

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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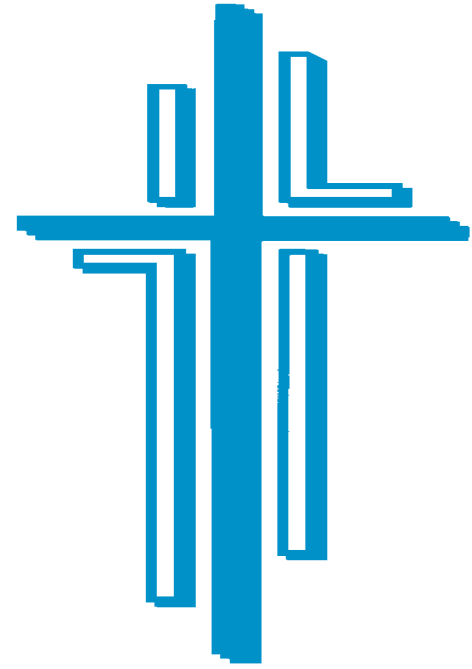
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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, 117 Lencer DR, Leeper, PA 16233, 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 Easter
April 18, 2021



Lord let your face shine on us.— Psalm 4

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter Season continues and it is that joyful time of year when we celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmations. On the road to Emmaus the disciples encountered Jesus who “interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Luke 24:27) and the disciples said among themselves “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32). This is a good opportunity to reflect on our own experiences and to recognize the places in which Jesus has been present in our lives, whether we noticed it or not. Perhaps God was particularly present in our lives in our own big moments, such as our First Communion, Confirmation, or Wedding, perhaps he was present in our lives in small ways, or perhaps even in times of trouble and difficulty. With eyes of faith we are called to recognize the hand of God shepherding us through our lives in the midst of joys and sorrows. This is a good time to recall when God was powerful in our lives in the past, and to be reinvigorated to see the face of Jesus more clearly in the present and the future.

Also, Parish council terms are coming to an end. Nomination forms for new members will be available in the backs of the churches on April 17. Deadline for nominations is Sunday May 2. Please prayerfully consider who you think might be able to serve our parish in this capacity. Parishioners are indeed allowed to nominate themselves. Please thank the members whose terms are ending: Jeanne Andring, Bill Carroll, and Stacy Kaye.

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, April 17

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

C:8:30 a.m. Marian Ochs

By Rene Grumbaugh

C:11:00 a.m. James & Adabelle Heasley

By The Family

Monday, April 19

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

By The Byerly Family

F:12:00 p.m. **St. Michael, Fryburg**

Tuesday, April 20

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

F:8:00 a.m. **St. Michael, Fryburg**

Wednesday, April 21

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

L:8:30 a.m. **St. Joseph, Lucinda**

Thursday, April 22

M:7:00 p.m. George Karg, Sr.

By George Gregory

Friday, April 23

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

L:8:00 a.m. **St. Joseph, Lucinda**

Saturday, April 24

M:5:00 p.m. Rosemarie Russell

By The Family

Sunday, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

C:8:30 a.m. Jim Gregory

By Tom Gregory

C:11:00 a.m. Ron Heasley

By Helen & Roger Walter



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

April 24 & April 25

Lector: M: 5:00 p.m. John

C: 8:30 a.m. Keith

C: 11:00 a.m. Jan

COLLECTION COUNTERS

April 25, 2021

Darleen, Ken, Mary Beth, Joe

Weekly Collections

4-11-2021

\$2,485.00

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

Child Abuse Prevention Month: The "Creating A Safe Environment" training program is an integral component to the prevention effort in our diocese. The mandated program trains employees and volunteers in the warning signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse of a minor. Since 2003 over 60,000 adults in the diocese have received the training to recognize and report child abuse. With the help of the safe environment training program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility to keep God's children protected and safe. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to take the training program or learn what is required for employees and volunteers to work with children in diocesan parishes/schools/agencies.

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 **June 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.

OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Next week we will have our annual **Good Shepherd Collection** in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them with the escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement Plan must be adequately funded to cover their future needs.

Please consider a generous gift to the annual Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection on the weekend of **April 24 & 25**. Use the special envelope provided or any envelope and mark on it—"Good Shepherd Collection."



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, May 10th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.



Parish Council will meet Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

Nominations for Parish Council—We are accepting nominations for new Parish Council members the weekend of April 16th & 17th thru May 1st & 2nd with actual elections taking place the weekend of May 15th & 16th. A total of 4 members will be elected: 2 from St. Mary and 2 of St. Ann. Nominees must be registered, confirmed, and active members of our Parish at least eighteen years of age, and a Catholic in good standing. They must possess creativity, energy, and be willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Council. Please prayerfully consider those that you feel may qualify, including yourself!

Cemetery Committee will meet Tuesday May 4th, 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall. All are welcome!

Finance Council will meet Monday, May 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. Anselm;
Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: Earth Day
Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

This Week's Sponsor

KAHLE'S KITCHENS, INC.
LEEPER, PA.
814-744-9390

Please support our sponsors!!!

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 Stewardship Appeal 2021

To date 90 families have responded with pledges totaling \$41,873.26 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$28,263.26, leaving a balance of \$13,610.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.

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.

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



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, canned tuna, mac & cheese, rice mix, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, baked beans, cake mix, cereal, Jello, boxed stuffing. 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!

A Family Perspective

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'

FEAST OF FAITH

The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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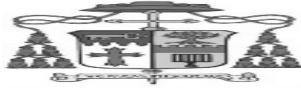
SPRING RAFFLE

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,

In 2007, the Diocese of Erie established the Good Shepherd Collection so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for their priests – those already retired and those who will follow them in the years to come.

In our parishes countless lives have changed because of these good and holy priests. They were with us every step of the way, celebrating baptisms, witnessing marriage vows and presiding at the funerals of loved ones. Now it is our turn to help those priests who have ministered to our spiritual needs. As the number of retired priests increases, so does the challenge and responsibility to care for them. Although they may be “retired,” many remain active, providing sacramental ministry in parishes.

The response to the annual Good Shepherd Collection has been one of overwhelming generosity by you, the people of the Diocese! It tells me that you love these priests who have devoted their entire priesthood to God and to you. The Good Shepherd Collection provides for them in their retirement years. The income generated from this annual collection assists with needed funds toward their care and health related expenses and revenue for the Retirement Pension Plan for them and the priests who serve you now.

Contributions for the “Good Shepherd Collection” can be made the weekend of April 24- 25 at your parish, or online anytime at: www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of our priests. This collection should not be confused with the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken in December for sisters, brothers and priests belonging to religious orders. That collection does not benefit our diocesan priests.

Please pray for all the priests of our Diocese on Good Shepherd Sunday. May we be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord to priesthood. Our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity, especially toward our retired priests through this annual Good Shepherd Collection.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



April	19	Misty Hartle Carolyn Vuksan
April	20	Cecile Bauer Byran Carey Marcia Heasley
April	21	Carol Davis
April	22	Stan Rathfon
April	24	Bruce Dean Ed Seapan

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

Father James Birthday is April 26. Remember to wish him a Happy Birthday!



April	18	Leonard & Kathleen Gardner
April	19	Skip & Milly Cussins
April	21	Curt & Suzie Carbaugh

April 21 Bruce & Linda Dean
Congratulations on your 15th Wedding Anniversary!
May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.

April 23 Rick & Susan Rathfon

April 25 Father Gregory Passauer
35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

All Saints Church
11264 Route 97 N
Waterford, Pa. 16441

FAITH FORMATION

First Holy Communion—Mass will be May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please keep in your prayers Ashton Bogel, Elsie Carroll, Evelyn Boylan, Bentley Hartle and Kingston Parrett as they receive Their First Holy Communion.

St. Nicholas Spaghetti Dinner
“Take Out Dinners Available or Social Distancing Seating to dine In”

Sunday, April 18, 2021 11:30 am to 2:00pm
Adults \$9.00—Children under 12yrs \$4.00
Children 5yrs and under FREE
Quilt Raffle

St. Nicholas Church, Crates Social Hall
3028 Shannondale Road, Mayport, Pa. 16240