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ALERT FOR THE PRESENCE OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

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

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
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

For Director of Admissions
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School

December 2, 2018
**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

- **Monday, December 3rd**
  - 7:00 AM  
    Scripture & Communion Service
- **Tuesday, December 4th**
  - 7:00 AM  
    Scripture & Communion Service
- **Wednesday, December 5th**
  - 7:00 AM  
    Paul Baumgratz, Terry Baumgratz, Angie Bennett
  - 8:45 AM  
    L&D Anzinger & Shine Families
- **Thursday, December 6th**
  - 7:00 AM  
    Gerald & Audrey Smith
  - 6:30 PM  
    Evening Prayer & Benediction
- **Friday, December 7th**
  - 7:00 AM  
    Robbie Bobenrieth
  - 9:00 AM  
    Wanda Dragone, Marie Giazzoni, Terri Lanzel
- **Saturday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  - 9:00 AM  
    L&D Members of the Parish

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D QW Rosary Altar Society
- 7:30 AM  
  L&D Members of the Parish
- 10:00 AM  
  Mark Defilippi

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week of December 2nd burns in memory of George & Agnes Krug and Isadore & Esther Hanes Families

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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

**Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 21:25-28,34-36**

**1st Sunday of Advent - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath. But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case! But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

**Question of the Week:**

What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season? What prayers will you say every day?

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**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 8th & 9th**

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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.
**UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS**

- **Monday, 12/03:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 12/04:** 9:15 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church Rosary at 4 pm. Benediction at 4:30 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- **Tuesday, 12/04:** 11:00 am - Community Blood Drive at Penn Highlands Elk until 4 pm. Those who donate will be entered to win a 55” Flat-Screen TV. Walk-ins are welcome.
- **Wednesday, 12/05:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 12/07:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm. Now all day!
- **Friday, 12/07:** 6:45 pm - Sacred Heart “Super BINGO” Doors open at 4:30 pm, free lunch at 5:30 pm.

- **Tuesday, 12/11:** 6:30 pm - Elk County Right Life Meeting at St. Mary’s Church Annex building.
- **Friday, 12/14:** 4:30 pm - St. Leo Fish Fry until 6:30 pm or sold out. $10 - Eat in or Take outs, call 772-4705.
- **Monday, 12/17:** 1:00 pm - St. Anne Society Christmas Party at Sacred Heart.

**SACRED HEART’S BAH-HAMBUG FESTIVAL**
Saturday, Dec. 15th - 9 am to 3 pm. There’s over 90 Craft Tables, Huge Basket Raffle, Gigantic Bake Sale, Spaetzel Soup, Beef on Wick, Hot Sausage & Rueben Sandwiches available. All foods available for take-out. Free shuttle service being offered from ECCHS parking lot all day.

**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP**
When out Christmas shopping, remember the Benedictine Gift Shop, 139 Church Street. This is the only Christian Gift Shop in a 100 mile radius. They are well stocked with Christmas ornaments, nativity sets, and much, much more. Saturday, Dec. 15th, 9 am to 3 pm, 20% off sale storewide.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER?**
First United Methodist Church is sponsoring Christmas Day Dinner at 12:30 pm for anyone who wants to share this day with others. Orders for the homebound will also be taken.
If you can help in any of the following ways it will be a great blessing to our community.
To donate turkey, ham, Jell-O Salad or cake, please call 781-6865.
To donate money, drop off a check made out to “St. Marys Christmas Day Dinner” to County National Bank.
To volunteer to prepare, serve or clean up, please call 834-2230.
Those making a reservation for dinner or needing a meal delivered, please call: 781-7401.
Keep up to date with “Rooted” Youth Ministry on Social Media!
Twitter: @MinistryRooted
Instagram: @smyouthministry3
Facebook: @SMYouthMin

Please visit disciples.life for the Faith Formation 2018-2019 Program calendar and information.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
Homeless Youth and Protecting our Youth: We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but 1.7 million US youth experience homelessness every year. 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more each year. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers information on a range of child safety topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm

WIN A CAR
St. Boniface Church is chancing off a 2018 Ford ECOSPORT! Or you could take $15,000 Cash! Stop by St. Boniface Church / School office to purchase a ticket, or go online to: http://www.winkersey.com or phone 885-8941. Tickets are $10 each, 4 for $20, 12 for $50 and 25 tickets for $100. The drawing will be held December 15th.

DO YOU USE SCRIP FOR TUITION?
Scrip is fundraising while you shop with the purchase of gift cards and gift certificates for everyday items, eg. Food! Scrip is an easy “no-selling” fundraiser to benefit your children, grandchildren or friends with tuition credit. For more information, contact Courtney Bauer at bauercourtney@gmail.com or phone 814-335-7601; Jennifer Lecker at 814-389-6003 or by email: jenniferlecker15@gmail.com.

“FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL”
Travel with Fr. Paul Siebert to GREECE, visiting 14 different locations, Sept. 7-16, 2019. Cost is $3,600.00; Airfare and all included. To register, please call 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. For more information, call Fr. Paul @ 814-486-0569.

PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019..............................................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date..................................................$299,099

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Nov. 17/18, 2018

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PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — Every 30 seconds in America, an innocent human child loses his or her life to abortion. That’s approximately 3,000 children killed each and every day…all while our society sits idly by. We, humans, are endowed with special privileges from our Creator, but we don’t have the right to undermine the value of a whole group of people. And we certainly don’t have the right to kill them. Abortion can become unthinkable and unavailable in America — it’s not a far-fetched idea or an unrealistic hope. The oppressed in this fight for LIFE are silent. As they develop in the womb, they can’t speak up to defend themselves. They need our voice to show the world that they are not just “tissue” or a meaningless group of “cells,” but real human beings. They need us to speak on their behalf. Human Coalition for Life

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December. In Him there is no darkness. That's what makes the difference in these dark days of together! But let us also remember Whom we await…

The new Church year is Year C for the Sunday Cycle of Readings and Year I for the weekday cycle. The focus of our Sunday liturgies will be the Gospel of Luke.

**FIRST FRIDAY**
This Friday, Dec. 7 is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound with the Eucharist. Please call the Rectory, 834-4701 by Tuesday if someone needs to be added to the list.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Monday, December 3rd**
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 4th**
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday., December 5th**
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 6th - Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 7th - Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception of BVM**
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 9th - Second Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
This Saturday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and yes, it is a Holy Day of Obligation for all of us. We will only have one Mass, at 9 am here at QW.

Area Masses for December 8th are as follows:
Sacred Heart - Friday Vigil: 5:15 pm, Sat., 8:15 am & 12:05 pm
St. Mary’s Church - Friday Vigil: 6:30 pm, Sat., 8:30 am
St. Boniface Church - 8:00 am Sat.
St. Leo Church, Ridgway - Friday Vigil: 6 pm
Please make every effort to get to Mass for this day on which we honor Mary and the grace God gave her to be the Mother of the Lord.

**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Last weekend’s bulletin included a separate flier with the schedule of Penance Services in our area and Confessions here at QW for Advent. There are extra fliers available in the vestibule if you missed it. This week, we have Confessions at 4 pm Thursday and 4:30 pm Saturday. The Advent Penance Service at Sacred Heart will be this Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Or, you can join us this Wednesday at 6:30 pm at St. Leo’s.

As we move into the future, we need to assess how we are doing. Today, we start by asking everyone to use this form or separate paper, and send to the rectory your responses.

**WHAT DO WE DO WELL AT QW TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME?**

**IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE NOT VERY WELCOMING?**

**WHAT MIGHT WE DO TO BECOME A MORE WELCOMING PARISH?**

Thank you for your response.