Third Sunday of Advent

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

December 16, 2018

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
**MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 22nd & 23rd**

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<td>Adam Bobenrieth&lt;br&gt;Robbie Bobenrieth</td>
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<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td>Andrew Seltzer&lt;br&gt;Alex Seltzer</td>
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**Gospel Summary & Question of the Week**

*Read Sunday’s Gospel, Lk 3:10-18*

**3rd Sunday of Advent - Cycle C**

**Gospel Summary:**

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus’ compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today’s Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas? Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer. The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

**Question of the Week:**

To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What acts of kindness could you do this week?
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Jan. 8  Queen of the World Church  834-4701
Jan. 23  Holy Rosary Church, Johnsonburg  965-2819

Please call the Church office of the church where you wish to attend to pre-register.

VOCAITION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.
17th  Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th  Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th  Tara Vavala, Maureen Newman
20th  Helen & John DaCanal
21st  Donna, Sara & Rachel Keller
22nd  Marian Viglione, Don Schneider
23rd  John & Char Nicklas, Tom Clark

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.eiercd.org/ee.htm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist (the Blessed Sacrament) is not something new. Adoration is coming before Christ in His entirety; His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him. The word Adoration comes from the Latin adoratio, meaning “to give homage or worship. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. “Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canea). Every Thursday here at Queen of the World we are given the opportunity to come to Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 7 am Mass until closing at 6:30 pm. Evening Prayer is then held with Benediction. Consider coming to spend at least a half hour with Jesus on Thursdays. Jesus asks us, “Could you now watch an hour with me?” (Mt.6:21; 26:40)

UPCOMING AREA HAPPENINGS

- **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.
- **Sunday, 12/16: 3:00 pm** - Penance Service at St. Mark Church in Emporium.
- **Sunday, 12/16: 3:00 pm** - Nicholas J. Sinibald Concert at SMAHS Auditorium. Come to join in for some beautiful Christmas Music.
- **Monday, 12/17: 1:00 pm** - St. Anne Society Christmas Party at Sacred Heart.
- **Monday, 12/17: 6:00 pm** - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Tuesday, 12/18: 9:15 am** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary’s Church, Rosary at 4 pm, Benediction at 4:30 pm. Special Prayer Hour, 2 - 3 pm.
- **Wednesday, 12/19: 4:00 pm** - Bowls of Love - A free meal at St. Marys First United Methodist Church.
- **Friday, 12/21: 7:00 am** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart until 4 pm. Now all day!
- **Sunday, 12/23: 3:00 pm** - Penance Service - St. Joseph Church, Force.
- **Tuesday, 12/25: 12:30 pm** - Christmas Dinner at First United Methodist Church, St. Marys.

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.

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.

2019 PARISH CALENDARS
Calendars for next year are available in the vestibule and by the front entrances. Pass one on to anyone who might appreciate it. Thank you to our sponsors Quala-Die, Inc and Auman Construction, LLC for making them available to us.

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**QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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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
PARISH BUDGET
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019...............................$780,365
Parish Budget to Date.............................................$339,659

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Dec. 8/9, 2018

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Dear Parishioners,

The days known as “Late Advent” come upon us beginning tomorrow. They turn us away from that Advent emphasis on the Final Coming and help us focus on our celebration of the Incarnation. The longing of the people of God is expressed in the “O Antiphons” of our Mass and our prayers. Each of these unique titles of our Savior help us appreciate God’s sending such Beauty and Grace into the world. They are found in the popular hymn, “O Come O Come, Emmanuel.” They refer to the Lord as Dawn and King and Star and Son and Sun and other powerful images of faith. I hope you can make use of an Advent Calendar or Jesse Tree or some quiet in the craziness to let the “waiting” sink in. It’s a difficult thing to do this time of year, but important for us. While lots of stuff needs to get done, the “stuff” of faith is much more important. We all know this, but allowing it to happen, making it happen… takes some doing. Come to a daily Mass, go for a walk, sit in the darkness of morning or night and ask yourself how the Lord’s saving touch might rekindle a spark in you. Soon enough, the sun will set on Monday, Dec. 24th, and we all hope to be well. The days known as “Late Advent” come upon us beginning tomorrow.

OUR CATECHUMEN

Last weekend we welcomed Denny Lee into the Order of Catechumens as he prepares for the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Denny in your prayers and welcome him personally when you see him.

THAT SEASON OF GENEROSITY

Our regular collection is the basic way we all give return to God in thanksgiving for our blessings. This enables us to serve the people of our parish and community and to meet our financial obligations. Many of us also make contributions to many causes in this time of giving, some church-related, some not. Some of us are still completing our 2018 pledge toward the CSA. Last weekend we took up the important collection for the Retired Religious of our nation. Today I would ask you to turn in your gift toward the Christmas Flower fund, which helps us beautify the Church for the upcoming season. In all these ways and others, your generosity is a blessing and is much appreciated. God will, in turn, continue to bless you with countless gifts.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Here at QW, will have Vigil Mass at 5 pm. Please come early.

The Principle Mass of Christmas (formerly Midnight Mass) will be at 10 pm. Again, please come early to enjoy the musical prelude.

On Christmas morning, we will celebrate Mass at 9 am.

Next weekend’s bulletin will include a flier with the Mass times of our neighboring parishes as well.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Today at 3 pm St. Mark, Emporium will host their Advent Penance celebration.

We will be the host parish this Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm. Please be on time as elements of the Sacrament take place in a brief introductory prayer.

The final Penance Service in our area before Christmas will be next Sunday, Dec. 23 at 3 pm at St. Joseph Church, Force.

The final opportunity for Confessions here at QW before Christmas will be this Saturday, Dec. 22 at 4:30 pm.

ADVENT PRAYER PARTNERS

To those who were present for our Advent Evening of Prayer, remember to include your “Kris Kringle” in your prayers, and by next weekend, let them know that you were the one asking God to bless them in this Advent season.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

Late this week Fr. Jeff and our Eucharistic Ministers will be coming around again to visit our homebound. We prefer to do this as close to Christmas as possible rather that wait until the first Friday of next month. We will be calling those we are assigned to let you know when we plan to visit.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council meets this Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Please bring your 2019 calendars to plan future meetings.

UNSIGNED NOTES

An unsigned complaint is pretty much a waste of time. Please have the courage and the courtesy to come and talk about things like the family that we are called to be.