



FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**“Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”**

Matthew 5:16



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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.

GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

—Raymond Lull



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From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

In just two and a half weeks we will be in the holy season of Lent. Now is the time to start thinking about the ways in which we want to enter into the penitential spirit of Lent. On Ash Wednesday every year we hear a reading from the sixth chapter Gospel of St. Matthew in which our Lord instructs us on how to give alms, pray, and fast. This passage is thus for a roadmap in our Lenten disciplines: we are encouraged to renew our efforts in these three spiritual works. In all three of these practices (almsgiving, prayer, and fasting) we are encouraged to think outside the box and do something worthwhile.

Concerning almsgiving: it is important that we give our support to those in need. While giving money to a charity or the parish is a typical way to give alms it is even more important to give our time and our talent. Perhaps we can think of various acts of kindness that we can do throughout this season.

Concerning prayer: Lent is a special time to deepen our relationship with the living God. We are encouraged to find something extra to do each day, whether reading the Bible, spending time in silent prayer, praying the rosary, or attending daily Mass. A traditional Catholic Lenten prayer is Stations of the Cross which is offered at our parish on Thursdays and Sundays but can be prayed privately by anyone at any time in any place.

Concerning fasting: this season is an invitation to live a simpler life. While the spiritual benefits of fasting from food cannot be understated there are plenty of other ways in which we can fast. Perhaps we can fast from technology, negative thinking, or any unnecessary noisiness in our daily routine (such as radio or TV).

The season of Lent is a sacred time to encounter God in a new way. We've got two and half weeks to prepare, and I pray that the Lenten season will be full of blessings for you.

In Christ,
Fr. James

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

Saturday, February 4, 2023

SCI-Mother's Day Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. In Honor of the Gerald (Skip) Cussins Family
By The Stan Rathfon Memorial KofC #10341

Sunday, February 5, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners

C:11:00 a.m. In Honor of the Dave Thimons family
By The Stan Rathfon Memorial KofC #10341

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners

Monday, February 6, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. George Karg, Sr.

By John & Bobbi Donnack

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. John & Anna Sepan

By Ed, Kay, & Steve Sepan

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Jean I. Grumbaugh

By Rene Grumbaugh

Thursday, February 9, 2023

M:7:00 p.m. No Mass

Friday, February 10, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. No Mass

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

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

January 29, 2023

\$1,824.25

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.

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.erieecd.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.

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 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.

Bishop Lawrence Persico assures us that funds donated to the CSA are placed in a designated account and used solely to support the programs and ministries of the diocese and cannot be used for any other purpose.

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. Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal.

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

**Snyder Memorial Health Care
Marienville, PA
814-927-6670**

Please support our sponsors!!!

LOTTERY WINNERS 1/22– 1/28/23

PARISHIONERS

Sheila Rathfon	Clarion
Donald Sudsina	N Versailles
Daniel Cussins	Marienville
John Donnack	Marienville
Rev. James Power	Leeper
David Dunn	Cooksburg
Clare Shipe	Marienville
Andrea Cussins	Marienville
Deb Cyphert (2)	Leeper
Brittany Parrett	Leeper
Carmen Gett (2)	Creepside
Pete Wolbert	Leeper
Tim Vuksan	Vowinckel
Francis Bormet	Sigel
Bob Mueller	Leeper
Ryan Delaney	Aspinwall
Jane Carroll	Leeper
Lois Scott	Marienville
Paul Schwabenbauer	Leeper
Suzanne Carbaugh	Marienville
Steve Bogel	Crown

NON PARISHIONERS

Mary Meredith	Marienville
Judy Zentis	Erie
Shirley Petrochic	Euclid, OH
Helen Niederriter	Lucinda
Angel & Bill Forrest	Punxsutawney
Jake Eisenman	Venus
Renee & Vince Skiba	Grove City
Ella Woelkers	Johnstown
Joe & Deanna Karg	Mars
Brett Johnson	Gibsonia
Mary Eisenman	Tionesta
Martha Kaltenbach	Fryburg
Loretta Sudsina	N Versailles
Joe Steinsdoefer	Pittsburgh
Ted Kurtzhals	Jamestown, NY

39 Winners \$1,750.00 Paid Out

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 Faith Formation 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

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.



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.

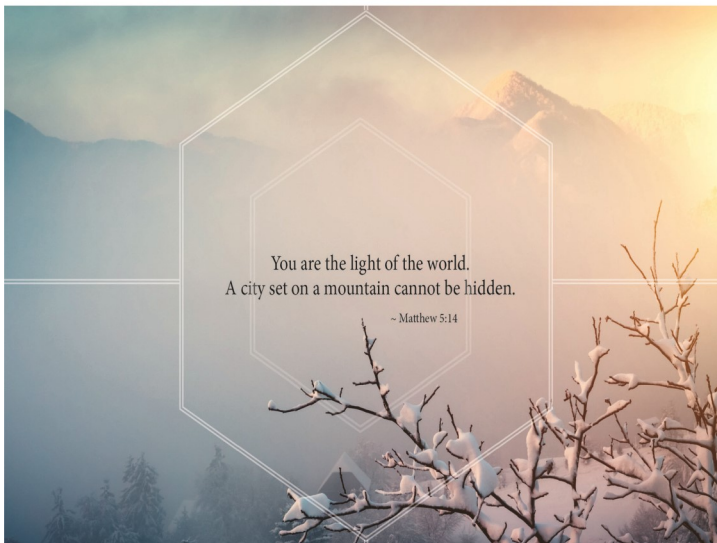
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees)
 begins at sunset
 Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
 International Day of Prayer and Awareness
 against Human Trafficking
 Friday: St. Scholastica
 Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary;
 World Day of the Sick

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus,
 I believe that having passed through the gate of life
 in baptism,
 I will always have your protection and comfort.
 Yet today the pains of my illness threaten
 to overcome me
 and cause me to forget all the good things
 you have given me in this life.
 I pray in confidence that you would
 send forth your Spirit
 to refresh and revive me as you have always done
 in the past.
 May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life
 so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table
 in eternity.
 Amen. Alleluia.

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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



February	8	Kathleen Gardner Nancy Ochs Tessa Rodgers Jill Smail
February	9	Joseph LeClaire
February	10	Gary Deemer Lori Hinderliter Mark Lencer
February	12	Brad Schmader



February	8	Mike & Veronica Dechant
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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? You can spare 15 minutes of your life, can't you?