

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion

April 2, 2023



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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.

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From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I shared with you the announcement that Bishop Persico has proposed that the time has finally come for our parish to be partnered with St. Joseph's Parish in Lucinda and St. Michael's Parish in Fryburg. With this proposed set-up, we would remain as three distinct parishes, but would share an office and a pastor.

At the time, this is just a "proposal." Our responsibility is to think about it, talk about it, pray about it, and give feedback to the bishop about it. In the back of the church you will find feedback forms to use as a prompt. Alternatively you can fill out the form online by going to ErieRDC.org/planning.html.

We are not the only ones who have to face possible changes: every organization in our area is having to cut-back and consolidate. We remember that our schools no longer have enough kids to field their own sports teams, that our local bank has determined they can no longer maintain a branch in our area, and we now have to drive further to get access to services and goods which were once readily available here.

Personally, this feels like I am grieving the potential loss of a family member. But as much as we may wish to hold back the sands of time and put a stop to all change, we know that such a labor is utterly futile and can only lead to despair. I am reminded of the second verse from that beloved hymn Abide With Me:

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

We live in a world of "change and decay" in which all "glories" will indeed "pass away," no matter how strongly we try to hold on to them. Saint Augustine, who once sought fulfillment in the passing things of this world, eventually concluded that it was a fruitless task. He then gave that beautiful prayer: "our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

I conclude my column simply by providing the penultimate verse of Abide With Me as a mediation:

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

In Christ,
Fr. James

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



Saturday, April 1, 2023

SCI-Father's Day Remembrance

All Parishioners

M:5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

George Karg, Sr.

By the Bogel Family

C:8:30 a.m.

C:11:00 a.m.

Intentions for the Mike Schmader Family
By Stan Rathfon Memorial K of C 10341

C:6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Monday, April 3, 2023

Most Rev. Michael J. Murphy

By James Power

C:8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Chuck Zacherl

By Rene Grumbaugh

C:8:30 a.m.

M 3:00 p.m.

Snyder Memorial
Mother's Day Remembrance

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Roger Martz

By John & Bobbi Donnick

C:8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Holy Thursday

All Parishioners

C:7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7, 2023

The Passion of the Lord, Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

M:3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

C:12:00 p.m.

C:8:30 p.m.

All Parishioners

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

Mother's Day Remembrance

C:8:30 p.m.

M:11:00 a.m.

Father's Day Remembrance

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week;

Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset

Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);

Fast and Abstinence; First Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday;

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Weekly Collections

March 26, 2023 \$
(Collection amount not available at time of printing)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday

1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians

Gospel: John 13:1-15

April 7, 2023 Good Friday

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16;
5:7-9

Passion of the Lord: John 18:1-
19:42

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles
10-34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector:

April 6, 2023

C: 7:00 p.m. Bob

April 7, 2023

M: 3:00 p.m. Deacon Mike & Jim

April 8 and 9, 2023

C: 8:30 p.m. Rod

C: 8:30 a.m. Andy

M: 11:00 a.m. John

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion:**

April 6, 2023

C: 7:00 p.m. Deacon Mike & Joel

April 7, 2023

M: 3:00 p.m. Deacon Mike

April 8 and 9, 2023

C: 8:30 p.m. Deacon Mike & Henry

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

M: 11:00 a.m. Kerry

Collection Counters

April 9, 2023

Marcia, Rick, Shawn, Tami

Extra Confessions at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 2 3:00pm-4:00pm

Monday, April 3 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, April 4 4:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, April 6 4:00pm-5:00pm

Friday, April 7 6:00pm-7:00pm

Catholic Services Appeal 2023

Every dollar over our assessment remains in our Parish. Our Parish assessment is \$23,529.00 for 2023. We have received pledges totaling \$32,430.00. Total paid to date is \$21,425.00, leaving a balance of \$11,005.00. Please prayerfully consider making and fulfilling your pledge as soon as possible.

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

St. Ann's Women's Club Meeting

April – no meeting

May – Meeting May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

May 27th – Bake Sale before and after 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann Church



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, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

This Week's Sponsor

**Leeper Market
Leeper, PA
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CRS RICE BOWL

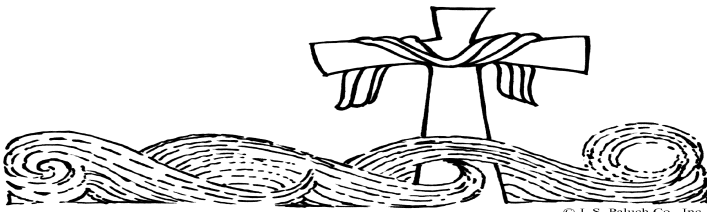
During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – is a way to invite parishioners and school families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



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.

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.

ROSARY

You are invited to pray the Rosary before 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann’s Church. All are welcome to attend.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn’t shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven’s perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical “sixth day of the week,” the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the “seventh day of the week,” the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the “first day of the week,” the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a “first day” to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a “first day” as well, the day of Pentecost.

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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.

6th Annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our craft shows have been a huge success, but we can't do it without your help. All proceeds benefit the Faith Formation program. Please consider helping in the following areas. Thank you!

Chinese Auction

Items are needed for the Chinese Auction. New items can be dropped off in the boxes at the rear of the church or in the church office. Please mark your name on the item so we can acknowledge it on the prize. Please have all gifts in by Wednesday, April 26. Workers are also needed the day of the show. See sign-up list.

Bake Sale

Homemade baked goods can be dropped off Friday, April 28 during office hours; Friday 4 – 8 p.m., or Saturday morning. Workers needed the day of the show. See sign up list.

Used Book and

Puzzle Sale

Please drop off books and puzzle in the boxes in the rear of the church. Workers also needed the day of the show.

KITCHEN

Many items are needed to prepare the food to sell at the show. Please check the sign-up list and donate what you are able.

Advertising

Posters need to be taken to various areas. The more people who know about us, the better the show will do. Please take a few posters to hang in businesses where you work. If you are able to deliver posters to other areas, please let Sheila know. Posters are available in the rear of the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin Monday, March 6 through April 3 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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SAINTLY SOJOURN OCTOBER 10-12, 2023

Trip includes:

- Meals - 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts
- Admission to the Corning Museum of Glass
- Wine tasting at Oh-Neh-Da Winery
- Hotel accommodations for two nights
- Motor coach transportation
- Faith - an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!

Cost: \$550 per person based on double occupancy. Single rooms available for \$680.

Please make reservations early. Final payment due by August 10, 2023. No re-funds or cancellations within 60 days of trip unless with replacement.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814)221-0241 or kkroh@live.com

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



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April	3	Brady Karg
April	6	Matthew Schwabenbauer
April	9	Kate Pasternak



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March	27	Terry & Carrie Gadley
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

From the ecstasy of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion on Good Friday; it all seems so surreal. Is your life ever like this roller coaster? How do you calm each other in the midst of joy and tragedy?



St. Joseph's



FISH & SHRIMP TAKE-OUT DINNERS Route 66--Lucinda, PA

Every Friday in Lent (Except Good Friday)
February 24th – March 31st
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Wish to Eat Your Take-Out at the Hall.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADULTS: \$12.00

CHILD: \$6.00

JUMBO SHRIMP DINNERS: \$13.00

DINNERS INCLUDE: Choice of Fish (Baked or Fried),
Fish Hoagie, Shrimp, or JUMBO Shrimp,
Choice of Sides (Fries, Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese)
and Coleslaw

LUNCHES

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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