

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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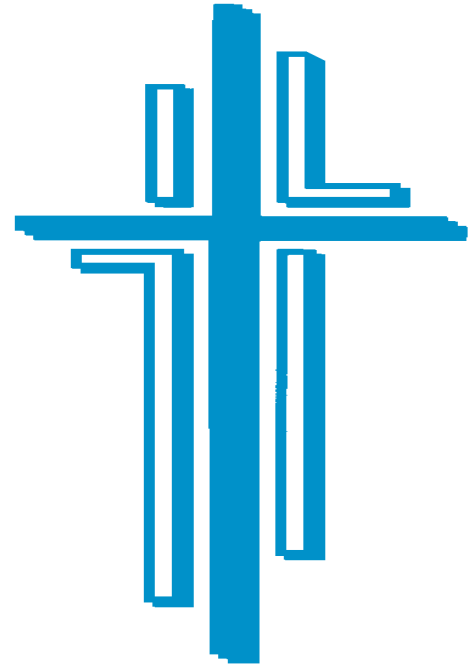
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021**

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.—
Psalm 22

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

We have an exciting week coming up. First of all, our parish is celebrating First Holy Communion on Monday at 7:00pm. Normally the First Communion would be celebrated at a Sunday mass. However, to minimize crowds we decided to celebrate it on a weekday this year. Please keep our five first communicants in your prayers.

Secondly, this week is the week that the schedule goes back to normal. Fr. Polineck begins his term as pastor of St. Joseph's and St. Michael's on Monday, and I return to being full-time at our parish. It was a lot of fun to meet the people of Lucinda and Fryburg, but I am very relieved to relinquish those extra responsibilities. Beginning on Monday our weekday mass schedule will return to normal: 8:30am mass at St. Mary's on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; 7:00pm mass at St. Ann's on Thursday.

Lastly, this upcoming Sunday is Mother's Day. May God bless all of the mothers of our parish, and not only those mothers who have borne children of their own, but also those who have a spiritual motherhood and have nurtured nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends through their prayers and support.

In Christ,
Fr. James



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Ascension Thursday May 13, 2021

M:830 a.m. Lector: Kerry

C:7:00 p.m. Lector: Ron

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, 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 & Anne Gabler

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, May 3

C:8:30 a.m. John T. Malloy
By Rene Grumbaugh

Tuesday, May 4

C:8:30 a.m. Elsie Stetter
By The Family

Wednesday, May 5

C:8:30 a.m. Bruce Wilson
By Rene Grumbaugh

Thursday, May 6

M:7:00 p.m. Clarence Nuhfer
By The Family

Friday, May 7

C:8:30 a.m. Anthony & Ella Gregory
By Tom Gregory

Saturday, May 8

M:5:00 p.m. Mothers Day Remembrance

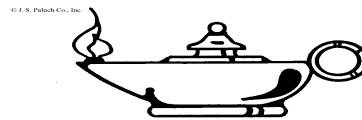
Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

May 8 & May 9

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

C: 8:30 a.m. Ed

C: 11:00 a.m. Henry

COLLECTION COUNTERS

May 9, 2021

Jana, George, Dale, Joyce

Weekly Collections

4-25-2021 \$2,582.00
Good Shepherd \$464.00

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: 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.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

JULY 2021 LOTTERY SPECIAL NUMBER

forms are available in the back of the church. These are due in the office by May 9th.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRIESTS

Last weekend, our parish took a second collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. Despite these difficult economic times we appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing, to the Good Shepherd Collection for Erie Diocesan Retired Priests

If you would like to add your support to this collection you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd in upcoming collections or mail to the Parish Office. You may also send to Office of Finance for the Diocese of Erie, please make notation for Good Shepherd Collection on the check or envelope. The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Erie has an Endowment for Clergy Health and Welfare if you would like to remember a special priest with a gift or bequest to this Diocesan Endowment to benefit our priests.



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!

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 Tuesday, May 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

This Week's Sponsor

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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 \$28,263.26, 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.eriercd.org/news/News-releases.html, also includes links to several helpful Vatican and USCCB documents

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.
—Anonymous



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!



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!

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*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

A Family Perspective

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus



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).



HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.
—St. Bridget of Sweden

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



May	2	Danielle Heasley Norm Wagner
May	4	Leandra DeMarco Britney Gett Frank Vecchio Bill Wolbert
May	5	Steve Lencer
May	6	Nicole McLaughlin Zachary Thornton



May	2	Matt & Stacie Kaye
May	5	Dan & Andrea Cussins
May	7	Matt & Rhonda Sherbine



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FEAST OF FAITH
The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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