



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

“COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

Matthew 4:19



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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: 10:30 a.m. 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.

HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan



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From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

This column is the seventh installment in our series on the history of Catholicism in America. The last edition, published in the October 30 bulletin, ended with the establishment of religious toleration in the newly independent United States of America. This installment will discuss the early history of the first Catholic diocese and the establishment of its seminary.

In the early years of our nation's history, the number of Catholics was very low. Catholics, likewise, were typically from a foreign background: either French, German, or Irish. There was, however, a community of English Catholics in Maryland. The Diocese of Baltimore, the first diocese in America, was erected in 1789. Its territory comprised all 13 states. The bishop of this new diocese was John Carroll, whose cousin, Charles Carroll, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. This new diocese, with its vast territory, had only 13 diocesan priests. In one of his letters, Bishop Carroll referred to his priests as a "medley of clerical characters."

Bishop Carroll needed more priests. While foreign priests often came to America to help minister to the growing Catholic population, Bishop Carroll wanted to erect a seminary that could train home-grown vocations. The solution to his problem came, surprisingly, from the fierce persecution of the Catholic Church in revolutionary France.

In France, there was a community of priests, known as the Society of St. Sulpice, whose primary mission was the running of seminaries. In 1789 the French Revolution was in the process of overthrowing the monarchy. The revolutionaries, though, were also opposed to the Catholic Church. The superior of the Sulpicians, Fr. Emery, was worried about the future of his community and wanted to find a way to ensure their survival. He learned that Bishop Carroll in America was hoping to open a seminary. After a brief correspondence, Bishop Carroll invited the Sulpicians to come to his diocese. It is said that the seminary in Baltimore was the fastest seminary ever erected - the Sulpicians came to America with everything they needed: a teaching faculty, some students, a full library, and money. They arrived in July 1791, purchased a building in Baltimore, and were able to begin operating immediately.

As for the Sulpicians who remained in France: they were soon arrested by the revolutionary "Committee of Public Safety" and imprisoned in the Carmes Prison in Paris. On September 2 1792, they were brought to the courtyard of the prison where the guards demanded they swear an oath to revolution. One by one they refused, and one by one they were killed. The superior of the Sulpicians, Fr. Emery, who was imprisoned at another prison, befriended the guards and was spared.

The next installment will discuss the growth of Catholicism in our new nation.

In Christ,
Fr. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Ann Church — Saturday at 4:15 p.m.

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

Monday, January 23, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, January 26, 2023

M:7:00 p.m. Rev. Edward Stutz

By Rev. James Power

Friday, January 27, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Bette Spence

By John & Bobbi Donnack

Saturday, January 28, 2023

SCI-All Souls Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Marie Baxter

By Curt & Suzanne Carbaugh

Sunday, January 29, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Robert Heasley family
By The Stan Rathfon Memorial KofC
#10341

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

January 29, 2023

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector: January 28, 2023 and January 29, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Bee

C: 8:30 a.m. Keith

C:11:00 a.m. Jan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

January 28, 2023 and January 29, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Kerry

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

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

Collection Counters

January 29, 2023

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Weekly Collections

January 15, 2023

\$2,031.00

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 \$42,525.00, leaving a balance of \$375.00. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION Help Spread the Faith

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, From the earliest days of my tenure as bishop of the Diocese of Erie, I have been committed to strong communications. While I am the shepherd of this diocese, all of us are on this journey of faith together. That's why I continue to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed about what is happening with the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States and here in northwest Pennsylvania. This is no small effort, given the changing media landscape. We strive to reach you whether you prefer to read Faith magazine, receive the weekly Diocese of Erie news in your email or find us through social media. This requires interacting on a variety of platforms in order to reach different audiences. Thanks to your generous support of the annual Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, all of these options and more remain available to you, free of charge. We have a small but dedicated team of communications professionals not only working to share important information, but also to write and promote stories that inspire. People tell us they pass these stories along or discuss them with family and friends — a great way to begin conversations that open doors and hearts. Please help me continue this essential outreach by participating in the 2023 Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection scheduled for the weekend of January 21- 22.

