

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

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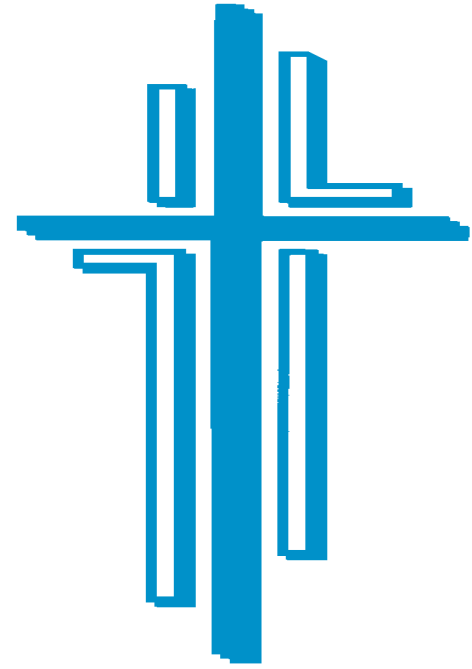
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## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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.

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 6, 2022**

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Psalm 91

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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope the first few days of Lent have been good for you so far. Remember that God already has graces prepared for us during this season, we need only be in the position to recognize them and receive them.

Keep in mind that the three disciplines of Lent are (1) prayer, (2) fasting, and (3) almsgiving. I would like to write a three-week series on these three topics. This week will be particularly on prayer.

Prayer can be defined several ways. Some refer to it as a "conversation" with God, others as a "relationship" with God. But lately I've been drawn to the definition of St. Theresa of Avila: "the ascent of the soul to God." It implies that we are embarking on a journey toward something great. It implies we must leave things behind, we will have difficulties along the way, and we have a destination. And St. Theresa warns us that the closer our souls get to God, the more inflamed with a desire for him they become. She describes God as a great hot light, and the closer we get, the more brilliantly we shine. On the other hand, when we do not pray, our souls are distant from this light, and are thus cold, and dark, and lifeless.

Prayer is not a mindless repetition of various phrases. It is something we must put our hearts into. I wholeheartedly recommend four particular options: weekday mass, daily rosary, stations of the cross, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In a particular way I am grateful for daily mass - it is the one biggest influence in my own spiritual journey. But whatever we choose to do, we must do it with our hearts - allowing our souls to approach the firmament of God's presence, to be filled with his light, and to crave him all the more.

In Christ,

Fr. James



PS.

By now you will have heard of the death of Bishop Trautman. While he had received criticism in recent years for some of the decisions he made, he nevertheless always worked tirelessly to provide for the spiritual needs of his people in the best way he could. While I am colloquially called your "pastor," according to canon law the one and only pastor of a parish is actually the bishop, who is the successor to the apostles. The priest is just delegated by him to provide his care for the people. Please join us to pray for the soul of our former pastor at a special service on Sunday, March 13 at 6:00pm at St. Mary's Church.

**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 5, 2022**

*SCI All Souls Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

*First Sunday of Lent*

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Adam Hartle Family  
By the Stan Rathfon Memorial

Knights of Columbus #10341

C:11:00 a.m. Sharon Callihan

By Barb Karg & Family

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

**Monday, March 7, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. Paul Habjan, For Health & Healing

By John Habjan

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. Barb Cook

By Rene Grumbaugh

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. Elsie Stetter

By The Pace Family

**Thursday, March 10, 2022**

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

M:7:00 p.m. Betty Williams

By Jim & Louise Bauer

**Friday, March 11, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. Paul Habjan, For Health & Healing

By John Habjan

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

*SCI Mother's Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. Sherri Stinebiser

By St. Ann's Women's Club

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Evelyn Mattocks

By Rene Grumbaugh

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**

**Lector: March 12 and March 13, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Jim

C:8:30 a.m. Emma

C:11:00 a.m. Jan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**March 12 and March 13, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Randy

C:8:30 a.m. Roddy. Ed

C:11:00 a.m. Mike

**Collection Counters**

**March, 13 2022**

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

# Weekly Collections

February 27, 2022

\$2129.00

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. 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.



## UPCOMING LISTENING SESSION FOR SYNOD

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

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.

**FIVE MINUTES WITH THE WORD LENT 2022** booklets are available in the back of the church. These booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus.

### 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

OCH'S BUILDING SUPPLY  
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*Please support our sponsors!!!*

### Evening Prayer for Bishop Trautman

On Sunday, March 13, at 6:00pm at St. Mary's Church we will be praying Evening Prayer for the repose of the soul of Bishop Donald W. Trautman. Bishop Trautman served as the bishop of our diocese from 1990 until 2012. He died on Saturday, February 26. Please consider joining us as we pray for the soul of our former shepherd. This service will be held in lieu of the normally scheduled Stations of the Cross.

### 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

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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.



### **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 March 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.

### CONFIRMATION

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

Please keep them in your prayers.

### 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 year's 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."

### CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK MARCH 8-14, 2022

- Was there a Sister in your life who helped you on your life journey? Have you told her?
- Would you like to promote vocations for women religious? Pray for vocations and encourage a young woman to pray about it.
- Research: [vocationnetwork.org](http://vocationnetwork.org); [globalsistersreport.org](http://globalsistersreport.org) and many other sites to learn more about today's women religious
- Many Catholic Sisters today are greatly concerned about "Care for Our Common Home, the Earth". Are you? Read "Laudato Si" written by Pope Francis to all citizens of planet Earth.
- Sister Tina Geiger, RSM (Mercy Sister) and Sister Marian Wehler, OSB (Benedictine Sister) are always happy to hear from you.

Catholic Rural Ministry, 7 Pulaski Street, Oil City, PA 16301  
"We hold you in our prayers and are grateful to serve in this deanery."



**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!

**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. Stations will continue throughout Lent.

**ROSARY**

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

**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  
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**



March	6	Christine Schwabenbauer Robert Shaffer
March	7	John Donahue Annette Wolbert
March	10	Ryan Delaney Bentley Hartle Adam McLaughlin Alyssa Oliver Tamra Schettler
March	11	Kevin Heasley Ronald Songer

(There are no Anniversaries during this time)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent;  
Girl Scouting Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;  
Julian calendar Lent begins
- Tuesday: St. John of God
- Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome
- Friday: Abstinence

**A Family Perspective**

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

**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