

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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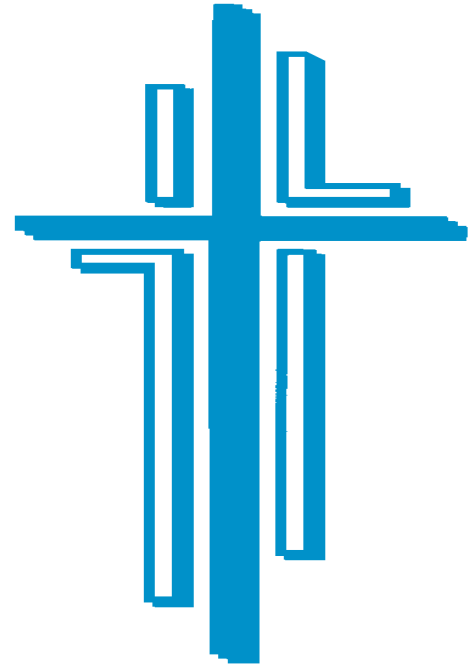
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A joyful occasion for the whole parish. Parents must be registered and active members. Classes are required. Please call St. Mary's Church Office for arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Ann Mission—Saturday: 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church—First Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m.

Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Diocesan Common Policy requires at least six months advance notification before any plans are made to allow time for evaluation and sacramental preparation.

FACILITATOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Sheila Martz 782-6473

HALL RENTAL

Call St. Mary's Church Office: 744-9919

CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRY

Sister Marian Wehler, OSB

Sister Tina Geiger, RSM

7 Pulaski Street, Oil City, PA 16301

814-677-2032 ruralministry@yahoo.com

REMEMBER ST. MARY/ST. ANN IN YOUR WILL

"I give and bequeath to St. Mary Parish and/or St. Ann Mission, PO Box 41, Crown, PA 16220, the sum of ___ dollars, real estate, and/or stock for the purpose of assisting St. Mary Parish and/or St. Ann Mission in furthering the work of the Church."

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - St. Ann - Marienville

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary - Crown

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - St. Mary - Crown

Weekday Liturgies: Please consult the Bulletin.

In the event of a Funeral, there will be no daily Mass.

The Mass Intention will be rescheduled.

Holy Days: Consult the Mass Schedule.

MISSION STATEMENT

With faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to living Gospel values, the parish of Saint Mary, Crown and its mission of Saint Ann, Marienville, in communion with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie and the Universal Church, serve the people of northern Clarion County, eastern Forest County and seasonal visitors.

By calling forth and utilizing the gifts of each individual and through the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments, the mission of our community is to advance the Good News and the spiritual development of each individual in order to achieve eternal salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the office if a family member or parishioner is hospitalized, recovering at home, or in a Nursing Home. Visitation, Communion, and/or the Anointing of the Sick can be made available to them.

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021**



Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.—Psalm 72

From the Desk of Father James

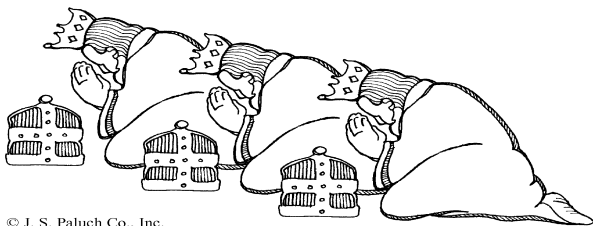
Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to all who sent me Christmas cards and Christmas presents. I am so honored to serve at your parish and I am grateful for all your support.

As we have just celebrated the birth of the Savior and the beginning of our salvation, so now at the start of this new year we look forward to the new beginnings that the Lord has in store for us. A new year is a new opportunity to strive to be the best that we can be, to entrust our lives to the plan that God has for us, and to find in Him joy and peace. Pope Francis has named this new year, the year of our Lord two-thousand and twenty-one, the Year of St. Joseph. He has proposed that we use St. Joseph as a model to guide our lives this year as we seek to know and love Jesus all the more. Pope Francis has given us this prayer for us to pray throughout the Year of St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Happy New Year,
Fr. James



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- Saturday, January 2**
M:5:00 p.m. Sherry Stinebiser
By Mary Belle Benson
- Sunday, January 3**
Epiphany of the Lord
C:8:30 a.m. Anthony Lencer
By Skip & Milly Cussins
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
- Monday, January 4**
C:8:30 a.m. Donald Gatton
By Charlie & Patty Bush
- Tuesday, January 5**
C:8:30 a.m. Otto Stetter
By The Family
- Wednesday, January 6**
C:8:30 a.m. Rita Sneeringer Schmader
By Skip & Milly Cussins
- Thursday, January 7**
M:7:00 p.m. Willard Passauer
By Jim & Louise Bauer
- Friday, January 8**
M:8:30 a.m. Fathers Day Remembrance
- Saturday, January 9**
M:5:00 p.m. Harry & Rosemarie Russell
By The Family
- Sunday, January 10**
Baptism of the Lord
C:8:30 a.m. Adam Casey
By The Power Family
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord
1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

January 9 & January 10
Lector: 5:00 p.m. Bee
8:30 a.m. Andy
11:00 a.m. Jan
COLLECTION COUNTERS
January 10 2021
Darlene, Ken, Mary Beth, Joe

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Ann Church — Saturday at 4:15 p.m.
St. Mary Church-First Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m.

