

FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



“Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,  
not the smallest letter or the  
smallest part of a letter will pass from the law.”

MATTHEW 5:18



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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](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.

**PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING**

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.  
—Abraham Lincoln



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***From the Desk of Father James***

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal. The Catholic Services appeal is the annual campaign to support the work of the Diocese of Erie. The amount raised by this campaign accounts for about 60 percent of the diocesan operating revenue. The diocesan budget is approved annually by the Diocesan Finance Council, which is a board composed primarily of lay men and women from our region who have experience in finance, accounting, or law. No funds donated to the Catholic Services Appeal have ever been or will ever be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis.

Each parish is assessed a certain amount, which is calculated as a percentage of the regular Sunday collection. Our parish assessment for this year is \$23,529. Any money which we raise above our assessment stays within the parish and is used toward larger projects. This year we will be using the money to install a new confessional in St. Mary's Church and to replace and reconfigure the locks in St. Mary's Church, Stutz Hall, and the rectory. These projects are in addition to our iGiveCatholic project and January lottery project, which were recarpeting Stutz Hall and making the bathrooms of Stutz Hall handicap accessible. Money raised beyond these projects will go toward the general operating expenses of our parish. The benefit of giving to the Catholic Services Appeal is that the money we raise does not count toward our regular Sunday collection, and thus it does not cause our future assessment to increase. May God bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,  
Fr. James

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

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. John Smrek

By Smrek Family

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. Charlotte Mealy

By Rene Grumbaugh

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

**Monday, February 13, 2023**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

No Mass

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

No Mass

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

M:7:00 p.m. Stephen Nesbeller

By Lissie Letot & Don & Penny  
Gawelski

**Friday, February 17, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. Virginia Malobicky

By John & Bobbi Donnack

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

*SCI- Father's Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the George &

Mary Gregory Family

By George Gregory

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. Caroline (Carol) Bloomstine

By the Power Family

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**February 12, 2023**

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**

**Lector:** February 11, 2023 and February 12, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Lissie

C: 8:30 a.m. Bob

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**February 11, 2023 and February 12, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. Deacon Mike

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

C:11:00 a.m. Deacon Mike

**Collection Counters**

**February 12, 2023**

Jana, Joel, Tamra

# Weekly Collections

February 5, 2023

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## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Bystanders can help.

Bystanders can play a big role in stopping bullying. When people do nothing, it sends a message that it's no big deal to bully. If people say something, it sends a social message that bullying is not OK. If you see someone being bullied, you can help by doing these things: *Speak up to help*: If it feels safe and natural to speak up, say, "come on, let's get out of here" to the person being bullied. It is okay to let the bully know people are watching and will get involved. *Report it*: Let a trusted adult know what you witnessed. This isn't tattling, it is standing up for what's right. *Offer support*: Check in with the person who was being bullied. Ask how they are doing. Remind them that the bullying is not their fault. For additional resources visit [www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/)

## 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).

**Prayer Chain**– If you wish to join or add someone to the Prayer Chain, please contact Sheila Martz at 229-3083, or Jane Wallace at 927-8566.

**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 Services Appeal 2023

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese next weekend on **February 19**. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serve parishes and the wider community in northwestern Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of the Gospel and needs your help to continue this important work.

The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need. Your participation ensures the success of the CSA and is important to the health of our parish. Our project this year will be converting the cry room into a reconciliation room for Confession. Every CSA donation brings us closer to completing our own Parish projects.

Check your mailbox for your pledge card. You may drop it, or an envelope marked CSA, into the Collection basket or return it in the Parish office.

Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal. No contribution is too big or too small.

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

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

February – no meeting

March – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 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***

**Kahle's Kitchens, Inc.**  
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*Please support our sponsors!!!*

## LOTTERY WINNERS 1//28– 1/31/23

### PARISHIONERS

Tim Vuksan (2)	Vowinckel
Pete Wolbert	Leeper
Kaden McFarland	Marienville
John Cesario	Marienville
Barb Karg	Leeper
Fr. James Power	Leeper
Jane Wallace	Marienville
Margaret Leech	Leeper
Carol Culp	Crown
Joe & Mary B Hepinger	Marienville

### NON PARISHIONERS

Michael & Stephanie Green	Henderson, TN
Martina Coleman	Mayport
Melissa Ordak	Bessemer
Linda Beane	Marienville
Sean Marguis	New Kensington
Marlene Lamison	Marienville

17 Winners

-- \$930.00 paid out

### LOTTERY FUNDRAISER SUMMARY

TOTAL WINNERS 175  
TOTAL PAID OUT \$7,770.00  
TOTAL TICKETS SOLD 848

TOTAL PROFIT AFTER POSTAGE \$9,075.00

## ***FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER***

The Faith Formation students will be participating in a Play-a-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Sunday, February 12th. Please consider sponsoring one of the students for this worthwhile event. The students will also be **collecting money at all Masses on the weekend of February 11-12**. Thank you for your support!

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilus, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit—prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.



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



## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day;  
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday  
Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day  
Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the  
Servite Order  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



February	14	Reid Hergenroeder
February	16	Megan Songer
February	18	Kristy Hartle Barbara Karg Clare Shipe
February	19	Jordan Cyphert Joseph Ion Mason Shaftic



February	14	James & Mary Louise Brown Charles & Patty Bush
February	19	Jon & Julie Miller

February 14 James & Charmaine Calfo-Hoffman  
Congratulations on your **25th** Wedding Anniversary!  
May God continue to bless your love and  
commitment to one another.



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

### MARRIAGE MOMENT

What moral code undergirds your marriage? Whether it's commandments, principles, whatever, spend 15 min. talking about your deepest values. What values do you share? Where do you differ?