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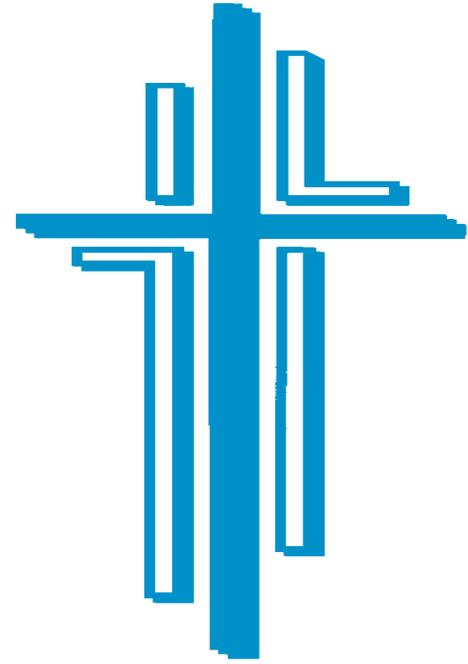
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022**



A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— Psalm 51:12

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

This column is the fifth installment in our series on the history of Catholicism in America. The last edition, published in the August 21 bulletin, ended with the founding of the Province of Maryland as an English Catholic colony in 1632. This installment will discuss the rise and fall of those English Catholics.

On March 25, 1634, the first settlers set foot on an island in the Chesapeake Bay which they named “St. Clement’s Island.” They raised a large cross upon the land and attended a Mass celebrated by Fr. Andrew White. They eventually resettled on the mainland and established their capital at St. Mary’s City on a bluff over the mouth of the Potomac River.

While Maryland is considered the “Catholic” colony, its first settlers comprised many Anglicans and Puritans as well. As tensions between the Puritans and Anglicans heightened, the Province of Maryland decreed the Maryland Toleration Act of 1649, which guaranteed freedom of religion to the colonists. We Pennsylvanians are often taught that our own state was the sole refuge for religious freedom; but the Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges was not written until 52 years later, in 1701.

Religious toleration in Maryland, unfortunately, became a failed experiment. The colony of Virginia, to the immediate south of Maryland, was an officially Anglican colony. Virginia, thus, expelled many of its puritan settlers who then found refuge in the Province of Maryland. By 1688, only 25% of Maryland’s residents were Catholic. The non-Catholic residents, who had been eager to benefit from the generosity of the Catholics, were just as eager to seize power and persecute those same Catholics when the opportunity arose. In 1689, the Maryland Puritans raised an army, seized power through violence, and set up a new government that outlawed Catholicism. The capital was moved from the Catholic settlement of St. Mary’s City to the Protestant settlement of Annapolis.

Catholics were forbidden from holding political office and prohibited from practicing their faith in public. Wealthy families maintained secret chapels in their homes in which local Catholics could gather for mass. Full religious toleration would not be restored in Maryland until the signing of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The next article in this series will cover the second Catholic settlement in the United States: Kentucky; as well as the establishment of the first Catholic Seminary in 1791.

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, September 10, 2022

SCI— Mother’s Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Joanne Roberts

By St. Ann Women’s Club

Sunday, September 11, 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. Maureen McDonald

By Chuck & Carol Schettler

11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, September 12, 2022

The Most Holy Name of Mary

C:8:30 a.m. Bill, Millie & Billy Schmader

By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Shirley Zacherl

By Bob Karg & Family

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Our Lady of Sorrows

M:7:00 p.m. Randy Hale

By Amy Hale

Friday, September 16, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. All Souls Remembrance

Saturday, September 17, 2022

SCI—Father’s Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. James Karg

By Anonymous Donor

Sunday, September 18, 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

C:8:30 a.m. Stan Rathfon

By Shawn & Tami Kline

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners



NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULES

Lector: September 17 and 18, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Jim

C:8:30 a.m. Ron

C:11:00 a.m. Henry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

September 17 and 18, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Jane

C:8:30 a.m. Henry & Julie

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

Collection Counters

September 18, 2022

Jana, George, Dale, Joyce

Weekly Collections

September 4, 2022

\$3,386.00

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.

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: [Policy effective March 15, 2021](#) . For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

Pennsylvania March for Life

The Pennsylvania March for Life will be held in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19. A (free) bus will leave from Clarion. To register, please visit www.yournextstep.com . You can also call Next Step at (814) 226-7007 to reserve a seat on the bus.

Holy Hour with Guest Priest - Sept. 30

At 7:00pm on Friday September 30, at St. Mary's Church, Fr. Christopher Barnes will be joining us for a holy hour as we pray for the pro-life cause. He will be preaching the sermon. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Christopher back to our parish.

