

# ***St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission***

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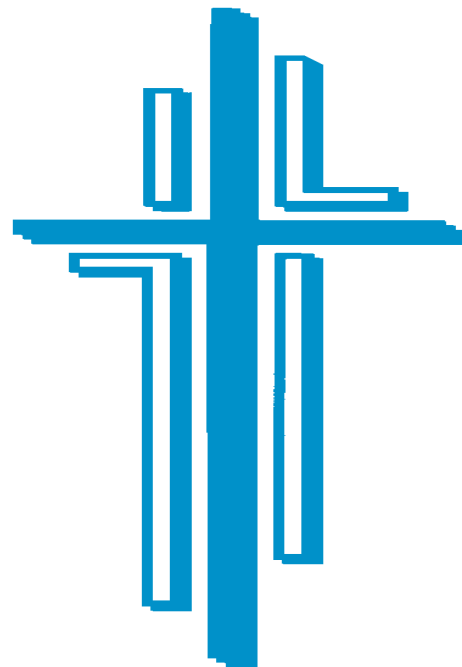
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## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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

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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.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 20, 2022**

The Lord is kind and merciful. Psalm 103

***From the Desk of Father James***

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Florida! I hope Father Oriole is treating you well this weekend. I will be back in the parish on Thursday.

In just a week and half we will be in the holy season of Lent. Now is the time to start thinking about the ways in which we want to enter into the penitential spirit of Lent. On Ash Wednesday every year we hear a reading from the sixth chapter Gospel of St. Matthew in which our Lord instructs us on how to give alms, pray, and fast. This passage is thus for a roadmap in our Lenten disciplines: we are encouraged to renew our efforts in these three spiritual works. In all three of these practices (almsgiving, prayer, and fasting) we are encouraged to think outside the box and do something worthwhile.

Concerning almsgiving: it is important that we give our support to those in need. While giving money to a charity or the parish is a typical way to give alms, it is even more important to give our time and our talent. Perhaps we can think of various acts of kindness that we can do throughout this season.

Concerning prayer: Lent is a special time to deepen our relationship with the living God. We are encouraged to find something extra to do each day, whether reading the Bible, spending time in silent prayer, praying the rosary, or attending daily Mass. A traditional Catholic Lenten prayer is Stations of the Cross which is offered at our parish on Thursdays and Sundays but can be prayed privately by anyone at any time in any place.

Concerning fasting: this season is an invitation to live a simpler life. While the spiritual benefits of fasting from food cannot be understated there are plenty of other ways in which we can fast. Perhaps we can fast from technology, negative thinking, or any unnecessary noisiness in our daily routine (such as radio or TV).

The season of Lent is a sacred time to encounter God in a new way. I pray we all may have a blessed Lent.

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, February 19, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Ronald Colicchio  
By The Power & Sweny Families

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of the John Allio Family  
By the Stan Rathfon Memorial  
Knights of Columbus #10341

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

**Monday, February 21, 2022**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

No Mass

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

No Mass

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

M:7:00 p.m. Betty LaCaze  
By Rene Grumbaugh

**Friday, February 25, 2022**

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

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**

*SCI Father's Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. Carol Soltesz  
By Jim & Louise Bauer

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Stan Rathfon  
By Dick & Kathy Carroll

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**

**Lector: February 26 & 27, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Kitty  
C:8:30 a.m. Roddy  
C:11:00 a.m. Dave

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:  
February 26 & 27, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Jeanne  
C:8:30 a.m. Chuck, Carol  
C:11:00 a.m. Mike

**Collection Counters**

**February 27, 2022**

Dan, Linda, Rita, Bob

# Weekly Collections

February 6, 2022  
February 13, 2022

\$2690.00  
\$1866.00

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.

**Digital Dating Abuse** can be defined as "a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet." One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at [www.cyberwise.org](http://www.cyberwise.org). To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)

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

**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.



## UPCOMING LISTENING SESSION FOR SYNOD

- Session 1 -** Monday, February 28th  
7 pm - St. Ann's Church
- Session 2 -** Monday, March 7th  
7 pm - St. Mary's Church
- Session 3 -** Monday, March 14th  
7 pm - St. Mary's Church

You are invited to one or all 3. We look forward to seeing you.

**REMINDER:** The **Finance Council** will meet in Stutz Hall, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Parish Council** will meet Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.



**Knights of Columbus** will meet Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stutz Hall.

## 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

**SNYDER'S AUTO BODY INC.**  
**TYLERSBURG, PA**  
**814-744-9218**

*Please support our sponsors!!!*

## CSA COMMITMENT SUNDAY

The weekend of February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> is Commitment Sunday for Catholic Services Appeal to support the work of the Catholic Church in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Our parish assessment is \$22,193.00. Money raised beyond the goal stays in the parish and is used for major projects. May God bless you for your generosity.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.  
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.

