

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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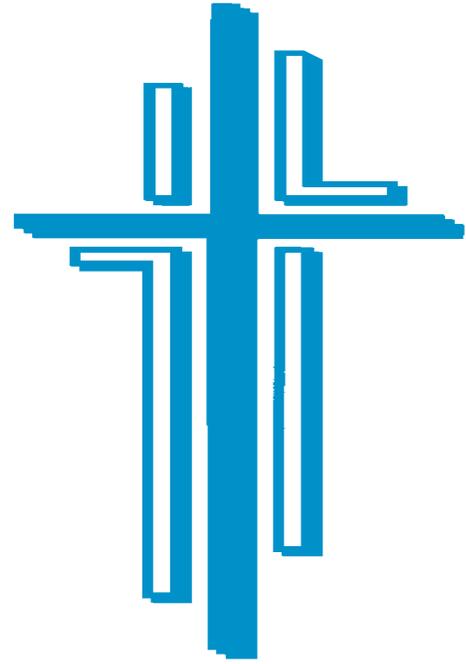
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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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.

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**



The Lord upholds my life. Psalm 54

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate two Italian saints: one of them is popular around the world, the other is not widely known outside of his hometown of Naples; one is modern, the other is ancient. Both, however, remind us of the unusual and unexpected ways in which God works.

Thursday September 23 is the feast of St. Padre Pio. He died in 1968 and is widely known as a miracle worker. There are countless stories of the ways in which God worked marvelous things through Padre Pio. His devotion to our Lord Jesus was so great that our Lord gave him the grace of the stigmata: he bore the marks of the crucifixion on his body. (Please note that our parish will be observing his feast on Wednesday, since I will be out of town on Thursday).

Today, September 19, is the feast of St. Januarius. St. Januarius was a bishop who was martyred by Emperor Diocletian in the year 305. He is the patron saint of the city of Naples and is associated with a very unusual miracle. A vial of his blood, which dried out long ago, is kept in the Cathedral of Naples. Each year, on his feast day, this relic of his blood is brought out and placed upon the altar of the church. Oddly enough, the ancient vial of blood, which begins the service as a dried-up vial of blood, returns to its liquid state upon the altar of the church. The miracle is celebrated in the city with great rejoicing.

The miracle of the blood of St. Januarius is indeed very unusual. Likewise, we as Catholics are not compelled to accept it as a true miracle. But nevertheless we must admit that God, who can do anything, is indeed fully capable of doing this unexpected deed as well.

Both of these saints remind us that God is still active, though his ways may seem unusual to us. As God said to the prophet Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). God is always at work bringing us to himself, and the ways in which he does so will always surprise us.

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, September 18

M:5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Nesbella
By Don & Penny Gawelski
& Lissie Letot

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. Mark Rathfon
By St. Mary Funeral Group

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, September 20

C:8:30 a.m. Dennis Hartle
By The Bogel Family

Tuesday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 22

C:8:30 a.m. Steve & Nora Gabler
By Tom & Joanne Gabler

Thursday, September 23

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

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

M:5:00 p.m. Cyril & Philomena Wolbert
& Deceased Family Members
By Curt & Suzie Carbaugh

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. Anthony Lencer
By Kim & Clay Kroh

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

September 25 & September 26

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

C: 8:30 a.m. Ed

C: 11:00 a.m. Bill

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M: 5:00 p.m. Kerry

C: 8:30 a.m. Dan, Linda

C: 11:00 a.m. Pam, Bill

Collection Counters

September 26, 2021

Henry, Taty, Walt, Dode

Weekly Collections

9-12-2021 \$1,851.00
Haiti & Natural Disasters \$218.00

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-

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies.

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.

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. 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.

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.

- Today is the 2021 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program that funds faith formation opportunities. Half of what you give will remain at our parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet, or online at www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html. Thank you!

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 dessert in a disposable dish to share.



Parish Council will meet Monday, November 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, October 11th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at McCloskey's Field of Dreams. Snacks will be provided. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)
begins at sunset
Tuesday: St. Matthew
Wednesday: Autumn begins
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

A Family Perspective

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

This Week's Sponsor

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FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

1ST ASHLEY KUNSELMAN
2ND KAYLA POPOLEO
3RD SKIP CUSSINS

Thank you to all who bought or sold tickets or made donations! We realized a Profit of **\$10,665.00**. God Bless You!

Thank you to all the businesses that contributed to our parish fundraiser:

MATT'S BEER BARN
VOGELBACHERS SERVICE STATION
CARMATE
BORLAND MEMORIALS
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NORTHWEST BANK
BORLAND-ENSMINGER FUNERAL HOME
CLARION OAKS GOLF CLUB
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DONNA OBERLANDER
WALMART
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LANDERS GENERAL STORE

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 \$37,118.26, leaving a balance of \$5,395.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry: Items needed are, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, cake mix, dry pasta, Jell-o or pudding, boxed stuffing, cream of mushroom soup, evaporated milk. Muffin or quick breads mixes, dish soap. 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!



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.

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.

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

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!

Marienville Oktoberfest

Vesper Service Sept. 23, 2021

7 PM Marienville United Methodist Church

Sept. 24th 6 - 9 PM vendors open
6 PM home & business decorating contest
6 - 9 PM music by Digitrax

Sept. 25th 9 AM - 9 PM vendors open
10 - 11 AM karate demonstrations
11:30 AM youth corn husking contest
Noon youth pumpkin bowling
Noon Lions Club chicken barbecue
1 PM youth bike races
2 PM adult tractor races
2 - 4 PM music by Bakklash
4 PM parade
6 - 9 PM music by TRIXX

Sept. 26th 11 AM - 4 PM vendors open
11 AM church service in town square
11 AM - 3 PM car show
1 - 4 PM music by CHAZ
2 PM pet parade
4 PM drawing for all raffles

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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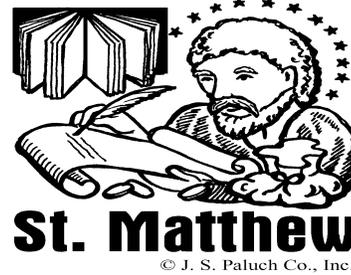
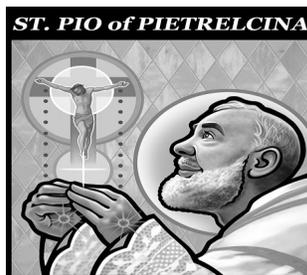
OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



September	19	Cathy Lencer
September	20	Tom Bury Nicole Donnick Todd Huth Rick Rathfon Bryan Wagner
September	21	Liv Gilmore Amanda Phillips Roger Walter
September	22	Joseph Rodgers Kenneth Boylan Andrew Martz



September	20	Adam & Alyssa Oliver
September	21	Joseph & Jolene Ion Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.
September	23	Dale & Joyce Mueller
September	24	Jeff & Bobbi Cyphert
September	25	David & Janice Thimons Congratulations on your 45th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless your love and



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.