

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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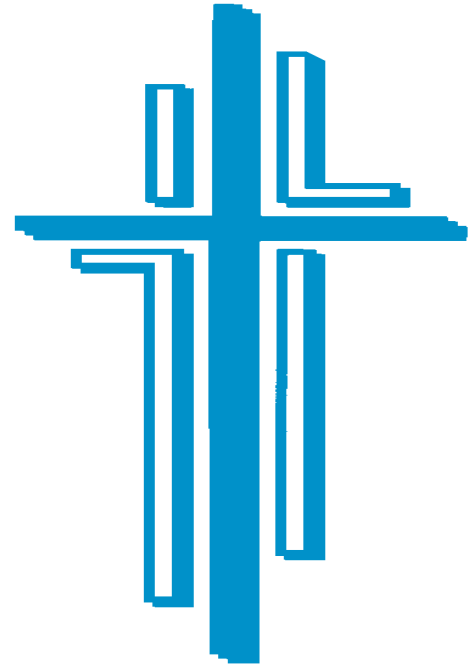
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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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 Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021**

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of Salvation.. —Isaiah 12:2-3

From the Desk of Father James

Last week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. I forgot to mention at Mass that the Epiphany is the traditional time to have homes blessed. On the Vigil of the Epiphany the priest blesses a large amount of Holy Water in a more solemn fashion: he first prays the Litany of the Saints and some special psalms, then exorcises and blesses salt, then exorcises and blesses water, and then mixes the salt in the water accompanied by some more prayers. Traditionally the priest would be invited to bless the homes of parishioners with this Holy Water and mark the lintels of their doors with blessed chalk. Just as the magi entered into the home of the Holy Family we pray that Jesus may enter into our homes and bless us throughout this year. If you are interested in having your home blessed please contact me either through email (JPower@ErieRCD.org) or by calling the parish (744-9919). I will be wearing masks and using hand sanitizer for all house blessings.

We will be having a **Holy Hour for Vocations** this Friday January 15 at 7:00pm. It will be preached by Fr. Christopher Mannerino from Pittsburgh. He and I were in seminary together and he is one of my best friends. Fr. Chris is a fantastic speaker. It will be well-worth it to sacrifice a Friday evening to come to this Holy Hour.

In Christ,
Fr. James

JMJ

THANK YOU – I wish to thank the parishioners of St. Mary/St. Ann for all their cards, best wishes and generous gifts for my Christmas. Please remember me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers for you and your families. I wish you all a healthy and Blessed New Year.

Father Christopher +

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.



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

Monday, January 11

C:8:30 a.m. Bill, Millie, & Billy Schmader
By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, January 12

C:8:30 a.m. Mothers Day Remembrance

Wednesday, January 13

C:8:30 a.m. Norma Mealy
By Rene Grumbaugh

Thursday, January 14

M:7:00 p.m. Don Schrecengost
By Michele Kibbey

Friday, January 15

C:8:30 a.m. George Karg
By Mr. & Mrs. Ed Groner
C: 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour & Benediction
For Vocations

Saturday, January 16

M:5:00 p.m. Joe Madl
By The Family

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Norma Broderick
By Rene Grumbaugh

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

January 16 & January 17

Lector: 5:00 p.m. Kitty

8:30 a.m. Rod

11:00 a.m. Volunteer

COLLECTION COUNTERS

January 17 2021

Marcia, Rick, Shawn. Tami

Weekly Collections

12-25-2020	\$ 1,225.00
12-27-2020	\$1,748.00
1-1-2021	\$258.00
1-3-2021	\$3,024.00

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 cases, 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.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2020
To date 102 families have responded with pledges totaling \$41,495.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,962.00 for 2020. Total paid to date is \$39,595.00, leaving a balance of \$1,900.00 to be satisfied as soon as possible.

Christmas decorations will be taken down after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass on January 9 at St. Ann.

January 10 after the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary



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



Parish Council will meet Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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

