

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 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,

Once again I would like to wish you a Happy Easter. Easter, as we know, is not just a one-day celebration. Easter, as the greatest feast of the year, is celebrated with the highest solemnity for a period of 8 days - a length of time known as an "octave." And after the octave is concluded, the Easter Season continues for a total of 50 days. While our Lenten fasts and penances lasted 40 days, the season in which we celebrate Christ's victory lasts 50 days. This reminds us that we are not called to dwell in the tomb, but rather to live in the light. I pray that this Easter Season will be for you a season of joy, peace, and feasting. While we are still coping with the possibility of our parish partnering with Lucinda and Fryburg, I pray that we can take a few weeks to put it aside so that we can enjoy celebrating the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. .

Today, Sunday, April 16, is the "octave day" of Easter (the 8th day of Easter, inclusive). It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The word "mercy" is frequently used to translate the Hebrew word "chesed," which is one of the most common characteristics of God in the Old Testament. I am not a student of Hebrew, but I'm told that the word "chesed" has different connotations in Hebrew than "mercy" does in English. To our English ears, "mercy" sounds to like something which an authoritative judge may give to or withhold from a criminal who fears his punishment. To Hebrew ears, however, "chesed" invokes images of motherly tenderness, and implies God's unwavering love for us: love which remains constant no matter how far we may stray from him. Some translations of the Bible prefer to use the phrase "steadfast love" to translate "chesed", rather than "mercy." May God's steadfast love be our confidence and our hope, whatever troubles we may face.

In Christ,
Fr. James

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

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, April 15, 2023

SCI-All Souls Day Remembrance

M: 5:00 p.m.

Pat Gatton

By John & Bobbi Donnick

Sunday, April 16, 2023

In Thanksgiving

C:8:30 p.m.

By Jane Carroll

C:11:00

All Parishioners

Monday, April 17, 2023

Bill, Millie, & Billie Schmader

C:8:30 a.m.

By Chuck & Karla Beichner

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Michelle Rankin

C:8:30 a.m.

By John & Bobbi Donnick

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Alfred (Fritz) Motzer

C:8:30 a.m.

By Eric & Joyce Shaffer

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Elsie Schwabenbauer

M:7:00 p.m.

By Skip & Milly Cussins

Friday, April 21, 2023

Skip Cook

C: 8:30 a.m.

By Rene Grumbaugh

Saturday, April 22, 2023

SCI-Mother's Day Remembrance

Rosemarie Russell

M: 5:00 p.m.

By The Family

Sunday, April 23, 2023

George A. Karg, Sr.

C:8:30 p.m.

By George Gregory

C:11:00

All Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);

Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Tuesday: Income Tax Day

Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury

Saturday: Earth Day

Weekly Collections

April 9, 2023 Amount not available at printing

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

April 23, 2023

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULES

Lector:

April 22 and 23, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Kitty

C: 8:30 a.m. Andy

C:11:00 a.m. Bill

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

April 22 and 23, 2023

M:5:00 p.m. Clare

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

C:11:00 a.m. Pam

Collection Counters

April 23, 2023

Jana, Joel, Tamra

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.

The 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.

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St. Ann's Women's Club Meetings

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

Cemetery Committee meeting will be held on April 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm at the hall.



Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Stutz Hall.

This Week's Sponsor

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Please pray for the following Faith Formation Students who will be receiving Sacraments this year.

First Reconciliation - April 23, 2023

Charlie Carroll

Nathan Karg

Carter McLaughlin

Rylyn Parrett

First Communion - May 7, 2023

Jonathan Boylan

Silas Carroll

Eddie Donahue

Confirmation - May 28, 2023

Rebecca Bauer

Ainsley Hartle

McKinzie Lencer

Drew Martz

Gabe Martz

Thomas Phillips

Mason Shaftic

Addison Siegel

Kelton Stitt

Catechumen

Drake Irwin will be received into the church Easter 2024

ALL SIR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CLARION ASSEMBLY #982, as well as their Ladies and guests, are cordially invited to attend our activities for **2023**:

Monday, April 17: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

Monday, May 15: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

Monday, June 19: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- **4th Degree Picnic**- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00

July-No meeting.

August- 4th Degree Steak Fry- (Date to be determined).

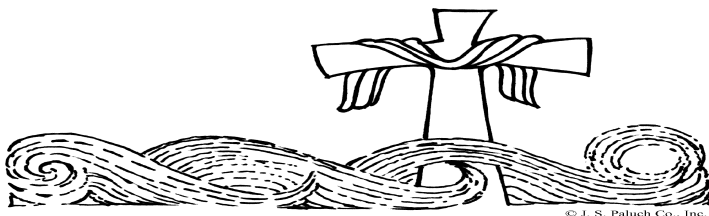
September- No meeting.

Monday, October 16: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

Monday, November 20: Lucinda K of C Ballfield- Happy Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:00.

December-Assembly Christmas Party- (Date to be determined).

For more information, contact: **Kerry Wolbert** at **814-927-8739** or email at **klwolbert@zoominternet.net**.



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

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).



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.

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!

Nominations for Parish Council

We are accepting nominations for new Parish Council members the weekends of April 15 and 16, April 22 and 23, and April 29 and 30 with actual elections taking place the weekend of May 20 and 21. A total of 4 members will be elected: 2 from St. Mary and 2 from St. Ann.

Nominees must be registered, confirmed and active members of our Parish, at least 18 years of age and a Catholic in good standing. They must possess creativity, energy and be willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the council. Please prayerfully consider those that you feel may qualify including yourself.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



April	17	Richard McDonald Emma Niznik
April	19	Misty Hartle Carolyn Vuksan
April	20	Cecile Bauer Bryan Carey Marcia Heasley
April	21	Carol Davis



April	19	Gerald & Mildred Cussins
April	21	Curtis & Suzanne Carbaugh Bruce & Linda Dean
April	23	Rick & Susan Rathfon

FR. JAMES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

MAY 6, 2023

FATHER JAMES 'S BIRTHDAY is April 26th. Due to scheduling conflicts, St. Ann's Women's Club will host a belated Birthday Celebration for him on **May 6th after the 5:00 Mass at St. Ann Church. Dinner and birthday cake will be served. EVERYONE IS INVITED.** Please come and offer Father your birthday wishes. Enjoy a nice evening of fellowship and good food.

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