

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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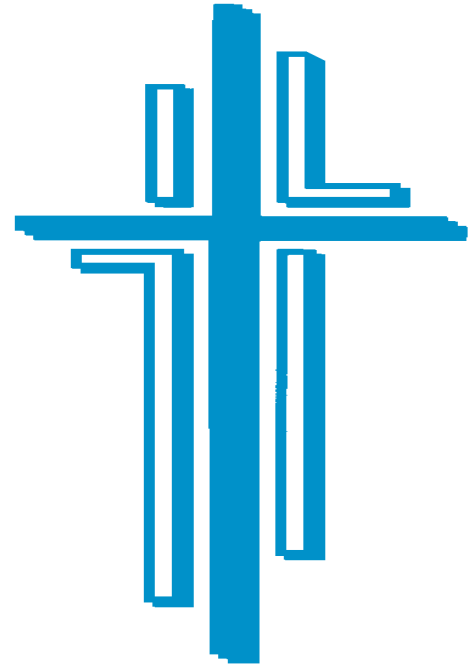
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021**



Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.—Psalm 19

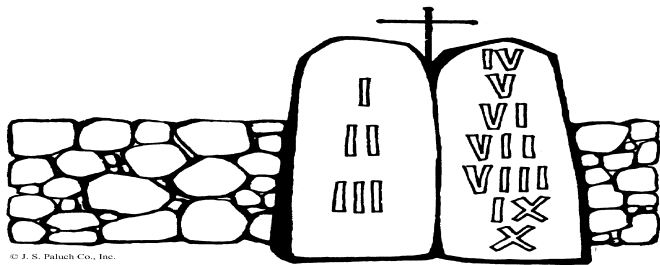
From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

You may have noticed that St. Mary's Church has been advertising for a new secretary. On January 31 a hiring committee consisting of Milly Cussins, Kerry Wolbert (president of Parish Council), Henry Karg (president of Finance Council), and myself conducted interviews. I'm pleased to announce that we invited Lisa Carroll to join our parish team and she accepted. She will be starting her new job on Monday. Milly will still be in the office for a few weeks to help Lisa get settled in. I would like to sincerely thank all who applied. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Milly for her 15 years of faithful service to our parish and for guiding me in my new role as a pastor. May God pour his blessings upon her for her service to our church.

In other news, this Friday marks the half-way point for the season of Lent. Now is a good time to pause to see how our Lenten practices are going. The 40 Cans for Lent drive is one way in which we can participate in almsgiving. Daily Mass and Stations of the Cross are some great ways in which we can shake-up and boost our prayer routine. By fasting God gives us the grace to curb vice and increase virtue. May you have a blessed second half of Lent.

In Christ.
Fr. James



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

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

C:8:30 a.m. Elizabeth O'Neil
By Tom Gregory

Wednesday, March 10

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

Thursday, March 11

Stations of the Cross 6:15 p.m.
M:7:00 p.m. Doris Wolbert
By Father Christopher Barnes

Friday, March 12

C:8:30 a.m. Bessie Maihle
By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, March 13

M:5:00 p.m. Buck Wallace
By Rene Grumbaugh

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. Francis Siegel
By John & Bobbi Donnick
C:6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

March 13 & March 14

Lector: 5:00 p.m. John

8:30 a.m. Andy

11:00 a.m. Volunteer

COLLECTION COUNTERS

March 14, 2021

Dan, Linda, Rita, Bob

Weekly Collections

2-28-2021

\$2,185.00

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- 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 **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.



Parish Council will meet Monday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

Finance Council will meet Monday, March 15th, 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.eriecd.org/news/News-releases.html, also includes links to several helpful Vatican and USCCB documents

This Week's Sponsor

**KAHLE'S KITCHENS, INC.
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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



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

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not just from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 14th. Please remember to turn your clocks **ahead** one hour.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
Monday: St. John of God
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence



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

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.

FEAST OF FAITH
Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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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."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



February	29	Rose Everett
March	7	John Donahue Annette Wolbert
March	10	Ryan Delaney Bentley Hartle Adam McLaughlin Alyssa Oliver Tamra Schettler
March	11	Kevin Heasley Ronald Carl Songer
March	13	Terry Gadley

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)



HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

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