

Saint Joseph Parish
Lucinda, PA

Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:20



Liturgy Schedule August 8th - 9th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Kristie Schmader

Euch Min: Judy & Norm Wolbert, Kristie Schmader

Altar Server: Reed Bauer

Ushers: Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcratz, Monica Lehnortt

Rosary: Monica Lehnortt

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Kerry Wolbert

Euch Min: Tatiana Karg, Bobbi Donnick

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Ron Songer

Euch Min: Linda Siegel, Steve Sepan, Maria LeClaire

Altar Server: Nathan Karg

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Clay Smerkar

Euch Min: Jill Smerkar, Stan Montana, Mark Beichner

Altar Server: Levi Smerkar

Ushers: Tom Cyphert, John Griebel

Rosary: Cathy Longacre

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ken & Brenda Lander

St. Michael: Susan & Terry Moore

St. Mary: Shawn & Tami Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Living & Deceased Class of 1969 Keystone High School by Mary Caye Stecki

St Joseph: Bernie, Ed & Kate Dechant by Julie Hockman

St Mary: Lynnette McHugh by Jim

Weekly Offertory

Weekend of July 18th & 19th

St Joseph \$2,756.00

St Michael \$3,719.00

St Mary \$4,380.00



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

Monday, August 3

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Dorothy Trkula by Curt & Suzanne Carbaugh

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Margaret Uzelac by Steve & Diane Banner

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Special Intention for Bonnie Dworek by Ken Dworek

Thursday, August 6

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Charles Weaver by Bill & Lucy Alex

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Mary Ellen Stirling by John & Bobbi Donnick

Friday, August 7

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Maurice & Leona Rapp by The Family

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, August 8

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) MaryAnn Armagost by Doc & Marge Bauer

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

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) George Karg Sr by Ted & Susie Kurtzhals

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Parish Family

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) William W Kapp by The Family

A Word from Father Brandon

Over the years, as I grow in my own faith, deepen my own prayer, and fan the flames of desire for God, I find that certain feasts, biblical scenes, and spiritual images take on more profound meaning. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, whom we celebrated this past Friday, 31 July, has become a giant in my life of prayer! Having done his Spiritual Exercises in a 30-day retreat two years ago, his mastery and insight into the spiritual life has forever changed my life of prayer and awareness of God within and around me. The Sacred Heart always has been, and continues to deepen, almost daily, an anchor for me in who God is in my life and how I experience Him. There is no tinge of fatigue within me that has not been cast in the fire of His Sacred Heart - none! The Transfiguration is a biblical scene that has been taking on significant meaning in my life in recent times. I heard a homily and attended a talk about three years ago which focused on The Transfiguration which helped me understand that scene - that encounter - as not just a blip on the timeline of Christ's life - but rather as the destination of our souls. We are made for The Transfiguration! The whole purpose of Christianity is not to salute our cold distant God, but rather to become one with our close and intimate God! A word for this in the Church is Theosis, used in the East, or Divinization, used in the West. Everything about the Christian life is oriented towards the ascent of the mountain and that union with Christ in the brilliance of that Light! For me, this has helped to orient and calibrate my spiritual and church life towards things that really matter! I have such a tendency to focus on, hang everything on, the noise of what doesn't matter, and the gentle reminder of what all this is for, helps in a way words fail to capture!

This week is the feast of Transfiguration. It's not a holy day of obligation or anything like that, but it is a meaningful feast - not just because I think it is, but because I think it helps us to orient our lives back to Christ and remember that our life and mission here is all about letting go of what hinders us from ascending the Mountain of the Lord and, through His free gift of Grace, share in and partake of His Divine Nature! None of that might move you, and that is ok, as long as you have what moves you in mind! The Transfiguration might be a boring story to you; the Sacred Heart might feel like a hackneyed cliché; Saint Ignatius of Loyola might just be another name among a cacophony of names...ok, that's fine...but what is not a cliché to you? What is not more cacophonous noise? What is not yet another boring biblical tale? Not everything speaks to all of us. Just because a saint, a scripture, or a spiritual image doesn't move you or mean much to you doesn't mean it is bad or you are bad! Rather, it is just a reminder that God is inviting you to know where your heart finds rest in the pastures and meadows of His Kingdom. Do not let the opportunity go by to really name, claim, and know where God desires to find you and for you to find Him! Knowing these things is the jet fuel to a spiritual life and life in the church that really matters and moves the needle! When we know these things, we can become effective and joyfilled witnesses and heralds of the Good News! The world - the Church - souls need us to find Christ and then give Christ! Let us do that together as a family of faith!

