

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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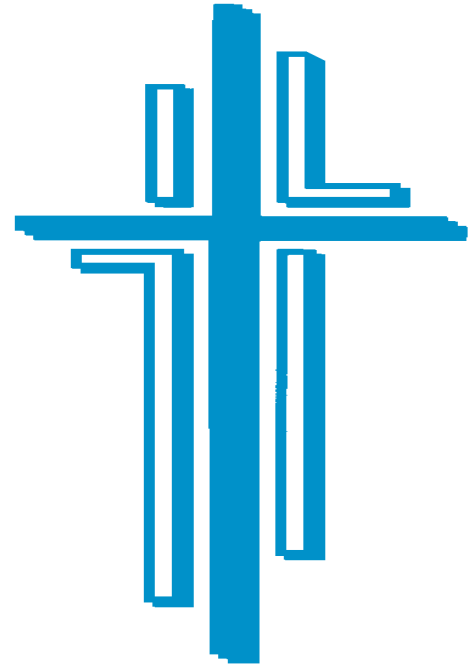
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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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.

**Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021**

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.—
Psalm 116

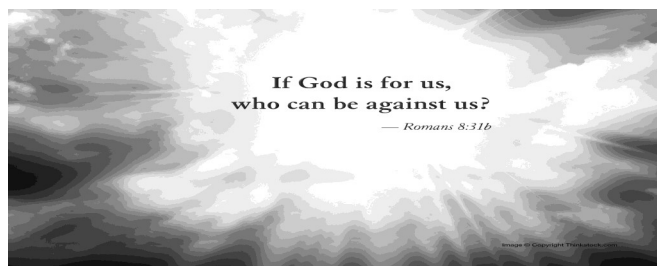
From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue on our Lenten journey we hear in the Gospel this Sunday of the Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Tabor. We hear that “ he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them” and that Moses and Elijah appeared alongside him and the voice of the Father was heard proclaiming “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Christ permitted his apostles to see this vision so that their faith would be strengthened even when they saw him crucified. When they saw the crown of thorns upon his head they would know it concealed his true crown as king of the universe. This Gospel reading is likewise given to us on the Second Sunday of Lent to strengthen us in the midst of our Lenten penances and indeed of any cross we may carry. How different would our attitude toward suffering be if we recalled Christ’s Glory at all times? We would indeed be depressed if we thought that the winter had no end, if the night had no end, if the cross we carry had no end. But we know that is not the truth. Jesus has given us a glimpse of reality of the glory held in store for us. And this reality should lift the soul, inform our thoughts and actions, and point us in the right direction. Today is that glimpse that keeps us going. May we be firm in our Lenten penances and fasts as we look forward to the celebration of Christ’s resurrection in five weeks at Easter.

In Christ,
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, 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

Monday, March 1

C:8:30 a.m. Debra Smith

By Rene Grumbaugh

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

C:8:30 a.m. Marian Ochs

By Jackie Landfried

Thursday, March 4

Stations of the Cross 6:15 p.m.

M:7:00 p.m. Reverend Dan Richter

By Rene Grumbaugh

Friday, March 5

C:8:30 a.m. Andrew Dzurek

By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, March 6

M:5:00 p.m. Cookie Bauer

By Brian, Toni Bauer & Family

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Norma Broderick

By John & Bobbi Donnicks

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

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULES

March 6 & March 7

Lector: 5:00 p.m. Jim

8:30 a.m. Emma

11:00 a.m. Jan

COLLECTION COUNTERS

March 7, 2021

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Weekly Collections

2-21-2021

\$1,977.00

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 **April 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.

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 mail it in to the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated.



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

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.

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

THE ART OF LISTENING

If you want God to listen to you when you pray, shouldn't you listen to God when God speaks to you?

—Anonymous

This Week's Sponsor

**SNYDER MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE
MARIENVILLE, PA.
814-927-6670**

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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

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



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, canned tuna, canned mac & cheese, rice mix, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, baked beans, cake mix, dry pasta, dish soap, Items need to be in the Church before March 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. Your generosity helps families in our community. Please no expired food items!

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 assistance with getting your canned goods to the Church.

A Family Perspective

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday



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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTER WEEK (nrvs.net)

Fifty-two weeks a year women religious stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope ... But for one week, **March 8-14**, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage a wide range of campaigns and events that invite all who follow Jesus to expand and support their gospel witness grow the service networks they have seeded share their spirituality, charisms, and community encourage young women to consider a vocation to religious life support their pastoral, teaching and prophetic works and focus on the new world they call into being. CHECK OUT A WEBSITE:

eriebenedictines.org; sistersofmercy.org; ssjerie.org

Message from Sister Tina Geiger, RSM and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB:

"We want to thank you for all your prayers and support. Serving in Catholic Rural Ministry here in the Oil City Deanery is a real privilege and joy for us."

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.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



March	2	John Cesario Carol Cochran Patricia Delaney Matt Kaye Deb Pinchot
March	3	Malinda Cesario Tim Lencer Chuck Schettler Sarah Schettler
March	4	Julia Lencer
March	5	Kenzie Kopchick Easton McLaughlin Bob Snyder
March	6	Christine Schwabenbauer

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)



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.

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