



Then they opened their treasures and offered him

GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Matthew 2:11

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord



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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.

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TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. In the Gospel of St. Matthew we hear that the magi “saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt 2:11). We, likewise, are called to adore the Lord as he is presented to us by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Epiphany is the Greek word for *manifestation*. The three magi represent all the nations of the world, and the Epiphany thus celebrates when Christ was made “manifest” to the world for the first time.

Traditionally, Epiphany is the time for homes to get their yearly blessing. Just as the magi entered into the home of the Holy Family, we pray that Jesus may enter into our homes and bless us throughout this year.

If you would be interested in having me over for dinner and for a house blessing, I would be very honored. I have put a calendar with my availability in the back of the church. Feel free to sign up for an evening. If you are interested in having your home blessed, but you don't feel comfortable hosting a whole dinner, please contact me either through email (JPower@ErieRCD.org) or by calling the parish (744-9919) - I'd still be honored to stop by and bless your home.

May God bless you in this new year.

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 7, 2023

SCI-All Souls Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of our Lord

C:8:30 a.m. In honor of the John McCloskey Family
By Stan Rathfon Memorial K of C 10341

C:11:00 a.m. Elsie Schwabenbauer

By Paul Schwabenbauer

Monday, January 9, 2023

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

By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Joan McCloskey

By John McCloskey

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Father's Day Remembrance

Thursday, January 12, 2023

M:7:00 p.m. Lois Seth Cowan

By The Power Family

Friday, January 13, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. James Hahn

By George Gregory

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

January 15, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector: January 14, 2023 and January 15, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. John

C: 8:30 a.m. Andy

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

January 14, 2023 and January 15, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Deacon Mike

C:8:30 a.m. Deacon Mike & Joel

C:11:00 a.m. Deacon Mike

Collection Counters

January 15, 2023

Andrea, Emma, Kelly & Mary

Weekly Collections

January 1, 2023

\$2,292.00

Prayer at the Manger: With the Magi

Let your light shine on us, O God,
as the star showed the way
to those who searched for Christ.
Fill us with wisdom;
help us walk in your ways,
now and forever. Amen.

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.eriegcd.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.

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.

REMINDER: The Parish Council will not meet in January.

St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

February – no meeting

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



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 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

This Week's Sponsor

**Leeper Market
Leeper, PA
814-744-8811**

Please support our sponsors!!!

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 or drop them off at the office. The deadline is January 31.

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.



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.

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.

ALL SHARE IN THE PROMISE

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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— Matthew 2:11b

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
 Friday: St. Hilary
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Julian Calendar New Year

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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	9	Ed Pasternak
January	11	Timothy LaVan Beth Mendola
January	12	John Donnick Darlene Flick Carl Siegel Nate Siegel
January	13	Carl Kahle Daniel Patton Sarah Wagner Bob Weaver
January	14	Stacie Kaye Susan Lencer Gabriel Martz



January	14	Michael & Heather Dittman
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

As we transition to a new year, many people make resolutions to start new positive habits. Maybe you're already satisfied with your marriage, but there's always room for deepening your love. Pick 1 new action – perhaps a daily honest compliment, a favor, praying together... OK, even if only once a week feels doable, DO IT.