Love,

Fr Brandon



Wheat and Grapes: Representing the Eucharist and Jesus as the true vine. Grapes and vine symbolize spiritual nourishment, communion, and unity with Christ. Grapes are depicted in

purple, symbolizing royalty and the blood of Christ, while the vine is typically green, symbolizing growth and vitality. Symbolizing the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, wheat represents sustenance, abundance, and spiritual nourishment. It's typically depicted in gold, symbolizing divine provision, and yellow, symbolizing harvest and abundance.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 will be doing a Silver Roses Devotion on Wednesday, August 19th at St Mary Church at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Trey Bauer Family and the 50/50 winner is Bob Wolfgang. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 11th at 6 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, August 15th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

St. Michael Church in Fryburg will celebrate the 140th anniversary of its consecration next year, in 2027. In honor of this special milestone, we are considering putting together a brief history of the church's construction as well as its changes over the years. This history would be available for parishioners and community members alike. While our past genealogical books contain a lot of information on the church, we are still asking parishioners and friends to share any stories, details, images, documents, etc., that would contribute to this history. As some of you know, the church's construction was a community effort with many families passing down stories of it being built, where the materials came from, etc. There have also been various photos taken of the church both inside and out over the years, and it would be nice to try to bring those together and share our heritage with each other. If you have a story or photo/document you would like to share, or if you would like to help in this effort, please contact Emily Weaver at 814-673-1623 or e.hoover18@gmail.com. Thank you! Raffle Committee

FUNERALS: WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER PASSES AWAY—THE FUNERAL HOME IS THE FIRST CONTACT. THE FUNERAL HOME CONTACTS THE PARISH OFFICE AND EVERYTHING IS COORDINATED BETWEEN THEM.

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 CSA UPDATE as of 7/10/2026

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

Total Pledged: \$49,030.00

Total Paid: \$38,910.00

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

Total Pledged: \$41,750.00

Total Paid: \$36,561.00

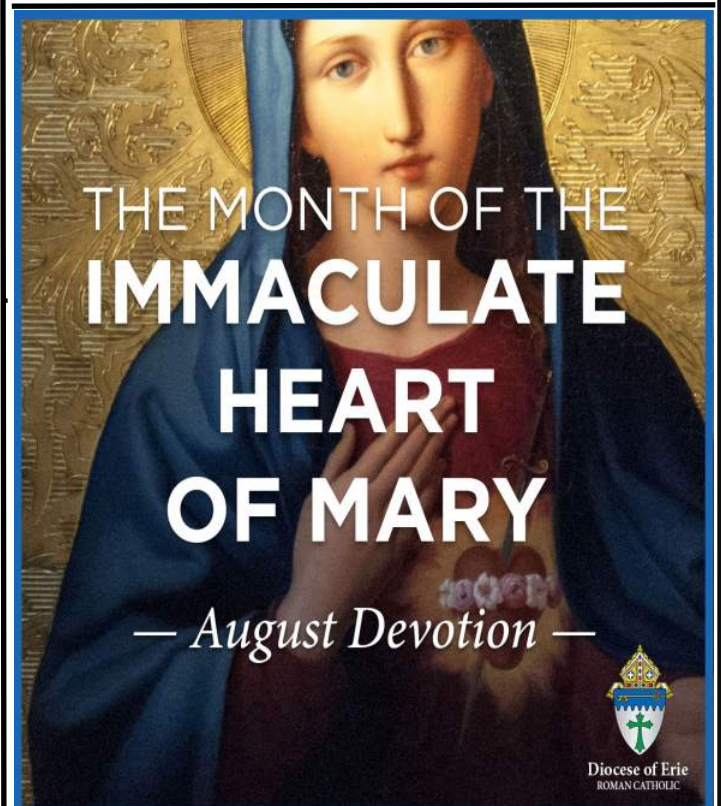
St Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$23,034.00

Total Pledged: \$28,484.00

Total Paid: \$20,674.00

"Save the date" for the joint parish picnic (St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Mary, and St. Ann) on Sunday, August 2nd, at the Antler Club in Lucinda. The picnic starts at 12:30 pm, and there will be a catered meal. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair and any yard games you wish to play. There will be some changes to the picnic this year, including no mass, to keep it simple and focus on enjoying a good meal together and conversation. If you haven't signed up yet, please call the rectory office at 814-226-7288 to register.

Please join us for **First Friday Fellowship** at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Hall on Friday, August 7. There is no meeting, just refreshments, conversation, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.



August 2, 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 August 2026 are: canned stew; canned white beans; canned pasta, evaporated milk, canned pumpkin; soup; boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes; jello or pudding; cake mix; dish soap; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

2026 Mass Intentions

Masses are now being scheduled for the last 6 months of 2026 — — **July 1 to December 31, 2026.**

Parishioners are limited to **Two Weekend** mass intentions throughout the year. Weekday masses are available to accommodate additional mass intentions. Mass intentions can be scheduled in any one of our four churches. These are on a first come, first serve basis.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule. Please be patient when calling the office or requesting Masses

SECOND COLLECTION—AUGUST 1 & 2

Father Doug May, will be at the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and second collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. For anyone wishing to donate by check please make the check payable to your parish and include For Maryknoll on the memo line. We welcome Father Doug May, who will speak at all the Masses today. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. Maryknoll serves principally among the poor in places where the Church is little known and often in great need.



