

St. Mary Church And St. Ann Mission

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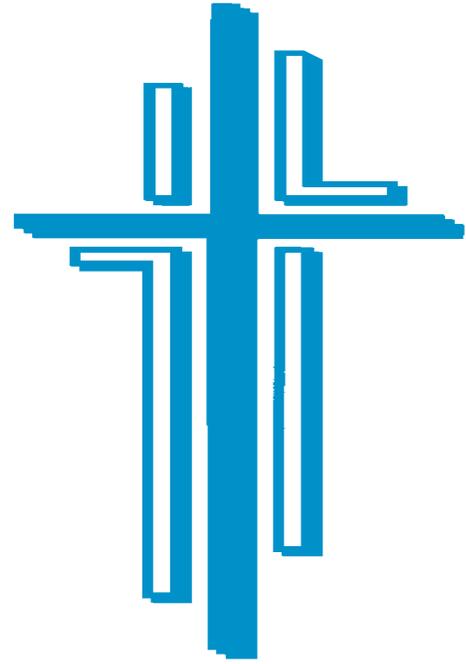
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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish 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 will be made available to them.

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 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

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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."

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Saturday: **5:00 p.m.** at St. Ann's in Marienville

Sunday: **8:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** at St. Mary's in Crown

Confessions

Saturday: 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. at St. Ann's in Marienville

1st Sunday of the Month: 10:30am at St. Mary's in Crown

Weekday Mass

M, Tu, W, F: 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's in Crown

Th: 7:00pm at St. Ann's in Marienville (first Thursday of the month at Snyder Memorial Nursing home).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

M, Tu, W, F: 7:30 a.m. - 8:20 a.m. at St. Mary's in Crown

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.

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**



I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
— Psalm 122:1

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent! You will notice that the altar cloths and vestments have turned to violet and there are no longer any flowers in the sanctuary. This more somber appearance is meant to get us into the spirit of preparing ourselves for the coming feast of Christmas. Our consumerist society, in an attempt to milk every last penny out of us, starts celebrating some pagan version of Christmas in September. We, however, know that the real Christmas, the celebration of God’s incarnation, doesn’t begin until December 25. In the meantime, we spiritually prepare ourselves with this season of Advent.

As we enter this period of fasting, I’d like to share a reflection from Archbishop Fulton Sheen: “The Church fasts; the world diets. Materially there is no difference, for a person can lose twenty pounds one way as well as the other. But the difference is in the intention. The Christian fasts not for the sake of the body, but for the sake of the soul; the pagan fasts not for the sake of the soul, but for the sake of the body. The Christian does not fast because he believes the body is wicked, but in order to make it pliable in the hands of the soul, like a tool in the hands of a skilled workman... That brings us down to the basic problem of life. Is the soul the tool of the body, or the body the tool of the soul? Should the soul do what the body wants, or should the body do what the soul wants?”

We, as Catholics, are called to embrace this season of preparation. Let’s not jump the gun, as the Hallmark Channel would have us do. Christmas doesn’t begin until December 25. In the meantime, we have an opportunity for four weeks of spiritual preparation.

In Christ,
Fr. James

P.S. Giving Tuesday for the iGiveCatholic campaign is this Tuesday, November 29. To give online, please go to <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-parish-crown>. And the Christmas Holiday Craft Show (yeah, yeah... we give into a little of the consumerism to raise money for our Faith Formation program) is this Friday and Saturday, Dec 2 and 3. Be sure to stop by.

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, November 26, 2022

SCI—Mother’s Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. JoAnne & Allen Roberts

By The Snyders

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

C:8:30 a.m. James Pace, Sr.

By The Pace Family

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, November 28, 2022

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

By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Otto Stetter

By The Pace Family

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Elsie Schwabenbauer

By John & Bobbie Donnack

Thursday, December 1, 2022

M:7:00 p.m. Msgr. Robert F. Schriefer

By Fr. James P. Power

Friday, December 2, 2022

C:8:30 a.m. Marie Aaron

By Joe Gatesman

Saturday, December 3, 2022

SCI—All Souls Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

C:8:30 a.m. Ed Wagner

By Bryan & Teri Wagner

C:11:00 a.m. Charlotte Brackett

By The Pace Family

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULES

Lector: December 3 and 4, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. John

C:8:30 a.m. Chuck

C:11:00 a.m. Jan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

December 3 and 4, 2022

M:5:00 p.m. Jane

C:8:30 a.m. Chuck & Carol

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

Collection Counters

December 4, 2022

Jana, George, Dale, Joyce

Weekly Collections

November 20, 2022 will be Published in 12/4/2022 bulletin

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

Know the Warning Signs of a Predator: Perpetrators are not waiting on the street to snatch kids; only 10% of sexually abused children are abused by strangers. 90% are abused by someone known and trusted by the child/child's family. Perpetrators integrate themselves into everyone's life, not just the child. They build relationships so that they are trusted to be alone with the child. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with a child in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows a child to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ for more information and resources.

Nov 26/27 Anointing of the Sick Weekend

Fr. James will be holding an anointing service after all of the Masses on the weekend of November 26/27. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ for the healing of body and soul. It was formerly called "Extreme Unction." Anyone can be anointed who suffers from an illness which, when left untreated, would result in death or debilitation.

Dec 9 Holy Hour with Fr. Mike Polineck

Fr. Mike Polineck, the pastor of St. Joe's in Lucinda and St. Mike's in Fryburg, will be the guest priest at our December Holy Hour, which will be held on Friday, December 9, at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church. Fr. Polineck will be giving an Advent reflection.

