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Lucinda, PA

Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

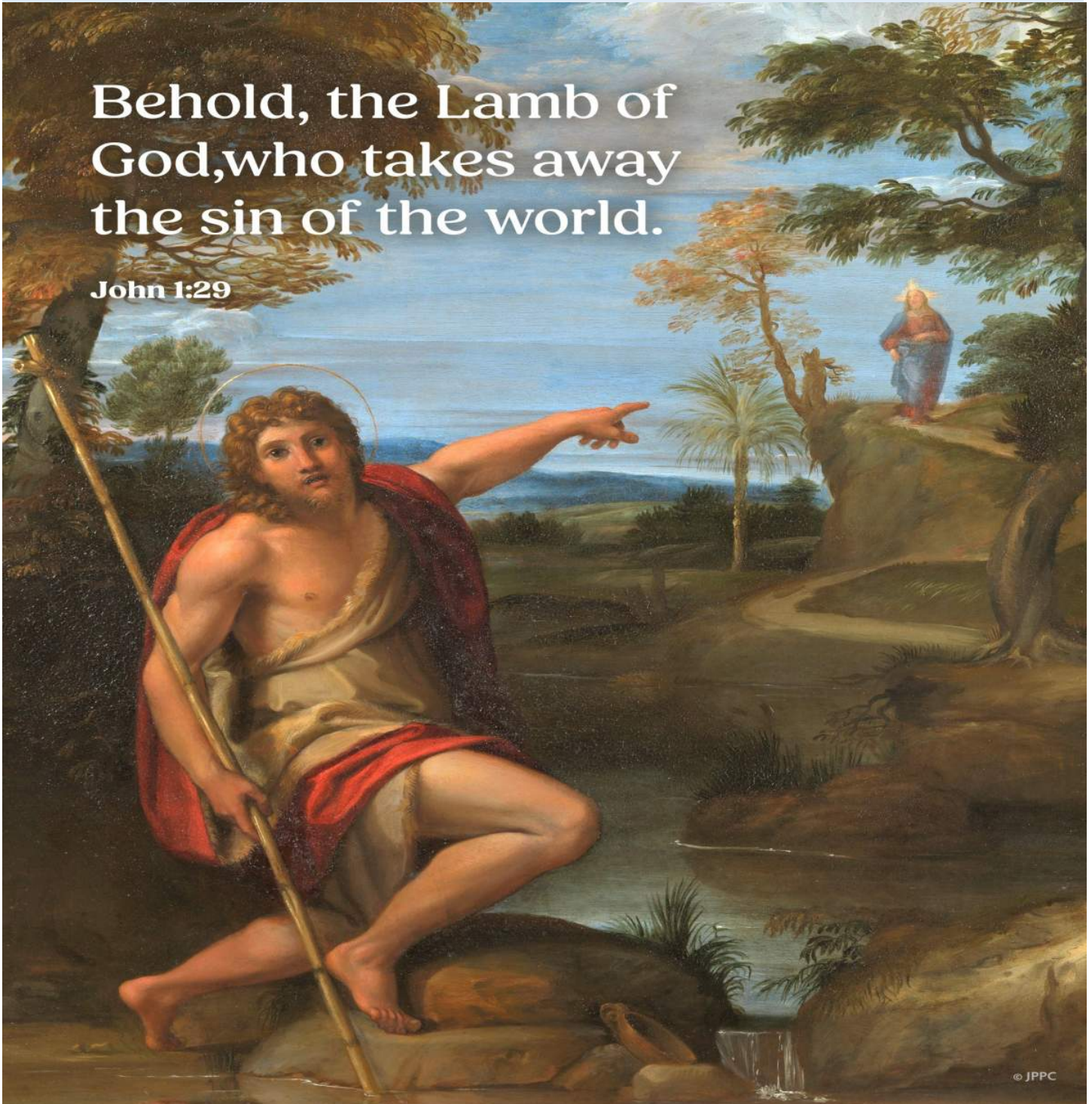
Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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Behold, the Lamb of
God, who takes away
the sin of the world.

