

JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." JOHN 1:29



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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

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

VISION

Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.

—Anonymous



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From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

First, I have a few people to thank. I would like to thank all those who organized Wreaths Across America in our cemeteries to honor our veterans. The wreaths were laid at a moving ceremony on December 17. Next I would like to thank our choir for putting so much preparation into our Christmas musical selections. The celebrations were greatly enhanced by their hard work. I would also like to thank the office staff for their hard work during this busy season. And I would like to thank the St. Ann Women's Club for organizing such a nice Christmas party last week. If you missed it this year, be sure to get to it next year. Lastly, I would like to thank all who sent me Christmas cards or dropped off cookies and such. I am so grateful for your support.

Next, I would just like to give a recap of some things that are happening in our parish right now.

First, our Winter Book Study begins this Sunday, January 15, at 3:00pm. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, talk to me after Mass. We are using the book *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn.

Second, the sign-up sheet for house blessings is in the back of the church. I always enjoy going to houses to do blessings. I especially enjoy it if there is a dinner involved.

Third, in commemoration of our 175th anniversary, many of you have already submitted some great stories. I just want to remind everyone that the deadline is January 30. Your story can be about anything to do with the parish.

Lastly, I would like to announce that we recently changed the monthly mass at Snyder Memorial Nursing Home in Marienville. For many years the Snyder Memorial Mass was at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. 7:00 p.m., however, was far too late for the residents. The Snyder Memorial Mass is now at 3:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month. We tested it out in December and January and it seemed to work well. This Mass is open to the public, so come if you are able.

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, January 14, 2023

SCI-Mother's Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Don Schrecengost

By The Schrecengost Family

Sunday, January 15, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Dale Morris

By Barb Karg & Family

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, January 16, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Marie Baxter

By St. Ann Women's Club

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. John Gerden for healthy healing

By John Habjan

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Larry Hayes

By John & Bobbi Donnick

Thursday, January 19, 2023

M:7:00 p.m. Jo Ann Grumbaugh

By Rene Grumbaugh

Friday, January 20, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Padre Pio

By John Habjan

Saturday, January 21, 2023

SCI-Father's Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Aloysius McCloskey, Jr.

By George Gregory

Sunday, January 22, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Christopher & Julia Karg family

By The Joe Karg Family

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

January 22, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector: January 21, 2023 and January 22, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Penny

C: 8:30 a.m. Rod

C:11:00 a.m. Henry

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

January 21, 2023 and January 22, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Clare

C:8:30 a.m. Walt & Ed

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

Collection Counters

January 22, 2023

Carolyn, Tim, Penny, Lissie

Weekly Collections

January 8, 2023

\$3,188.00

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2022

To date 94 families have responded with pledges totaling \$42,900.00 Every dollar over our goal remains in our Parish. Our Parish goal is \$22,193.00 for 2022. Total paid to date is \$41,725.00, leaving a balance of \$1,175.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2022 payments may be made until January 15, 2023.

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/ 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.

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.

Anniversary Commemorative Mugs

As we celebrate our 175th anniversary in 2023, we are 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 Father is in. He will be able to let you into the office.

WINTER BOOK STUDY

The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Sign-up for our winter book study. We will be using *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*, by Scott Hahn, internationally recognized scripture scholar and a convert to the Catholic faith. His engaging writing style and insightful perspective makes this book on the Mass a very enjoyable read.

Meetings will be held every Sunday at 3pm from January 15 to February 26. Register by January 8 by emailing Fr. James at JPower@ErieRCD.org or by calling the parish office at (814) 744-9919. A \$15 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the book.

St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

February – no meeting

March – Thursday, March 9th – 5:30 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GUN RAFFLE

WINNERS

1. Perry Miller
2. Tim wolbert
3. Adam Harte

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, January 9, 2023 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!!!

