

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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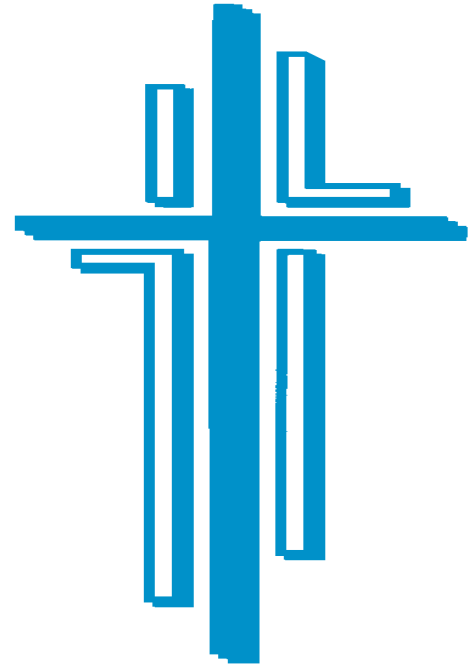
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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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.

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022**

The Lord is kind and merciful. Psalm 103

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I used this column to give a few thoughts on Lenten fasting, and I wrote that these thoughts on fasting would continue this week. Last week we discussed two of the reasons for Catholics to fast: (1) to develop a deeper sense of God and reliance on God, and (2) to strengthen our prayer. This week we will discuss reasons three, four, and five to include fasting into your Lenten routines.

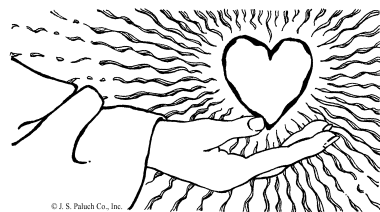
A third reason that fasting can be beneficial is in prompting us to be more charitable. It has been an ancient custom of our faith that when we fast, we are expected to be generous with the money we save on food. Likewise, throughout the scriptures, God is constantly telling the Israelites to act charitably when they fast. While many people will tell you that they feel more ill-tempered and less charitable when they fast, I would argue that a slight change of attitude isn't difficult to do, and can open us up to God's grace in whole new ways. This is my thought: fasting is indeed difficult and one becomes grouchy if one is sitting around doing nothing; but if one is staying busy, one doesn't even think about it. Thus, if we wish to bear fasting well, we should stay active: and much of that activity can be dedicated to helping others. Therefore, fasting is intended to prompt us to do good works.

A fourth reason for fasting is thus: we learn that we don't actually need to eat as much as we do. Overeating is unhealthy, both to the body and to the spirit. Concerning the body: diet-related illnesses account for 38% of all deaths in America. Concerning the spirit: Pope Francis often refers to our excessive consumption as a corruption of our human nature. While fasting may seem difficult at first, if we give it a few days we will realize that we feel healthier, both physically and spiritually.

A fifth reason (and my favorite reason) for fasting: it makes Easter (and other celebrations) all the more joyful. If we do not fast, but are rather constantly over-consuming, we have nothing to look forward to. But if we fast, as recommended by millennia of tradition, those joyful days on which we feast become all the more joyful.

May we persevere in our Lenten commitments, and so come to a joyful celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

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, March 19, 2022

SCI Father's Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of Lent

C:8:30 a.m. Stan Rathfon

By Knights of Columbus
Council #10341

C:11:00 a.m. Joe & Vonda Schwabenbauer

By Dan & Carol Hargenrader

C:6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 21, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Greta Donnick

By Rene Grumbaugh

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Bruce Wilson

By Rene Grumbaugh

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Jay Wolbert

By Jack & Jill Smail

Thursday, March 24, 2022

M:6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

M:7:00 p.m. All Souls Remembrance

Friday, March 25, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Anna Mae Thimons

By John & Bobbi Donnick

Saturday, March 26, 2022

SCI All Souls Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Father Edward Stutz

By Chuck & Marie Baxter

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Danny Heasley

By Jack & Jill Smail

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector: March 26 and March 27, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Jim

C:8:30 a.m. Ron

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

March 26 and March 27, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Lissie

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

C:11:00 a.m. Jan

Collection Counters

March, 27 2022

Dan, Linda, Rita, Bob

Weekly Collections

March 13, 2022

\$ 1,744.00

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.

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. We provide counseling assistance for individuals and family members of those who have been the victims of child sexual abuse. Counseling assistance can be obtained by contacting Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521.

The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.

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. The cloths are also available at Lander's Store in Lucinda and Marienville Pharmacy.

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.



New **Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedules** are available in the back of the Church.

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

Parish Council will meet Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

St. Ann's Women Club will meet Thursday, April 7th, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. New members are always welcome.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stutz Hall.

40 Cans for 40 Days Program

St. Hubert's Council #10341 of the Knights of Columbus, working with Father James, is conducting our 6th annual 40 Cans for 40 Days program to collect canned food items for the local food bank. Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 17th, there will be baskets set up in the back of St. Mary and St. Ann Churches for your donations. Last year we collected 2,000 pounds of canned food items to go along with monetary donations. The Knights of Columbus also donates \$100 for every 1,000 pounds of food collected. In addition to canned goods, other items which are needed include boxed dinners, peanut butter, pasta sauce, dry pasta, boxes of jello and pudding, box stuffing, muffin mixes, and dry pancake mix. Please make sure that all items have expiration dates no earlier than 2022. Contact Randy Andring at 927-8114 with any questions or if you need assistance with getting your canned goods to the Church.

