



SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5



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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.

SORE SHINS

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.
—Irish proverb



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From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

We are already two weeks into Lent and we have only four weeks until Holy Week. I hope your practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are going well. This is a blessed time to spend with Jesus in the desert, away from the normal comforts of the world.

With Lent fully underway, the regional Penance Services are now starting up. Penance Services provide us an opportunity to get to the sacrament of confession, without feeling rushed, as we might feel while standing in line on Saturday. This week we have two Penance Services nearby: St. Charles in New Bethlehem at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 5, and St. Michael's in Fryburg at 7:00pm on Monday, March 6. You can check this bulletin for more information on the upcoming penance services. Alternatively, I will be offering more opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession during Holy Week.

The Sacrament of Confession is a beautiful encounter with the mercy of God, an opportunity to reclaim our Baptismal dignity, and a pre-requisite for receiving Holy Communion. Be sure to make it to confession often.

In Christ,
Fr. James

Saturday, March 4, 2023

SCI-Mother's Day Remembrance
Anointing of the Sick After Masses
All Parishioners

M:5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Anointing of the Sick After Masses
Bill Schmader
By Bryan & Teri Wagner
Brian Brubaker
By Lynne Brubaker
Stations of the Cross

C:8:30 a.m.

C:11:00 a.m.

C 6:00 p.m.

C:8:30 a.m.

Monday, March 6, 2023

Jerry Thorton
By Rene Grumbaugh

C:8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Wayne Swanson
By John & Bobbi Donnick

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. *Mother's Day Remembrance*

Thursday, March 9, 2023

M 6:15 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
M:7:00 p.m. Marie Baxter
By George & Anne Gregory

Friday, March 10, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Miriam Wehler
By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, March 11, 2023

SCI-Father's Day Remembrance
M:5:00 p.m. Luanne Larson
By Skip & Milly Cussins

Sunday, March 12, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. James Karg
By the Henry Lencer Family
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
C: 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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

Weekly Collections

February 26, 2023

\$2,134.80

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.eriecd.org/childprotection/

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

St. Charles in New Bethlehem Sunday, March 5 at 3pm

St. Michael's in Fryburg Monday, March 6, at 7pm

St. Titus in Titusville Sunday, March 12, at 3pm

Immaculate Conception in Clarion Sunday, March 19, at 3pm

St. Patrick's in Franklin Sunday, March 26, at 3pm

St. Mary's in Crown Monday, March 27 at 7pm

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

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CRS RICE BOWL

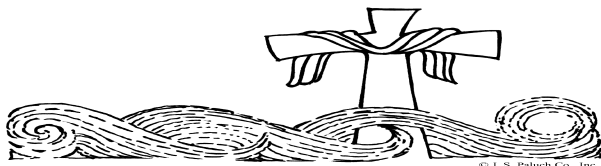
During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – is a way to invite parishioners and school families 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

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called “elect” during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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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: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday: St. John of God
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. It has been said that those who sing, pray twice! See you there!

Thanks,
Sheila

SOUP AND STATIONS

The Faith Formation program will be hosting Soup and Stations on March 12th. Please join us for a soup dinner featuring a variety of different soups, bread, and desserts. We will begin with the soup dinner at 4:30 p.m. and conclude with Stations of the Cross at the church. **Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship. Hope to see you there!**

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 (JPowder@ErieRCD.org).

SPRING CRAFT, VENDOR, AND GARDEN SHOW

Our 6th annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, April 29th at St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA. Lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Used Book and Puzzle Sale, Spring Raffle, and 50/50. Sign-up sheets for workers and donations are in the back of the church. New items for the Chinese Auction, and used books and puzzles can be dropped off in the back of the churches. Thank you for your support of our Faith Formation Program. Hope to see you there!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



March	6	Christine Schwabenbauer Robert (Eric) Shaffer
March	7	John Donahue Annette Wolbert
March	10	Ryan Delaney Bentley Hartle Adam McLaughlin Alyssa Oliver Tamra Schettler
March	11	Kevin Heasley Ronald Songer



There are no anniversaries at this time.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

March 1 was "World Compliment Day." If you missed it, fine, your spouse may not connect the next compliment you give as a result of this prompt. Look for an authentic quality to compliment your spouse on this week.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**March 12, 2023**

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES**Lector:****March 11 and 12, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. Kitty

C: 8:30 a.m. Keith

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

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion:****March 11 and 12, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. Deacon Mike

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

C:11:00 a.m. Deacon Mike

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