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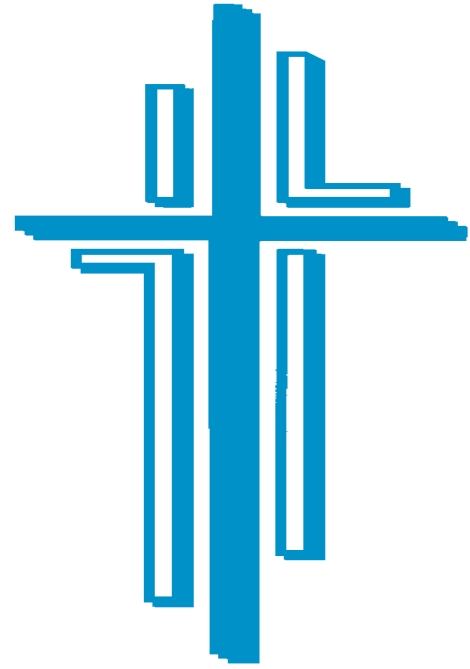
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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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.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021**



Teach me your ways, O Lord. —Psalm 25

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners

The theologian Tertulian who died in the year 240 is recorded as saying “ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.” 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” Likewise throughout the Psalms we are constantly reminded of the need to meditate on, study, and be knowledgeable of the Word of God daily.

Following the apostolic tradition, every Sunday at Mass we hear various readings from the Bible. The first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament Epistles. The third reading - the most significant reading - is from the Gospels. While the entire Bible tells us of God's saving action, it is only the four Gospels which focus on the particular life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We always stand when the Gospel is read to show reverence to the Word made flesh who is present in our midst as we break open the scriptures. The four Gospel accounts are attributed to St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. Each gives a different perspective on who Jesus is and what he means to us.

During the Easter season we always hear from the Gospel of St. John. The other three Gospels are spread out over a three year cycle. One year we hear from Matthew, the next from Mark, and the third from Luke. This year is a Mark year.

By recognizing the different nuances of the four Gospels we can better grasp the ways in which the Holy Spirit is speaking to us through the scriptures. In next week's column I will be talking about the ways in which the Gospel of St. Mark is distinct from the others.

God Bless,
Fr. James

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 23

M:5:00 p.m. Bette Spence
By John & Bobbi Donnack

Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. J. Ronald Heasley
By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 26

C:8:30 a.m. Father Edward Stutz
By Father James Power

Wednesday, January 27

C:8:30 a.m. All Souls Remembrance

Thursday, January 28

M:7:00 p.m. Diana Sneeringer
By Skip & Milly Cussins

Friday, January 29

C:8:30 a.m. Janet Eisenman
By Nancy Zacherl Family

Saturday, January 30

M:5:00 p.m. Katie Wolbert
By Rene Grumbaugh

Sunday, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
C:8:30 a.m. “Wish” McCloskey
By The Family
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

January 30 & January 31
Lector: 5:00 p.m. Bee
8:30 a.m. Ed
11:00 a.m. Volunteer

COLLECTION COUNTERS

January 31 2021
Jana, George, Dale, Joyce

Weekly Collections

1-17-2021

\$2,409.00

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.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm> For more information, contact Cindy Zernick 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.eriercd.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.

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.

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.

Today, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) Your Support helps the CCC connect people to Christ in the United States and around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Erie Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2020

To date 102 families have responded with pledges totaling \$41,575.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,962.00 for 2020. Total paid to date is \$39,705.00, leaving a balance of \$1,870.00 to be satisfied as soon as possible.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, February 8th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

Family of the Month— Mike Dechant

50/50 winner: Don Stinebiser



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

The ethical reception of COVID-19 vaccines

As various vaccines for COVID-19 are made available to the public, concerns about safety and efficacy — as well as the ethics of their research and development — challenge all to make informed choices. Bishop Lawrence Persico has issued a statement that provides information about the vaccines and a process of ethical decision-making consistent with Catholic values. The statement, which can be found at www.eriercd.org/news/News-releases.html, also includes links to several helpful Vatican and USCCB documents

This Week's Sponsor

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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*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici;
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees)
begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas



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.

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.



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!

Thank you to the “many hands” that helped take down the Christmas Decorations and store them away at both St. Mary and St. Ann Church.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for the many prayers, condolences, food, flowers, and cards that we received during our time of loss and sorrow. They were all greatly appreciated.
— The Doris Wolbert Family

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.

—St. Angela Merici



SPRING RAFFLE

1. Weatherly Lazer Vanguard
2. 270 Remington 700 BDL
3. BL 22 Browning Lever Action with Maple Stock
4. \$200 Cash
5. \$100 Cash

Drawing: May 26, 2021

Must be 18 years or older

Only 1500 tickets sold—\$5.00 each

LOTTERY WINNERS 1/10-1/16/2021

PASHIONIERS

Diane Heasley	Leeper
Robert Landfried	Transfer
Giancarlo Mendola	Marienville
Amber Craig	Marienville
Keith Martz Family	Shipperville
Angela Popoleo (2)	Marienville
Kathy Carroll	Vowinckel
John Donnich (2)	Marienville
Ginger Vecchio (3)	Vowinckel
Milly Cussins	Marienville
Heather Dittman	Marienville
Tyler Lencer	Leeper
Bobbi Judy	Marienville
Tom Oliver	Marienville
Kathy Tarr	Vowinckel
Don Sudsina	Marienville
Marcia Heasley	Leeper
Joe & Mary Beth Hepinger	Marienville
Carol Marshall	Leeper
Josh McLaughlin	Leeper
M/M Michael Allshouse	Marienville
John Donahue	Leeper

NON-PARISHIONERS

Kim Kroh	Clarion
M/M Wm Perrine	Sharon
Natalie Sewny (2)	Erie
Marcia Hartle (2)	Clarion
Regis Grumbaugh (3)	Sharpsburg
Tod MacKintosh	Cooksburg
Maddox Thimons	Salmon, ID
Susie Kurtzhals	Jamestown, NY
Kim Lemison	Marienville
Sarah Nicklas	Marienville
Nancy Droast	Fisher, IN
Dane/Karen Davis	Clarion
Fr. Denis Kigozi	New Albany, OH
Mark Geyer	Pittsburgh
John & Barb Smail	Shipperville
Elizabeth Spence	Allison Park
Carolyn Power	Erie
Nathan Woelkers	Johnstown
Nathlie Fajbik	Tarentum

49 Winners \$1,750.00 paid out

Team "Cruisers" Relay For Life has cancelled their annual "Soup Sunday" which was held at the M.A.C.A. Due to Covid-19.

A Family Perspective

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus as it seemed he had his own plans for his children. We often forget that our children were never ours to begin with. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



January	25	Brandan Heasley
January	26	Paula Anderson
January	27	George Becker
January	29	Mary Ann Allshouse
		Norma Dehner
		Catherine Kirkpatrick
		Hailee Oliver
January	30	Ike Peters

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)



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NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.
—St. Francis de Sales

FEAST OF FAITH

The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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