John 1:29



Liturgy Schedule January 24th - January 25th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Mary Caye Stecki

Euch Min: Theresa Seitz

Altar Server: None

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

Rosary: Karen Wolbert

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Silas & Jude Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Bob Wolbert

Euch Min: Chuck Schettler

Altar Server: Jonathan Boylan

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: St Joseph School Students

Euch Min: Linda Ida, Lori Callihan

Altar Server: Olivia Schmader, St Joseph School Students

Ushers: Bill Callihan, Tom Wolbert, Dick Schill, Bill Hartle

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Clay Smerkar

Euch Min: Dave Smerkar Sr

Altar Server: Levi Smerkar

Ushers: Matt, Nick & Isaac Gilara

Rosary: Maggie Montana

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ken & Brenda Lander

St. Michael: Susan & Terry Moore

St. Mary: Henry & Tatiana Karg, Walt Karg

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Edward Stecki by Mary Caye Stecki

St Joseph:

St Mary:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24th – January 25th

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



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

Monday, January 19

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Norb Bauer by St Michael Rosary Society

Wednesday, January 21

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Cyril & Phyllis Wolbert & Deceased Family Members by The Family

Thursday, January 22

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Dan O'Connor by John & Paulette Colantonio

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) All Deceased Fathers

Friday, January 23

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Kathy Lutz by Gib & Darlene Wolbert

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Paul & Agnes McCloskey by Tim & Linda McCloskey

3:00 p.m. Snyder Memorial Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 24

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Intention of the Priest

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Elsie Schwabenbauer by Paul Schwabenbauer

Sunday, January 25

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

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Fr William Holl by Anonymous

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

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Intention of the Priest

A Word from Father Brandon

I've included in this week's bulletin the fiscal year to date, through the second quarter, of the finances of the three parishes. This is a chart, a snapshot, of the operating income and operating expenses of the three parishes. Again, I will present this after each quarter to keep you in the loop so you can see how your money is being spent. I just feel that is hugely important - you generously fund the operations of our parishes; the least I can do is show you, quarterly, how much came in and what was spent. It's just a non-negotiable of mine!

Similarly to what I said last quarter, the parishes all show a deficit, but they are because of one-off expenses. St Mary did not have any extraordinary expenses or projects, but there was a need to do some bathroom and shower work in the pastor's bedroom, and that is why their deficit exists and their rectory expense is higher. It was a needed repair that the finance council okayed. The Lottery and the Craft Show each have provided much needed income for the parish, and if it weren't for the bathroom repairs, St Mary would be just in the black. St Joseph and St Michael, each, had expenses that were paid in this fiscal year - new money paying old expenses. The steeple renovation for St Joseph and the parking lot paving for St Michael - these were completed, largely, last fiscal year / money was raised last fiscal year, but the bills were paid this year. I really like to try and line up expenses with fiscal years so we don't drag along these extraordinary expenses, but it just fell this way this year. If you extract those large outlays, both St Joseph and St Michael have healthy cash flow. St Mary's cash flow is tight - and relies upon the fundraisers to make ends meet. These are just observations based upon this snapshot of operating income and expenses. This doesn't show assets, savings, etc. None of the parishes are in deficit, they all have investments and savings, and are all in a healthy situation with no crisis. The cemeteries worry me a bit, though. St Michael and St Joseph, in particular, have very tiny cemetery assets. I may need to, over time, move some cash surplus over to cemetery accounts, or ask for those who wish to give extraordinary amounts to direct some of that generosity towards the cemeteries. When we are long gone, those will still be there, till the end of the world! Our parishes could be long forgotten memories, our towns could be artifacts found on old maps, the United States could even be a distant memory...but those graves will still be there in the ground and someone will need money to care for them! Cemeteries are a tremendous responsibility of a parish; they need to truly have perpetual funds there, dripping a cash flow, till the end of time - literally! This is something I will monitor with finance councils over time, and be slowly building up those assets. But, besides that (which isn't shown in the YTD report) all looks good! Thank you for your generosity and trust in me to steward your treasures!

Along with the topic of stewarding the finances of the parishes, I want to let you know that our business manager and bookkeeper, Lisa Carroll, is looking to retire and we are looking for someone to come on board, learn from her, and take over the reigns. Lisa is INVALUABLE and I really don't like this process of trying to 'replace' her...you can't! But, I respect that she has poured herself into this office and caring for our finances at a time of much transition, and she has earned a retirement. I will be looking to restructure that position: outsourcing some work to an accounting firm, and looking to make another hire or two in the coming weeks and months. A lot was put on her plate and she does the work of over two full time people! But, for now, I am looking for someone to manage the in-house work of handling parish finances, school finances, handling Diocesan reports and obligations, and who can help me in stewarding the parishes! If this interests you, and you have a background in finances, please email me or mail to the office a resume, and I will be in touch.

Love

Fr Brandon

Fiscal Year 2025-2026
2nd Quarter — Parishes Report
1 July 2025 - 31 Dec 2025

	St. Mary	St. Joseph	St. Michael
Offertory	\$64,542	\$90,215	\$86,507
Gifts	\$6,402	\$13,250	\$39,515
Misc.	3,611	\$9,497	\$7,093
Fundraisers	\$25,115	\$0	\$52,245
Building Funds	\$3,024	\$9,586	\$48,393
CSA	\$8,335	\$14,425	\$5,150
TOTAL INCOME	\$111,029	\$136,973	\$238,903
Salaries & Benefits	\$46,081	\$54,436	\$46,997
Rectory	\$10,048	\$1,567	\$1,567
Office	\$7,251	\$4,591	\$5,149
Subsidies	\$7,336	\$6,878	\$9,170
Liturgical	\$5,197	\$7,059	\$7,223
Faith Formation	\$3,221	\$2,129	\$2,148
Utilities	\$8,862	\$5,966	\$10,327
Insurance / Taxes	\$7,025	\$5,421	\$7,866
Maintenance	\$4,800	\$6,418	\$4,117
Extraordinary	\$0	\$58,000	\$183,524
Parish Activities	\$1,963	\$7,583	\$2,063
Fundraisers	\$5,625	\$0	\$25,765
CSA to Diocese	\$13,092	\$8,287	\$9,224
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$120,491	\$168,335	\$315,140
Difference	(\$9,462)	(\$31,362)	(\$76,237)



HOLOCAUSTS

In psalm 40 today we hear "Holocausts or sin offerings you (God) sought not..." A holocaust is a sacrifice consumed by fire: a thorough destruction involving extensive loss of life.

2026 Mass Intentions

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

Parishioners are limited **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.

December Weekly Offerings

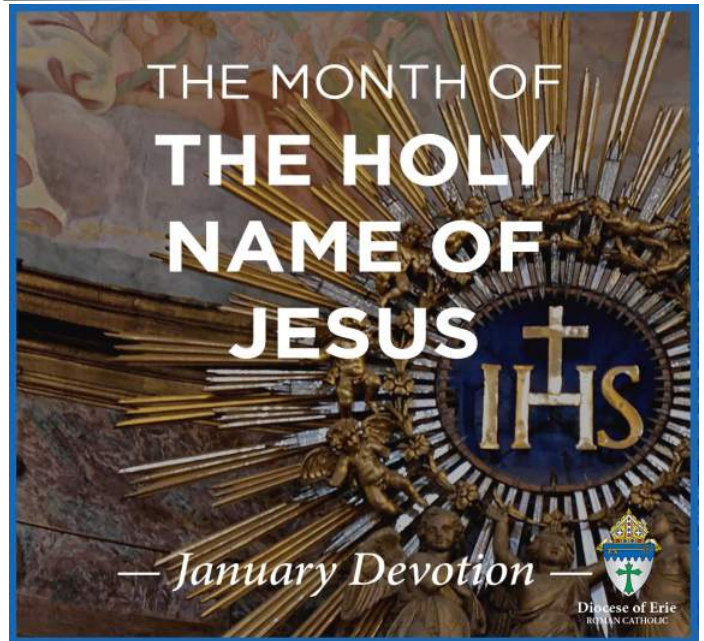
St Joseph — \$21,325.00

St Michael — \$18,130.00

St Mary — \$14,966.00

Do you have a favorite quilt that is keeping you warm this winter? Do you have a quilt with a special story? Do you have a quilt project you'd like to share? Please bring your quilt(s) to the St. Joseph Hall at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 25, for a "Quilt Show and Tell." The St. Joseph Rosary Society is sponsoring this event, and refreshments will be provided. You will have an opportunity to show your quilt and tell everyone why it is special and who made it. Let's warm up this winter with some quilts! Everyone is welcome, and please bring a friend.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Family and the 50/50 winner is . The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, February 21st at 8 am in Stutz Hall.



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

2025 CSA

St Joseph Assessment to the Diocese: \$33,150.00

Total Pledged: \$42,525.00

Paid as of 1/6/26: \$41,305.00

St Michael Assessment to the Diocese: \$36,896.00

Total Pledged: \$45,992.00

Paid as of 1/6/26: \$44,542.00

St Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$26,184.00

Total Pledged: \$28,145.00

Paid as of 1/6/26: \$27,645.00

We are still accepting payments for CSA 2025 through the end of January. Thank You.

January 18, 2026

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.



Online & Text Giving are now available for all three partnered parishes!

Go to our website: watch4deercatholic.church

Click on **"Ways to Give"** and then click on **"Online Giving."** Click on the parish name you want to donate to. Please notify the parish office if you elect to give online and no longer need envelopes.



**Are you looking to grow stronger in your faith
and connect with other Catholic women?**

The Rural Catholic Women's group is informal and meets monthly to discuss spiritual topics and share faith experiences. Find us on Facebook, as well!

Join us on January 20th, 6:30 pm at St. Michael's Hall

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Join Us for Catholic Schools Week!

Celebrate Mass with us
at 9:30 am, followed by
an **Open House**.

All current and interested
families, parishioners, and
community members are
invited to visit our
classrooms, meet our staff,
and see the wonderful
things happening at St.
Joseph School.



**St. Joseph School
Open House
Sunday,
January 25, 2026
10:30 - Noon
Following
the 9:30 am Mass
at St. Joseph Church**

- ✓ Tour the School
- ✓ Meet Staff
- ✓ Ask Questions
- ✓ Enjoy Refreshments

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January 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- **Faith magazine**
- **Catholic Communications** (digital, video and news outreach)

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- **Deliver Faith magazine** to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- **Reach those on the margins** who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- **Strengthen our digital evangelization**, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- **Provide clear, trustworthy communication** during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve **Faith magazine** as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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Walking with Moms in Need

Please support Next Step, Clarion's pregnancy resource center, during their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Next Step is donor-funded, and provides Christ-centered, life-affirming pregnancy and postabortion care locally, as well as education and family resources. This is a great way to love our neighbors, moms and families in our own community! Bottles will be available in our churches from Jan.18-Feb.15. Just put your donation in the bottle and return it to the box. Thank you for your generosity!

Bottles need to be turned in by February 22.



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St. Joseph's School and the Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser

Cleaning out your closets and don't know what to do with those clothes or shoes that just don't fit you anymore? Easy!

Just bring your bag(s) of gently used clothes and shoes only to St. Joseph Hall for the Goodwill Drive Fundraiser.

You can set the bags outside of the hall if there isn't anyone there.

Drive will be from January 12th - February 13th.

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph School.

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