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp

GIVE THE GIFT OF ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER
What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage that with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on January 26th - 28th in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Also, you may register on line at www.eriercd.org/ee.htm. Remember, “A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime.”

HELP NEEDED WITH ‘MEALS ON WHEELS’
Volunteers are needed for Sunday Meals on Wheels. Because of the loss of helpers due to illness and age, there is a need for new helpers for about one hour, 3 Sundays in a year. Help is especially needed in the winter months. If you can donate your time, call Phyllis at 834-7317.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS
- Tuesday, 01/02: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, 01/02: 11:00 am - Blood Drive at Penn Highland Elk Education Center until 4 pm.
- Wednesday, 01/03: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 01/05: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- Friday, 01/05: 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart Super BINGO  Doors open at 4:30 pm, Free Lunch at 5:30, Early Birds at 6:30 pm and games begin at 6:45 pm.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1st for the New Year Holiday!

SPECIAL FAREWELL BINGO
The regular Monday Night BINGO at Elk County Catholic High School will have it’s last BINGO on Monday, January 8, 2018. This will be a Special Farewell Bingo. There lots of ‘must go’ prizes! The doors will open at 4 pm. Games will start at 6:30 pm. Thank you for your past support of our program. Happy New Year!

UPCOMING TRIP TO SOUTH ITALY
Travel with Fr. Ross Miceli, Pastor of St. Boniface Church to Italy South. Fr. Ross will be the Chaplain traveling to Calabria, Taormina, Syracuse, Mount Etna, Catania, Sicily, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Capri, Pomeli and Rome. Travel dates: July 1-13, 2018. The cost of $4,600 includes airfare and all included. To register, contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. Or register online at www.proximototravel.com.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
If you would like to receive a copy of your 2017 Church Contributions statement, please call the parish office at 834-4701 and ask to have it sent to you. If you have an email address, it will be electronically sent or if you do not have email, it can be mailed to you.

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

January 7, 2018
Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania
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.

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM
Saint Vincent College in Latrobe will host its eighth annual Faith and Reason Summer Program, an intensive, one-week introduction to the Catholic liberal arts tradition. The program will be held June 10-15, 2018, and will be directed by Dr. Michael P. Krom, professor and chair of the Philosophy Department. Each day is structured around the Saint Vincent monastic schedule of prayer and Mass. During the class sessions, students analyze and discuss selected readings in a seminar setting. There also is time for recreational activities, movies and excursions to attractions in the Laurel Highlands and Pittsburgh areas. Housing in a college residence hall and three daily meals in the college dining hall are included in the cost ($495). Limited scholarship funding is available. Further information is available by contacting Dr. Krom at 724-805-2844 or emailing him at michael.krom@stvincent.edu. Registration is accepted at www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENT
Five steps to Safer Environments - the Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.
1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)
To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018..........................$746,042
Parish Budget to Date......................................$391,852

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Dec. 16/17, 2017
Regular Envelope ............................................$11,408
Loose ..........................................................$1,689
Children..........................................................$2
School Support ................................................$23
Utilities & Maintenance...................................$46
Memorials .......................................................$50
Christmas......................................................$210
Immaculate Conception....................................$529
Solemnity of Mary..........................................$50
Total Received................................................$14,007

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
Weekend of Dec. 16/17, 2017
Retired Religious............................................$175

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PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Each new year seems to offer us a blank slate, a challenge to make a positive contribution. A new year can be compared to a new life, each child conceived is God’s opinion that the world should go on. As each of us begins this new year, let us pledge ourselves anew to seeing that abortion does not thwart God’s plan.
Dear Parishioners,

