

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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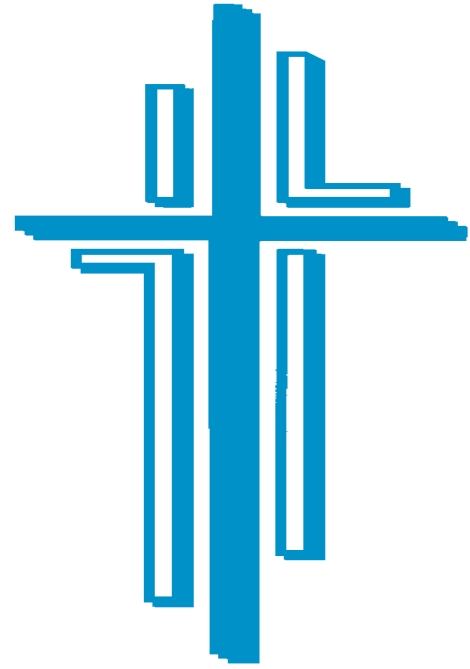
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.— Psalm 103

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,
We have come to the last week of the Easter season. The season of Easter is a length of 50 days. It begins on the day of resurrection and ends with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This time period, though symbolic, is also very literal. We know that Jesus spent 40 days with his disciples from his resurrection until his ascension to the Father (Acts 1:30) and that he sent his Holy Spirit to descend upon the Church ten days later on the Jewish feast of Shavuot (Acts 2:1-4), which we call Pentecost. But while we celebrate these special moments in God's plan of salvation, we know that his grace is not bound by calendars and dates - indeed God is constantly at work in our lives. St. John sums it up well when he says "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book" (John 20:30). His presence and action in our lives continues every day, whether we realize it or not. Please remember to wear Red to celebrate the Feast. Also, I'd like to announce some very good news. Bishop Persico has declared that some of the COVID-19 protocols will be removed at the end of the month. Beginning May 29th all pews will be open and the exchange of peace will resume. Let's continue to pray for those who are ill (from any illness) and for families who have lost loved ones over the course of this past year.

In Christ,
Fr. James

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY
May 23rd please remember to wear **red!**

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 15

M:5:00 p.m. Mary Bauer
By Rene Grumbaugh

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter
C:8:30 a.m. Daniel Eisenman Sr.
By Rene Grumbaugh
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

M:7:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

Friday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 22

M:5:00 p.m. Fay Wolfgang
By Rene Grumbaugh

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. Ron Heasley
By Barb Karg

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostle 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

May 22& May 23

Lector: M: 5:00 p.m. Jim
C: 8:30 a.m. Emma
C: 11:00 a.m. Jan

COLLECTION COUNTERS

May 23, 2021
Andrea, Emma, Mary, Kelly

Weekly Collections

5-9-2021

\$1,624.00

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- Digital safety and keeping your child's personal information personal: If your child gives out personal information over the internet, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your children to never give out personal information, such as: full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Help your child set up strong passwords (alphanumeric) and do a yearly checkup on passwords. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

JULY LOTTERY 2021

Please pick up your July Lottery tickets envelope in the back of the church. Thanks!

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **July 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.

This week we take up The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, June 14th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

All members of the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLARION ASSEMBLY #982** are cordially invited to attend our remaining activities for 2021:

Monday, May 17: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

Monday, June 21: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- **4th Degree Picnic**- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

July- No meeting.

August- 4th Degree Steak Fry- (Date to be determined).

September- No meeting.

Monday, October 18- Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

Monday, November 15- Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

December-Assembly Christmas Party- (Date to be determined).

For more information, contact: **Kerry Wolbert** at 814-927-8739 or email at kwolbert@zoominternet.net.



Parish Council will meet Monday, June 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

Elections for Parish Council will take place this weekend. A total of 4 members will be elected: 2 from St. Mary & 2 from St. Ann.

