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Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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Liturgy Schedule January 3rd - January 4th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Theresa Seitz

Euch Min: Mary Caye Stecki

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Sam Smerkar, Todd Beichner, Mike Beichner

Rosary: Mary Caye Stecki

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Chuck Schettler

Euch Min: Carol Schettler

Altar Server: Paul Weiser

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Anne Ochs

Euch Min: Robert & Annette Wielock

Altar Server: Gwen Griebel

Ushers: Rick Best, Ted Schmader, Chip Wolbert, Scott Ochs

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Becky Vickers

Euch Min: Emily Weaver

Altar Server: Lillian Weaver

Ushers: Mark, Nick & Isaac Gilara

Rosary: Walter Jakopac

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Annette & Robert Wielock

St. Michael: Bernie Beichner Jr, Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

St. Mary: Jana Wolbert, Jill Gilbert, Julie Miller

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Ambrose & Cathy Smerkar & Grandparents by Barb

St Joseph: Bob Siegel by Carol Siegel

St Mary: Henry Lencer Sr by Henry & Sue Lencer & Family

The Epiphany of The Lord January 3rd – January 4th

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each
weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

Monday, December 29

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) NO MASS

Tuesday, December 30

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) NO MASS

Wednesday, December 31

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) NO MASS

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Ken Flick by Darlene Flick (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Bill Ditz by Mary Ditz

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) John Whitling by Carol & Regis Lenhart

Friday, January 2

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Norb Bauer by Dana Baker & Family

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) George Karg Sr by The Family

The Epiphany of The Lord



Saturday, January 3

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Cindy Rapp by Randy & Sue Miller

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Parish Family

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Will Wagner by M/M Ron Ackerman

10:30 a.m. (St Michael) Rosary

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Aunt Sally Kinch by Rhonda, Lex & Families

A Word from Father Brandon

Merry Christmas, to all of you! I am, obviously, writing this before Christmas, so as of this writing none of us would have celebrated Christmas Day yet, but I hope and trust that we all will have had great times with family, loved ones, or even just with the Lord - it is His day, afterall! We're now in another whole - yet brief - Liturgical Season of the Church Year: The Christmas Season. We will be in Christmas through The Baptism of the Lord, on Sunday January 11. When the world has moved on to...Valentine's Day...gross...we will still be singing Christmas hymns and praying before our nativity scenes and trees! It's one of those touchpoints in the Liturgical year where we get to feel and truly be revolutionary and countercultural! I think of our friend, John the Baptist, how he lived his life with an indifference to the conventions of the world, and just found this revolutionary freedom in the desert to pursue God and his holiness. The Christmas Season can be our little display of indifference to the seasonal sales shift in stores, and the trees laying on curbs for trash pickup, and the abandonment of Christmas music and hymns from people's ears long before January 11! The Church gives us the gift of a number of days to hold Christmas and really marinate and meditate on and in the great Mystery of the Incarnation! It is my hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to lean into a worldly indifference and straight into the great ocean of awe and wonder that we are invited to drink fully this festive and holy time of year!

This Sunday, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, is The Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is celebrated together, as a complete pairing. Joseph; Our Lord, for sure; and Mary, most obviously, has days throughout the year to honor them and draw our attention to them; but this Sunday asks us to think of them as a whole - a family! On one level, this probably seems quite obvious: I mean, they *are* the Holy Family! They are the household of people who played radically unequal roles, yet cosmically linked roles in the unfolding of human salvation! That household of Nazareth was and will forever be unlike any other home in the history of man, and that is ok! The aim of our families cannot be to see that home in Nazareth as the thing that families ought to be judged upon. I mean, you can, I suppose - and lots of people talk that way - but I don't know what the point of that is! Your family life will never imitate the family and homelife of the God-Man's and Mary and Joseph! I mean, you're just setting yourself up for failure! It's like, back on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - that celebration is not to make us see ourselves as utterly hopeless in light of Mary's sinlessness! If we only see Mary as what we are not- and are not called to ourselves: free of original sin - then all we've done is guaranteed an agitated and frustrated faith...and I don't even really know how you have faith when those types of odds are stacked against you. Rather, Mary's Immaculate Conception was to remind us that Mary's role and vocation in this plan of Salvation was Her's - not Brandon's or Cory's, but Her's! We each have our own influx and inflow of Grace within us for how God desires us to experience Him and participate in His divine life and the work of Salvation. The same goes with The Holy Family. The Holy Family is not holy for their net sins or morality, they are holy for their love of God! Mere moral mimicry will only lead to resentment towards your family members for not living up to the irrational ideal! Rather, The Holy Family reminds us of, and calls our attention to, the evergreen truth that you and I are not in this alone. You and I are part of a family grafted onto Christ and through the great mystery of adoption as sons and daughters of the Father! We are the Church - a family of shared union with and deep love of Christ and The Father! Our human families are also places where we experience these things, but you cannot - I repeat: you cannot - expect your human family to 'live up to' that home in Nazareth. It is not what we are called to and it is not fair to impose that on your loved ones or yourself. Our human families are communities of deep relation where we live life together in privileged and remarkable ways. We are nothing without the love of our families! But, do not hate or resent your family or other families for not living up to some metric! Amid the imperfect nature all of us live and strive to make families within, just keep at the core of your families what was at the core of the Holy Family of Nazareth: not perfection, but rather true and vivid love! Your family is not the totality of how perfect or sinless the members are...your family is the make up of the love that binds you! We are not made for some self imposed idealism, we are made and crave love and relationship! Love those in your family, never give up on them, and never stop growing deeper with them.

