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
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday, December 10th
7:00 AM  + Maurice Cortinovis

Tuesday, December 11th
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, December 12th
7:00 AM  + Agnes Fox
8:45 AM  + Jerry Timm

Thursday, December 13th
7:00 AM  + Jeff & Marilyn Eckert
1:00 PM  School Penance Service
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, December 14th
7:00 AM  + Priscilla Sterbank

Saturday, December 15th
7:00 AM  + Jerome & Mary Hasselman
1:00 PM  Wedding: Jacob Pistner & Hope Stinson

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D Ed “Sonny” Seelye Family and Gloria Seelye (Anniversary)

7:30 AM  L&D Members of the Parish
10:00 AM  + Gerald & Dorothy Newell

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of Dec. 9th burns in memory of L&D Patricia Schmidt Family

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 15th & 16th

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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.

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 3:1-6

2nd Sunday of Advent - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrach of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event. “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today! This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

Question of the Week:

In what areas of your life do you need God’s forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS
Queen of the World Church 834-4701
Please call Queen of the World office to pre-register.

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

10th Tom Snyder, Anna Mae Mertz, Sally Geyer
11th Pat Pfeuffer, Betty Cheattle, Nicole Schneider
12th Virginia Newell, Mady Schneider
13th Steve & Dody Winiarczyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O’Neill
14th Beth Minnick, Irene Taylor, John & Helen DaCanal
15th Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler

MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE
A wedding is one day; but your marriage is for a lifetime! Invest in your marriage by attending Engagement Encounter. Spend a weekend away from the stress of planning for the wedding, and enjoy the special moments of creating your future marriage together. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. All couples are welcome. The next EE weekend is scheduled for January 25 - 27 at St. Mark’s Catholic Center in Erie. To register online, visit www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm.

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. When attending Sacred Heart’s “Bah-Humbug, swing around to Church Street to the Benedictine Gift Shop.

NICHOLAS J. SINIBALDI CONCERT BAND IS BACK! Concert...Sunday, Dec. 16th at 3 pm at the St. Marys Area High School Auditorium. This is a great time for musical fellowship and awesome way to share holiday music. Come to join in for an evening of beautiful Christmas Music. For more info, contact Anne Herzing at 834-1998 for more info.

LESSONS & CAROLS
Tuesday, December 11th, the St. Boniface Church, in Kersey will host an evening of Scripture and Music at 6 pm. Queen of the World Choir will be one of the featured choirs that evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special evening or prayer. Reception to follow.

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **Monday, 12/10:** 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 12/11:** 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, 12/11:** 6:30 pm - Elk County Right Life Meeting at St. Mary’s Church Annex building.
- **Wednesday, 12/12:** 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 12/14:** 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm. Now all day!
- **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.
- **Saturday, 12/15:** 7:00 am - Men Cursillistas attend Mass at QW and then go to Marlo’s for Breakfast.
- **Sunday, 12/16:** 1:30 pm - “December Christmas / Lottery BINGO” at ECC cafeteria. Doors open at 11:45, free lunch (Beef on Wick, chips & cookie) at 12:30.

- **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, Spatzel 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.

SHALOM CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, December 23rd at the Paul G. Reitz Theatre, 36 E. Scribner Ave., DuBois at 2 pm. Admission is Free. All are welcome to come to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ with music. For more info, call 814-637-5930.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE
At Bennetts Valley Senior Center - call by Dec. 10th, 787-4691 (Eleanor) or 787-7888 for details. $10 for 2 1/2 doz.

A white pearl rosary in a white rosary case. Has very sentimental value to the owner. If found please turn it into the Parish Office.

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

Queen of the World Church, St. Marys, Pennsylvania  December 9, 2018
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.

