

Queen of the World Church

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December 12, 2021

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

Confessions
Saturday: 4:15 pm
Thursday before 1st Friday: 4 pm
And by Appointment

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.

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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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

- Monday, December 13th**
7:00 AM + Alfred "Butch" Sporer
2:00 PM + Sr. Josepha Meyer, O.S.B.
- Tuesday, December 14th**
7:00 AM + Agnes Decker
- Wednesday, December 15th**
7:00 AM + Matt Meyer
- Thursday, December 16th**
7:00 AM L&D Wilfred Olson and Bill Schaefer, Sr.
Families
5:00 PM *Evening Prayer & Benediction*
- Friday, December 17th**
7:00 AM + Clare Hoffman
- Saturday, December 18th**
7:00 AM + Sr. Josepha Meyer, O.S.B.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Philip Taylor
+ M/M Joseph DeGroat
+ M/M Howard Taylor
- 7:30 AM L&D People of the Parish
- 10:00 AM L&D Henry & Clara Samick
and Daughters Families



THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of December 12th burns in memory of Albert Erich & Tammy Pichler

SYMBOLS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The Christmas wreath's circular shape and evergreen material are said to represent eternal life. A German pastor converted it into a symbol of Advent by adding candles, with one for each week leading up to the birth of Jesus on Christmas. The light of the Advent candles symbolizes Jesus Christ as "the light of the world."



Gospel Summary & Question of the Week

Read Sunday's Gospel, Lk 3:10-18

3rd Sunday of Advent - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

Questions of the Week:

- To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What acts of kindness could you do this week?
- What kind thing have you done for someone lately?
- Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

As we pray for all the faithful departed this month, be sure to include personal prayers for Florence Wolfe, Bill Erich, Craig Newton, Jr. and Jim Schatz, who died recently. *Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Eternal Rest...*

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 18th & 19th		
Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:15 PM Marcus Gahr	Linda Hoffman, Virginia Sorensen, Mary Steele	Chrissy Kuhar
7:30 AM Nico Assalone	Mary Ellen Frank, Lori Schreiber	Peggy Hoffman
10:00 AM Madeline Lanzel	Vic Pasi, Thad Sorg	Delphine Gerber

Please Note: Minister schedules can be found in Church if you didn't receive a copy by email

Children's Liturgy of the Word are held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is under the age of 8, consider, having them participate in this special Children's Liturgy.



BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

Jan. 4 Queen of the World Church 814-834-4701

Please call QW Church to pre-register.

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

13th Steve & Dody Winiarczyk, Peggy Hoffman, Emily O'Neill
14th Beth Minnick, John DaCanal
15th Tony Weber, Aaron Straub
16th Catherine Labant, Rosie Wheeler, Grace Arnold, Helen Riddle
17th Anne Riddle, Donna & Clate Aunkst, Larry Wheeler
18th Babe Horchen, Mary Ann Facetti, Ruth Wendel
19th Tara Vavala, Susan, Maureen Newman

THE GIVING TREE 2021

As we are still dealing with the COVID virus this year, so, the Giving Tree will again be offering gift cards at the Food Bank. After conferring with Food Bank staff, it became apparent that that was very much appreciated by the families last year, so they could go shopping for their children. If you would like to make a "monetary" donation, make your check payable to: **The Giving Tree** and mail to Queen of the World, 134 Queens Road, St. Marys, PA 15857 or you can drop into the collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity to make Christmas happy for the kids!

A LIVING NATIVITY TREE

Was placed in the Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Churches the weekend of November 27/28 to support the Maternity Closet. This was well received last year and was very helpful to the needs of those who visit the Maternity Closet. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Mothers and Fathers from Elk County in need with children up to 3 years of age may visit the Maternity Closet each month to receive items free of charge. The Maternity Closet is open: The first 3 Wednesdays of the month: 2 - 3:30 pm and the first three Thursdays: 1 - 2:30 pm. For more information or any questions, call Theresa 814-781-1137.

ST. MARYS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

For reservations for delivery (Deliveries ONLY this year) call 814-781-7401 by Dec. 22nd. To volunteer and for food donations call Ed at 814-594-8063. If you wish to make monetary donations, make payable to CNB Bank, 133 Washington Street, St. Marys, PA - noting for: Christmas Day Dinner.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SYNOD?

Synodality literally translates as "on the same path" or "journeying together." This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God. A synod is like a family meeting. Good family meetings listen to everyone in the family. They are marked by deep listening in an effort to understand one another and to understand what the Holy Spirit is asking the family to do and to be. Like families, synods are not a democracy. Over the next 6 months, the Diocese of Erie will be listening to its people to hear, honestly and charitably, about how we listen and journey with one another at the familial, parish, and diocesan level. The Diocese will also be listening to discern ways that the Holy Spirit is calling it to grow in a spirit of "journeying together," attentive to the direction of the Holy Spirit speaking through all its members and in the signs of the times.

AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 12/12: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 8:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Tuesday, 12/14: 6:30 pm - That Man is You** program in Ridgway K of C Bldg. Any questions, 814-772-4111.
- **Wednesday, 12/15: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love**, a free meal is served at First United Methodist Church until 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- **Wednesday, 12/15: 6:00 pm - Rosary prayed at Sacred Heart Church**, for the Poor Souls and the Seminarians.
- **Thursday, 12/16: 4:30 pm - Rosary Prayed** here at QW for world peace and bringing God back into our Country.
- **Thursday, 12/16: 6:00 pm - Parish Penance Service** here at QW with 4 Confessors present.
- **Friday, 12/17: 7:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4 pm.
- **Saturday, 12/18: 7:00 am - Men's Cursillistas** attend 7 am Mass at QW, then go to Marlo's for breakfast.
- **Sunday, 12/19: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Monday, 12/20: 6:30 pm - Communal Penance Service** at St. Mary's Church with four priests available.

SPECIAL RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: "I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments." Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

Store Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm
 Saturday 10 am - 1 pm. Closed Sunday, Monday, and Holy Days. The Gift Shop is well stocked for your Christmas shopping. Shop local and support the Gift Shop. Also new at the Gift Shop, a Letters to Santa mailbox and letters with their return address will be answered.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Monday, December 13th
 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14th
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15th
 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16th
 Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17th
 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18th
 Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19th
 Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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 info, 814-781-1042 or sminterparishff@gmail.com

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THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meets on the 1st and last Wednesdays of the month at the iCafe/
 CYMA building from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. All Middle School students
 are welcome to come and see what youth group is all about.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

- ◆ Elementary Level Grades: Wednesday, Dec. 15th - meets
 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Confessions for grades 3,4 & 5.
- ◆ Middle School (Grade 6) This Sunday, Dec. 12th - meets
 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
- ◆ Middle School (Grades 7 & 8) This Sunday, Dec. 12th ,
 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm.
- ◆ Life Teen (Grade 9-10) This Sunday, Dec. 12th - meets
 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
- ◆ Confirmation Grade 11 - This Sunday, Dec. 12th -
 Assignment.

All Classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish
 Center, 325 Church Street.

If you have any questions, call 814-781-1042 or send an email
 sminterparishff@gmail.com

ECC PTO SUPER HOLIDAY CLUB TICKETS

The PTO is giving away \$35,000
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 Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day and Christmas!
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 Drawings begin January 2, 2022.
 To get a ticket, contact Becky Gabler at 814-335
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SHOP WITH SCRIP

When you buy gift cards for your daily purchases at your favorite businesses, you can offset tuition costs for students and raise money for your school. The Scrip Office is located downstairs in the Marys Catholic Elementary School Band Room /old preschool classroom. You must enter using the outside rear Church doors off the Church's small parking lot and down the steps. For more information, contact the Scrip Program Coordinators: Cathy Bille, 814-594-9036 or email at scripcoordinator2021@gmail.com or Jennifer Lecker at 814-389-6003 or her email: jenniferlecker15@gmail.com This is a great way for grandparents to help with tuition costs.



PARISH BUDGET

July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.....\$957,306

Parish Budget to Date.....\$270,989

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of Nov. 27/28, 2021

Regular Envelope	\$7,062
Loose	\$2,787
Children.....	\$0
School Support	\$45
Utilities & Maintenance.....	\$35
Memorials.....	\$300
Christmas.....	\$125
All Saints.....	\$15
Immaculate Conception.....	\$15
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$5
Total Received.....	\$10,389

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE

Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$90
Spread the Faith.....	\$5
Religious Retirement.....	\$10

Thank you !



PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — The Advent Season

Every Advent is an anticipation of waiting in the final weeks and days of Mary's pregnancy (in addition to our vigil awaiting the Lord's return in glory). In the days of the *O Antiphons*, our liturgical readings sequentially lead us to Christ's birth. We hear about miraculous conceptions in the lives of Elizabeth and Mary and the joy of John the Baptist leaping in Elizabeth's womb. We see statues of Joseph leading the pregnant Mary on a donkey to Bethlehem, and some people re-live the Holy Family's experience through the *Las Posadas* tradition. In these days of Advent, the whole world awaits the birth of an infant who will take away the sins of the world. We journey with the pregnant Mary and await the day the prophets foretold. Our liturgical observance conveys a subtle pro-life message as we wait with expectation. As we live these Advent days, be sure to celebrate life!

