

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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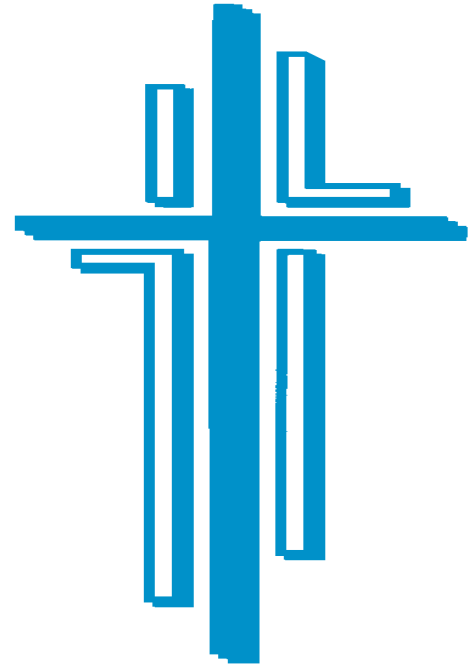
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. —Psalm 118

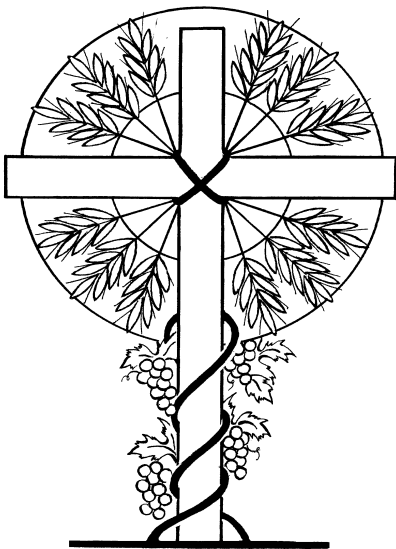
From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Today is the most sacred feast of the Catholic year: The celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the tomb and his victory over sin and death. We, as Catholics, know deep down in our hearts that we are called to something greater. At Easter we recognize that this greatness to which God is calling us is only achieved if we die to ourselves and allow God to raise us to be who he created us to be. We are called to be that grain of wheat which falls to the ground and dies, so that it is raised up to produce abundant fruit.

We need not fear the cross, we need not fear the tomb. We know that God the Father will raise us up with his beloved Son Jesus. This is our mission and it is written on our hearts. This week may we celebrate the wonderful works of God's mercy by which he raises us the fallen - raising them up to greater heights than they could have imagined.

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 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

Monday, April 5

C:8:30 a.m. Rege Grumbaugh

By Rene Grumbaugh

Tuesday, April 6

C:8:30 a.m. Angie Lencer

By The Barb Karg Family

Wednesday, April 7

C:8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Remembrance

Thursday, April 8

M:7:00 p.m. Clarence Nuhfer

By The Family

Friday, April 9

C:8:30 a.m. Mary Popvic

By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, April 10

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

C:8:30 a.m. Margaret Carroll

By Kathy Crooks

C:11:00 a.m. D. Donald Brasco

By The Power Family



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

April 10 & April 11

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

C: 8:30 a.m. Ron

C: 11:00 a.m. Henry

COLLECTION COUNTERS

April 11, 2021

Andrea, Emma, Kelly, Mary

Weekly Collections

3-21-2021

\$1,920.00

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- Reporting known or suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the current Pennsylvania state report there were 5,202 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania during 2019. 2,087 or 40% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1, 448 were physical abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse 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.*



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.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021
To date 87 families have responded with pledges totaling \$39,180.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$24,015.00, leaving a balance of \$15,165.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, April 12th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.



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

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.



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

This Week's Sponsor

OCHS BUILDING SUPPLY
LUCINDA, PA.
814-226-7334

Please support our sponsors!!!

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*

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.eriercd.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, 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: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord;
Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;
Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave 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

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.

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

NEW BORN

For I remember it is Easter morn,
And life and love and peace are all new born.

—Alice Freeman Palmer

FEAST OF FAITH

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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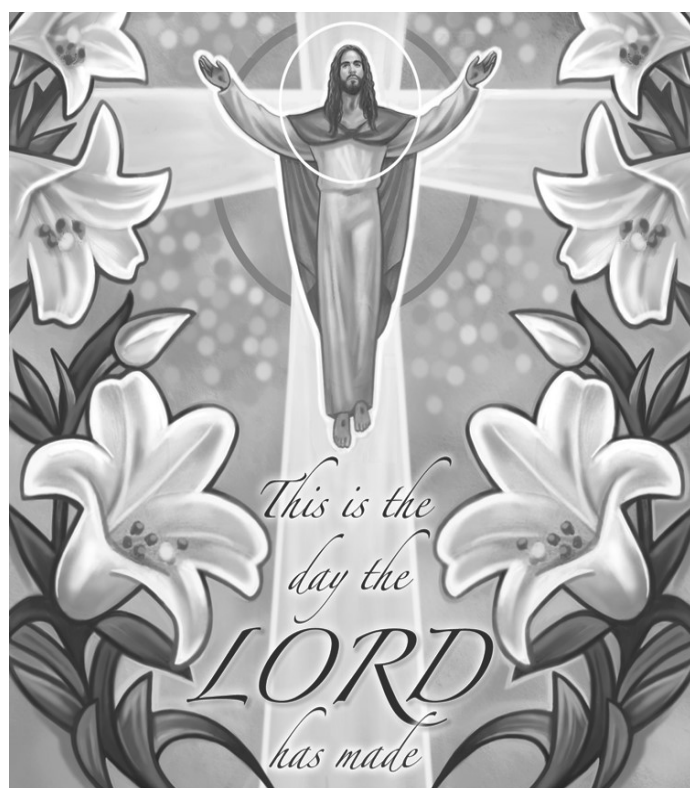
OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



April	6	Matt Schwabenbauer
April	9	Kate Pasternak
April	10	Trudy Wagner



April 5 Terry & Carrie Gadley
Congratulations on your 35th Wedding Anniversary!
May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.



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Friday, April 16, 2021

10:00 - 12 noon on zoom or phone

"Spirituality and Covid"

by Edwina Gateley

To register, call Catholic Rural Ministry
at 814 677 2032

or email: srtinag@gmail.com

A zoom link will be sent to you before the event.

Edwina, a single mom who inspires, will lead us in reflection on insights gained by living through the pandemic and preparing for the "new normal."