

THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022



“Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,  
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5



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## 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: 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's in Marienville

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

## 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.

### 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."

We welcome all new parish families and visitors to Saint Mary Church and St. Ann Mission. Please reach out to our Parish Office at (814) 744-9919 to register or go online at [www.stmarycrown.com](http://www.stmarycrown.com)

As a parish member of Saint Mary Church or St. Ann Mission, you are actively supporting our Community with your time, talent, and resources.

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022**



Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing; God only is changeless. Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing. God alone suffices.  
—Saint Teresa of Avila

**From the Desk of Father James**

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that our parish claims a founding date of 1848. That means that we will be celebrating 175 years in 2023! In consultation with our parish council, we have a few things planned next year to celebrate this anniversary.

First of all, we are going to compile and publish an updated “History of the Parish”. While this book will certainly cover all of the official events in our history, such as changes of pastor and dates of construction projects, I would like it to also include your stories. Everyone of you has some fantastic stories about our parish, and I would like you to share them with us. Some of the stories may be funny, some may be interesting, and some may be moving. Feel free to share any particular memory: whether it’s a recollection of an old pastor, or perhaps how you met your spouse at a church function, or perhaps how the Lord was active in your life through your ties to this parish. The stories can be as short or as long as you would like, but I’d encourage you to avoid writing a full novel. Please email your stories to [JPower@ErieRCD.org](mailto:JPower@ErieRCD.org) or drop them off to Fr. James at the office.

Secondly, we are in the process of planning two big events to commemorate this anniversary. The highlight of the year will be a Mass with the bishop and all of the former pastors, followed by a banquet in Stutz Hall. No date has been chosen yet. We are waiting to hear from the bishop about his availability. Another event that we are planning is a lecture from Fr. Justin Pino, who is the diocesan archivist. He has some interesting stories about the men and women who settled northwestern Pennsylvania and built these churches.

Thirdly, we will be offering some parish gear throughout the year. In a few weeks we will be have parish coffee mugs available; in the summer we will be offering parish t-shirts; in the fall it will be parish hats; and in December it will be commemorative Christmas ornaments.

Lastly, I would like to note that the “parish” includes both churches, so this is a celebration for both St. Mary’s and St. Ann’s.

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, December 10, 2022**

*SCI—Father’s Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. Bill Hutson

By: Nancy Zacheral & Family

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

C:8:30 a.m. In honor of the John C. Baughman Family

By Stan Rathfon Memorial KofC #10341

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

**Monday, December 12, 2022**

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

By Chuck & Karla Beichner

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. John R. Grumbaugh

By Rene Grumbaugh

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

*No Mass*

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

M:7:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Grace Blymiller &

Katy McCanna Families

By Kerry Wolbert

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

C:8:30 a.m. Bette Spence

By John & Bobbi Donnick

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

*SCI—Mother’s Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. Howard Staub

By Michele Schrecengost-Kibbey

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Joan McCloskey

By John McCloskey

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULES**

**Lector: December 17 and 18, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Kitty

C:8:30 a.m. Emma

C:11:00 a.m. Henry

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**December 17 and 18, 2022**

M:5:00 p.m. Randy

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

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

**Collection Counters**

**December 18, 2022**

Henry, Jack, Jill, Taty

# Weekly Collections

December 4, 2022

\$3,053.00

## Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2022

To date 93 families have responded with pledges totaling \$39,870.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$22,193.00 for 2022. Total paid to date is \$37,265.00, leaving a balance of \$2,605.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

**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.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) for more information and resources.

### REPORTING EMAIL/PHONE SCAMS

Online criminals will often search church bulletins to look for email addresses and phone numbers of potential victims. They will then create an email account with which they will fraudulently impersonate the pastor of the church or some other church employee. If you get an email or text from someone claiming to be Fr. James or another representative of the parish, and that email or text asks for gift cards or personal information, please forward it to Fr. James's real email account so that he can report it to the authorities. His real email address is [JPower@ErieRCD.org](mailto:JPower@ErieRCD.org).

