

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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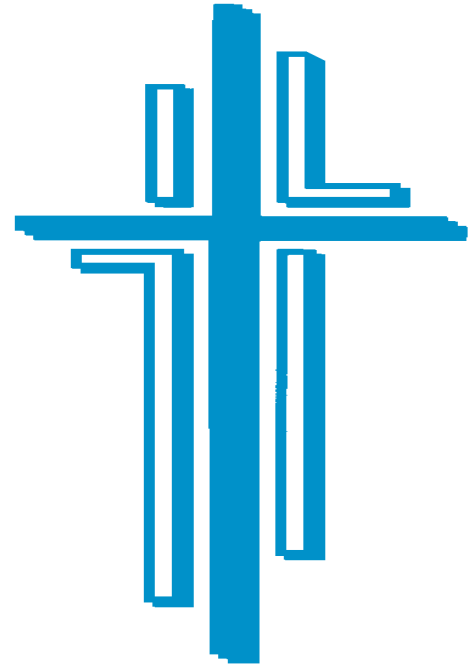
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. —Psalm 15

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

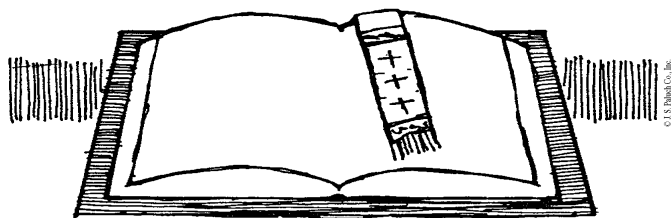
Last week I wrote that we, as disciples of Christ, are expected to constantly learn more about the faith and about the Lord. Striving to learn more about the faith is an intimidating task, and we often don't know where to begin. While the children of the parish have their religious education classes, the adults are sometimes left to figure things out themselves. This year, to provide more learning opportunities for our adults, our parish will be holding Sunday morning adult faith formation meetings. These meetings will happen once a month. They will be held at the same time as the children's religious education classes: at 9:30am, between the 8:30am Mass and the 11:00am Mass.

These meetings will be opportunities for our parishioners to study theology and the scriptures. They will be a chance to get to know fellow parishioners with whom we aren't well acquainted. They will be a chance to pray together and to challenge ourselves in our spiritual lives. **The first meeting will be held on September 12 at 9:30am.** Meetings will be held monthly. The schedule will be given at the first meeting. Please call the office to register (though all are welcome, even if they forget to register).

In Christ,
Fr. James

PS - The Fall Raffle ends next week. I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who donated, sold, and worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success!

Rev. James Power



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 28

M:5:00 p.m. Dan Eisenman, Sr.
By John & Bobbi Donnick

Sunday, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. Ronald Heasley
By Rene Grumbaugh

Monday, August 30

C:8:30 a.m. Janice Schrecengost Hauser
By Michele Kibbey

Tuesday, August 31

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of Robert Sepan
By Ed & Kay Sepan

Wednesday, September 1

C:8:30 a.m. Gary Bishop
By Charlie & Patty Bush

Thursday, September 2

Snyder Memorial

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

Friday, September 3

C:8:30 a.m. Theodore & Elizabeth Kurtzhals
By Ted & Susanna Kurtzhals

Saturday, September 4

M:5:00 p.m. Margaret Gregory
By George & Anne Gregory

Sunday, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of Ed & Kay Sepan
Wedding Anniversary
By Don & Sheila Hughes
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

September 4 & September 5

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

C: 8:30 a.m. Keith

C: 11:00 a.m. Henry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M: 5:00 p.m. Penny

C: 8:30 a.m. Walt, Joel

C: 11:00 a.m. Mike, Sandy

COLLECTION COUNTERS

September 5, 2021

Dan, Linda, Rita, Bob

Weekly Collections

8-22-2021

\$ 2,065.00

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- 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.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

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

St. Elizabeth Center End of Summer Sale

311 Emerald St., Oil City Pa. 16301. 814-677-0203

Clothing Sale \$3.00 a bag. All sizes of clothing:

Women, Men, Juniors, Babies, Toddlers.