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.

ROSARY

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

PRAYER CHAIN—It is time to update our prayer chain. If you would like to be a member of this important ministry, please fill out a form located in the back of the church and place it in the collection basket. If you are currently on the prayer chain, **please fill out this form or you will not be included on the new prayer chain.**

The new prayer chain will go into effect October 1, 2022.

Please have all forms returned by September 11. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Sheila Martz - 814-229-3083.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2022

To date 93 families have responded with pledges totaling \$39,630.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$22,193.00 for 2022. Total paid to date is \$31,455.00, leaving a balance of \$8,175.00. Your generosity is greatly

St. Ann Women's Club will meet on Thursday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m., at St. Ann's Church. New members are always welcome.

We made a profit of \$371.00 at our Bake Sale on September 3rd. We would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Stutz Hall.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

Next weekend is the 2022 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. **THANK YOU** for your support.

This Week's Sponsor

**Leeper Market
Leeper, PA
814-744-8811**

Please support our sponsors!!!

**SAINTLY SOJOURN
OCTOBER 11-13, 2022**

We will be visiting:

- * The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
- * The National Shrine of the Cross in the Woods
- * Our Lady of the Woods Shrine
- * Frankenmuth, MI
- * Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland

Trip includes:

- * Meals—3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts
- * Hotel accommodations for two nights
- * Motor coach transportation
- * Faith—an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!
- * FUN!

Cost: \$550 per person based on double occupancy. Single rooms available for \$650.

No refunds or cancellations within 30 days of trip unless with replacement.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 221-0241 or kkroh@icclarion.org.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed for September and October are: cake mix, boxed stuffing, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, jello, pudding, evaporated milk, dry pasta, muffin or quick bread mixes, canned pumpkin, spray spic and span, and dish soap.

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.

PARISH SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Our parish is in the process of upgrading the computer software that helps us communicate with and serve our parishioners. In the midst of this transition, if you notice any errors in correspondence, church envelopes and Catholic Services Appeal reminders, please notify the church office. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding as we work to improve our technology. If you have questions or concerns, please call the church office at 814-744-9919.



FAITH FORMATION– STUDENTS

The first Faith Formation class will be Sunday, September 11th, from 9:30 to 10:45.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Join us for Adult Faith Formation. It is a chance to be immersed in our 2,000-year heritage of learning, spirituality, art, and social action. Adult Faith Formation will be held from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm Sunday evenings in Stutz Hall from September 11 to December 4, with the exception of Sept. 18, and Nov. 6. There will be no class on these dates.

This year's classes will be using the book *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Church* by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron is a renowned theologian and philosopher, notable for his engaging approach to the faith. **Register by September 4** by emailing Fr. James at JPowder@ErieRCD.org or by calling the parish office at (814) 744-9919. A \$15 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the book.

CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you, or someone you know, is considering becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. James. You can catch him after Mass or reach him by phone (814 744-9919) or by email (JPowder@ErieRCD.org). Classes begin in October. Candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church are formally brought into the faith at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 8, 2023. If you aren't sure that you want to take this step yet but want to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please consider attending our Adult Faith Formation Class held weekly beginning on September 11 at 4:00 pm in Stutz Hall.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Marienville Oktoberfest Vesper Service

September 22, 2022

7 PM

at St. Ann's RC Church



CRAFTERS NEEDED!!

St. Mary Church/St. Ann Parish will be hosting a Christmas Holiday Craft Show at the St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA, on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd. We will have over 40 tables of crafters/vendors. Lunch will be available for purchase. Admission is free. Please go to our church's website: 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!



Parish Picnic - September 18

Our Parish Picnic is going to be held in St. Marys Church Stutz Hall on Sunday September 18 after the 11:00am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend. Hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage, rolls, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert in a disposable container to share.

STUDYING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sr. Tina and Sr. Marian will be hosting this series at the Knights of Columbus, 111 Petroleum Street, Oil City, PA from 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m. on the following Fridays:

September 2, September 16, September 30
ALL ARE WELCOME!



September	12	Tom Fedusa Lori Kahle
September	13	Don Schmader
September	14	Jill Gilbert Julie Miller
September	15	Cory Schettler
September	16	Rochelle Schwabenbauer
September	17	Roger Wolbert



September 11 Perry & Jennifer Kline
Congratulations on your **40th** Wedding Anniversary!
May God continue to bless your love and commitment to one another.

MARRIAGE MOMENT:

21 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the USA. It was a frightening time. How do you and your beloved deal with fear? Fear of loss of income, health, death...? How do you comfort each other? What is frightening you today? Talk about it.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom
Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows