

# ***St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission***

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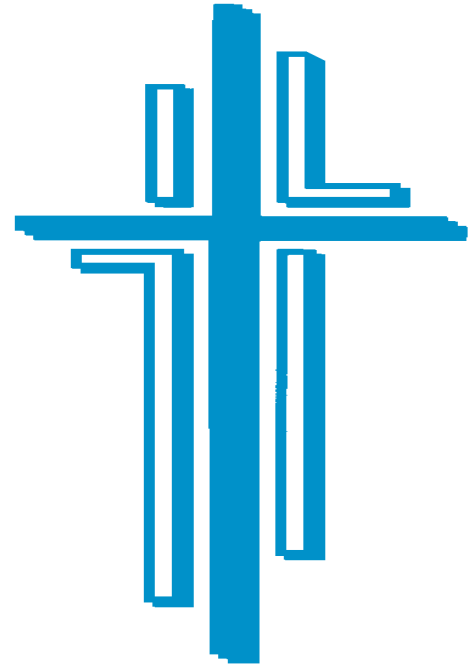
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## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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, 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.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2021**



The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.— Psalm 118

***From the Desk of Father James***

Dear Parishioners,  
By now I'm sure you've heard the news that Bishop Persico has appointed Fr. Michael Polineck as pastor of St. Joseph Church in Lucinda and St. Michael Church in Fryburg. This new assignment takes effect on May 3. On that date I will be relieved of my duties as temporary administrator of those two parishes. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support for me during this time of extra responsibilities. Unfortunately I still have a few more weeks as temporary administrator. I am away from the parish this weekend because I am celebrating the wedding of a friend out of town, and I will be in Fryburg and Lucinda again next week because they are celebrating their First Communions that weekend. I apologize for my absence and I look forward to celebrating Mass for you again on May 8 and 9 (not only is that Mother's Day weekend, but it is also the birthday weekend for my very own mother.)

You may have met Fr. Polineck when he said Mass at our parish two weeks ago. He is a fantastic priest. I am particularly excited to have him as a neighbor. I have already spoken to him about our parishes maybe doing some collaborating together. Please keep Fr. Polineck in your prayers as he prepares to become our neighboring pastor.

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, 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

**Monday, April 26**

C:8:30 a.m. All Souls  
By St. Mary Cemetery Committee

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

**Tuesday, April 27**

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**  
F:8:00 a.m. **St. Michael, Fryburg**

**Wednesday, April 28**

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**  
L:8:30 a.m. **St. Joseph, Lucinda**

**Thursday, April 29**

M:7:00 p.m. All Souls  
By St. Ann Cemetery Committee

**Friday, April 30**

C:8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**  
L:8:00 a.m. **St. Joseph, Lucinda**

**Saturday, May 1**

M:5:00 p.m. Cyril & Philomena Wolbert &  
Deceased Family Members  
By Curt & Suzanne Carbaugh

**Sunday, May 2**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

C:8:30 a.m. Steve Gabler  
By Tom & Jo Anne Gabler  
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**

May 1 & May 2

**Lector:** M: 5:00 p.m. Penny

C: 8:30 a.m. Chuck

C: 11:00 a.m. Bill

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

May 2, 2021

Henry, Tatiana, Jack, Jill

# Weekly Collections

4-18-2021

\$1,909.00

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

**Child Abuse Prevention Month: Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our retired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.



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

Family of the month: Harry Cook  
50/50 winner: Addison Schmader



**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!

**St. Ann's Women Club** will meet Monday, May 10th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. New members are always welcome.

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

## This Week's Sponsor

**LEEPER MARKET  
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# 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.

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021**  
To date 90 families have responded with pledges totaling \$41,903.26 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$28,688.26, leaving a balance of \$13,215.00 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.eriescd.org/news/News-releases.html](http://www.eriescd.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 May 23. **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

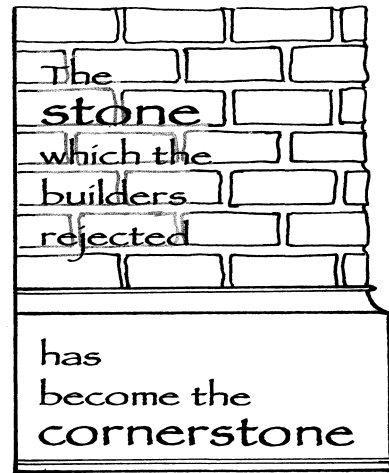
Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people, the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena  
Friday: St. Pius V; National Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Saturday

## 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*



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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

**Tri-County Animal Rescue Center** in Shippenville, PA. We are a 501 (C 3) organization. We are a no-kill animal shelter serving Clarion, Forest, and Jefferson counties. In addition to caring for homeless cats and dogs and facilitating their adoptions we provide a low cost spay and neuter clinic and have a pet food bank for members of the community. We are in need of help. We need volunteers ages 18 and older to help socialize and walk our dogs. We have a new Dog Walker program where folks can volunteer as little as one hour per week and walk some of our dogs. We are stretched thin with regular volunteers who come in twice a day and clean and feed and take our dogs out for bathroom breaks. Having volunteers who can spend time socializing and walking our dogs helps immensely with getting them ready for adoption and moving to a new home. We are also in need of supplies including the following: laundry detergent (any brand), bleach, Pine Sol, large trash bags, paper towels, Pedigree dog food (Wet/Canned), Purina Cat Chow, and Purina Kitten Chow. For more information on volunteering people can call the center at 814-918-2032. If people would like to donate supplies they may be dropped off at the center located at 9562 Route 322, Shippenville, PA during our public hours (Tuesday through Friday from 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 12-3 pm).

## **FEAST OF FAITH**

### **The Gospel Reading**

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. “[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour” (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ’s saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

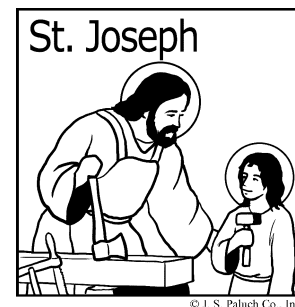
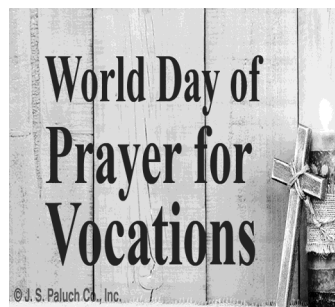


April	25	Terry Heelan
April	26	Father James Power Vonda Schwabenbauer
April	30	Nathan Ion Austin Lencer
May	1	Bobbi Cyphert Aaron Lencer Thomas Phillips



April	26	Michael & Mary Ann Allhouse Congratulations on your 30th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.
April	30	Charles & Jill Gilbert
May	1	Mike & Jana Wolbert Congratulations on your 45th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.
April	25	Father Gregory Passauer 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

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### **HUNTER BREAKFAST MEETING May 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.**

Please come and share your idea’s about this fund raiser. With the Pa. Game Commission changes and the Covid-19 pandemic guidelines, there is a lot to consider about this important fundraiser. Please attend this meeting to share your thoughts and ideas on what we can do . Everyone is invited!