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

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

**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.

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**EPIPHANY**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

- Mt 2:1-2

January 7, 2018
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8th
7:00 AM  +Joseph & Helen Gnan

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday, January 9th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, January 10th
7:00 AM  + Elsie Hoffman
8:45 AM  L&D George & Julia Meyer Family

Thursday, January 11th
7:00 AM  + Joseph & Marion Salvatore
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, January 12th
7:00 AM  For the Special Intentions of Linda Hoffman

SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Members of the Parish
7:30 AM  + Betty Guido
10:00 AM  + Leo L. Sutka
5:00 PM  NO Community Mass this week

The Epiphany of the Lord - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:
"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced. On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother. The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death. Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves. Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

Question of the Week:
When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place? Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 13th & 14th

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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 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. Looking ahead, Lent begins February 14, so we will not have baptisms here at Queen of the World from that date until Easter.

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

8th  Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp
9th  Doll Fox, Dick & Leah Dallasen, Dale & Jen Vogt
10th Tom Snyder, Anna Mae Mertz, Sally Geyer
11th Pat Pfeifer, Betty Cheattle, Nicole Schneider
12th Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th Steve & Dody Winiarsczyk, Peggy Hoffman
14th Eileen Williams, Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal

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.”

DESIGNER BAG BINGO AT ST. BERNARD’S

On Sunday, Feb. 11 a Designer Bag BINGO will be held at St. Bernard School, Bradford. Doors open at 12 noon, first game at 1 pm. Tickets are $30 and include BINGO boards and dauber. You will have a chance to win designer bags such as COACH, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and much more. There will be 10 rounds of Bingo and 6 boards per game. Tickets will NOT be sold the day of the event; advance purchase only. Tickets are sold at St. Bernard School and St. Bernard Church; cash or check only.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE

A January Cinnamon Roll Sale will be held here at Queen of the World the weekend of January 20-21. Please have orders into the office by January 16th. The order form was in last week’s bulletin. If you didn’t get an order form, just call the office - 834-4701 - to pre-order.

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.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- Monday, 01/08: 6:30 pm - Special ‘Farewell’ BINGO at ECCHS - see note below!
- Tuesday, 01/09: 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Benediction at 6:45 pm
- Tuesday, 01/09: 6:30 pm - Elk County Right to Life Group Meeting in the St. Mary’s Church Parish Annex Bldg. (Beside the Benedictine Gift Shop). For more information, call Mary Bea at 834-3834.
- Wednesday, 01/10: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- Friday, 01/12: 1:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.

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!

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.

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.

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
COMMUNITY MASS DATES FOR 2018
Community Mass is held here at Queen of the World on Sunday at 5:00 pm. The January schedule is the following:

- January 7, 21 & 28.

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the 5 pm Mass.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A Level 1 Formation Course will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center. There will be several dates and participation is necessary at all dates for the course completion. Set dates are: June 6-10, 2018 and Aug. 13-17, 2017, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Two additional days will be announced at a later time. For more information or to request a registration form, call Elena Radkowski at 814-834-5149 or (518) 879-3972 or you can email her at: elenam73@aol.com. If you are willing to serve in one of the local atria, your tuition will be waived. Formation leader: Celine Mitchell. For more info on CGS go to: www.cgsusa.org

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.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018…………………………….. $746,042
Parish Budget to Date……………………………………….. $416,048
OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Dec. 23,24,25, 2017
Regular Envelope .......................................................... $10,242
Loose ........................................................................ $3,243
Children ....................................................................... $2
School Support ............................................................. $417
Utilities & Maintenance............................................... $40
Memorials ..................................................................... $100
Christmas .................................................................... $9,618
Immaculate Conception .............................................. $14
Solemnity of Mary........................................................ $10
Total Received…(Dec. 23/24/25, 2017)…………………………$23,671
DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE
(These funds go to the Diocese.)
Campaign for Human Development.......................... $20
Retired Religious......................................................... $15
Help Support the Faith............................................... $50
Thank you!
Total Envelopes Mailed .............................................. 1,110
Envelopes Used Dec. 23/24/25, 2017......................... 648

PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Some call the right-to-life movement “divisive.” Our country was founded on the recognition of certain basic moral principles, the most important of which is that the right to life is unalienable, is bestowed by the Creator, and is to be protected by the government. The very greatness of America depends on her adherence to this truth. How, then, can one consider “divisive” the very principle on which our unity as a nation stands?

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

Unlike those portions of the world that have moved on to other things, we continue to celebrate Christmas! Enjoy the Feast of the Magi as we bring an end to a wonderful season of grace. Actually, the Christmas season ends tomorrow with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Join us for Mass at 7 am if you are able as we bring these holy days to their official conclusion.

As we wrap up, I again say “thank you…” to our staff and volunteers; our music ministry and all our liturgical ministers; our Environment team and all the additional people who pitched in when asked; and to you, the parishioners of Queen of the World. My first Christmas with you has been a blessed and joyous one! May God bless you long after the tinsel is gone!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes today at 10 am Mass. Thank you to our Presenters and helpers for praying with our Children in this important ministry. They return to us for the Eucharistic portion of Mass enthused, having shared in the story of Jesus is their “own language.”

If you would like to take a turn presenting for our children, please let Fr. Jeff know, 834-4701. We could use another team or two to help.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

This Thursday, Jan. 11 we will host the Baptism Preparation Session in the meeting room of the rectory at 7 pm. We ask all first time parents and those for whom it has been more than three years to attend a session in preparation for an infant baptism. Godparents/sponsors are also asked to attend when possible. You may wish to wait to choose your godparents after you hear the qualifications for this important role. Call 834-4701 to pre-register.

ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday marks our return to “Ordinary Time.” For those who follow the Church at prayer, we will be in Year B in the Sunday Cycle. Year II in the weekday Cycle, and picking up Ordinary Time in Week 1.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The Magi in today’s gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the ‘stars’ your children follow? Don’t let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children!