

Queen of the World Church

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May 2, 2021

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Rev. Kevin O. Holland, Asst. Pastor
Chaplain - ECCSS

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Call for an Appointment
See Bulletin for Additional Times

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.

Music Ministry

Stephen Toney, Director / Organist
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation

139 Church St. - Phone: 781-1042
Administrative Assistant / Secretary
Mary Lynn Carnovale...Ext 226

Elk County Catholic School System

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Deborah Slay, Principal

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Elk County Catholic High School
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School Finance Office

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School Advancement Office - 834-7812

Susan Jansen, Director
Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain

For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

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**Mass Intentions
for the**
**FIFTH WEEK
OF EASTER**
Monday, May 3rd

7:00 AM + Joseph & Clara Ehrensberger

Tuesday, May 4th

 7:00 AM + Veronica Copella *and*
Susan & James Mitchell

Wednesday, May 5th

7:00 AM + Elenora Olson

Thursday, May 6th

7:00 AM L&D Edwin & Shirley Gerg Family

 6:30 PM *Evening Prayer & Benediction*
Friday, May 7th

7:00 AM + Roland Noble

Saturday, May 8th

7:00 AM L&D Simbeck & Hoffman Families

 1:30 PM *First Holy Communion*
**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

 5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - L&D People of the Parish
and L&D Mothers of Parishioners

7:30 AM L&D Mothers of Parishioners

10:00 AM L&D Mothers of Parishioners


THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
May 2nd burns in memory of
Alexa Fritz

LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH INSPIRATION

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the gospel stand a chance of succeeding. ©LPi

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday's Gospel, Jn 15:1-8

5th Sunday of Easter - Cycle B
Gospel Summary:

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

Questions of the Week:

When has God pruned me so that I could grow and give life? When have I felt good because I did something to help someone?



"Screens" (TV, computers, cell phones...) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. May 3-9 is Screen Free Week (<https://commercialfreechildhood.org/sfw-21-save-the-date/>). Although this is often directed to children, it starts with **you** and your beloved. Can you spend a **day** without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Church Name, Phone Number. Includes dates May 20 and June 8.

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

- 3rd Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey
4th Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri
5th Ann, Matt & Becky Avery, Rita Peterson
6th Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrissy & Jason Kuhar
7th Mary Ellen Frank, Lillian Haller, Eleanor Newell
8th Lisa Lyons, Bonnie Kopp
9th Doll Fox, Dick & Leah Dallasen, Dale & Jen Vogt

SPECIAL VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis has proclaimed a 'Year of St. Joseph' in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.



A County-wide Prayer Service will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 6th at the Flying Dove Ranch (743 Old Red Mill Dam Road, in Ridgway). Watch for the signs.

MATERNITY CLOSET

Open the first three weeks of each month on Wednesdays (2 to 3:30 pm) and Thursdays (1 to 2:30 pm). Located at 139 Church St. Any questions, call 814-781-1137.

THE BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

For all your First Communion and Confirmation gift needs... Open Tuesday thru Friday - 9:30 am to 5 pm and Saturday - 10 am to 1 pm. Closed Monday, Sunday and Holy Days. 814-834-1353. 139 Church Street, St. Marys.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Benedictine Gift Shop is in need of additional volunteers. Can you help out 2-3 hours ONCE a month? NO experience necessary, we'll train you. For more information, call Kim at the Parish Office, 814-781-1019.

WALKING FOR SOULS

Walking at the St. Marys Catholic Cemetery for the Poor Souls will begin on Wednesday, May 5th with a NEW TIME 6 pm meeting at the Chapel to begin the Rosary. If you can't walk, remember you can sit, just bring your own lawn chair. PLEASE remember NO pets permitted in the Cemetery. For questions, call Bonnie at 814-834-3214, or Kathy at 814-781-1109. See you on May 5th.



AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, 05/02: 11:00 am - ECCHS Music Boosters Chicken BBQ at ECCHS Parking lot till sold out. \$10.
Sunday, 05/02: 12:00 noon - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
Sunday, 05/02: 3:00 pm - Annual Rosary March at Clearfield Fair Grounds. Guest speaker: Tom Ross.
Monday, 05/03: 6:00 pm - Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church. Please remember to maintain Social Distancing. Mass follows at 6:15.
Monday thru Saturday: 9 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Church until 9 pm.
Tuesday, 05/04: 11:00 am - Blood Drive at Penn Highlands Elk, Education Center until 4 pm.
Tuesday, 05/04: 6:30 pm - That Man Is You meets at Ridgway K of C. For more info, call 814-772-3135.
Friday, 05/07: 7:00 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4 pm.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRIESTS

Last weekend, our parish took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. Despite these difficult economic times we appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

A VIRTUAL MOTHER'S DAY RETREAT

Springs in the Desert knows how difficult Mother's Day can be for women and couples experiencing infertility and loss. It often surfaces negative emotions, creating a sense of dread to the point that some couples even stay away from Mass on that Sunday because it is simply too hard.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM
Name _____
Address _____
Phone No. _____
Email _____
Please check one:
I am new in the parish & wish to register
Change of Address
Want Envelopes
Moving out of Parish
Interested in a Parish Ministry

FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Cheatle, Elementary Coordinator
 Samantha Nedzinski, Middle School Coordinator
 Nick Heise, Life Teen, Confirmation Coordinator, and
 Youth Ministry 

For more information, call 781-1042.

FOLLOW ROOTED YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SMYouthMin (facebook), 
 RootedYouthMinistry18 (Instagram) 

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meets this Wednesday, May 5th, 5-7 pm at the iCafe / CYMA building. Open to all Middle School students!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

LAST CLASS FOR THE YEAR - MAY 2nd

Middle School, grades 6, in person, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
 Middle School, grades 7 & 8 in person 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
 Life Teen, grades 9 & 10 in person, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
 All Classes held at St. Mary's Church Parish Center.

Please note the time changes for these classes!

May 8 - First Eucharist for Queen of the World at 1:30 pm

Note: There will be NO class on May 9 as previously scheduled.

ECCHS MUSIC BOOSTERS CHICKEN BBQ

Drive Thru CHICKEN BBQ at ECCHS Parking Lot. 
 This Sunday, May 2nd - 11:00 a.m. till Sold Out
 \$10 each. Meal includes ½ chicken, mac salad, baked beans & roll. To benefit ECCSS Music Boosters.



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS
The St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
 is seeking summer lawn care help
 Available opportunities are for 6 hours a day
****MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD and able**
 to run a grass trimmer**



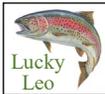
To apply, call the St. Mary's Parish Office at 814-781-1019.



Crusader Flags - \$25
 Benefits the 2021 Senior Class, Contact 834-7800
 Email: Dana Gebauer at gebauerd@eccss.org

ST. LEO SCHOOL ANNUAL TROUT DERBY

The 16th Annual Trout Derby will be held May 8-9, at Ridgway Firemen's Grounds, Ridgway. Badge Pick Up will also be at the Ridgway Firemen's Grounds starting Friday, May 7th, 3 to 8 pm. Fishing starts Saturday, May 8th at 6:00 am - 6:00 pm. Fishing will resume Sunday, May 9th at 6:00 am - 2:00 pm. For rules & registration, visit www.stleosfishingderby.com or you can email at: trout_derby@hotmail.com or call them at 814-773-3636.



Lucky Leo is \$1500, 3 Trout are tagged for \$1000, More tagged from \$500 to \$10. Also, Vendors wanted for Saturday, May 8th from 10 am to 4 pm - Crafts, Demonstrations, Fly Tying, etc. The Derby Committee is also in need of Fish Sponsorship. If you interested in participating as a vendor or sponsoring a fish, please email Rachel & Tom Gilmore at this address: trout_derby@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.



PARISH BUDGET

July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.....\$807,929

Parish Budget to Date.....\$760,202

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of April 24/25, 2021

Regular Envelope\$10,331
 Loose\$1,662
 School Support\$80
 Utilities & Maintenance.....\$15
 Memorials.....\$50
 Easter.....\$10
 Faith Formation.....\$66
 Ash Wednesday.....\$10
 Solemnity of Mary.....\$10

Total Received.....\$12,234

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE

Holy Land.....\$15
 Good Shepherd.....\$1,068

Thank you !

Env used April 17/18, 2021.....260

CSA 2021

Number of Pledges: 307
 Paid \$82,624.25
 Amount Pledged: \$109,479

Thank you to all who have responded to these needs.



PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — No other group—even those who are victimized and oppressed—are formally declared by law to be “non-persons.” Only the unborn have been systematically and legally cast out of the human community. For the purposes of their right-to-life the unborn are reduced to the level of a thing; even worse than a thing, they are reduced to trash, their bodies treated as so much waste or sold for scientific research. Their oppression should shake us to the core of our souls as only these totally innocent persons are subjected to a violent obliteration protected by law. The unborn are the most oppressed group in America.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

The Support of Your Business Is Greatly Appreciated!

