

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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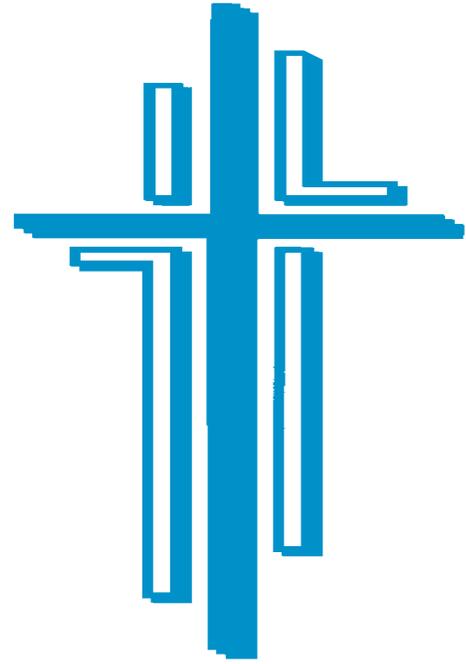
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. Psalm 19

From the Desk of Father James

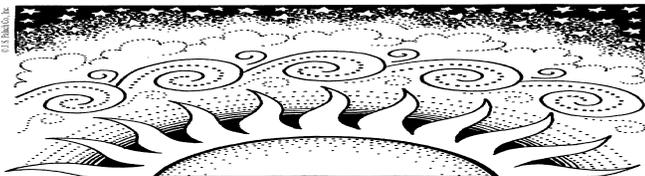
Dear Parishioners
Greetings from Yellowstone National Park. Msgr. Smith is covering for me while I am on a trip with my dad to see Yellowstone. Neither my father nor I have ever been here before. It has been great to see one of the most beautiful places in our great nation (though we've got more than our own share of natural beauty back home).

On Friday, October 1, Bishop Persico will celebrate his 9th anniversary as our bishop. It was on October 1, 2012, that Bishop Persico was consecrated as a bishop in St. Peter's Cathedral and began his term as bishop of the 13 counties of Northwestern Pennsylvania that make up the Diocese of Erie.

When I was speaking with the Bishop at the annual priest convocation in June at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, he happened to mention that a big part of the job of being a bishop is receiving mail, email, and phone calls from people who aren't very happy with him. I asked him if he also gets positive messages from people. He seemed to suggest that it isn't a very common occurrence. As a priest, I always really appreciate it when someone gives me a little encouragement, and I am grateful to be pastor of such a positive parish. If you feel up to it, I would encourage you to write him a letter of thanks and encouragement on the occasion of his 9th anniversary as our bishop. I'm sure he would appreciate it.

Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
St. Mark Catholic Center
429 East Grandview Boulevard
Erie, Pa. 16504

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 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

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

C:8:30 a.m. William Zacherl
By Rene Grumbaugh

Thursday, September 30

M:7:00 p.m. Mark Rathfon
By John & Bobbi Donnack

Friday, October 1

C:8:30 a.m. Stan Rathfon
By Lou & Marge Tripodi

Saturday, October 2

M:5:00 p.m. George Karg Sr.
By Jim & Louise Bauer

Sunday, October 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. Shirley Schrecengost
By Michele Kibbey
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 2-18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrew 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

October 2 & October 3

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M: 5:00 p.m. Jeanne
C: 8:30 a.m. Roddy, Walt
C: 11:00 a.m. Pam, Bill

Collection Counters

October 3, 2021
Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Weekly Collections

9-19-2021 \$2,037.00
Catholic Education \$368.00

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.

Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. Thank you! If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Or you can give online at www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html.



October 4 Holy Hour on the Feast of St. Francis

Fr. Bill O'Brien, the pastor of St. Callistus Church in Kane, will be leading our parish in a holy hour at 7:00pm on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis) at St. Mary Church. We will be praying for an increase in poverty of spirit. Please join us for this hour of prayer and spiritual invigoration.



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.

Family of the Month: Tim Vuksan
50/50 winner: Tamra Schettler

At an exemplification at St. Marys Pa. on August 28, 2021 the following Knights received their **4th Degree**. They are: **Sir Father James Power, Sir James Bauer, Sir Carmen Gett & Sir Adam Hartle**. If you see these men, please congratulate them on their achievement. Thanks, Chuck Baxter

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

This Week's Sponsor

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

Please support our sponsors!!!

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021
 To date 92 families have responded with pledges totaling \$42,563.26 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$21,677.00 for 2021. Total paid to date is \$37,808.26, leaving a balance of \$4,755.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021. Please prayerfully consider your gift for the CSA.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
- Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
- Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
- Thursday: St. Jerome
- Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
- Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

A Family Perspective

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring a bottle to a crying infant in the middle of the night, or juice boxes to parched five-year old's, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."



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 October 24th. **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 next meeting will be on Sunday October 17th 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.



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!

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

PROCLAIM THE WONDER OF GOD

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

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Immaculate Conception Parish Saintly 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



September	26	Eve Gilmore
September	27	Suzie Carbaugh Skip Cussins Anna Mueller Jan Thimons
September	28	Shelby Lander
September	29	Francis Lencer Carol Marshall Hope Schwabenbauer
September	30	Heather Dittman Richard Fielman Robert Wolfgang
October	1	Elaine Patton
October	2	Cy Gilmore Donna Rathfon Dan Siegel



September	26	Edward & Tammy Kukla
September	27	Daniel & Elaine Patton Ed & Marina Yeager
October	2	Wayne & Ellen Peters

Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!
 May God continue to bless your love and



FEAST OF FAITH
The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

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