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

ROSARY

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

Nov. 26th Spaghetti Dinner

FCCLA Service Project for Hailee Oliver and Alex Carroll

- 3 to 7 p.m., MACA building, Pine Street, Marienville
- Adults \$10, Kids (under 7) \$6
- Spaghetti/meatballs, salad, roll, dessert
- Eat in or Take Out

Community and Hunters welcome!

JANUARY LOTTERY TICKETS

This is such an important fundraiser for our parish. At \$20 each, they make wonderful, easy-to-give Christmas presents for workmates, family and friends! If you need more tickets, they are in the back of the church and in the Parish Office. Please return sold tickets, complete with full address and telephone number, and money by **December 30** in an envelope marked "Lottery Tickets" and your name. Unused tickets should be turned in to the Parish Office. Please do not throw them away.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2022

To date 93 families have responded with pledges totaling \$39,670.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$22,193.00 for 2022. Total paid to date is 35,680.00, leaving a balance of 3,990.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER: The **Parish Council** will meet in Stutz Hall, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

December – no meeting
January – Christmas Party Jan 7th
February – no meeting
March – Thursday, March 9th – 5:30 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL GUN RAFFLE

1st Ruger 450 Bushmaster or \$400.00 Cash
2nd CZ 12 Gauge Mag. Turkey Gun with Camo or \$350.00 Cash
3rd Killer Instinct Fatal X Crossbow or \$300.00 Cash
Prizes must be picked up within 90 days or forfeited
Drawing occurs when 300 tickets are sold
\$10 each

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

This Week's Sponsor

Kahle's Kitchens, Inc.
Leeper, PA
814-744-9390

Please support our sponsors!!!

iGiveCatholic Day

iGiveCatholic Day is Tuesday November 29! Thanks to two generous donors, **all gifts will be matched**, up to \$10,000. Your donation, thus, will be worth double. . Donations can be made by using the iGiveCatholic envelopes in regular collection or by going to <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-parish-crown> anytime between November 15 and November 29. All funds will go toward renovations to Stutz Hall. The carpeting will be replaced and the bathrooms are being made handicapped accessible. Thank you for your generous support.

Wreaths across America

Please consider sponsoring a Wreath to honor an American hero this year for Wreaths Across America Day December 17, 2022. It's a day set aside to lay wreaths at places where we remember, honor and teach about our veterans.

Sponsoring a wreath is \$15.00, drop an envelope in the collection basket with check payable to Ken Flick, and write "wreaths" on the memo line. To honor a specific veteran, note St. Mary or St. Ann Cemetery and the Veteran's Name.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed 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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! We contributed to the support of those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit "How to Give" under Resources at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections .

Advent Confession Opportunities

Penance Services

Sunday, December 4 @ 3PM - St. Titus in Titusville

Monday, December 5 @ 7PM - St. Joseph in Lucinda

Sunday, December 11 @ 3PM - Immaculate Conception in Clarion

Sunday, December 18 @ 3PM - St. Charles in New Bethlehem

Extra Confessions at St. Mary's in Crown

Monday, December 19, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Tuesday, December 20, 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Thursday, December 22, 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Friday, December 23, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Normal Confessions at St. Ann's in Marienville

Every Saturday, 4:15PM - 4:45PM

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 November 27.

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. If interested, contact Fr. James at JPower@ErieRCD.org or call 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 (JPower@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, as described above..

St. Mary/St. Ann Choir Practice Schedule

Location: St. Mary Church— 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29, Tuesday
Dec, 5, Monday
Dec.12, Monday
Dec. 21, Wednesday

North Clarion County Giving Tree

Tags will be up in St Mary Church on Sunday, November 19. Gifts are due **December 4th**, and can be returned to the church. They can include gift bags or paper but gifts are to be unwrapped.

Christmas Holiday Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Holiday Raffle are available in the pews and in the back of the church. Winner will receive a KitchenAid mixer, mixing bowls, measuring cups, muffin pan, Bundt pan, rolling pin, timer, hat and apron. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Drawing will be December 3rd at the Craft Show. Please place tickets and money in the collection basket or bring to the show. Thanks!

Sheila Martz

ST. MARY/ST. ANN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

December 2 and 3 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Help is needed for our 2nd annual Christmas Holiday Craft Show. Please consider helping in the following areas. All proceeds benefit the Faith Formation program.

Chinese Auction

New items, gift cards, handmade items, or monetary donations are needed. Please put your donations in the box in the rear of the church by November 28th.

Kitchen

Donations of food or monetary donations are needed. Please check the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church to see what is needed.

Workers

There are many areas where help is needed on the Friday and Saturday of the show. Help is also needed on Thursday evening to assist the vendors/crafters to bring their items into the hall. Please check the sign-up sheet in the rear of the church to see where help is needed.

Please contact Sheila Martz (814-229-3083) with any questions.

Thank you very much!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



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| November | 28 | Toni Bauer
Bonnie Dechant
Adam Oliver |
| November | 29 | Scott Delaney, Jr.
Jane McClellan
Melanie Shipe |
| November | 30 | Reada Culp
Julie Lander |



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| November | 29 | Adam & Kristy Hartle |
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” (Mt. 24:42) This scripture alludes to end times. We don’t know for sure when we or our beloved will die but try not to end any day with anger against your spouse. Forgive before you sleep.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
- Wednesday: St. Andrew
- Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday