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Crown, PA

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Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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**I came so that they might have life and
have it more abundantly.**

JOHN 10:10



Liturgy Schedule May 2nd - 3rd

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Judy Wolbert

Euch Min: Dan & Mary Banner, Monica Lehnortt

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Dana Baker, Jim Harvey, Ed Carroll, Jerry Lutz

Rosary: Marion Lutz, Marge Bauer

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Pam Wolbert

Euch Min: Bill & Pam Wolbert

Altar Server: Charlie & Jude Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Keith Martz

Euch Min: Chuck & Carol Schettler, Joel Schettler

Altar Server: Carter McLaughlin

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Jack Lauffer

Euch Min: Jill Smerkar, Alisha Smerkar, Stan Montana

Altar Server: Max Sporer

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Walter Jakopac

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover

St. Michael: Ray Beichner, Jim Reed

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Sally Lewis by Mary Caye Stecki

St Joseph: David Wolbert by Todd & Sue Beichner

St Mary: Robert Wolfgang Family by The Stan Rathfon St Hubert Memorial Council #10341

Weekly Offertory

Weekend of April 11th & 12th

St Joseph \$2,484.00

St Michael \$3,457.00

St Mary \$5,659.00



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

Monday, April 27

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Don Schmader by Mark & Anne Ochs

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Norman & Sally Kinch by The Family

Wednesday, April 29

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Stan Bauer by The Family

Thursday, April 30

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Charlie Weaver by Dan & Donna Baker

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Rosemarie Russell by The Family

Friday, May 1

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Bine Lutz by Marion Lutz

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Dan Heasley by Jack & Jill Smail

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2

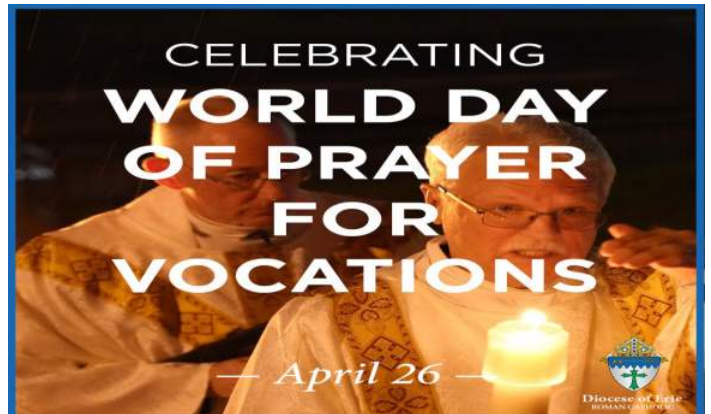
4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Sebastian & Florence Wolbert & Deceased Family Members by Marge & Family

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Living & Deceased Members of Aloysius & Margaret McCloskey Family By The Family

Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Donald B Schmader By The Stan Rathfon St Huebert Memorial Council #10341

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Parish Family



A Word from Father Brandon

Over the coming few weeks, we will be celebrating our three First Communions as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation. We celebrated First Reconciliation back in Lent, in March. Lent is an appropriate season for the reception of Mercy and Forgiveness for our second graders. This weekend and over the coming weeks, our third-grade children will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, for the first time! Then, on May 6, will be the Sacrament of Confirmation for our ninth graders! Bishop Persico will be at St Joseph that evening for the celebration of the Sacrament. Then, over the coming weeks, we will close out our year of Faith Formation as well as end the academic year here at St Joseph! It's bewildering just how fast the year has gone and how rapidly we are coming to the close of this academic and sacramental year - how are we talking about summer vacation, already!? The Easter Season is always filled with so many Sacramental Graces flowing here and there, and it's the time of year when so many things are winding down and people are beginning to look to the summer. Let us, in these weeks of so much winding down, winding up, and sacraments being received, not forget to commend our kids to our prayers that they and their families may grow and persevere in the faith!