Love,

Fr Brandon



CONCILIATION

In the prayer over the offerings today it is stated, "We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and peace. "What a beautiful prayer! Conciliation means the action of bringing harmony and peace; the action of ending strife often through forgiveness. The state of manifesting goodwill and cooperation after being reconciled.

ST. MARY JANUARY 2026 LOTTERY TICKETS This is an important fund raiser for our parish.

We prayerfully ask that you buy or sell the tickets that are provided to you. Additional tickets are available at the back of the church.

Please place your sold tickets, along with payment, in the designated basket provided at the back of the church by December 30, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Milly Cussins @ 814-927-6980

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make the Christmas Holiday Craft Show such a wonderful success! Events like this come together only through the efforts of many hands. A very special thanks to the amazing women who gathered gifts for the Chinese Auction and to the women who worked tirelessly to feed visitor and crafters. Your generosity and countless hours of dedication are deeply appreciated. To everyone who donated food—especially those who prepared soup, cinnamon rolls, and dinner rolls—thank you for sharing your time and your delicious homemade dishes.

The 12 Days of Eating and Shopping Raffle, generously donated by Ron Songer, was a tremendous success. Thank you as well to the women who stayed late contacting the Chinese Auction winners, and to all who worked the booths, assisted vendors with setup and cleanup, and supported the craft show and our Faith Formation program. We are also grateful to everyone who contributed items to the Chinese Auction or made monetary donations to help offset expenses. Our parish is truly blessed with such a supportive community.

And finally, thank you to all who attended the craft show—you supported not only our crafters and vendors, but also our Faith Formation program.

We are thrilled to share that our total profit was **\$10,315.05!**

Mark your calendars—our Spring Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2026!**

12 Days of Eating and Shopping Raffle Winner - Paula Judy
50/50 Winners: Deb Schill and Curtis Ochs

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Matthew Ochs Family and the 50/50 winner is Chuck Baxter. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, January 17th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

Please join us for First Friday Fellowship at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Hall on Friday, January 2. There is no meeting, just refreshments, conversation, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome

Ministry Schedules for January through March 2026 are now available on the Parish Website.



We would like to **Thank You** for your CSA 2025 pledges and would like to remind you that CSA pledges should be paid in full by the end of the year.



December 28, 2025

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for January 2026 and February 2026 are: cake mix; boxed potatoes; canned meat; canned beef stew; muffin or quick bread mix; jello or pudding; canned tomatoes dish soap; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 and Tuesday, February 24, 2026
"Volunteers Needed"

Monday Night Bible Study - THE CHOSEN Season 5

Monday Night Bible Study will be starting Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7 PM in St. Joe's Hall. We will continue watching THE CHOSEN Season 5 and then look at the scriptures related to that episode and faith sharing. The Chosen is a multi season series about the life of Jesus and his followers. No preparation necessary. All are welcome! Bring your Bibles! Contact Patti Bauer at 814-744-8076 to register.

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Click on **"Ways to Give"** and then click on **"Online Giving."**

Click on the parish name you want to donate to or use your parish name and text to the number provided to retrieve the donation form. You can set up an account and reoccurring donations. Please notify the parish office if you elect to give online and no longer need envelopes.

THANK YOU for your generosity to our parishes!

