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Week of October 11, 2026

Saint Joseph: $3,727

Saint Michael: $3,946

Saint Mary: $2,792

2026 CSA UPDATE

October 16, 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: $34,807

Total Pledged: $50,740

Total Paid: $44,515

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: $38,740

Total Pledged: $43,003

Total Paid: $38,678

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: $23,034

Total Pledged: $28,204

Total Paid: $25,604

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UPCOMING

St Joseph Choir Fall/Christmas Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30pm. Schedules are located at the entrances of the church.

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
Mass for deceased members November 1 8:00am at St Mary. Coffee and donuts following in Stutz Hall.

Nine Lessons of Christmas Choir Practice
Practices at St Mary 6:30pm November 30, December 7 (time may change due to Holy Day mass) and December 14.

Quilting at St Joseph
Beginning Novmber 9 in the Rectory Basement

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
Meeting: Novemer 10 at Stutz Hall 6:00pm
Member Breakfast: November 21 at Stutz Hall 8:00am

Rosary for Peace
St. Michael Church on Tuesdays at 6:30pm

MINISTER SCHEDULE • OCT 31-NOV 1

4:00pm, Saint Joseph
Lector: A. Lander
Eucharistic Minister: J. Wolbert, N. Wolbert, D. Baker
Altar Server: None
Ushers: D. Baker, J. Harvey, E. Carroll, J. Lutz
Rosary: M. Lehnortt

6:00pm, Saint Mary
Lector: B. Wolbert
Eucharistic Minister: B. Wolbert, P. Wolbert
Altar Server: A. Bogel

8:00am, Saint Mary
Lector: R. Songer
Eucharistic Minister: Knights of Columbus Members
Altar Server: N. Karg

9:30am, Saint Joseph
Lector: T. Schmader
Eucharistic Minister: P. Judy, L. Callihan, K. Schmader
Altar Server: G. Kunselman
Ushers: B. Callihan, T. Wolbert, D. Schill, B. Hartle

11:00am, Saint Michael
Lector: D. Smerkar Jr
Eucharistic Minister: J. Smerkar, S. Montana, M. Beichner
Altar Server: L. Smerkar
Ushers: T. Cyphert, J. Griebel
Rosary: W. Jakopac

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 26:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+Henry A & Patricia Gregory (George F Gregory)

Tuesday, October 27:
8:30am, *Saint Michael*
+Parents of M/M Ronald Ackerman (M/M Ronald Ackerman)

Wednesday, October 28:
8:30am, Saint Mary
No Mass

Thursday, October 29:
8:30am, Saint Michael
+John Polka (Donnie Karg)
6:00pm, Saint Ann
No Mass

Friday, October 30:
8:30am, Saint Joseph
+Mike O'Neill (The Family)

All Saints

Saturday, October 31
4:00pm, Saint Joseph
+Kate Reisinger Ditz (Estelle Lauer)
6:00pm, Saint Mary
+Deceased Members of the Grumbaugh Family (Rene Grumbaugh)

Sunday, November 1:
8:00am, Saint Mary
+Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus St Hubert Council #10341
9:30am, *Saint Joseph*
Parish Family
11:00am, Saint Michael
+Dolores Weaver (The Family)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael
S. Moore, T. Moore

Saint Joseph
K. Lander, B. Lander

Saint Mary
A. Cussins, E. Cussins, K. Kopchick, M. Schrecengost

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael
Bill & Anne Marie Lewis (Mary Caye Stecki)

Saint Mary
Deacon Michael Dittman Family (The Stan Rathfon St Hubert Memorial Council #10341)

A Word from Father Brandon

Last week, you probably saw, too, the story of a priest in Ecuador who, during Sunday Mass, was killed when a crucifix, affixed to the wall of the apse in the sanctuary, fell and hit him square on the head. The Liturgy was being broadcast on a livestream, so, unfortunately, that footage is out there, forever. If you haven't seen it, I would not advocate looking it up; it's just ghastly. When I came across it last week, my first thought, besides wondering if Father suffered at all, was, "why would God let that happen during a Mass?". I admit, that was the thought that entered my very human mind, and it really brought me discomfort - of all times for horror and something insanely painful to happen, why would it be during The Liturgy, at the altar!? To no surprise, I didn't come to an answer to theologize with here! All I was left with was the reminder that we live in a broken and fallen world where even the nails and brackets holding up crucifixes are also weak and broken and fallen! God permits these things to happen, not to inflict pain and suffering and bafflement, but that we keep turning to Him, because only He can be the answer to all the questions we scream, often seemingly, into the dark abyss of death and despair, of suffering and evil. Through no fault of Father, he happened to be standing in the exact wrong place at the exact wrong time..yet, because it was the Altar and it was the Liturgy, it was the exact right place at the exact right time… I don't know what all that means and I don't know how to make sense of suffering, death, and evil, but I do know that we don't need to! I think that is a yoke we need freed from.

The faith is immense; the workings and Will of God are mysterious; the reason for everything is utterly unknowable. And, that can be either crushingly debilitating and leaves you breathless from grief and fear, or it can leave you utterly and rambunctiously free because these are not things to endlessly obsess over and to hinge your faith upon! There's a desire, or instinct, within each of us that almost lures us to an assumption that everything needs to be and must be known in an almost forensic manner for it to be real - and for God to be real and His presence real. Pain and suffering, the problem of Evil (*Theodicy*, as it's called in theology), is what often pushes us to these forensic limits, where God leaves the realm of the mystical and divine, and enters the realm of the likes of a deposition or autopsy, where God becomes the the subject of endless inquiry or a cadaver to be examined. Pain and suffering, evil and sin, lures us into that trap - because that is what they do, but I think, more perniciously, it is because that is what we think we need to do! There is an almost guilt in us that assumes that if I don't somehow make sense out of everything that has to do with God, in the same way as I can make sense of a sinus headache or NFL week 7's schedule, then I'm not being a good Christian…God isn't a sinus headache or a Packers schedule, and so we ought not treat Him as such!

We hear in the Gospel that the greatest commandment is not to master every ounce of mystery and theology, but to love! We're not created, saved, forgiven, rescued, and redeemed so we can become prideful in our brilliance, but so we can become divine like in our love and charity! I heard someone say once, *'don't halve the mystery; keep it whole'*. Evil will remain; God will remain; we can choose to autopsy everything and be left empty, or we can choose to cling onto Him who gives us life and enjoy the divine life we are all made for!

Love,
Father Brandon

PARISH NEWS

The Nine Lessons of Christmas Celebrating Father John's Nigerian Christmas Tradition

Join us on **Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church** as we celebrate Father John's Nigerian Christmas tradition with the beautiful service of the Nine Lessons of Christmas.
This special evening will bring together Scripture readings and Christmas carols to tell the story of God's love and promise of salvation, from the beginning of creation to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Through the readings, music, and prayer, we will prepare our hearts for Christmas while sharing in a tradition that is meaningful to Father John and his homeland.
All parishioners from our three parishes are invited to attend! We also welcome choir members from all parishes to join us in leading the singing and making this a truly joyful celebration of faith, music, and fellowship. Practices will be at 6:30 p.m. November 30, December 7 (time may change due to Holy Day Mass), and December 14.
Come share in this special evening as we celebrate the birth of Christ and bring a little piece of Father John's Nigerian Christmas tradition to our parish family!

St Michael 4pm Liturgical Ministries
With the return of the Saturday Mass in January 2027, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers will be needed. If interested contact the parish office as soon as possible.

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
50/50 winner was Brad Schmader and Family of the month is Deacon Michael Dittman.

St Michael Holiday Church Decorating
Help is needed in coordination of ordering flowers and decorating of the church for Christmas and Easter seasons. Contact the Parish office if interested.

St Mary January 2027 Lottery
Tickets available at back of church for pickup. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Please buy or sell tickets provided to you and place in basket at back of church by December 28, 2026. Any questions, please contact Milly Cussins at 814-927-6980.

St Mary Christmas Holiday Craft Show
If you are **i**nterested in being a vendor/crafter for this year's craft show information is located on the Parish website under the event tab.

Cleaning Position at St Michael Parish
Church & Rectory requires 2½ to 3 hours a week. Contact the business manager if interested.

Funerals
Please note that when a family member passes away, the funeral home is the first contact. They will contact the parish office to coordinate all details.

SCHOOL NEWS





FAITH FORMATION

Remember, Faith Formation programs have begun for the year! Schedule and locations are :

St Mary Church - twice a month on Sundays after the 8:00am Mass until 10:15am

St Michael Church - twice a month on Sundays at 9:30am until the 11:00am Mass

St Joseph Church - Confirmation (9th grade) meet twice a month on Sundays after 9:30am Mass

St Joseph Church - Edge (6th. - 8th grade) meets twice a month in the hall on Wednesdays from 5:45pm to 7:30pm

Children age 4 are welcome to take part in our Faith Formation Program at St Mary Parish. .

For more information, and to register, contact any member of our Fatih Formation Team.

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry

Located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. Always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. Make checks payable to: North Clarion-Marienville food pantry. Mail any donations to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville PA 16239. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items currently needed for November and December 2026 are: cream of mushroom soup; canned pumpkin; gravy; boxed stuffing; boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes; jello or pudding; egg noodles; canned beef stew; cake mix; soft soap; spray Spic & Span and baby wipes. Distribution date is: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Tuestday, November 24, 2026 and December 2026-TBD.

Wreaths Across America - Consider sponsoring a wreath



Ceremony December 19, 11:00am in Stutz Hall

To sponsor a wreath at St Mary Cemetery, send $17 to Darlene Flick, 401 Flick Drive, Leeper, PA 16233.

Farmington Firehouse Derby

November 7 at The Antler Club in Lucinda. Doors open at 4:00pm. Tickets are $20 each. Benefits Farmington Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Cards for Veterans

Veterans who live in Soldiers & Sailors Home in Erie would appreciate receiving cards. For the list of names to send a Veteran's Day or Christmas card, please contact Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075.



Christmas Mass Schedule

4:00pm St Joseph 4:00pm St Michael 7:00pm St Mary

Midnight St Michael 8:00am St Joseph

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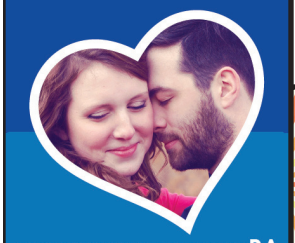
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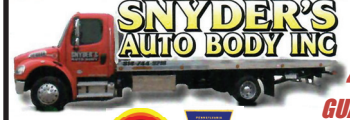
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