This Week's Sponsor

**KAHLE'S KITCHENS INC.
LEEPER, PA
814-744-9390**

Please support our sponsors!!!

ROSARY

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

PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20, St. Titus, Titusville, 3 p.m.
Sunday, March 27, Saint Mary, Crown, 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 3, Immaculate Conception, Clarion 3 p.m.
Monday, April 4, St. Michael, Fryburg, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, Saint Charles, New Bethlehem, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 10, Saint Patrick, Franklin, 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 9, 2022 5:00 p.m. St. Ann
April 10, 2022 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. St. Mary
6:00 Stations St. Mary

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 14, 2022 7:00 p.m. St. Mary Adoration until 9:30 p.m.
Night Pray to follow.

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 15, 2022 3:00 p.m. St. Ann

Blessing of Easter Baskets April 16, 2022 12:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY—EASTER VIGIL

April 16, 2022 8:30 p.m. St.. Mary

EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 17, 2022 8:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. St. Ann



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed are: canned tuna, canned pasta, cake mix, muffin or quick bread mixes, rice mix, boxed potatoes, boxed dinners, boxed stuffing, dry pasta, cereal, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, baked beans, dish soap. Please have the items in the Church before April 24, 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, April 3, 2022 at 9:30 a. m.

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.

CONFIRMATION

The following Faith Formation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion today, March 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.:
Rachel Carey, Aiden Hartle, Olivia Siegel and Kaleb Wolbert.

Please keep them in your prayers.

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie invite young women ages 25 to 45 to join the monastic community for all or part of Holy Week and Easter, April 9-17. Find what you seek through the experience of prayer, community and justice-seeking during these sacred days. To make a reservation, email vocations@eriebenedictines.org or call 814-899-0614, ext. 2424. Provide your name and number and a good time to call. See more information at <https://www.eriebenedictines.org/story/visit-monastery-invitation-young-women>.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

5th Annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show
 Saturday, April 30, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our craft shows have been a huge success, but we can't do it without your help. After being postponed for 2 years, we are looking forward to this year's Spring Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show. All proceeds benefit the Faith Formation program. Please consider helping in the following areas. Thank you!

Chinese Auction
 Items are needed for the Chinese Auction. New items can be dropped off in the boxes at the rear of the church or in the church office. Please mark your name on the item so we can acknowledge it on the prize. Please have all gifts in by Friday, April 29.

Bake Sale
 Homemade baked goods can be dropped off Friday, April 29 during office hours; Friday 4 – 8 p.m., or Saturday morning.

Used Book and Puzzle Sale
 Please drop off books and puzzle in the boxes in the rear of the church. Workers also needed the day of the show

KITCHEN
 Many items are needed to prepare the food to sell at the show. Please check the sign-up list and donate what you are able.

Advertising
 Posters need to be taken to various areas. The more people who know about us, the better the show will do. Please take a few posters to hang in businesses where you work. If you are able to deliver posters to other areas, please let Sheila know. Posters are available in the rear of the church.

**FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP VFC & AUXILIARY
 SUPER BINGO GAMES
 SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022**

Doors open at noon Games start at 1:00 p.m.
 \$20 advance sale \$25 at the door

For ticket purchase call: Jana at 814-744-8416
 Marcia at 814-744-9316
 Or 814-229-1445
 Rick at 814-229-2727

Ticket is non-refundable.

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

PRIZES

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

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



March	20	Allen Guth
March	21	Justin Kahle Emily Kline Barbara Pfendler
March	23	Dick Carroll
March	24	Edith Carroll Weston Patton
March	25	Christopher Delaney Lisa Dunn Marsha Oliver Carter Phillips
March	26	Melissa Gett Henry Lencer, Jr. Marian Maloney



March 20 Joseph & Maria LeClaire

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 at St. Ann's Church starting on March 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. and continue throughout Lent.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; Spring begins
 Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
 Friday: Annunciation of the Lord; Abstinence

**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

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

2022 Holy Week Schedule

St. Mary's in Crown and St. Ann's in Marienville

Saturday, April 9 - Vigil of Palm Sunday

4:15pm	Confessions	St. Ann's, Marienville
4:30pm	Rosary before Mass	St. Ann's, Marienville
5:00pm	Palm Sunday Mass	St. Ann's, Marienville

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

8:30am	Palm Sunday Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
11:00am	Palm Sunday Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
3:00pm-4:00pm	Confessions	St. Mary's, Crown

Monday, April 11 - Holy Monday

8:30am	Daily Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
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Tuesday, April 12 - Holy Tuesday

8:30am	Daily Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
3:00pm-4:00pm	Confessions	St. Mary's, Crown

Wednesday, April 13 - Holy Wednesday

8:30am	Daily Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
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Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday

3:00pm-4:00pm	Confessions	St. Mary's, Crown
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	St. Mary's, Crown
8:00pm-9:30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Mary's, Crown
9:30pm	Compline (Night Prayer)	St. Mary's, Crown

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

3:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	St. Ann's, Marienville
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Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday

4:00pm	Blessing of Easter Baskets	St. Mary's, Crown St.
4:30pm-5:30pm	Confessions	Mary's, Crown St.
8:30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Mary's, Crown

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

8:30am	Easter Sunday Mass	St. Mary's, Crown
11:00am	Easter Sunday Mass	St. Ann's, Marienville