Sincerely in Christ,
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie

Parish Council will meet on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

February – no meeting

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

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

This Week's Sponsor

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LOTTERY WINNERS 1/8-1/14/2023

PARISHIONERS

Randy Andring	Marienville
Don Schmader	Leeper
Rev. James Power	Leeper
Carol Marshall	Leeper
Joyce Shaffer	Leeper
Thomas Battellino	Clarington
Bob & Sue Burney	Cooksburg
St. Mary Church (2)	Leeper
John McCloskey	Crown
Jackie Landfried	Leeper
Jim Bauer	Marienville
Florian Bauer	Marienville
Walt & Pam Karg	Leeper
Bonnie Dechant	Marienville
Elizabeth Spence	Allison Park
Garrett Woelkers	Leeper

NON PARISHIONERS

Marilyn Strickland (2)	Shippenville
Ted Kurtzhals	Jamestown, NY
Rev. Gregory Passauer	Waterford
Rev. Christopher Barnes	Titusville
Nora Boehm (3)	Erie
Brooke Johnson	Gibsonia
Milica Kuester	Shaker Hgts, OH
Rachel Neely	Tucson, AZ
James Dechant	Fryburg
Meredith Karg	Tylersburg
Erin Barsanti	Oak Hill, VA
Lisa Carroll	Lucinda
Jack Schuck	Venus
Al Schatzel	Clarington
Randy Nicklas	Marienville
Justin Kahle	Shippenville
Carolyn Power	Erie

37 Winners Paid Out \$1,450.00

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ordinary Time

Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word “ordinary” with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all “ordinary” about our weekly celebration of the Lord’s dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word “ordinary” retains the root meaning of “ordinal,” something counted “in order,” and that the Sundays throughout the year are in fact named by their numerical order. It is helpful to understand how all five of the “special” seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year now with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as “extraordinary” an experience of God’s grace as one could ever imagine.



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 Hesel at (724) 420-4420 or hrevmom@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

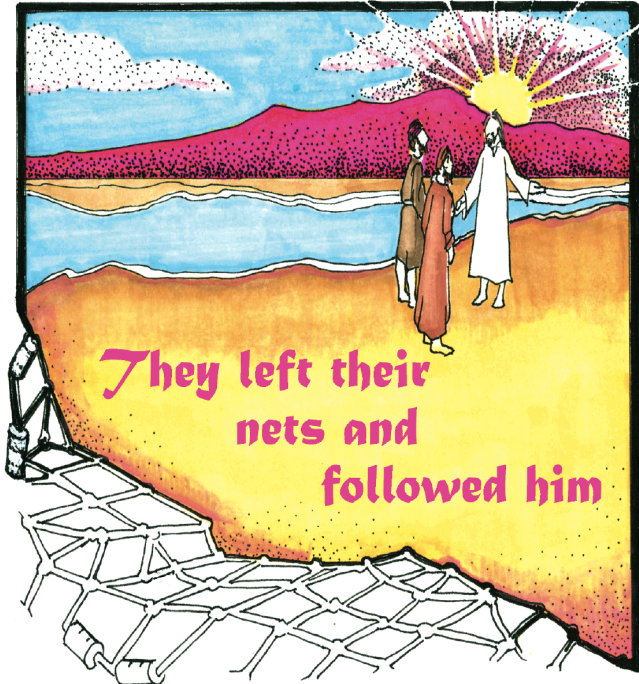
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
 Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales
 Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
 Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
 Friday: St. Angela Merici
 Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Respect for Life Prayer
 O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation,
 and our ears catch the sounds of your power.
 We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.
 Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life
 and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it.

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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	25	Brandan Heasley
January	26	Paula Anderson
January	27	George Becker
January	29	Mary Ann Allshouse Norma Dehner Hailee Oliver



January	23	Joe & Carol Rodgers
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

“I urge you...that you be united in the same... purpose.” (1 Cor. 1:10) Spouses don’t have to agree on everything, i.e. favorite meals, politics, how to wash the dishes – BUT, what is the ultimate purpose of your life together? Agree on that. Perhaps write a short marriage mission statement today