Sue Novosel from LPI, our bulletin printer is securing new ads for our Church. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our Church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!
 Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community, in turn, parishioners will support YOU!

Contact Susan Novosel at 800-477-4574 x 6318 or 724-831-0975



Dear Parishioners,

Alas, the month of May has arrived. What a great month it is. In Church life, we celebrate much: Easter Season, Ascension, Pentecost, Sacraments of all kinds, a month dedicated to Mary, and many anniversaries and special occasions. The ending of the school year will come upon us quickly, with all of its extra curriculums. We have more and more daylight. Spring will no longer just tease us, it will arrive! We're outdoors for sports, activities, and walks. Mothers Day and Memorial Day serve as notable occasions, along with Cinco de Mayo for our Mexican friends. So, it's pretty much like one big party, right? I hope somewhere in there each and all of us have reason to celebrate, to smile, to enjoy one another, to offer support and encouragement to one another. Remember, we still need it as we battle the pandemic. It is great to hear that Elk County leads the way with more vaccinations by percentage than just about anywhere else around here. Yet, we remain a good ways away from that 75% figure that would give us what they call "herd immunity," whereupon we can get to whatever "normal" will be. And yet, there are still those facing this dreaded disease, right here in our midst. So, let's hope and pray we continue to make progress in this regard as well. I join you in looking forward to the day we "remove the chains" in church, restore our liturgy to its fuller celebration, can exchange a sign of peace, greet one another, and SEE OUR FACES!!! Enjoy all that May brings to you. Its graces and pleasantries. Its joys. Of all things, may I suggest we turn our prayerful attention toward Pentecost, which we will celebrate in just three weeks, May 22-23. It is not too early to ponder those gifts and fruits of the Spirit and ask for those from which you would benefit. The 50th day of this Easter season will be upon us quickly. Maybe one of our "Rising Seniors," newly Confirmed, can share with us what the power of the Holy Spirit means to them?! I'd love to hear a post-sacramental reflection! May all of us experience renewal in some fashion during this awesome month of May.

- - - fr jeff

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, May 3rd

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday, May 4th

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 5th

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 6th

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 7th

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 8th

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 9th

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Rev. Mr. Ben Dagher, now ordained a deacon in service to the Church. Deacon Ben will continue in his summer assignment at St. Catherine Church, DuBois. He will finish theology next academic year at St. Marys Seminary and University, Baltimore and, God willing, be ordained to priesthood next spring. Please keep Deacon Ben and his classmates in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE AND MASS

This Saturday, May 8, we celebrate First Holy Communion at a special liturgy at 1:30 pm. We ask our families to invite no more than 10 guests to the Mass so we can seat people safely. The entire center section will be taken by the candidates with their immediate families. There will be some limited room in the side banks of pews. Those who took students' names as prayer partners can drop off a card or small gift to the rectory to be passed along to the children.

Third Grade Families: Remember that we have practice this Wednesday, May 5 at 6 pm. We must have every child for about one hour.

ADORATION, EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION, PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTICE

Join us Thursday during the day for quiet prayer before the Lord during Eucharistic Exposition. We conclude the day with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm. This week we ask Members of Pastoral Council to join us at prayer with our meeting to follow in the Rectory.



FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, May 7th is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Fr. Kevin will be visiting the homebound this week to bring Holy Communion. We will call those we will be visiting. Confessions will take place Thursday, May 6 at 4 pm. Please do not arrive prior to 3:45 so we can safely dismiss the school children and have our Porters in place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

Congratulations to our 16 newly Confirmed "rising Seniors," as they are about to be called in the academic world. May the Holy Spirit guide you in all your decisions and actions.



Connor Bullers, Christian Coudriet, Thomas Defilippi, Rachel Fleming, Joseph Geci, Luke Ginther, Abby Hasselman, Hunter Hetrick, Davan Lion, Cameron McMackin, Cole Nunamaker, Tanner Pasi, David Regulski, Alex Seltzer, Tommy Slay, Katlyn Stauffer.

ROSARY ON WEEKDAYS OF MAY

Members of the Rosary Altar Society will gather Mondays thru Thursdays at 6 pm in Church during May to pray the Rosary. All parishioners are welcome to join on any evening or on a regular basis. They will announce any adjustments if there is something else scheduled in Church, which is rare, but does happen. The Rosary will **not** be prayed on May 5th and May 31st.

