

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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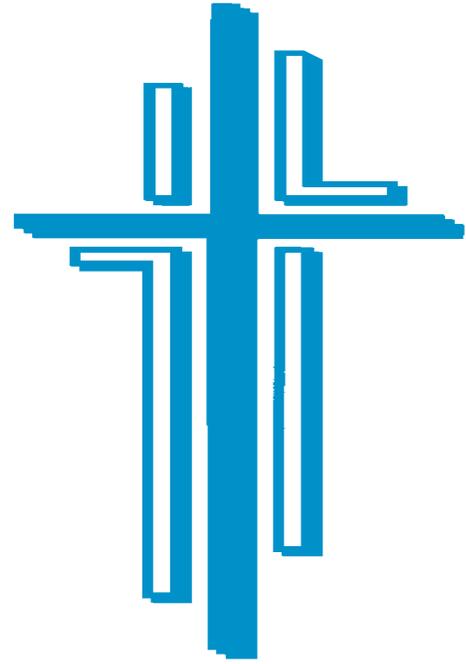
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15, 2021**

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. –

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

This week I celebrate my one-year anniversary as the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Crown and St. Ann Mission in Marienville. It was on July 22 of last year that the bishop told me I would be coming here, and it was on the evening of August 16 that I arrived to begin my pastorate. My first official day as pastor was August 17. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for welcoming me into your parish. Last month, as I was returning from my vacation, I was driving down chapel road and the thought hit me that this place has really come to feel like my home. It is a joy and an honor to serve as pastor of this parish.

As I celebrate this anniversary, though, I do not want familiarity to turn into complacency. When I first arrived, it was easy to notice some minor things that I wanted to accomplish (i.e. put lights on flag poles, get a mailbox, fix doorknobs, etc.). The longer I stay, though, the more I become accustomed to the way things are, and the harder it is to notice things that need fixed or changed. Some of the items on my checklist have been crossed off; others have not. I ask that you continue to pester me if you notice anything that needs done so that our parish can continue to be the great place that it is.

Thank you again for letting me be your pastor. You are in my prayers every day.

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, August 14

M:5:00 p.m. Anthony Lencer
By Robin Heasley

Sunday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

C:8:30 a.m. Edwin Carroll
By Dick & Kathy Carroll

C:11:00 a.m. Edward Ambrose
By The Power Family

Monday, August 16

C:8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
George & Blanche Kurtzhals Family
By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

Tuesday, August 17

C:8:30 a.m. Matthew Wienczkowski
By The Power Family

Wednesday, August 18

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

Thursday, August 19

M:7:00 p.m. Ronald Colicchio
By The Power Family

Friday, August 20

C:8:30 a.m. Merle Upperman
By The Power & Sweny Families

Saturday, August 21

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. Deborah Basinger
By Ed & Kay Sepan

C:11:00 a.m. Dorothy McMann
By The Power Family

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-9

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

August 21 & August 22

Lector: M: 5:00 p.m. John
C: 8:30 a.m. Emma
C: 11:00 a.m. Pam

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M: 5:00 p.m. Jean
C: 8:30 a.m. Julie, Henry Lencer, Jr.
C: 11:00 a.m. Pam, Bill

COLLECTION COUNTERS

August 22, 2021

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Weekly Collections

8-8-2021

\$ 2,277.00

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- Documentation for Safety: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

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

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

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **September 2021**. Please call the church office at 814-744-9919.

Finance Council will meet Monday, August 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

St. Ann's Women Club will meet Thursday, September 16th, 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. New members are always welcome.



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

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish Picnic will be after the 11:00 a.m. Mass On September 19, 2021.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, September 13h 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

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.

This Week's Sponsor

**SNYDER MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE
MARIENVILLE, PA.
814-927-6670**

Please support our sponsors!!!

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be a **parent meeting, Sunday, August 29, 2021**, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The first Faith Formation class will be Sunday, September 12, 2021. If you or someone you know have a child who will be attending Faith Formation and has not been previously registered within the past year, please call (782-6473) or text (229-3083) Sheila Martz. Classes, as of right now, will be held in-person.

A Family Perspective

"Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021

To date 92 families have responded with pledges totaling \$42,513.26 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$35,468.26, leaving a balance of \$7,045.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes
Friday: St. Bernard
Saturday: St. Pius X

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.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, canned pumpkin, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, baked beans, cake mix, dry pasta, Jell-o or pudding, boxed stuffing, toothpaste. Items need to be in the Church before August 22nd. **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!

FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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Catholic Rural Ministry invites you to an overnight Retreat entitled "Social Friendship" based on "Fratelli Tutti", the most recent letter of Pope Francis. It will be held at Olmsted Conference Center, Ludlow, PA Thursday-Friday, noon-noon October 21-22, 2021. Books will be available. Please register as soon as possible by calling 814 677 2032 or email: srtinag@gmail.com.

"This powerful encyclical is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of the earth to see beyond their differences--indeed to work *with* their differences--and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world. This remarkable document comes from a pastor's heart, setting forth Francis' vision for a new church and new world, against the backdrop of a catastrophic pandemic that has spared nothing and altered every thing." (Twenty-Third Publications)

Our retreat dates are finally decided: Thursday October 21 Noon - Friday, October 22 Noon, at Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, on Pope Francis' newest letter to us all on social friendship. We try to keep costs low, so the retreat cost is \$50.00. We request a non refundable deposit of \$25 to keep your space. As always scholarships are available. Please RSVP to srtinag@gmail.com THANKS, and HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas

Immaculate Conception Parish Saintry Sojourn

October 19-20, 2021

Lancaster, PA

Trip includes:

* Ticket to see "Queen Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theater

* Meals - 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast

* Hotel accommodations for one night

* Motor coach transportation

* Faith - an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!

* FUN!

Cost of trip: \$350 per person based on double occupancy. Single room rates - \$425.

Reservations needed as soon as possible to secure the best seating for the show. Payment due by August 19, 2021.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 226-8433, Ext. 101 or kimkroh@comcast.net.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



August	16	Father Christopher Charles Byerly Emily Everett
August	17	Beth Bauer Linda Dean Kayla Popoleo
August	19	Rylyn Parrett Mike Schrecengost
August	20	Jack Clugston
August	21	Matt Sherbine

Birthday wishes can be sent to **Father Christopher** at:
85 N. High St.
Greenville, Pa. 16125-2452



August	16	Keith & Sheila Martz Curtis & Gaye Ochs
August	19	Giancarlo & Beth Mendola Scott & Patricia Delaney
August	20	Jeff & Michelle Schill Brad & Pam Schmader Paul & Patty McConville
August	21	Josh & Nicole McLaughlin Joel & Tamra Schettler Bob & Laurie Snyder

Benedictine Sisters offer virtual discernment retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie will offer a virtual retreat beginning Aug. 18 to help seekers work through questions of discernment and vocation. The seven-session retreat will be offered via Zoom and an online forum. Sessions will include content to guide personal reflections and links to media and other resources. There will be opportunities for shared reflection. Registration begins July 27, with the first Zoom gathering on Aug. 18. There is no charge for the retreat. For more information or to register, go to [Seeking God: A Benedictine Virtual Discernment Retreat](#).

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA, is a quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery and more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. "God is Spoken Here."