Open Saturdays 9-noon

Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 am– 2:00 pm

Invitation from Sr. Tina and Sr. Marian of Catholic Rural Ministry

What: "Reflections on Sunday Scriptures"

(with prayer, praise and discussion)

Where: Knights of Columbus, 111 Petroleum St., Oil City

(please use side door on the right)

When: Fridays, Sept. 3 and 17, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Who: All are welcome

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.

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

St. Ann's Women Club will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday September 4th before & after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann Church. Bakers and Buyers are needed! Members please have your homemade baked goods at the Church by 4:30 p.m. All support will be greatly appreciated.



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

Parish Picnic

St. Mary/St. Ann Parish Picnic is Sunday September 19th, beginning after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church. Hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage, rolls, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or desert in a disposable dish to share.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, September 13th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. At McCloskey's Field of Dreams. Snacks will be provided. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



This Week's Sponsor

**LEEPER MARKET
LEEPER, PA.
814-744-8811**

Please support our sponsors!!!

9/11 Memorial Service

St. Ann Church will be hosting an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our nation. This service will be held at St. Ann Church on Saturday September 11 at 10:00am. All are invited to join us in praying for our nation, our first responders, our troops, and for peace.

CRAFTERS NEEDED!! St. Mary Church/St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Christmas Holiday Craft Show at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA, on Friday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 4th. We will have over 50 tables of crafters/vendors. Lunch will be available for purchase. Admission is free. Please go to our church's website: stmarycrown.com and click on the event tab to download an application and additional information. If you are unable to access the application via internet, please contact Keith and Sheila Martz at 814-782-6473 (home) or 814-229-3083

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!

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 \$36,993.26, leaving a balance of \$5,520.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



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 September 19th. **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!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office or talk to Father James. Classes will begin in late September.



Adult Faith Formation

All are invited to deepen their knowledge of the Faith with monthly Adult Faith Formation meetings. Which will be held at Stutz Hall between the Sunday Masses. The first meeting will be on Sunday September 12th at 9:30 a.m. More information will be given at the first meeting. Please call the office to register.

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.

A Benedictine Virtual Discernment Retreat

The Zoom conferences with the Vocation Team are scheduled for:
Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. ET
Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. ET
For more information or to register for this free retreat, go to: eriebenedictines.org/retreat

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!



To the Faithful of the Diocese of Erie,
On the day I was introduced to the Diocese of Erie as bishop-elect, I said I came with only one agenda: to share with you the love of Jesus Christ. I promised I would encourage you to embrace Jesus, and to open your hearts to the God who loves us so much that he sent his only son to die for us so that we might have life and have it to the fullest.

It may seem there have been distractions along the way. In the last nine years, we have implemented a pastoral plan that meant restructuring our schools and parishes as well as reimagining our approach to faith formation. We have been humbled by a grand jury report and worked hard to provide justice for survivor/victims. And most recently, we have needed to navigate a worldwide pandemic. Each of these requires ongoing attention.

Yet our loving God is at work among us. The sacrifices and deprivations brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic are causing us to rethink priorities. As protocols are eased, parishioners are discovering a deeper appreciation for what it means to gather for Mass, to receive the Eucharist and to be part of a community.

I asked our faith formation team to design the Re-remembering Our Sunday Story initiative to help each of us fully embrace this unexpected period of renewal. I believe it will lay the groundwork for next year, when the American bishops launch a three-year effort to help us grow in our understanding of the Eucharist.

Over the coming months, you will come across a variety of resources including a pastoral letter from me, bulletin announcements, video testimonials, social media posts and more. I hope and pray each will help us "open our hearts to God" as we Remember Our Sunday Story.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico,
JCL Bishop of Erie

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."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



August	29	Randy DeMarco Jacora Landfried Thomas Ouellette
August	30	Monica Gilmore Lincoln Phillips
September	1	Tammy Kukla
September	2	Ashton Bogel
September	4	John Allio Gavin Swartz



August	31	John & Bobbi Donnick
September	1	Bob & Annette Wolbert



Immaculate Conception Parish Sainly 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.