



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25



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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](http://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,

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is the one Lenten Sunday with the liturgical color of rose rather than violet. It is called “Lætare Sunday” (pronounced lay-TAR-ay). The name for this Sunday comes from the entrance antiphon of the mass, which begins “Lætáre, Jerúsalem: et convéntum fácite, omnes qui dilígitis eam” (Rejoice, Jerusalem, and come together, all you who love her). As we recognize that Easter is coming ever nearer, we rejoice on this Sunday that our Lenten sacrifices are almost at an end. This Sunday is meant to lift us up and strengthen us in our resolve to continue our penitential practices throughout these last three weeks of Lent.

You will be pleased to know that the work on Stutz Hall almost been completed. The bathrooms have been modified to accommodate those who use wheelchairs and the walls have been painted. Now we just need the new carpet to be installed. It is scheduled to go in this week. You may have noticed in the bulletin that we are having a Spring Cleaning Day in Stutz Hall on Saturday April 1 at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to help make our hall look like new.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to make it to confession. There is a penance service today (Sunday, March 19) at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion at 3:00pm. There is another one at St. Patrick’s Church in Franklin next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Ours is at St. Mary’s Church on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. Alternatively, I will be hearing confessions for extra hours during Holy Week.

In Christ,  
Fr. James

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



### **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  
By Stan Rathfon Memorial  
K of C #10311

C:11:00 a.m. All Parishioners  
C 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### **Monday, March 20, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. Marilyn Carroll  
By John & Bobbi Donnick

### **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. R. Bruce Martz  
By Rene Grumbaugh

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. Father’s Day Remembrance

### **Thursday, March 23, 2023**

M 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
M:7:00 p.m. Jay Wolbert  
By Jack & Jill Smail

### **Friday, March 24, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. Catharine Merryman  
By George Gregory

### **Saturday, March 25, 2023**

*SCI- Mother’s Day Remembrance*

M:5:00 p.m. John Rosenbaum  
By The Power Family

### **Sunday, March 26, 2023**

C:8:30 a.m. All Parishioners  
C:11:00 a.m. David Sagert  
By the Power Family  
C: 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins  
Thursday: St. Toribius of Mogrovejo  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

# Weekly Collections

March 12, 2023

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**March 26, 2023**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

**Lector: March 25 and 26, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. Jim

C: 8:30 a.m. Andy

C:11:00 a.m. Henry

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

**March 25 and 26, 2023**

M:5:00 p.m. Clare

C:8:30 a.m. Dan & Linda

C:11:00 a.m. Taty

**Collection Counters**

**March 26, 2023**

Andrea, Emma, Kelly, Mary

## **REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES**

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**

Every dollar over our assessment remains in our Parish. Our Parish assessment is \$23,529.00.00 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.

This year's projects include 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.

## ***SPRING CLEANING FOR STUTZ HALL - APRIL 1***

All are invited to help make Stutz hall shine! We will be having a spring-cleaning day on Saturday, April 1, at 9:00 a.m. Please bring buckets and rags. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **St. Ann's Women's Club Meeting**

No meeting in April. Next meeting is May 11 @ 6 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, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

## ***This Week's Sponsor***

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

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## CRS RICE BOWL

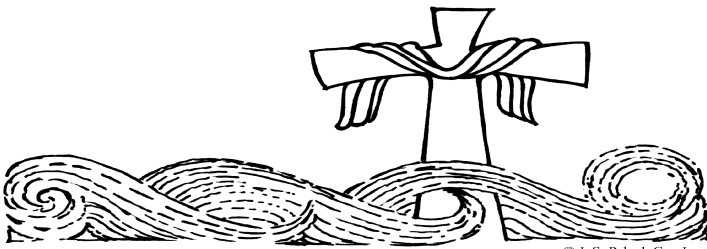
During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program – is a way to invite parishioners and school families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

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of giving up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today’s world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM,



### **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 Hesel at (724) 420-4420 or [hrevmom@gmail.com](mailto:hrevmom@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayers and support.



## 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

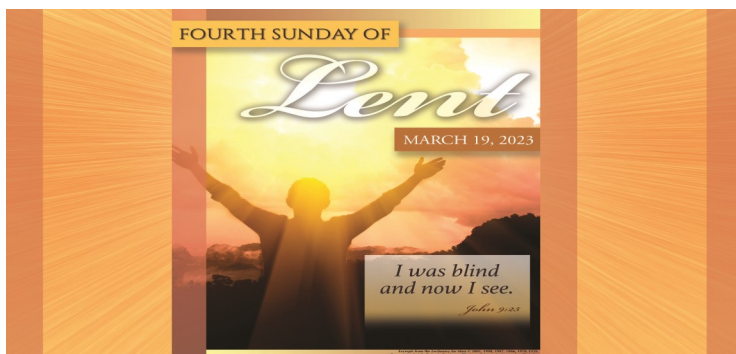
## SUPER BINGO

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 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



## 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	20	Allen Guth
March	21	Justin Kahle Emily Kline Barbara Pfendler
March	23	Dick Carroll
March	24	Edith Carroll Weston Patton
March	25	Christopher Delaney Lisa Dunn Marsha Oliver Carter Phillips
March	26	Melissa Gett Henry Lencer, Jr. Marian Maloney



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March	20	Joseph & Maria LeClaire
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## MARRIAGE MOMENT

March 20 is the official beginning of Spring. In the northern hemisphere new growth starts to sprout around us. Learn something new about your spouse today - no matter how long you've been married.



# St. Joseph's



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

Every Friday in Lent (Except Good Friday)  
February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Take-Out Only – Orders Taken at the Hall

Limited Seating Will Be Available at the Hall if You  
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

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### LUNCHES

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fish Sandwich: \$8.00

Fish Hoagie: \$10.00

LUNCHES INCLUDE: Coleslaw and Fries

### TAKE-OUT ONLY

For Lunch Orders – Please Call: 226-8310

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