



FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
let by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1



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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.

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila



From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of March 4 and 5th I will have an Anointing of the Sick service following each of the weekend Masses. I would like to take this opportunity to write a bit about that sacrament.

As with the other sacraments, Anointing of the Sick is a sign of grace, instituted by Christ himself and entrusted to the Church. Anointing is a means by which the Church provides divine life to those who receive them - that is, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick communicates God's grace to his people through the actions of the Church. In the Anointing of the Sick, it is Christ himself who is present and acts.

Jesus makes it clear that healing can be *physical, spiritual*, or both. Likewise, the scriptures indicate that healing is two-sided: it is administered by the church, but received by a person *in faith*. Trust in the Lord is necessary.

The Sacrament of Anointing is given to those who suffer from an illness which, if left untreated, could lead to death. A person should seek the sacrament if they are concerned that their medical condition is a threat to their life. It is also appropriate to give the sacrament to those preparing for surgery. Likewise, the sacrament is given to those persons who are advanced in years, though they may suffer from no other condition than a general frailty of body.

As with the other sacraments, the Sacrament of Anointing is a liturgical rite that in its fullness requests the participation of many members of the faithful in prayer. Family members and friends are invited to participate actively in this rite and so join with each other in praying for the health of one another.

In Christ,
Fr. James

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

Saturday, February 25, 2023

SCI-All Souls Remembrance

All Parishioners

Sunday, February 26, 2023

James Karg

By Mary Ann Groner

Most Reverend Donald W. Troutman

By Rev. James Power

Stations of the Cross

Monday, February 27, 2023

Rudolph & Berth Zak

By George Gregory

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

No Mass

By Rene Grumbaugh

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Elsie Schwabenbauer

By Dave & Gerry Weaver

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Stations of the Cross

Don Stinebiser

By Kof C St, Hubert Council #10341

Friday, March 3, 2023

Tom Kemmer

By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Anointing of the Sick After Masses

SCI- Remembrance

All Parishioners

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Anointing of the Sick After Masses

Bill Schmader

By Bryan & Teri Wagner

Brian Brubaker

By Lynne Brubaker

M:5:00 p.m.

C:8:30 a.m.

C:11:00 a.m.

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M:7:00 p.m.

C:8:30 a.m.

M:5:00 p.m.

C:8:30 a.m.

C:11:00 a.m.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

March 5, 2023

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

March 4 and 5, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Bee

C: 8:30 a.m. Ron

C:11:00 a.m. Henry K.

Lector:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

March 4 and 5, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Jane

C:8:30 a.m. Henry & Julie

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

Collection Counters

March 5, 2023

Carolyn, Tim, Penny, Lissie

Weekly Collections

February 19, 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/

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.

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: Due to new Publisher requirements, any information for the bulletin **MUST** be written and in the church office by noon on Friday, **2 weeks** 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 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 parish assessment for this year is \$23,529.00. Any money we raise above our assessment stays within the parish and will be used for our projects this year; converting the cry room into a reconciliation room for Confession and updating the locks for Stutz Hall, Church, and Rectory. Every CSA donation brings us closer to completing our own Parish projects.

You may drop your pledge card, 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

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 9th – 5:30 p.m.



40 Cans for 40 Days Program

St. Hubert's Council #10341 of the Knights of Columbus, working with Father James, is conducting our 7th annual **40 Cans for 40 Days** program to collect canned food items for the local food bank. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 9th, there will be baskets set up in the back of St. Mary and St. Ann Churches for your donations. Last year we collected just under 2,000 pounds of canned food items to go along with monetary donations. The Knights of Columbus also donates \$100 for every 1,000 pounds of food collected. In addition to canned goods, other items which are needed include boxed dinners, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, dry pasta, boxes of jello and pudding, box stuffing, and dry pancake mix. Please make sure that all items have expiration dates no earlier than 2023. Contact Randy Andring at 927-8114 with any questions or if you need assistance with getting your canned goods to the Church.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, March 13, 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!!!