There are fewer things sadder and more disappointing in the life of the Church than when a child receives the Grace of God in the Sacraments: Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation – being taught how life changing the Sacraments can be – and then for them to be denied those Graces and those encounters with God because of a breakdown of faith within the family... When moms and dads bring their children for Baptism, they make a promise to God and before the Church that they will raise their children "...in the *practice* of the Faith". Not that they will simply provide a Catechism to *teach* them about the Faith, nor they will simply hang up a crucifix on the wall to *remind* them of the Faith; rather, the promise is that they will raise them in the *practice* of the Faith. This is a solemn obligation; this is a sacred duty; this is *hard*! And the Church knows this, this is why She demands that each son or daughter, reborn in Baptism, is given at least one Godparent because the duty of parenthood is huge and demanding, and the Church asks these Godparents to "help these parents in their *duty* as Christian parents". Truly, in Baptism, we see a small 's' sacrament of the Church being played out. Much is given and asked of us, yet we don't live this life and fulfill these duties in isolation from the larger community – that is parish life! Even Our Lord needed Joseph of Arimathea to help carry the weight of the cross! It is healthy – and necessary – for parents to not be in this alone in raising their children in the practice of the Faith. The practice is the life of faith: Mass, Faith Formation / Catholic School, parish activities, charity work, liturgical ministries, prayer, study, scripture, etc., etc., etc. This is the reason we experience the faith and The Church in the community and family of parish life: none of us can live our Christian faith entirely on our own! I can't, either! I so rely upon your love, support, and friendship to see me through and to assist me in carrying my cross, carrying out my Christian duties. So, if Father needs others, we all do! I never judge anyone for where they are in the faith, how well it seems they are living up to their duty as Christian parents, nor do I ever judge how one handles the weighty struggles of those duties. It'd be inconceivably hypocritical of me just because I am Father to somehow impart imbalanced judgment or condemnation on others while I, too, need a Savior and Divine Physician in Christ, and loving support from all of you! The only thing that truly upsets me is when there is *intentional* pulling a child away from the Faith because of a parent's struggles with faith. This is where I feel something deeply unfair is happening and also where that struggling parent needs to let some Joseph of Arimethias walk beside them in their duty as Christian parents, and cooperate with the life of the Church and the parish. This Easter Season, amid a flurry of Sacramental Grace and pollen in the air - let us pray for struggling parents, parents who have promised to God they would practice the faith with their children, but feel overwhelmed or apathetic. May our judgement and condemnation not attack them, but may our empathic love and concern encourage them and assist them.

Love,

Fr. Brandon



The four evangelists are the traditional writers of the four Gospels. Their symbols are based on the Bible, Ezekiel's vision and Revelation.

St. Luke: an ox.

The ox is a symbol of strength, service, and patience. It was used as a sacrifice in the Old Testament. It is used as a symbol of St. Luke because of his emphasis on the sacrificial death of Jesus. If depicted as just an ox; the ox will have wings.



**2026 CSA UPDATE
as of 4/14/2026**

St Joseph Assessment to the Diocese: \$34,807.00

Total Pledged: \$43,000.00

Total Paid: \$26,185.00

St Michael Assessment to the Diocese: \$38,740.00

Total Pledged: \$36,255.00

Total Paid: \$30,680.00

St Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$23,034.00

Total Pledged: \$23,655.00

Total Paid: \$13,059.00

Come to a Weekend Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville!!

Celebrate your Catholic Faith in a dynamic faith environment surrounded by other Catholics from all over the United States and other countries. Be refreshed and renewed with inspiring talks, dynamic worship sessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Come to the Power and Purpose Conference June 12, 13, and 14 or attend the Defending the Faith Conference hosted by Scott Hahn July 31, Aug 1 & 2. To register visit steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/. OR parents or grandparents take your teen to a Youth Conference! steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/ Call Patti Bauer for registration code or for more info at 814-744-8076

ST. MARY JULY 2026 – Special number forms for JULY 2026 Lottery are at the back of the church. Please return to designated baskets at the back of the church before APRIL 29, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Milly Cussins @ 814-927-6980.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Robert Wolfgang Family and the 50/50 winner is Robert Wolfgang. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 12th at 6 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, May 16th 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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant: Keeping kids safe starts with all of us. Pay attention to how people interact with children – and speak up if something feels off. Notice the signs of abuse, take them seriously and report concerns right away. If you see behavior that seems inappropriate or just doesn't feel right, don't ignore it. Reporting could prevent harm. Have questions about warning signs or what's considered inappropriate? Call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Anyone who may be interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, at Masses, to please contact the parish office.

St Joseph Rosary Society next meeting is May 7th at 6:00 pm in the social hall.

Noodle Day - June 15. Mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming!

Please join us for **First Friday Fellowship** at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Rectory on Friday, May 1. There is no meeting, just refreshments, conversation, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. **We'll meet in the rectory instead of the hall this month.**


THE 49th Annual ROSARY MARCH SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 2026, 3 pm

The March will begin at 3:00 PM in procession with the diocesan Pilgrim Virgin Statue at the CLEARFIELD COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS in Clearfield, PA. The Clearfield St. Francis Chapter of The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to join us! The Rosary Procession will begin at the fairgrounds inside the Expo I Building, with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, immediately followed by the outdoor Rosary and Eucharistic Procession.


April 26, 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. **Checks are made payable to: Marienville Community Methodist Church-in memo write: North Clarion/Marienville Food Bank. Mail checks to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville, PA 16239.** For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for April 2026 are: canned green beans; egg noodles; canned potatoes, cake mix, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, Au gratin); boxed dinners; canned tomatoes; baked beans; canned peas; canned meats; jello; pudding; dish soap; baby wipes; bar soap. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, April 28, 2026. **"Volunteers Needed"**

St. Michael Rosary Society Updates!

 Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM** in St. Michael Hall. All members are encouraged to attend! The following meeting will be June 8th. No meeting in July.

 St. Michael Parish will celebrate the **May Crowning on Sunday, May 10 at the 11:00 AM Mass.** Children who would like to participate in the entrance procession are asked to meet at the back of the church prior to Mass.

