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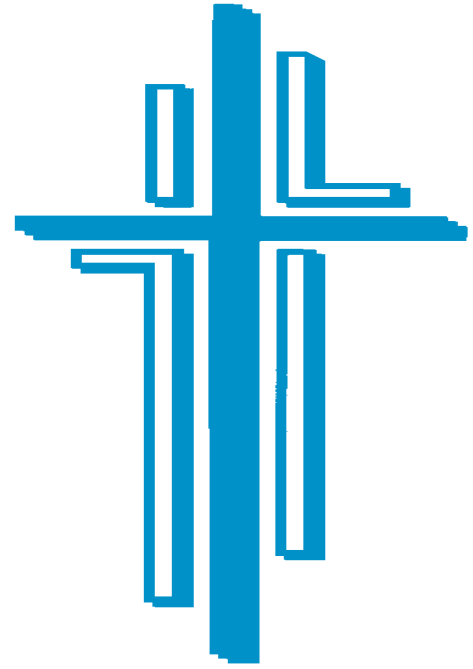
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021**

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. —Psalm 25

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Today's column is the last installment in my series on the Gospel of St. Mark. Each of the four Gospels have unique characteristics that can give us new insight into our Lord Jesus Christ. Previously we learned about the approximate date in which the Gospel of Saint Mark was written and the situations faced by the early church at the time of its writing. Today we will look at two particular themes present in the Gospel: the divinity/humanity of Christ and the weakness of the disciples.

The Gospel of St. Mark makes it very clear that Jesus is both God and Man. Concerning his divinity, the Gospel presents Jesus as Son of God. He is the Messiah, the anointed king of Davidic descent, who has command over the forces of nature, power to heal and exorcise demons, and authority to forgive sins. But Jesus is also presented as fully human: as the Son of Man with authentic emotions. At times he expresses pity, anger, triumph, sympathy, surprise, admiration, sadness, and indignation.

While Jesus is presented as fully human and fully divine, the disciples of Jesus, on the other hand, are presented as very human and quite flawed. In the Gospel of St. Mark the flaws of the disciples are a recurring theme. Not only do we see the betrayal of Judas and the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples during his passion, but throughout his ministry we are shown disciples who consistently fail to understand the teachings of their Lord.

These two themes of the Gospel of St. Mark can be very useful to us today. Seeing the weakness of the disciples should remind us not to be too hard on ourselves when we fail to live up to our call as disciples of Christ. Likewise we are given a savior who is able to sympathize with our situation while also having the power to help.

This concludes my series on the Gospel of St. Mark. Next year I will be doing one on the Gospel of St. Luke.

In Christ,
Fr. James

PS - Fr. Joseph Petrone, who was just ordained a priest this past summer, will be preaching our Holy Hour for Persecuted Christians on Friday at 7:00pm.

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, February 20

M:5:00 p.m. Eugene & Faye Wolfgang
By Joe & Kitty Rodgers

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday in Lent

C:8:30 a.m. George Karg, Sr.

By Rose Mary Weaver

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

C:6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Monday, February 22

C:8:30 a.m. Bruce Wilson

By Rene Grumbaugh

Tuesday, February 23

C:8:30 a.m. Special Intention for

Dr. Dennis DePerro

By The Power Family

Wednesday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 25

Stations of the Cross 6:15 p.m.

M:7:00 p.m. Katie Wolbert

By John & Bobbi Donnick

Friday, February 26

C:8:30 a.m. Janet Eisenman

By Rene Grumbaugh

C:7:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Eucharistic
Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, February 27

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

C:8:30 a.m. Norma Mealy

By Card Club Girls

C:11:00 a.m. Ron Heasley

By Knights of Columbus

St. Hubert Council #10341

C:6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

February 27 & February 28

Lector: 5:00 p.m. Kerry

8:30 a.m. Bob

11:00 a.m. Henry

COLLECTION COUNTERS

February 28, 2021

Henry, Taty, Jill, Jack

Weekly Collections

2-14-2021

\$2,147.00

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 Zemick at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of **digital dating abuse** according to *Psychology Today*. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really *listen to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found in at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/*

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.

Holy Hour

Father James Power invites everyone from our parish family of Saint Mary/Saint Ann to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration and Benediction on Friday February 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Father Joseph Petrone will be speaking on Persecuted Christians.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. I am grateful.

