

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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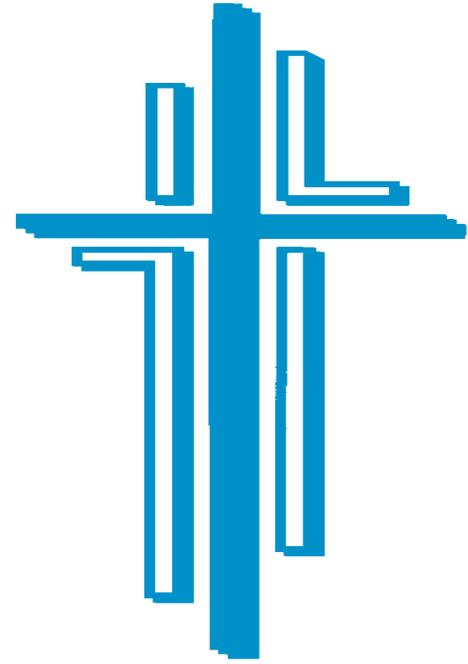
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26, 2021**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
Psalm 84

From the Desk of Father James

After the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds, we are told that “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). We can imagine the scenario for Joseph and Mary: the busyness of the birth is over and they are now settling into their new routine of caring for this child. Yet all the while, we are told that Mary continues to “reflect on [these things] in her heart.”

While society seems to think that Christmas is already over, we know that it is actually just beginning. Like Mary, we are invited to spend this Christmas season cherishing Jesus in our hearts. We have spent four weeks preparing for this time; we do not want it to pass by us in a single day. Indeed Christmas, like Easter, is both an “octave” and a “season.” An “octave” refers to eight days of celebration: both Christmas and Easter have 8 days of particularly joyful observance. Christmas is also a liturgical season: the liturgical emphasis of Christmas continues until the Baptism of the Lord on the second Sunday of January (this year it is January 9). You will also be familiar with the term “the 12 days of Christmas.” This refers to the period of time between Christmas and the Epiphany (which is traditionally on January 6, but in the United States is moved to the first Sunday of January).

We, as Catholics, are expected to continue our celebration of the Lord’s Nativity in a particular way in the Christmas Octave, and in a slightly lesser way throughout the rest of the season. I would encourage you to find a way to continue this feast: perhaps by coming to daily Mass (the Masses of the octave are particularly beautiful), perhaps by praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and certainly by spending time with family and friends.

May God continue to bless you throughout this Christmas season.

In Christ,
Fr. James

P.S.
I would like to express my appreciation to all who sent me Christmas cards and gifts. I am very grateful for your support.

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, December 25

*The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas
SCI Mother’s Day Remembrance*
C:8:30 a.m. Fred Zacherl
By Nancy Zacherl Family

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
M:11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Grumbaugh & Inesso Families
By Rene Grumbaugh

Monday, December 27

C:8:30 a.m. George Karg, Sr.
By The Bogel Family

Tuesday, December 28

C:8:30 a.m. John Regis Grumbaugh
By Rene Grumbaugh

Wednesday, December 29

C:8:30 a.m. Howard & Regina (Sis) Staub
By Michele Kibbey

Thursday, December 30

NO MASS

Friday, December 31

C:7:00 p.m. Bonnie Gill
By The Power Family

Saturday, January 1, 2022

SCI Father’s Day Remembrance
C:8:30 a.m. Doug Marshall
By Rene Grumbaugh
M:5:00 p.m. Ed Groner
By Theresa & Larry Cyphert

Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
C:11:00 a.m. Ron Heasley
By Irene Lencer & Family

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord
1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a. 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULES

Lector: December 31, 2021

C:7:00 p.m. Bob
January 1, 2022
C:8:30 a.m. Ed
M:5:00 p.m. Penny
January 2, 2022

C: 8:30 a.m. Chuck
C:11:00 a.m. Bill

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

December 31, 2021

C:7:00 p.m. Bill
January 1, 2022
C: 8:30 a.m. Rod
M:5:00 p.m. Jane
January 2, 2022

C: 8:30 a.m. Carol, Walt
C:11:00 a.m. Pam

Collection Counters

January 2, 2022
Jana, George, Dale, Joyce

Weekly Collections

Immaculate Conception	\$600.00
12-12-2021	\$2,406.00
Retirement for Religious	\$818.25

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- The Digital World: The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **February, 2022**. Please call the church office at 814-744-9919.

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 \$40,193.26, leaving a balance of \$2,370.00 to be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2021.

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.

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.

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Ann Christmas Party, Saturday, January 8, 2022 St. Ann's Church after 5:00 p.m. Mass. **Everyone is invited to attend.** Chicken, bread, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a tureen or dessert to share and enjoy an evening of good food and socializing with family and friends. There is an optional \$10.00 gift exchange. If you chose to participate, please mark your gift for a "man" or "woman".

JANUARY 2022 LOTTERY TICKETS

This is an important fund raiser for our parish. We prayerfully ask that you buy or sell your tickets that are provided. These make wonderful Christmas gifts!



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stutz Hall.

Family of the Month: Adam Hartle Family
50/50 Winner: Rene Grumbaugh

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL GUN RAFFLE

1. Ruger 450 Bushmaster or \$400.00
2. Mossberg 12 Gauge (Camo) or \$300.00
3. Rossi 22 Long Rifle Pump \$200.00

Only 300 Tickets sold. Drawing to be held when all tickets are sold.

\$10.00 Donation

See any Knight for a ticket

This Week's Sponsor

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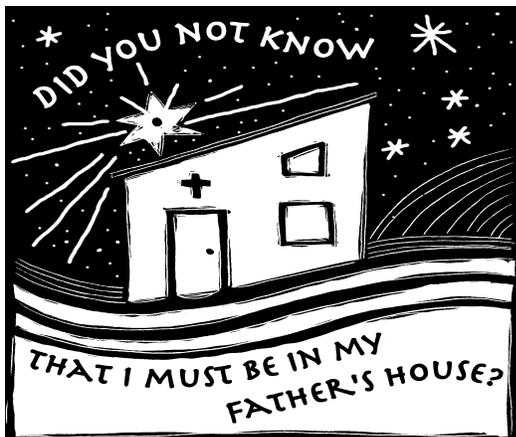
A Family Perspective

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

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 January 9, 2022 at 9:30 a. m.

SAVE THE DATE

Seventh Annual
1:38 Women's Conference, March 12, 2022
www.138women.com

EDGE PROGRAM

Our EDGE program is up and running for our youth in grades 6th, 7th and 8th. The committee responsible for preparing the meal for each week would like to request your assistance either through monetary, food or paper products donations. Please consider donating. Please turn in donations to your respective church offices. Also, if you would like to volunteer with the food committee please contact Sheri Spence at 814-227-4752 or by email swolbert@yahoo.com or come to a EDGE meeting from 6-8 PM every Tuesday.



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— 1 John 3:2a

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



December	26	Charmaine Calfo Delores Lencer
December	28	Kay Seigworth
December	29	Carter McLaughlin
December	30	Donald Cyphert
January	1	Alex Lencer Brittany Parrett



December	29	Bob & Teresa Wolfgang
December	31	Ron & Rita Hartle
December	31	Ken & Darlene Flick Congratulations on your 55th Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