Tonight we look back. That's the first task of New Years Eve. We remember fondly. We accept the movements, blessings, and changes that 2017 brought to each and all of us. But we don’t linger there. We bid farewell. It’s like sipping a sweet wine. We savor the year for a moment, and then let it go. And, with excitement and anticipation, we greet a new day, which brings a new year, which brings new possibilities. We toast to 2018 and whatever it might bring us. What opportunities will be there for personal growth? The events of 2018 will mold and shape our lives. But that’s not to say we should be passive participants. We make New Years resolutions precisely to take the lead, to be self-directed, to change ourselves and our corner of the world for better. Don't trivialize those resolutions. Spend some time on this Feast of the Holy Family and on the day we honor the Motherhood of Mary to choose some areas of your life that could use some grace and some work. Make a plan to tackle them. And after the first moment of backsliding, don’t give up too easily. Make it part of a New Years prayer, not just a thing to do between football games and sauerkraut. While we don’t have the “obligation” to attend Mass this New Years, maybe you could make the extra effort, here or at another Mass in the area, to let the Eucharist, the gift and sacrifice of Jesus, get 2018 off to a great start. Tomorrow we look without seeing. We look ahead, but we have no idea just what will happen. That can be a little scary. But that’s why we are a people of faith. The Christ Child is ever present to us. Let’s forge ahead as He did...Father, Thy will be done... Happy New Year! - -
fr jeff

MY PERSONAL THANKS
I have been enjoying my first Christmas with you and among you as your pastor. Thank you for your kindness to me, your cards, gifts, and goodies. As I put on 10-15 lbs. of winter weight, I’ll think of YOU, but gratefully!!! God bless you!

NEW YEARS & FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tomorrow, Monday, January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Because it falls on Monday this year, the Church has removed the obligation to attend Mass. But it remains an important and beautiful feast of the Christmas season and a great way to start the new year. Join us for Mass Monday morning at 9 am. Other Masses in the area include:
Sacred Heart Church: Monday at 11 am
St. Mary’s Church: Monday at 8:30 am. St. Mary’s is also having a Vigil Mass Sunday evening at 4:30 pm, which is a Mass for Monday, not for your Sunday obligation.
St. Boniface Church: Monday evening at 7:00 PM
We are not having a Vigil Mass for this feast for two reasons. First the obligation has been removed; and second, it is quite confusing, since we often host a Sunday evening Mass that “counts” for Sunday.

TODAY’S CHRISTMAS FEAST
The Sunday after Christmas bring us the celebration of the Holy Family. We pray for the grace to imitate the Holy Family in seeking and fulfilling the will of God. May our family, such as it is, be blessed in these holidays and always. Remember to include those of “non-traditional” families, those dealing with separation and divorce, those who are alone, and those who have lost immediate family members in your prayers and best wishes.

THE REST OF THE SEASON
The Christmas season will continue for us for another week. Try to celebrate each day of Christmas even as we return to our routines later this week. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, usually the last Sunday of the season, is moved to Monday, Jan. 8th by the way the calendar happens to fall this year.

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS
We continue to offer prayers of gratitude throughout this season for those who memorialized their loved ones through Christmas flower donations as well as for those they ask us to remember. We also say thank you once again to our Environment team and all those who helped create the beautiful atmosphere of the Church for this season. Likewise, let us say thank you to Stephen Toney and all our music ministry, for the beautiful Christmas programs before our Vigil Masses and the beautiful music of this holy season.

THURSDAY ADORATION
We continue to find times during our Thursday adoration that are bleakly attended, if not at all. We will need to address this soon if people do not come to pray during the day. Even though it’s winter, please make the effort to come during the day Thursday to pray before the Lord during the Exposition of the Eucharist. We conclude with Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm and typically with Benediction when Fr. Jeff is available. Without your interest and help, we will have to stop this beautiful devotion, which would be a shame for a parish our size. If you don’t have an entire hour, come for 15 minutes or a half an hour. Please take advantage of this opportunity of prayer before the Lord. On days when we have funerals, please STAY and pray MASS rather than LEAVE! That is the celebration of Eucharist and an important way to pray not only for your intentions but for the deceased and their family.

FIRST FRIDAY
Friday, Jan 5 is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. The homebound were already visited for Christmas rather than for January. We will see you next month! Confessions will be Thursday, Jan. 4 at 4 pm.

HAPPY NEW YEARS!
Fr. Jeff and all your staff at Queen of the World wish you a blessed and joyous New Years celebration and a great 2018! Be safe in your celebrations and travels. Note that the parish office will be closed Monday and Tuesday so that our staff might enjoy some time with their families.