Weekly Collections

12-20-2020 \$1,910.00
Retired Religious \$626.00

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is committed to the yearly in-servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm> For more information, contact Cindy Zemick at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month: Who are the perpetrators? Traffickers can be anyone who profits from the selling of a child for sex to a buyer, including family members, foster parents, friends, gangs, trusted adults, or “boyfriends.” Much of the trafficking of children has moved from street corners and truck stops to the internet where children are sold for sex. Online classified sites allow traffickers and buyers anonymity and accessibility when exploiting children. In some case, there is no identified trafficker, and it is the person buying sex from the child who is exploiting the child’s vulnerabilities. A child cannot consent to being bought and sold for sex, and anyone purchasing sex from a child is committing a serious crime. If you suspect a case of Child Sex Trafficking you can call 1-800-THE-LOST or make a report at www.CyberTipline.org. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **March 2021**. Please call the church office at 814-744-9919.

Faith Formation/Religious Education Registration
If your child is new to the Faith Formation program, please call the office (744-9919) to let us know prior to registration. If you have any questions, please contact Shelia Martz (782-6473-home; 229-3083– cell). Thanks!

St. Ann’s Women’s Club now has a new supply of Micro-fiber streak-less cleaning cloths. Cost is \$5.00 each. Contact any St. Ann Women’s member or call the Church office at 744-9919.

Bulletin Announcements: Any information for the bulletin **MUST** be written and in the church office by noon on Friday, a week before the date to be published due to printer schedules.

St. Ann Women’s Club has cancelled the Annual Christmas Party due to Covid-19.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2020
To date 102 families have responded with pledges totaling \$41,415.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,962.00 for 2020. Total paid to date is \$38,285.00, leaving a balance of \$3,130.00 to be satisfied as soon as possible.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, January 11th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.
—J. Masai

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas



PRAYER CHAIN—If you wish to put someone on the Prayer Chain, please contact Sheila Martz at 229-3083 or Jane Wallace at 927-8566.

This Week's Sponsor

GATESMAN AUTO BODY
LUCINDA, PA.
814-744-9218

Please support our sponsors!!!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. **Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.** I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*

A Family Perspective

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned pumpkin, canned yams, cake mix, dish soap, Jell-o or pudding, canned fruit, canned cranberry sauce, evaporated milk. Items need to be in the Church before January 24th. **Please remember monetary donations are always welcome. Checks can be mailed to: Marienville/North Clarion Food bank, Marienville Methodist Church, P.O. Box 281, Marienville, Pa. 16239.** Your generosity helps families in our community. Please no expired food items! **COATS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 LIMITATIONS.**

Our parish has an opening for a **part time Secretary/Bookkeeper**. This is a paid position. Applicants should have accounting and bookkeeping experience in addition to computer knowledge, Microsoft Excel, Word, Quick books and Publisher with five years working experience in general office duties. If you are interested in this position, please contact Father James or call the church office 814-744-9919.

Our parish is in need of a **person to clean the Rectory**. This is a part time paid position. If interested please contact Fr. James or call the Church office at 814-744-9919.

St. Mary Church is in need of **Maintenance Person** to perform general repairs, cut and trim grass, including the cemetery, and level and reseed graves in the cemetery. This is a part time, paid position, which is available immediately. Please contact Father James or the church office if you are interested in this position, 814-744-9919.

Dear Saint Mary's Church Congregation,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your support of my efforts in the Angel Tree Giving Project. Your generosity helped to provide gifts for the children in our community.

This year 65+ children in the North Clarion area will have a brighter Christmas because of the gifts provided. The children will receive clothing, hat/gloves, toys, art supplies and special items that were chosen specially for each one.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness to the children. Merry Christmas!

Anna Bowen

Angel Tree Giving Project



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FEAST OF FAITH
The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
 Grow every year more bright
 And send its glorious beams afar
 To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant



OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



January	3	Evan Cyphert Joel Cyphert Janet Huth
January	4	Kathleen Fitzgerald Marie Songer
January	5	Raymond Gruseck Kaellie Heelan Sheila Martz
January	6	Walt Karg
January	8	Mathew Gatesman Shane Kopchick Mike Schmader
January	9	Ed Pasternak



December	29	Bob & Teresa Wolfgang
December	31	Rod & Rita Hartle Ken & Darlene Flick