**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.

**REMINDER:** The Parish Council will not meet in January.

### St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

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

**St. Ann's Christmas party** will be held January 7, 2023 after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Chicken, bread, beverage and table service will be provided. Please bring a tureen or dessert to share and enjoy an evening of good food and socializing with family and friends. There is an optional \$15.00 gift exchange. If you choose to participate, please mark your gift for a "man" or "woman".

### 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

Snyder's Auto Body  
Tylersburg, PA  
814-744-9218

*Please support our sponsors!!!*

## Today's Second Collection

### *Help aging religious*

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

### **Wreaths across America Ceremony**

Many thanks to all who donated to the annual Wreaths Across America campaign. All the wreaths have been purchased for Crown and Marienville. There were extra wreaths bought and the wreaths will roll over to apply to next year.

There will be a ceremony at St. Mary church on **Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m.** for the placing of the wreaths.

Those that have specific grave requests will be able to place their wreaths first after the ceremony. Then all the rest of the wreaths will be placed. All help will be appreciated to place the rest of the 131 wreaths on the veteran's graves. Please come and honor our veterans that served our country.

After completion of the ceremony and wreath placement at St. Mary, wreaths will be placed on the graves at Marienville. Rain, snow, or sun the ceremony will go on.



### **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](mailto:hrevmom@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

St. Mary: Christmas Eve– 7:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day– 8:30 a.m.

St. Ann: Christmas Eve– 5:00 p.m.

Normal Mass Schedules on New Year's Eve

### **Advent Confession Opportunities**

#### **Penance Services**

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

### **LEEPER LIGHT-UP NIGHT**

- \* Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* At the Intersection of Rte. 66 & Rte. 36
- \* Caroling, lighting of the tree, blessing of the tree, fireworks by Rizer
- \* Arrival of Santa Claus, followed by social hour and refreshments

*All are welcome– come enjoy!*

### **Ornament Making Party**

The Faith Formation students would like to invite all parishioners to a hot chocolate, coffee, doughnut, and ornament making party after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 11. We will be making ornaments for the residents at Snyder Memorial as well as ornaments for the tree outside Stutz Hall. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

### **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](mailto:JPower@ErieRCD.org)).

St. Mary/St. Ann Choir Practice Schedule  
Location: St. Mary Church— 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12, Monday  
 Dec. 21, Wednesday

**ST. ANN'S GUARDIAN ANGEL TREE**

It's time again for the Guardian Angel Tree once known as the Angel Tree. If you are interested in taking an angel please make sure the present or presents are wrapped and the Letter and Number from the angel is on the package. They will be due Dec. 16th here at the church or you can drop them off at East Forest school. Thank you for your past participation in this project for the children of our community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Penny Gawelski 814-319-5560.

**Decorating of the Churches** will take place:  
**St. Ann's:** 12/17 after 5:00 p.m. mass  
**St. Mary's:** 12/18 after 8:30 and 11:00 masses

**SHARE YOUR MEMORIES**

In celebration of our parish's 175th anniversary we will be compiling and publishing a "History of the Parish." This book is going to contain your memories of our parish. Please write down a story that you would like to share. We would like a big variety of stories, from funny ones, to interesting ones, to moving ones. They can be as short or long as you like (if they are edited before publication, we will ask your permission). Please email your story to [JPow-er@ErieRCD.org](mailto:JPow-er@ErieRCD.org) or drop them off at the office. The deadline is January 31.

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**



December	12	Eryn Heasley Kase Stitt
December	13	Joyce Fedusa
December	14	Carrie Gadley Joseph Hepinger
December	15	Ronald Heasley Jim Shaftic
December	16	Karlee Cyphert
December	17	Kathryn Tarr
December	18	Perry Kline



December	14	Ron & Marie Songer
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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Tuesday: St. Lucy  
 Wednesday: St. John of the Cross  
 Friday: Las Posadas begins