 **Pray for Peace** will begin on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm at St. Michael. We will meet every Tuesday through the summer and most of fall to pray the Rosary for peace by the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows behind the church, or inside the church if it is raining or too cold! All are welcome!

Mayfest Bake Sale

The Rosary Society is hosting a bake sale during the Mayfest Rummage Sale on **May 22 & 23 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.** Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at the hall or coordinated with Becky Vickers or Ani Litt. Volunteers are also needed to assist at the bake sale and to sell quilt raffle tickets!

Knights of Columbus Sporting Raffle – June 6

The Rosary Society is currently selling **quilt raffle tickets** at the doors of the church and at local businesses—please consider purchasing or helping to sell tickets! **We are also seeking volunteers** for the event to assist with kitchen duties (buffet line, food prep, bus tables, etc), food preparation the week prior, and selling raffle tickets on the grounds. A work schedule will be available soon. If you are able to help in any way, please reach out—we are grateful for your time and support! - Becky Vickers, 814-657-2656 / bhoov24@gmail.com, or Ani Litt, 814-316-3537.

The **Good Shepherd Collection** allows each of us to show our gratitude and support for those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. The collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit our diocesan priests.

Prayerfully reflect this week on how you can best respond in support of our retired diocesan priests. Use the special collection envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection. Please return it next weekend or drop it off at the parish office.

The **Lucinda Area Spring Sportsman's Raffle** will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Social Hall on Sunday, May 3rd beginning at noon. 40 guns plus \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded from noon until 4:00pm. Print raffle, 50/50 raffles and side raffles will be conducted throughout the afternoon. A meal is available from noon until 3:00pm; no take outs available. You must present your ticket for the meal and side raffles to participate. Tickets are available at local businesses. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

We will be having a **rummage sale** again this year during the Mayfest Celebration over the Memorial Day weekend at St. Michael's hall. Please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. More details to follow as the time gets closer.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Cyphert at 354-2057.

St Michael Cemetery clean-up will be on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM with rain date on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Please bring rakes, shovels, etc.



Please Join the St. Joseph Students
for
Mass
and
May Crowning

May 6th
Mass at 8:30 am
St. Joseph Church
May Crowning to follow
Mass

Fellowship, drinks, donuts and more following
Mass and May Crowning in the Social Hall.

Sister Tina and Sister Marian with an invitation to pray:

As we know, the Diocese of Erie is presently searching for other Sisters to continue **Catholic Rural Ministry** in this area, please join us in prayer that at least two Sisters will answer the call to serve here in our five county deanery area.

Here's a prayer to pray with us for this intention:

Dear Jesus,

We thank you for the gift and presence of Women Religious in our church and world.

We ask that you open the hearts of Sisters to serve the people of the Oil City Deanery with their presence and the talents you have given them. We pray this in your name and according to your Divine Will.

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, patron of Benedictines, pray for us.

Blessed Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercy Sisters, pray for us.

Mother Agnes Spencer, founder of the St. Joseph Sisters in Erie, pray for us. AMEN.

Walking with Moms

The next **Walking With Moms** meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph rectory. Come and see what we've been doing to support local moms, and how we're planning to continue to spread Christ's love in our community. All parishioners are welcome!

Our second **baby bottle boomerang** for this year is coming up soon!. ABC Life Center in Franklin provides resources, education, and spiritual support to moms and families in Venango County.

Please support their efforts to help families choose life! Bottles will be available at our church entrances Mother's Day, May 10-Father's Day, June 21. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

What Makes Jesus Smile?

Our students reflected on the kind and loving actions that make Jesus smile. Here are their responses...

Helping my brand new baby sister and helping my mom and dad makes Jesus smile.
Hunter

Doing good things and not lying makes Jesus smile.
Rae

**3rd Grade
&
4th Grade**

Giving to the poor, being friends, teaching Religion, going to Church, loving one another, being kind, smiling, and caring for each other makes Jesus smile.
Madison

I helped a classmate with their morning work and my sister with her homework.
Grace K.

Helping my brother read big words that are hard for him and helping friends if they need help makes Jesus smile.
Sophia



**St. Joseph
School**



Helping my parents after school makes Jesus smile.
Kora

When we are nice to each other it makes Jesus smile.
Dean

When we help people when they really need it and just a little smile will make Him happy and brighten someone's day.
Bella



When we help people who need help or are sad it makes Jesus smile.
Ellie

Something that makes Jesus smile is helping others and praying for people who are hurt or sick.
Jade

Jesus would smile when I pray, read the Bible, go to Church, and teach my brother.
Landon

Something that makes Jesus smile is when I share, be kind to other people, and pray at night time.
Stella

I pray before bed every night and after I do that I feel much better. I do the same thing in the morning.
Grace S.

We pray on the van when we come to school and on the way home. We read the Bible every night.
Hank

When I spend time with my family hunting and when I play kickball with my friends.
Wilbur

“St. Joseph Students: Making Jesus Smile Every Day.”

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