

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will
become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

March 12, 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.

From the Desk of Father James

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is moving along and we have only three more weeks until Holy Week. This week, however, we have the opportunity to take a slight break from our Lenten disciplines. This Friday, March, 17, is St. Patrick's Day.

While St. Patrick's Day, unfortunately, is treated in most of America as a sort of bacchanalia, we must remember that it is actually a Catholic feast which celebrates the life of the bishop, St. Patrick, who brought the Catholic Faith to Ireland in the 400s AD. Traditionally in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day would be celebrated in a manner similar to Christmas or Easter. All businesses would be closed (including the pubs), the people would go to Mass in the morning, and then celebrate the holiday with their families.

While the Irish suffered under the yoke of the English Crown for 800 years, they prided themselves on having their own "empire" founded by St. Patrick. Their empire, which was far greater than the British Empire, was a "spiritual empire" built by the thousands upon thousands of Irish priests and nuns who became missionaries and brought the Catholic Faith to all parts of the world for the past 1,500 years. Even still today it is very common to find Irish-born priests and nuns ministering in all parts of Africa, Asia, South America, and North America. Our diocese, in northwestern Pennsylvania, was spiritually nourished in its early years by those same Irish priests and nuns. Thus, when our diocese was created in 1853, St. Patrick was chosen as our diocesan patron saint. As is customary for feast days, our bishop has dispensed us from abstinence from meat on St. Patrick's day.

Ireland, which had long been a materially poor country, experienced great economic success in the 1990s. Unfortunately, with an increase in wealth came a decrease in faith. This year, as you commemorate St. Patrick's Day, be sure to say a prayer for the people of Ireland, that their faith may be strengthened.

In Christ,
Fr. James

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



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

Monday, March 13, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Bill, Mille & Billie Schmader
By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Nick Amore
By Barb Karg & Family

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Don Stinebiser
By John & Bobbi Donnack

Thursday, March 16, 2023

M 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
M:7:00 p.m. James Pace, Jr.
By the Pace Family

Friday, March 17, 2023

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

Saturday, March 18, 2023

SCI- All Souls Remembrance

M:5:00 p.m. Intentions for the John Oliver Family
By Stan Rathfon Memorial
K of C #10311

Sunday, March 19, 2023

C:8:30 a.m. Intentions for the Bob Carroll Family
Stan Rathfon Memorial
K of C #10311
C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners
C: 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Weekly Collections

March 5, 2023

\$2,731.00

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

March 19, 2023

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b,
6-7,10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector:

March 18 and 19, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Kerry

C: 8:30 a.m. Emma

C:11:00 a.m. Jan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

March 18 and 19, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Lissie

C:8:30 a.m. Chuck & Carol

C:11:00 a.m. Dave

Collection Counters

March 19, 2023

Jana, Jill, Julie

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

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

St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

March – Thursday, April 13th – 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

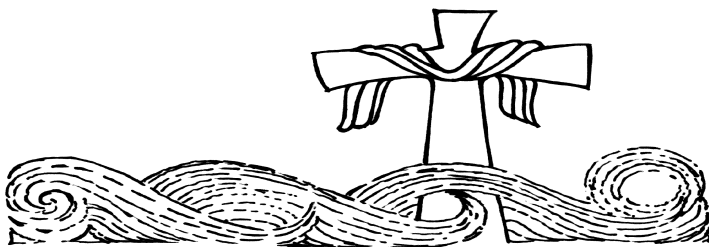
During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – is a way to invite parishioners and school families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

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to “show off” that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1–6; 16–21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid.

The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved. .



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.

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!**

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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| March | 13 | Terry Gadley |
| March | 14 | Paul McConville |
| March | 16 | Thomas Phillips Pam Schmader |
| March | 17 | Parker Hinderlite Agnes Kubisiak Irene Lencer Josh McLaughlin Nancy Zacherl |
| March | 18 | Angela Fye Avari Schwabenbauer |
| March | 19 | Michael Gregory |



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| March | 17 | Clif & Mary Rizer Eric & Joyce Shaffer |
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MARRIAGE MOMENT

John 9:1-4 focuses on blindness. (Watch for it.) You may already turn a "blind eye" to some of your beloved's faults and annoying habits. Good. That's progress. Are there any bad habits of your own that need some corrective attention?



St. Joseph's



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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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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

LUNCHESES

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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