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

This Week's Sponsor

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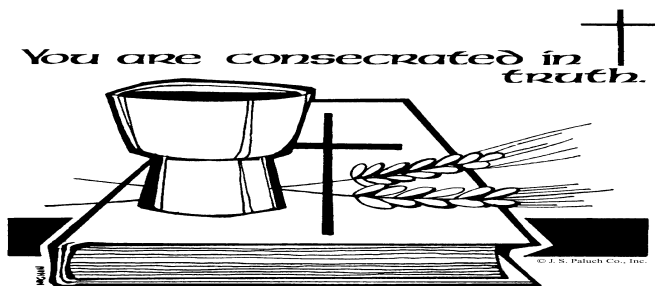
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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at
sundown
Tuesday: St. John I
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena;
Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost



Diocese will recognize wedding anniversaries

The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Aug. 1 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion, and Aug. 8 at St. Jude Parish in Erie. For more information and to register, go to www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html. Electronic registrations are highly encouraged, but a hard copy registration form is attached for those who are not able to register online. Further questions may be directed to your parish or the Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.



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!

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021

To date 91 families have responded with pledges totaling \$42,233.26 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$31,483.26, leaving a balance of \$10,750.00 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

THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

A Family Perspective

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.



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

LET'S REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE, AND SERVE THE HUNGRY.

You are cordially invited to visit an "Open house" at St. Elizabeth Center's Thrift Shop on Saturday, May 22, 9-noon. Located at 311 Emerald St. in Oil City, it includes a large parking area behind the building.

S.E.C. had a wide variety of new and gently used clothing for women, men, children as well as small household goods. All clothing sells for \$1.50 or under. All proceeds benefit the S.E.C's food pantry. Volunteers and staff will be available to assist you. **WELCOME ONE AND ALL!**

Sister Marian Wehler, OSB of Catholic Rural Ministry serving board of St. Elizabeth Center



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FLOWER COMMITTEE

We are in need of volunteers to help with flowers for the altar at St. Mary Church. This would be once a month to buy or bring flowers from your garden, to place on the altar. If interested call the church office at 814-744-9919 to leave your name and Rene will get back to you.



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Graduation Mass will be held at St. Mary Church at the 8:30a.m. Mass on June 6th, 2021.

OUR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

It is a seemingly small point, but one that is important to remember as we reflect on ministry during these days preceding the descent of the Spirit, to notice that the place of Judas among the apostles was refilled because of his betrayal, not because of his death. He was, according to Peter, "allotted a share in this ministry." It is, then, betrayal of the mission and not merely death that leaves a void in the fabric of the church's mission. We forget that in the minds of the other apostles, Judas still would have been numbered in the company of the Twelve when Jesus prayed the prayer we hear today: praying that, as they were sent into the world, they would be consecrated in the truth. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus knelt to wash the feet of Judas. These are powerful and significant lessons for us to call to mind and keep in our hearts as we ponder the place of our particular ministry in the Church and the world, if we are remaining faithful to it, consecrated to the truth.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



May	17	Richard Davis
May	18	Taylor Bauer
May	19	Patty Bauer
May	20	Fred Jefferds



May	18	Carl & Lori Kahle Henry & Catherine Lencer Chad & Carol Bell Thomas & Joyce Fedusa
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3 Week Adult Faith Formation Series - Saints in the Scriptures

Join Fr. Mike and Fr. James for an in-depth look into three particular saints that have played a critical role in God's plan of salvation: St. Mary, St. Joseph, and St. Michael. Explore their scriptural basis, their lasting influence, and the countless miracles attributed to their intercession. This three-week adult faith formation series will be held 6:30pm-7:30pm on the first three Tuesdays of June. The location will be different every week.

June 1 6:30pm at **St. Michael Church**: St. Michael, the Prince of the Heavenly Host

June 8 6:30pm at **St. Mary Church**: St. Mary, the Ark of the Covenant

June 15 6:30pm at **St. Joseph Church**: St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church

Mother's Day Remembrance

In Memory of : Ann Schill, Mary Moore, Helen Pfendler
By Berniece Pfendler



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