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Dear Parishioners,

Most of us resist change. And most of us would not think of ourselves as grave sinners. Yet, the season of Advent gives us that call from John the Baptist to repentance in preparation for the Lord's coming. Advent is a season filled with many aspects, including joy, hope, and anticipation. But it also carries with it a theme that is constant in discipleship: repentance. How seriously do we heed this? I might even propose that this is a better time than Lent to do that interior renovation, since Advent holds that promise of salvation out for us for the end...the end of our life, the end of all things! Is that not motivation enough to ask ourselves, as John suggests, to make the rough ways smooth and the road straight? Of course this involves change...change in behavior and change in attitude. Therein lies the issue, right? A good self-examination would show us the ways we need these adjustments. This is why we offer the Sacrament of Penance with special opportunities in Advent. It's simply not good enough to do this work ourselves. We need the partnership of the community of faith. We need to acknowledge our sins and weaknesses out loud, yet in a way that our privacy is respected. That's what makes this Sacrament such a gift. There is nothing more personal and sacred to the self - that is the guarantee of the seal of the Confessional. But, the very act of speaking to God before the priest-representative means we have the help of the community, all the rest of the sinner/saints who know and recognize this journey. Fear not the change, the conversion, the movement of God within you. It's just one step on the road to the fullness of Life. And that fullness is only experienced by the purification of which John speaks. Let's not kid ourselves about our need for the grace of God. Rather, let's pray for the willingness to put it to good use - now.

- - - fr jeff



CAN YOU HELP?

Next Sunday, Dec. 19, we will do some of the decorating of the Church for Christmas, including "the big stuff." If you are able to join us after the 10 am Mass, please stay or come back to help. Men, in particular, are needed. Thank you!

KEEPING US SAFE

While in many ways we have returned to a sense of normalcy, we also know that COVID continues to wreak havoc. We need to remain vigilant and careful. Please **respect** the back left section of the Church, reserved for those who **need** social distancing (near the St. Jude statue). Please remember to place your kneeler to the floor whenever you have been at Church, so our cleaners can take care of it. On Thursdays, please clean the place you used for Adoration with the available hand wipes. Wear a mask when coming in close contact with others. Thank you to our cleaners, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and others who are helping us be as careful as possible.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES AND CONFESSIONS

For the first time in a couple of years, we feel it's safe to offer Parish Penance Services with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance and the choice of several Confessors.

Join us this **Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 pm** here at Queen. Please arrive on time as elements of the Sacrament are contained in the brief Opening Rite.

Saint Mary's Church has scheduled a Penance Service for **Monday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm**.

The final opportunity for Confessions here at Queen will be this **Sat., Dec. 18**. We will begin early at **4 pm**, and be available until 4:45 unless Penitents are finished prior to this time.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

We are returning to our typical Mass schedule for Christmas. **The Principal Mass** takes place at **10 pm Christmas Eve (Friday, Dec. 24)**. The **Vigil Mass** will be at **5 pm Christmas Eve**. On **Christmas morning**, there will be one Mass, at **9 am**. Please plan to come early to accommodate seating and to enjoy some prelude music.

PLEASE NOTE: There is *no Mass the evening of Saturday, Dec. 25*. The Diocese has requested this since it would be confusing as to whether this would be a Christmas Mass or a Vigil Mass for Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family. Therefore, the **Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family** will be only **Sunday, Dec. 26 at 7:30 am and 10 am**. And yes, the Church's expectation, and obligation, is that we attend both Christmas and a Sunday Mass.

AS ADVENT LENGTHENS...

It gets difficult in this season to attend to our spiritual life with so much "holiday" distraction, including the things that "have" to get done. Be sure to make time for prayer, reflection, and making ready for the Lord. Confession opportunities are listed elsewhere. Daily Masses are available, including Monday's School Mass at 2 pm. Thursday is our day of Adoration. Make time - make ready, for the Lord!

SPECIAL COLLECTION, RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The men who served in Religious Orders as Priests and Brothers, and the Sisters of Religious Orders, now retired, benefit from the second collection today. We show our gratitude for their service and assist them in their advancing age and health care needs. Please use the envelope in our packets and make this offering at the second passing of the basket (the first time we've done this in a long time!). This also permits the opportunity for cash donations to go directly to this effort. Our parish and our area have been richly blessed by the presence and ministry of those dedicated to a specific manner of discipleship - here, largely in the Benedictine tradition. Let us thank God for them and do our best to offer assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU!

This has been another difficult year in many ways for so many people, including financially. We have been blessed here at Queen to stay afloat thanks to the generosity of many of you, even though that "dollar" has been stretched in so many households. Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving to the Regular Offertory and the CSA. As we complete the calendar year, remember for tax deduction purposes that we need to receive any gift by Dec. 31st. For it to be counted toward your 2021 deductions. We appreciate that so many of you completed your CSA pledge and many more will be doing so in the next couple of weeks. This is a great help and blessing to us.

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