### A Family Perspective

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."



### **Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:**

Items needed are: pasta sauce, canned applesauce, peanut butter, muffin mixes, canned meat, canned yellow beans, canned tuna. Please have the items in the Church before March 20, 2022.

**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 February 27, 2022 at 9:30 a. m.

### **EDGE PROGRAM**

Our EDGE program is up and running for our youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:swolbert@yahoo.com) or come to a EDGE meeting from 6-8 PM every Tuesday.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 9:00-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch.

Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register."

### **Opportunities for Lenten Readings and Reflections**

Sister Marian and Sister Tina are offering two ZOOM book studies:

1) **"Life is Messy" by bestselling author Matthew Kelly.** Kelly writes, "Life is messy. This is the human dilemma. You're not doing it wrong. Life...is a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. What appears to be a step back today, may turn out to be the first marvelous step forward ten years from now."

2) **The Gift of Years by Joan Chittister, OSB,** another best selling author. Each chapter on various topics is filled with insights on growing older gracefully.

**"Life is Messy" will be held Thursday mornings, beginning, March 3rd 10:00-11:30 AM by ZOOM.**

**"The Gift of Years" will be held Thursday evenings, beginning March 3rd, 6:00 -7:30 PM by ZOOM.**

If interested, call Catholic Rural Ministry at 814 677 2032 or email Sr. Tina at [srtinag@gmail.com](mailto:srtinag@gmail.com). A limited number of books are available and Sister Tina will teach you how to use ZOOM.

## ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FUNDRAISER

The Faith Formation students will be participating in a Play-a-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Please consider sponsoring a student for this worthwhile event. The students will also be collecting money at all Masses on the weekend of February 26th & 27th. Thank you for your support.

### ROSARY

You are invited to pray the Rosary before 5:00 p.m.  
Mass at St. Ann's Church beginning February 19, 2022.  
All are welcome to attend.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will begin on March 6, 2022 at St. Mary's Church at 6:00 p.m. and continue throughout Lent.

Stations will be held at St. Ann's Church starting on March 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

### CRAFTERS/VENDORS/GARDEN CENTERS NEEDED!!!

Our 5th annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, April 30th at St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA. With Mother's Day and Spring just around the corner, this is a great opportunity to offer unique gifts, flowers, and/or plants to your customers. Lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Used Book and Puzzle Sale, Spring Raffle, and 50/50. Please go to our church's website: [stmarycrown.com](http://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 (text). Hope to see you there!

**SPRING RAFFLE  
DRAWING DATE  
MAY 25, 2022  
TICKETS: \$5.00**

#### PRIZES

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| 1st | Blackstone Griddle and Accessories |
| 2nd | Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9MM      |
| 3rd | Kayak with Paddle                  |
| 4th | Outdoor Furniture Set              |
| 5th | \$150 Gift Card to Leeper Market   |
| 6th | Fire Pit with a Bundle of Wood     |

For tickets contact any fireman or local business  
Winners will be contacted by FTVFC via phone.

**East Forest PTO** is selling Cookbooks! If anyone would like to purchase one they are \$10 and they can contact Kristy Hartle @ 814.221.3623.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

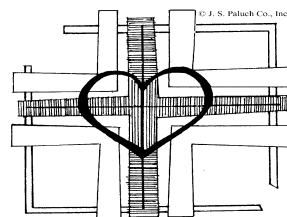


February	20	Jonah Carroll Joe Sullivan
February	21	Jeff Cyphert Deborah Fajbik
February	22	Elsie Carroll Tyler Lencer
February	25	Carmen Gett
February	26	Jeanne Andring Olivia Siegel

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Peter Damian; Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Wednesday:	St. Polycarp
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



### ST. JOSEPH'S FISH & SHRIMP TAKE-OUT DINNERS

Route 66—Lucinda, PA  
Every Friday in Lent (Except Good Friday)  
March 4th—April 8th  
Take-Out Only—Orders Taken at the Hall  
**5:00 pm.—7:00 p.m.**

**ADULTS: \$12.00  
CHILD: \$6.00  
JUMBO SHRIMP DINNERS: \$13.00**

DINNERS INCLUDE: Choice of Fish (Baked or Fried), Fish Hoagie, Shrimp or JUMBO Shrimp, Choice of Sides (Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese), and Coleslaw

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#### LUNCHES

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
**Fish Sandwich: \$8.00**

**Fish Hoagie: \$10.00**

LUNCHES INCLUDE: Coleslaw and Fries

**TAKE-OUT ONLY!**

For Lunch Orders Only—PLEASE CALL: 226-8310