If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated.



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

Family of the Month : James Fitzgerald
50/50 Winner : Nicholas Moore

Five minutes with the Word Lent 2021 booklets are available at the back of the church. These are provided by the Knights of Columbus.



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

ST. ANN'S SCRIPTURE/ROSARY

Scripture /Rosary will be prayed at St. Ann's Church daily – at 3:00 p.m. during Lent except for Saturdays and Thursdays .Beginning Sunday, February 21st. This will be Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The last day of this will be Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

This Week's Sponsor

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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.eriecd.org/news/News-releases.html, also includes links to several helpful Vatican and USCCB documents

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*

Catholic Rural Ministry invites you to join S. Tina and S. Marian on Thursdays during Lent for Reflections on the Sunday Gospels.

1. Sign up for the guide on <https://mission.maryknoll.us/reflection-guide>
2. Call or email the Sisters at (814) 677 2032 or srtinag@gmail.com to sign up and ask any questions you may have.
3. The Sisters will send you a zoom link each week beginning Feb. 14, 2021.
4. You can join zoom by using a phone or a computer, laptop or tablet.
5. The Reflections and discussions will take place every Thurs. at 10:00 AM and/or Thurs. 6:30 PM beginning Thurs. Feb. 18.

God bless your Lenten journey!



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 February 21. **Please remember monetary donations** are always welcome. Checks are to be made payable to the Marienville Methodist Church — in the memo write: Marienville/North Clarion Food Bank. Mail checks to the Marienville Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville, Pa. 16239.

40 Cans for 40 Days Program

St. Hubert's Council #10341 of the Knights of Columbus, working with Father James, is conducting our 5th annual **40 Cans for 40 Days** program to collect canned food items for the local food bank. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 4th, there will be baskets set up in the back of St. Mary and St. Ann Churches for your donations. Last year we collected 1,000 pounds of canned food items to go along with monetary donations. The Knights of Columbus also donates \$100 for every 1,000 pounds of food collected. In addition to canned goods, other items which are needed include boxed dinners, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, boxes of jello and pudding, box stuffing, and dry pancake mix. Please make sure that all items have expiration dates no earlier than 2021. Contact Randy Andring at 927-8114 with any questions or if you need

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
- Monday: Washington's Birthday; Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Tuesday: St. Polycarp
- Thursday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek

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.



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

PENANCE SERVICE

St. Mary Church:

Sunday, March 28, 2021 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, 2021 3:00—4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 3:00 —4:00 p.m.

St. Ann:

Normal Confession schedule:

Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m.

Except for April 3rd, No confessions at St. Ann.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 27, 2021 5:00 p.m. St. Ann

March 28, 2021 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. St. Mary

6:00 p.m. Stations – St. Mary

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—

April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. St. Mary. Adoration until 9:30 p.m. Night Prayer to follow.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S

Passion April 2, 2021 3:00 p.m.— St. Ann

Blessing of Easter Baskets Saturday

April 3, 2021—12:00 NOON.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL—

April 3, 2021 8:30 p.m. St. Mary

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021 8:30 a.m. St. Mary

11:00 a.m. St. Ann

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

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BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



February	21	Jeff Cyphert Deborah Fajbik
February	22	Elsie Carroll Tyler Lencer
February	25	Carmen Gett Jr.
February	26	Jeanne Andring Olivia Siegel
February	27	Curtis Ochs



February	21	Brian & Lynn Brubaker
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In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

St. Joseph's FISH & SHRIMP TAKE-OUT DINNERS

Route 66•Lucinda, PA

Every Friday in Lent (Except Good Friday)
February 19- March 26th

5:00 p.m. —7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$6.00

JUMBO SHRIMP DINNERS: \$11.00

DINNERS INCLUDE: Choice of Fish (Baked or Fried),
Fish Hoagie, Shrimp, or JUMBO Shrimp,
Choice of Sides : (Fries, Baked Potato, Mac &
Cheese), & Coleslaw

LUNCHES 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fish Sandwich: \$8.00

Fish Hoagie: \$10.00 LUNCHES

INCLUDE: Coleslaw and Fries

TAKE-OUT ONLY!

For Lunch Orders - PLEASE CALL: 226 -8310