ROOTED ADORATION NIGHT
Fellowship - Adoration - Praise and Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 19th 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Youth Room in the Cavaliers Gym Building
For more information, contact Scott Becker, Youth and Young Adult Minister at 717-881-5856 or scottbecker28@gmail.com.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
Keeping God’s Children Protected and Safe: To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality - we cannot approach all God’s creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others - they ignore God’s call. The Diocese of Erie’s program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God’s children protected and safe. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm.

“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.

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.

INTERPARISH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Elementary School: Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6 pm.
Middle School - Sunday, Dec. 9th - Retreat at St. Boniface Church, 10:30 am to 4 pm. Dec. 16th - at QW 6 pm.
Life Teen - Sunday, Dec. 9th & 16th at QW at 6 pm.
Confirmation - Sunday, Dec. 16th at Silver Creek Terrace 6:30 to 8 pm.
Dear Parishioners,

By now most of us have heard of the story of the Blessed Mother’s 16th century appearance to young Juan Diego. It was a transformative moment for him and his Bishop, who learned from him of God’s care for his people. Our remembrance this week reminds us how this moment transformed the people of Mexico, with its mixture of natives and immigrants, to place their trust in Mary’s intercession and the grace of her Son. To this day, countless people make pilgrimage to Guadalupe not only to celebrate this week, but all year long. Where have you seen “Roses in Winter,” signs of God’s presence in the dark, cold, and hardships of life? How might prayer to Mary, who is such a symbol of Advent, transform some aspect of your faith journey? What support can you offer your Church, locally and universally, in this time of difficulty, that it might be a strong source of support for others? Of great importance is Mary, as our Lady of Guadalupe, identifying herself with the poverty and humility of the people of the Americas. If we have progressed to a point where we don’t see our own need for support, salvation, grace, and intercession, this feast is not for us. But if our Advent reflection has brought our own darkness to the surface, the light of Mary’s compassion might just be a powerful help to us as well. Join us Wednesday as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. - - - fr jeff

Kris Kringle Prayer Partner

For those who participated in our parish Evening of Prayer last week, a polite reminder to pray for your Kris Kringle Prayer Partner every day.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Tuesday, December 11th
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3 and 10ac, 11-13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

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

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

Friday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

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

Sunday, December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

RITE OF WELCOME

Today at the 10 am Mass we celebrate the “Rite of Welcome” with Dennis “Denny” Lee, as he expresses his desire to join our faith. We look forward to the celebration of his Baptism at Easter. Please keep Denny in your prayers and offer him your welcome and support.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The Benedictine Sisters, Priests, and Monks who are natives of our parish and town and who served in our parishes and schools, and continue to do so, are examples of those dedicated to a specific charism in following Christ. They have helped us by teaching, example, and sharing their ministry with us. Today, we give back with a special offering. Many religious communities in our nation need our financial assistance in the care of their elderly. Of all the “special collections” we take month by month through the year, this is one of the “big” ones, with which we hope to make an appropriate “Thank You” offering to our religious. Please be generous in today’s special collection, using the envelope provided in our packets.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Thank you for using the Christmas Flower Fund envelope in our packets. This is very helpful as we prepare to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please return your envelope by next weekend.

PENANCE SERVICES

This week there are Advent Penance Services at Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday at 6:30 pm and at St. Boniface Church on Thursday at 7 pm. Perhaps one of these fits your calendar for this holy season.

2019 PARISH CALENDARS

This weekend we distribute our Parish Calendar for the new year. Please take one per family until we give everyone the opportunity to have one. We encourage you to follow the seasons, saints and feasts daily. Thank you to our sponsors, Quala-Die, Inc and Auman Construction, LLC for making these available to us.

CAN YOU HELP?

First United Methodist Church offers a Christmas Day Dinner to anyone who would like to come together for the holiday. It will take place at 12:30 Christmas Day.

If you would like to donate turkey, ham, cake or Jello-O Salad, please call 781-6865. To serve or clean up at the meal, please call 834-2230.

To make a reservation for dinner or order a take-home, call 781-7401. Checks to support the meal should be made out to “St. Marys Christmas Day Dinner” and sent to County National Bank.