**Parish Office will be closed
from December 24, 2025
through January 4, 2026.**

Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a First Come, First Serve Basis and must have proper grammar and spelling.
Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com



2026 Mass Intentions

Masses are now being scheduled for the first 6 months of 2026 — **January 1 to June 30, 2026.**

Parishioners are limited to **Two Weekend** mass intentions throughout the year. Weekday masses are available to accommodate additional mass intentions. These are on a first come, first serve basis.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

January Newsletter

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From the Principal...

Dear Friends of St. Joseph School,

Thank you for your continued dedication and support at St. Joseph School throughout 2025. As we look ahead with hope, we look forward to sharing, learning, and praying together in 2026.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, healthy, and blessed New Year! We pray that as you enter 2026, you experience the love of Jesus through His Word and the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you and your family!

Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House
Sunday, January 25, 2026
9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Church
Open house will follow Mass

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2026-2027 School Registration
Preschool – Sixth Grade

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IMPORTANT DATES:

NWEA TESTING
1/5 - 1/23

PT MEETING
1/7

HOT LUNCH
1/13

**END OF 2ND
QUARTER**
1/14

**ACT 80
NO SCHOOL**
1/19

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL
WEEK**
1/25 - 1/30

Preschool -3 day

Preschool's theme for January will be "Creative Me". We will learn how we can use our imaginations to construct and build, paint and draw, and dance and sing. Measurement will be our focus in math and in literacy, rhymes and beginning sounds. We will also be exploring the season of winter and look forward to all the fun of Catholic Schools Week!

Preschool -5 day

Preschool has been working hard and have practiced our letters up to Mm, worked with numbers 1-10, practiced with rhyming, ten frames, and tally marks, and kept building our cutting, tracing, and name-writing skills. We had fun learning about Fall, the Five senses, hibernation, Thanksgiving, winter, and Christmas. This month we'll jump into winter animals, the Arctic, staying healthy and warm, and some new letters and numbers.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten's lessons in Religion will be - Christmas and The Epiphany, and The Holy Family, and stories of the Saints. In reading, our stories will be *Turtle Splash* and *What a Beautiful Sky*, and *What is Science*. Our reading skills will cover blending letter sounds, nouns, verbs, sequence, and exploring skills on Exact Path Reading. In math, we will be counting, adding, and exploring Exact Path Math.

January Birthdays

Miss Jen - 1/9

Hank - 1/9

Mrs. Stewart - 1/22

Hannah - 1/26

Wyatt - 1/26

Mrs. Bauer 1/26



1st Grade

First grade's Religion lessons will be - Christmas, Epiphany, The Holy Family, and The Saints and how they set great examples as Followers of Jesus.

In reading, our stories will be - *The Big Race*, *Animal Groups*, and *Let's Go To the Moon*. Our reading skills will cover the short vowels, consonants, digraph kn, wr, gn, mb. Writing sentences about ourselves, adverbs, verbs, and skills on Exact Path Reading. In math, we will practice our math facts, measure length and we will continue mastering skills on Exact Path Math.

2nd Grade

It is so hard to believe that it is already January! This month, second grade will be starting our measurement chapter in math. We will be learning to measure in kilograms and grams. In science, we will be learning about natural resources, minerals, erosion, and weathering. We will be learning about economics in social studies. We will be learning about goods and services.

3rd Grade

In third grade, we are finishing our novel study of *Sarah, Plain, and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan in language arts. In math, we are learning how to do long division. In Religion, we are learning about the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We are learning about rocks and soil in science, and lastly, in social studies, we are learning about how people express their cultures in different ways.

4th Grade

Fourth grade will begin the new year with Fractions. They will be learning to add and subtract using common denominators and to write answers in simplest form. In language arts, we will begin an opinion writing unit. Students are making steady progress in robotics! They have programmed bump, touch, and distance sensors, and they will soon be learning how to build and operate 4-wheel-drive robots.

5th Grade

In Religion, Fifth grade is learning that all members of the Church have different roles and responsibilities to continue the work of Christ. In social studies, we are exploring what the Revolutionary Era tells us about our nation today. In language arts, we are reading a narrative nonfiction piece called *Everglades Forever*, which is about the unique features of Florida's Everglades and efforts to preserve the ecosystem.

6th Grade

Our health lessons will be on personal health care and will include the benefits of physical activity and fitness. In reading, the genre is realistic fiction where we will be reading the story about *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*. The class will identify and analyze metaphors which show how two very unlike things are similar.

Mass Days

1/7
1/14
1/21
1/28

All families are welcome!

Prayer for the New Year

Lord, thank you for this new year and all its potential. Guide our steps, fill us with Your peace, and help us to see Your wonders in every day.
Amen

Pizza Days

1/8
1/15
1/22
1/29

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