

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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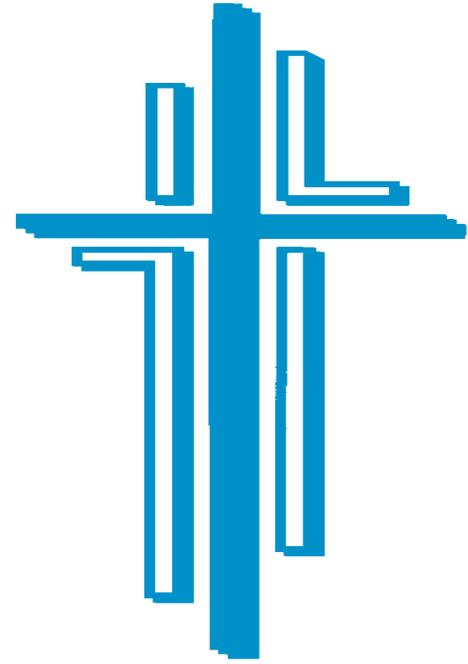
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022



O God, let all the nations praise you. Psalm 67

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

For the first three weeks of the Easter season, the Gospel readings at Sunday Mass had a similar theme: they were all accounts of Jesus making himself known to the early Church after they had seen him die. Those three weeks were an opportunity for us to hear about the resurrection of Jesus, as told by the evangelists, and for us to reflect on the importance of his resurrection in our lives. We know that Jesus' resurrection is a sign to us that, even when things may seem difficult, we know that God will be victorious, and that he will lead us to share in that victory.

For the next two Sundays, then, we heard short and comforting Gospel readings about how Christ will shepherd us as a shepherd leads his sheep, and that we are called to love one another as he has loved us.

This weekend, though, the focus changes a little: we start to hear about Jesus ascending to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit. While we know that Easter is the biggest celebration of our faith, we often fail to recognize that the Easter mystery not only encompasses Christ's death and resurrection, but also his ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This week's Gospel gets us ready for those next two parts of the Paschal Mystery. Jesus tells us "I am going to the Father" and that "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." As we prepare for Ascension Thursday (this Thursday) and Pentecost Sunday (two weeks from now), may we come to appreciate the significance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In Christ,
Fr. James

P.S. You may be familiar with the practice of praying a "Novena" which involves saying certain prayers for 9 straight days. The Catholic practice of the Novena comes from this time in the early Church: between the Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus instructed his disciples to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit; for 9 days they prayed until the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church on Pentecost Sunday. Novenas are powerful prayers that are worth praying. I would encourage you to look on the internet for the "Novena to the Holy Spirit" and to pray it in anticipation of Pentecost. It begins this Friday (the day after the ascension) and ends on the day before Pentecost.



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, May 21, 2022
M:5:00 p.m. George Karg, Sr.
By George Gregory

Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

C:8:30 a.m. Stan Rathfon
By Shawn & Tami Kline

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
Monday, May 23, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass
Wednesday, May 25, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass
Thursday, May 26, 2022

M:7:00 p.m. No Mass
Friday, May 27, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass
Saturday, May 28, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners
Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Skip Cook Family
By Stan Rathfon Knights of Columbus
#10341

C:11:00 a.m. James & Adabelle Heasley
By The Family



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

2nd Reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector: May 28 and May 29, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Bee

C:8:30 a.m. Emma

C:11:00 a.m. Henry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

May 28 and May 29, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Lissie

C:8:30 a.m. Roddy & Rod

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

Collection Counters

May 29, 2022

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Weekly Collections

May 15, 2022 \$1964.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection \$ 492.00

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.

Bullying: The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.gov For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

VOCATION CROSS—Families are needed to sign up for the vocation cross beginning with the month of **July, 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.

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

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.

ROSARY

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

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2022

To date 90 families have responded with pledges totaling \$38,290.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$22,193.00 for 2022. Total paid to date is \$26,700.00, leaving a balance of \$11,590.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Bake Sale

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St. Ann's Women's Club will be sponsoring a bake sale before and after 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 28th. Bakers and buyers needed!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stutz Hall.

Family of the Month: John McCloskey

50/50 Winner: Kerry Wolbert

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Hubert's Council #10341, Crown, PA

Raffle

CZ 12 Gauge Mag. Turkey Gun With Camo

Or

\$350.00 Cash

ONLY 150 TICKETS SOLD

Drawing: When all tickets are sold.