The Rural Catholic Women's group will host a Q&A with Fr. Brandon on Wednesday, August 12th at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary's Hall. Women of all parishes may attend! The purpose of the RCW's group is to connect women of St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's in fellowship and discuss faith topics, share religious and spiritual resources, and pray for each other. For more information, see the facebook page Rural Catholic Women or click on the QR code.



Money Counters Needed for St Michael Parish

Two person team needed to count after Sunday morning Mass on a rotating monthly basis.

Please contact the business manager at the parish office by either email or phone.

Email: business.manager@stjosephlucinda.com

Phone: 814-226-7288, Extension 103

St. Michael Labor Day Picnic news!

Tickets!

Our Labor Day Cash Giveaway and Farm to Table tickets are available at the doors of the church and at local businesses. The Farm to Table ticket has more prizes than ever and is still only \$1! Please note that we also have a new ticket - The Labor Day Cash Giveaway! Tickets are **\$10 each** and have a schedule of prizes every 10 minutes starting at 1:00pm and running until 4:00pm.

Cleanup and Setup

We will be getting the grounds ready for the picnic on Monday, August 31st at 5:30pm. Rain date will be Tuesday, September 1st. We'd love to see you there!

Donations

Our donation list for the dinner is available at the doors of the church and in the bulletin. If you are able to help, please return the form by August 30th. We are also gathering prizes for our Chinese Auction! Prizes can be dropped off at the side door of St. Michael church or coordinate with Jess Kaltenbach at 814-758-7876 or one of the committee members. If you would rather give a monetary gift, please place an envelope in the collection basket marked "Chinese Auction". These specific funds will be used to purchase prizes for our auction!

Dinner and Volunteering

This year's menu is something new for Labor Day! We are having turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, coleslaw, and dessert. Work schedules will be available at the doors of the church. We would truly appreciate your help with any prep work and on the day of the picnic. Please check the kitchen schedule, and if you can lend a hand, reach out to Tammy Ochs at 814-354-2891. We are especially in need of people to bus tables and help run the desserts from cars to the booth or dining room.

Thank you so much for your support! This is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we could not pull it off without the help of our amazing parishioners. Please consider donating your time and talents to the long-standing picnic!

Labor Day Committee

Tim Gilara, Emily Weaver, Becky Vickers, Cathie Zacherl, Janet Fesenmyer, & Jill Foys



St. Michael Parish Labor Day Picnic 2026
Donation List and Volunteer Needs

St. Michael's Labor Day Picnic is fast approaching! **We are asking each family to please fill out the donation form below and return in the collection basket at Mass or to the parish office in Lucinda by August 30th**. Monetary donations are welcome and appreciated! All donated food items should be brought to the parish hall by 10 am on the day of the Picnic.

Family Name: _____

Items Needed for Dinner	Qty Donating	Items Needed for Bake Stand <i>Please label all items especially anything containing nuts or peanut butter!!</i>	Qty Donating
Monetary donations for purchase of turkey, ham		Cakes and/or Cupcakes	
Desserts - two from each family, please! Pies are preferred but will also accept cakes, brownies, etc. <i>PLEASE LABEL all desserts, especially anything containing nuts or peanut butter!</i>		Pies	
Rolls and Homemade Breads – <u>one loaf of bread or one dozen rolls from each family</u>		Cookies	
Ground Coffee – DECAF ONLY!		Brownies	
Milk	Gallons	Quick Breads (i.e., zucchini, banana)	
Whole kernel corn (thawed if frozen)		Homemade Bread	
Butter	Lbs.	Dessert Rolls	
Heavy Duty Disposable Dinner Plates (Chinex or Heavy Styrofoam)		Homemade Candy (i.e., fudge, etc.)	
Garbage bags (55 gallon or larger)		Other: _____	
CLEAN Glass Quart Jars with lids (used to sell leftovers)/Gallon Ziploc bags			
CHINESE AUCTION – prizes are needed!! Ideas include gift/gas cards, home décor, gift baskets. Please donate NEW items ONLY! If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of prizes by the committee, please place your monetary donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked 'Chinese Auction.' Items can be dropped inside the side entrance of St. Michael Church or by calling Jess Kaltenbach at 814-758-7876.			

PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME. The Labor Day Picnic is our largest parish fundraiser for the year, and every little bit helps. Volunteers are needed for in the kitchen and dining room – please do not wait to be asked! Bus boys and girls will also be needed as early as 8 am to help carry food and donations into the hall. Dinners will be served from 11 am to 2 pm this year. If you can help with the kitchen/dining room areas, please contact Tammy Ochs at 814-354-2891.

Let's come together as a parish family and make this one of our best picnics yet! We appreciate your support!

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