

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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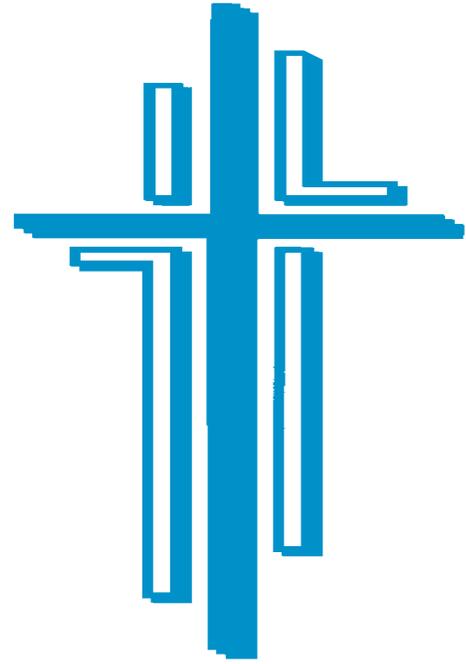
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28, 2021

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? —
Psalm 22

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to announce that we have begun live-streaming the 8:30am Sunday mass from St. Mary's Church. To watch mass online, first go to our website (stmarycrown.com) and then click on "Watch Mass Online." On that page you will find a link to our parish Youtube channel.

Holy Week is now upon us. We have entered into the annual celebration of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. The liturgies of Holy Week are particularly beautiful and sacred. Mass on Holy Thursday ends with a Eucharistic procession, to commemorate the journey of Christ and his apostles from the cenacle to the Garden of Gethsemane. For those who wish to stay, the Mass is then followed by a period of adoration before the reposed Blessed Sacrament, remembering that agony suffered by our Lord in that garden. The liturgy is Good Friday is a moment to express reverence and sorrow for the suffering and death of our Lord upon the cross. The Easter Vigil is the culmination of our faith. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and his victory over sin and death.

Attendance at Easter Masses (Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) will be limited to those who sign-up beforehand. Sign-ups are posted in the backs of the respective churches: the sign-up sheets for the 8:30pm Saturday Easter Vigil Mass and 8:30am Easter Sunday Morning Mass are posted in the back of St. Mary's Church; the sign-up sheet for the 11:00am Easter Sunday Morning Mass is posted in the back of St. Ann's. There are 100 slots for each mass.

Remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting. On days of fasting Catholics are permitted to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are less than a full meal. Fasting is spiritual discipline that is recommended by our Lord (Matt 6:16) and has been practiced since the earliest days of the Church (Acts 13:3).

In Christ,
Fr. James

Holy Thursday April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. St. Mary
Lector—Ron

A.S. Aiden, Ainsley, Kaleb, Gabe, Drew

Good Friday April 2, 2021 3:00 p.m. St. Ann
Lector—Kerry, John

Easter Vigil—April 3, 2021 8:30 p.m. St. Mary
Lector: Rod & Bob

A.S. Aiden, Ainsley, Kaleb, Gabe, Drew

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, March 27

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

C:8:30 a.m. Helen Smerkar &

Mary Carol Finfinger

By Bill & Pat Culp

C:11:00 a.m. Louis Rossi

By The Power Family

C: 3:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Monday, March 29

C:8:30 a.m. Betty Wolbert

By The Byerly Family

Tuesday, March 30

C:8:30 a.m. Dennis Boschini

By Jim & Louise Bauer

C:3:00 p.m. Confessions

Wednesday, March 31

C:8:30 a.m. Francis & Marie Karg Hilgeman

& Grandson Kentaro

By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

C:3:00 p.m. Confessions

C:7:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Adoration concludes 9:30

Friday, April 2

The Passion of the Lord, Good Friday

M:3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

C:12:00 p.m. Blessing of the Easter Baskets

C:300 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

M:11:00 a.m. Fathers Day Remembrance

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

April 3 & April 4

Lector: C: 8:30 p.m. Rod & Bob

C: 8:30 a.m. Chuck & Emma

M: 11:00 a.m. Jim & Kitty

COLLECTION COUNTERS

April 4, 2021

Dan, Linda, Rita, Bob

Weekly Collections

3-21-2021

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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.eriecnd.org/protectyouth.htm> For more information, contact Cindy Zemick at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Pledge to Heal:

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their family members through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543. *For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemick, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*

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.

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **May 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.

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.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, April 12th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.
Family of the Month: John McCloskey
50/50 Winner: Justin Kahle



Parish Council will meet Monday, April 5th 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

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable, but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

In March of 2020 Catholic Charities established the **COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund**. Individuals or families who have needs such as rent, utilities, or heating fuel needs can receive assistance through Catholic Charities. **It is our hope that no need will go unmet.** To request assistance please contact Nancy with Catholic Charities at (888) 793-6602.

This Week's Sponsor

**GATESMAN AUTO BODY
LUCINDA, PA.
814-226-9468**

Please support our sponsors!!!



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

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.



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 April 18. **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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Passover begins at sunset
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday: Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion; Fast and Abstinence
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter



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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 2nd, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. In addition to ensuring the guard of the shrines, the Good Friday Annual Collection allows Christians, the living stones, to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ.

The collection also helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. In these times of crisis, it also brings aid to refugees, as well as the sacraments to Christians in places like Syria.

Among other things, last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection supported 23 parishes, 3 academic institutions and 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers. It provided funds for the restoration and maintenance of over 1,000 houses and apartments for Christian families and it created 1,200 jobs for Christians in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie



St. Elizabeth Center in Oil City is having a BIG Sale!
311 Emerald St., Oil City Pa. 16301
814-677-0203

Come to St. Elizabeth Center to see the wonderful collection of new and gently used clothing.

\$3.00 a bag

All the proceeds of the thrift shop helps the food pantry. It is a great way to **feed the hungry** during Lent.

**Visit St. Elizabeth Center this March
Open Saturdays 9—noon
Mondays and Wednesday 10:00—2:00 pm**

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



March	28	Mary Louise Brown Mary Schrecengost Stephen Sepan
March	30	Deb Cyphert Gary Wolbert
April	1	Esther Heasley Pam Karg Mark Rathfon
April	2	Emma Cussins Brady Karg

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)

Novena Prayer of Saint Joseph

O Glorious Saint Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most precious spouse of Mary ever Virgin, and the head of the holy family. You have been chosen as the heavenly patron and protector of the Church. Therefore, it is with great confidence that we implore your assistance for the Church on earth. Protect with fatherly love Pope Francis, Bishop Persico and all those who labor for souls amid the trials of life. Dear Saint Joseph, ever be our father, protector, and guide. Obtain for us purity of heart. May all our actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for us that we may share in the peace and joy of a holy death and be found ready to dwell in the glory of your Son. For He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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*

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