Prize must be picked up within 90 days or forfeited.

DONATION \$10.00

Tickets Compliments **Leeper Market**

This Week's Sponsor

GATESMAN AUTO BODY
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814-226-9468

Please support our sponsors!!!

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

Missionary Appeal Weekend May 28/29

Each year the parishes of the Diocese of Erie participate in a Missionary Appeal Weekend in which we welcome an individual who speaks about and raises money for a particular missionary organization within our Catholic Church. This year we are pleased to welcome Dr. Amine Kidane. Dr. Kidane is a professor of biology at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, OH, and is also a representative of the Catholic Diocese of Keren, Eritrea in Africa. Dr. Kidane will be visiting our parish on the weekend of May 28/29 to speak about the spread of the Gospel in Eritrea.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed are: Canned baked beans, cake mix, muffin or quick bread mix, rice mix, boxed potatoes, boxed dinners, canned chicken, cereal, jello, boxed stuffing, canned tomatoes, canned stew and dish soap. Please have the items in the Church before May 22, 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!

The Marienville Food Pantry Needs You!

We are looking to increase our volunteer roster. If you can assist in this vital ministry, contact Rev. Heidi Helsel at (724) 420-4420 or hrevmom@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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Whoever loves me
will keep



my word

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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.

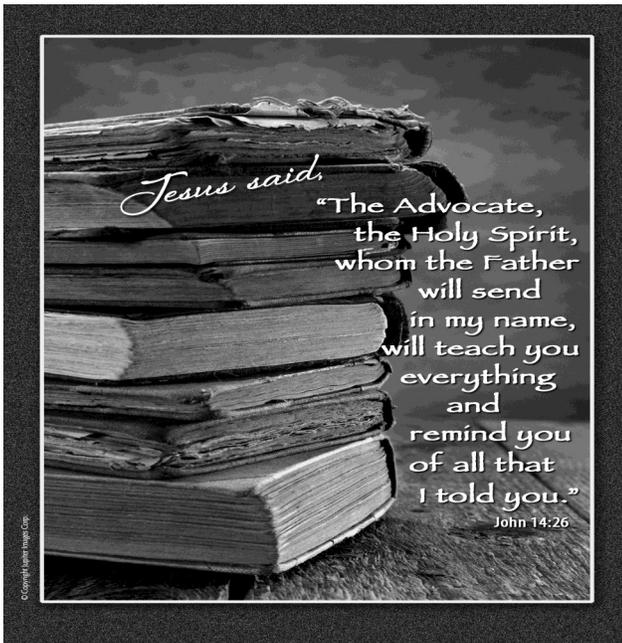
A Family Perspective

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another.

The Life Center will be conducting their “Changelope” collection beginning on Mother’s Day, May 8 and concluding on Father’s Day, June 19. “Changelopes” will be available in the back of the Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its twelfth annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, Pa. The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to www.vmesec.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center’s youth and adult programs.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

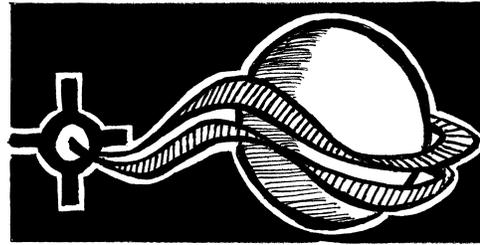


May	24	Randy Hollis Henry Karg
May	25	Kaden McFarland
May	26	Jonathan Boylan
May	27	Jane Carroll Monica Peters
May	28	Ben Guth Ronald Songer



May	26	Ronald & Roxann Heasley
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May 27 Dan & Linda Siegel
Congratulations on your **55th** Wedding Anniversary!
May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
 Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)
 Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
 St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
 (unless transferred to Sunday); St. Philip
 Neri
 Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury



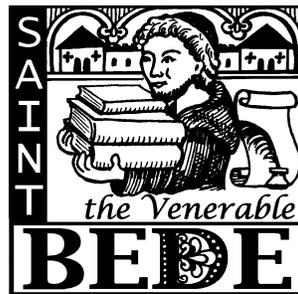
FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP VFC SPRING RAFFLE
DRAWING DATE
MAY 25, 2022
TICKETS: \$5.00

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.



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