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LUCINDA, PA.
814-226-7334

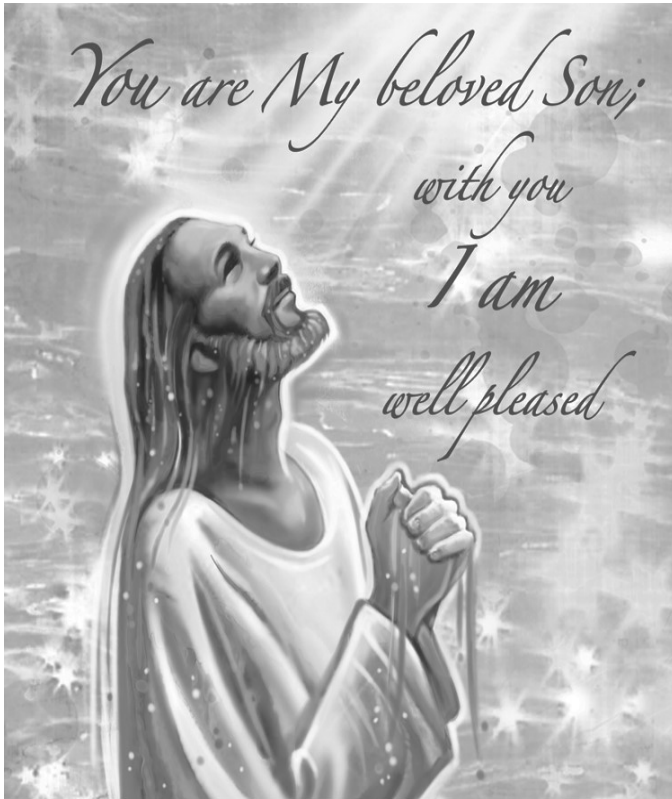
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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*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 gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families, it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER



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Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned beans, cake mix, dry pasta dish soap, 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!

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.

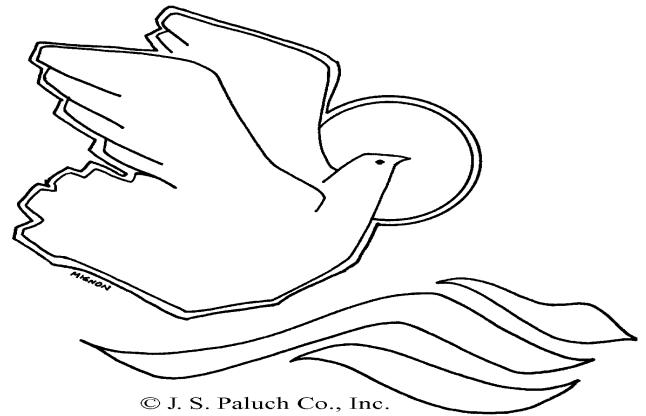
St. Mary Church is in need of **Maintenance Person** to perform general repairs, cut and trim grass, including the cemetery, and level and reseed graves in the cemetery. This is a part time, paid position, which is available immediately. Please contact Father James or the church office if you are interested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

REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.

—St. Ambrose

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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FEAST OF FAITH

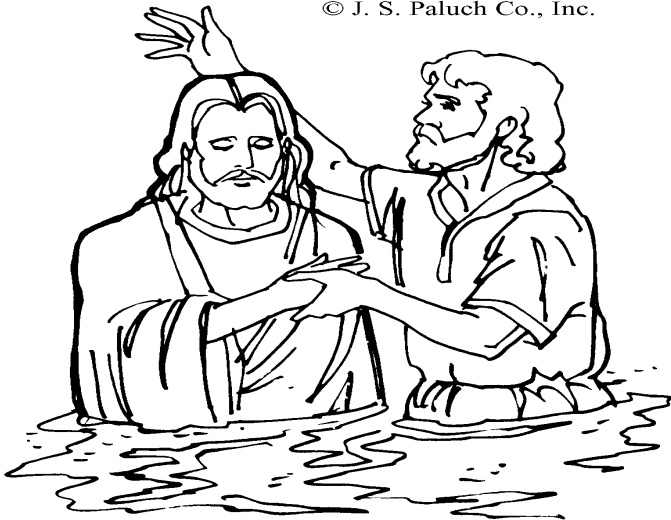
The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

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LOTTERY WINNERS 01/001 – 01/02/2021

PARISHIONERS

Nancy Zacherl - Santa Fe, TX
Linda Ponegalek - Marienville
Agnes Kubisiak - Marienville
Bob Mellon - Pittsburgh
John McCloskey - Crown

NON – PARISHIONERS

Natalie Sweny – Erie
Cori Woelkers – Johnstown
Gordon Whiteman – Leeper
Nancy Kaltenbach – Howard
Gary Drum – Meadville

Winners – 10 Paid out - \$240.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



January	11	Beth Mendola
January	12	John Donnick Darlene Flick Carl Siegel Nate Siegel
January	13	Quick Kahle Daniel Patton Sarah Wagner Bob Weaver
January	14	Stacie Kaye Susan Lencer Gabriel Martz
January	16	Evelyn Boylan Penny Gawelski Domenico Mendola Nathanial Swartz Shari Wynkoop



January	14	Deacon Mike & Heather Dittman
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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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