LOTTERY WINNERS 01/01-01/07/2023

PARISHIONERS

Rene Grumbaugh
Jane Carroll (2)
Kay Seigworth
Linda Ponegalek
Louise Bauer
Josh & Nicole McLaughlin
Ben Guth
Mary Lou Brown
Nate & Jen Siegel
Bernice Scobbo
Susie Rathfon
Ellen Peters (2)
Robert Landfried
Nancy Ochs
Berniece Pfendler

David Dunn
Barb Karg
St. Mary Church
Stacie Kaye
Anna Mueller

Marienville
Leeper
Tionesta
Marienville
Marienville
Leeper
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Marienville
Leeper
Gibsonia
Shippenville
Leeper
Greenville
Leeper
Sun City
Center, FL
Cooksburg
Leeper
Leeper
Leeper
Leeper

NON PARISHIONERS

John Macken
Michael Gregory
John & Amber Siegel
Susanna Kurtzhals
David Wolbert

Patricia Curdo
Nicholas Moore

Kim Lamison
Fr. Christopher Barnes
Melissa Ordak
Andy Eisenman
Tod MacKintosh
Paul Kaltenbach
Virginia Baumcratz
Michele Ventrello (2)
Steve Smail
Ken Anderson
Dana Davis
Nikki Byers
Wren Gilbert

Meadville
Pittsburgh
Oviedo, FL
Jamestown NY
Myrtle Beach,
SC
Rimersburg
Santa Barbara,
CA
Marienville
Titusville
Bessemer
Venus
Cooksburg
Fryburg
Lucinda
Erie
Corsica
Lucinda
Clarion
Tionesta
Sigel

44 Winners – Paid Out \$2,030.00

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.



Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed are: cake mix, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, jello, pudding, egg noodles, mac & cheese, muffin or quick bread mixes, canned beef stew, canned chicken, and liquid laundry 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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

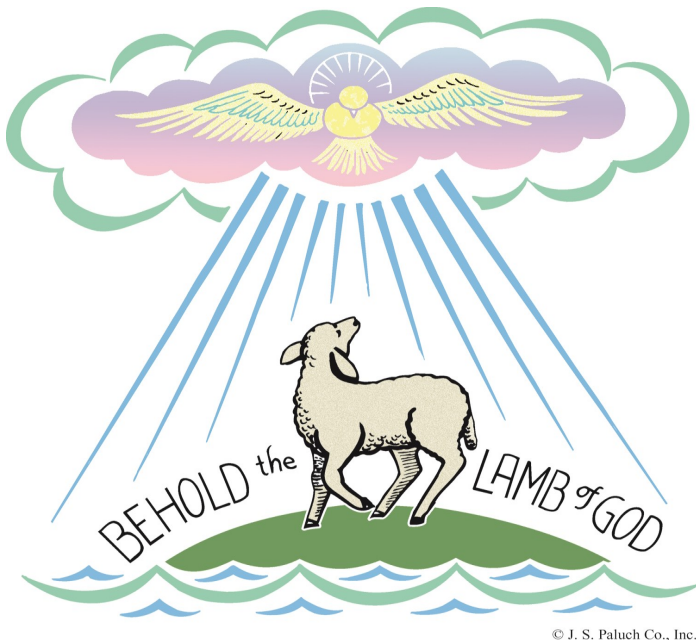
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Tuesday: St. Anthony
 Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Saturday: St. Agnes

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer to Begin the Day
 Lord God, may everything we do
 begin with your inspiration
 and continue with your help,
 so that all of our work today will bring us closer
 you.

Guide us in our work today,
 that we may do it not for ourselves alone,
 but for the common good of all.
 We ask this in your name. Amen.
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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).

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



January	16	Evelyn Boylan Penny Gawelski Domenico Mendola Nathaniel Swartz Shari Wynkoop
January	20	Tom Shipe
January	21	Chuck Gilbert
January	22	Veronica McLaughlin Wayne Peters Lois Scott Tim Vuksan



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January	20	Steven & Jessica Lencer
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. How are you and your beloved different yet you complement each other? (Perhaps one gives attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, one is a quick thinker vs. thorough planner, an extrovert vs. self-reflective...)