CRS RICE BOWL

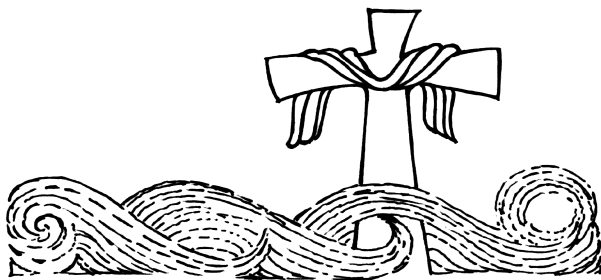
During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – is a way to invite parishioners and school families to practice these pillars while reflecting on the needs of our sisters and brothers and how we can respond in love to support them.

Sixty percent of all Rice Bowl contributions support CRS’ humanitarian and development programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to our sisters and brothers around the world. The remaining forty percent stays in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty prevention programs. The 2022 contributions of your parishes and schools assisted over 25 organizations including food pantries and soup kitchens. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family. Together, we can respond to Christ’s call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



See the Story of Jesus Through the Eyes of Those Who Followed Him

Join Catholic Rural Ministry Sisters in viewing “The Chosen” Season 1, this Lent on Thursday mornings (Feb. 23 to March 30), 9:30 am – 11:30 am at St. Elizabeth Center Social Hall (ground floor), 311 Emerald St., Oil City PA. All are Welcome!

-Sister Marian and Sister Tina

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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Marienville/North Clarion Food Pantry:

Items needed For March and April 2023 are: cake mix, boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, jello, pudding, egg noodles, dry pasta, canned tomatoes, baked beans, canned corn, cookie mix, 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

The Marienville Food Pantry Needs You!

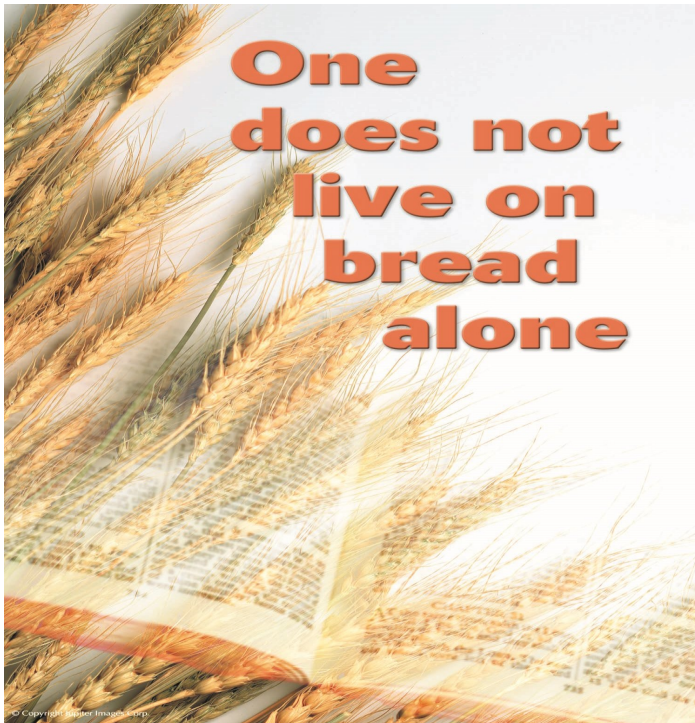
We are looking to increase our volunteer roster. If you can assist in this vital ministry, contact Rev. Heidi Helsel at (724) 420-4420 or hrevmom@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Gregory of Narek;
Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

SUPER BINGO

Super games party on Sunday March 26, 2023 at Farmington Twp. Vol. Fire Co in Leeper. Bingo starts at 1:00, doors open at noon. Tickets are \$25 pre-sale or \$30 at the door. Children are \$12.50 pre-sale and \$15 day of. You can contact Jana at 814-744-8416; Rick or Marcia at 814-744-9316 to get pre-sale tickets or stop at Marienville Pharmacy on Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm. There will be food and drinks for purchase that day, please come out and support your local fire company.



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



February	27	Curtis Ochs Joe Sullivan
March	2	John Cesario Carol Cochran Patricia Delaney Matthew Kaye Deb Pinchot
March	3	Malinda Cesario Tim Lencer Chuck Schettler Sarah Schettler
March	4	Julia Lencer
March	5	Kenzie Kopchick Easton McLaughlin Bob Snyder



There are no anniversaries at this time.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Marriage is a mutual improvement society. This can seem self-serving as you try to give feedback to your beloved about how she/he can be a better person. How do *you* receive critical feedback? Listen with openness more than defensiveness.