

“Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid  
to take Mary your wife  
into your home.”

MATTHEW I:20

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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.

December 18, 2022

FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
**Advent**

117 Lencer Drive, Leeper, PA 16233

(814) 744-9919

[www.stmarycrown.com](http://www.stmarycrown.com)

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022**



You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14)

**From the Desk of Father James**

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is just around the corner! I know that many of you are already making preparations by baking Christmas cookies and such, but I would strongly encourage you not to live in the future. Rather, find God's presence by being present in the moment. It isn't Christmas yet - it is still Advent. The time for cookies and celebrations will come. Now is still the time for spiritual preparation. It would seem bizarre if we were to start celebrating the 4th of July on the 27th of June. So should it seem bizarre to start celebrating Christmas on December 18th. We have one more week to patiently wait. And we know that the celebration of the Lord's birth will be all the more profound if we wait.

On another note: last week I wrote about how our parish will be celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2023. I am pleased to announce that the commemorative mugs have arrived. If you would like a 15 oz. mug, they will be available in the parish office. The recommended donation is \$10. If you are unable to come during normal office hours, feel free to ring the rectory doorbell and see if I'm around. I'd be able to let you into the office.

Also, I would like to remind you that we will be gathering your stories and recollections of our parish to include in a book that we will be printed to celebrate this anniversary. 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. The deadline is January 31, 2023.

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 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
- Monday, December 19, 2022**  
C:8:30 a.m. For the Intention of Chad Blankenbaker  
By The O'Hare Family
- Tuesday, December 20, 2022**  
C:8:30 a.m. Carolyn Bauman  
By The Power Family
- Wednesday, December 21, 2022**  
C:8:30 a.m. Bruce Wilson  
By Rene Grumbaugh
- Thursday, December 22, 2022**  
M:7:00 p.m. Robert E. Kirkpatrick  
By John & Beth Bauer
- Friday, December 23, 2022**  
C:8:30 a.m. Cathy Kirkpatrick  
By Rene Grumbaugh
- Saturday, December 24, 2022**  
*SCI—All Souls Remembrance*  
M:5:00 p.m. Peg Andring  
By St. Ann Women's Club
- C7:30 p.m. George Karg, Sr.  
By The Bogel Family
- Sunday, December 25, 2022**  
*Christmas Day*  
C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**Christmas Day**

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel: John 1:1-18

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**

**Lector: December 24 and 25, 2022**

M: 5:00 p.m. Kerry  
C: 7:30 p.m. Chuck  
C: 8:30 a.m. Rod

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**December 24 and 25, 2022**

M: 5:00 p.m. Jeanne  
C: 7:30 p.m. Carol & Deacon Mike  
C: 8:30 a.m. Walt & Joel

**Collection Counters**

**December 25, 2022**

Andrea, Emma, Kelly, Mary

# Weekly Collections

December 11, 2022 collection will be available in the 12/25 bulletin

## 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.erieccd.org/childprotection/](http://www.erieccd.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.

## 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.

## Religious Give Thanks

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for the Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection. *Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious priests.*

**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 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, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

# This Week's Sponsor

Gatesman Auto Body  
Lucinda, PA  
814-226-9468

*Please support our sponsors!!!*

St. Mary/St. Ann Choir Practice Schedule

Location: St. Mary Church– 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 21, Wednesday

**Advent Confession Opportunities**

**Penance Services**

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

**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

**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

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

**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

**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.

**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 [JPower@ErieRCD.org](mailto:JPower@ErieRCD.org) or drop them off at the office. The deadline is January 31.

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who made the second annual Christmas Holiday Craft Show a success! It takes many hands to make things run smoothly. To the two amazing ladies who solicited gifts for the Chinese Auction, and made sure there was enough food in the kitchen for both days, your generosity and hours of dedication to the event are greatly appreciated. I'm not allowed to say their names, but you know who you are Rene and Bobbi. To everyone who donated food - especially those who made soup (Esther H., Rosie E., and Bobbi D.), cinnamon rolls (Barb K., Penny, and Lissie), cupcakes (Annette Wolbert), and rolls (Jill S. and Jayanne), we could not keep track of the compliments we received. The Bakers Raffle, donated by Ron Songer, was an amazing success. To Marcia Heasley and Carol Marshall for staying late making phone calls to Chinese Auction winners, and all who worked the booths and helped the vendors set up and pack up (Susie R., Trish M., Milly C., Bob H., Ron S., Ronnie S., Jeff C., Steve B., Shannon S., Chris, Jesse, and our Confirmation and Faith Formation students - if I forgot anyone I deeply apologize), we are grateful for your time and dedication to the craft show and our Faith Formation program. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Chinese Auction or made a monetary donation to offset expenses. We are truly blessed to have a parish community with such great support. And finally, to everyone who attended the craft show - thank you for supporting the crafters/vendors, and especially our Faith Formation program. Total profit is \$6,670.00! Our Spring craft show will be Saturday, April 29, 2023!**

**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)).

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS SPONSORS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW 2022

LEEPER MARKET	KWIK FILL
DADDY'S HOT DOG	CLARION BOARD
MACBETH'S CABINS	BRIAR HILL
PICKLE BARREL	SHEETZ
COOKSBURG MERCHANTILE	MARIENVILLE PHARMACY
SHOUPS HARDWARE	COUSIN BASIL
FOREST RECREATION	C & A TREES
SNYDER DISCOUNTS	WALMART
PITTSBURGH ZOO	McDONALD'S
SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE	DAIRY QUEEN
WILDFLOWERS	TIONESTA BUILDERS
LIGHTING PLACE	NORTHWEST BANK
PITTSBURGH STEELERS	S & W AUTO BODY
KEIFER-PHILLIPS FLOWERS	ZANOT'S
CLARION FORD/DODGE	BATTERY HOUSE
FATHER & FISHER NAPA	LANDERS STORE
O'REILLY'S BROOKVILLE	HAIR STUDIO
WEAVER'S CARQUEST	SHARP SHOPPER
AUTOZONE CLARION	VINCE'S TAVERN
PITTSBURGH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	API
ALLEGHENY GRILL	PIZZA PUB
MARIENVILLE PRO HARDWARE	
SWEET BASIL	SNYDER AUTO BODY
LINDEMUTH COUNTRY STORE	DOMINO'S
EAT & PARK	FALLERS FURNITURE



December	20	Patrick Carroll Madelyn Gatesman
December	21	Shirley Carroll Sherry Shaftic
December	22	Nathan Kline Sylvia Lukasiak
December	23	Karen Andre Jeff Schill



December	19	Kenneth & Susan Boylan
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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;  
Hanukkah begins  
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins  
Friday: St. John of Kanty  
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)