

Saint Joseph Parish
Lucinda, PA

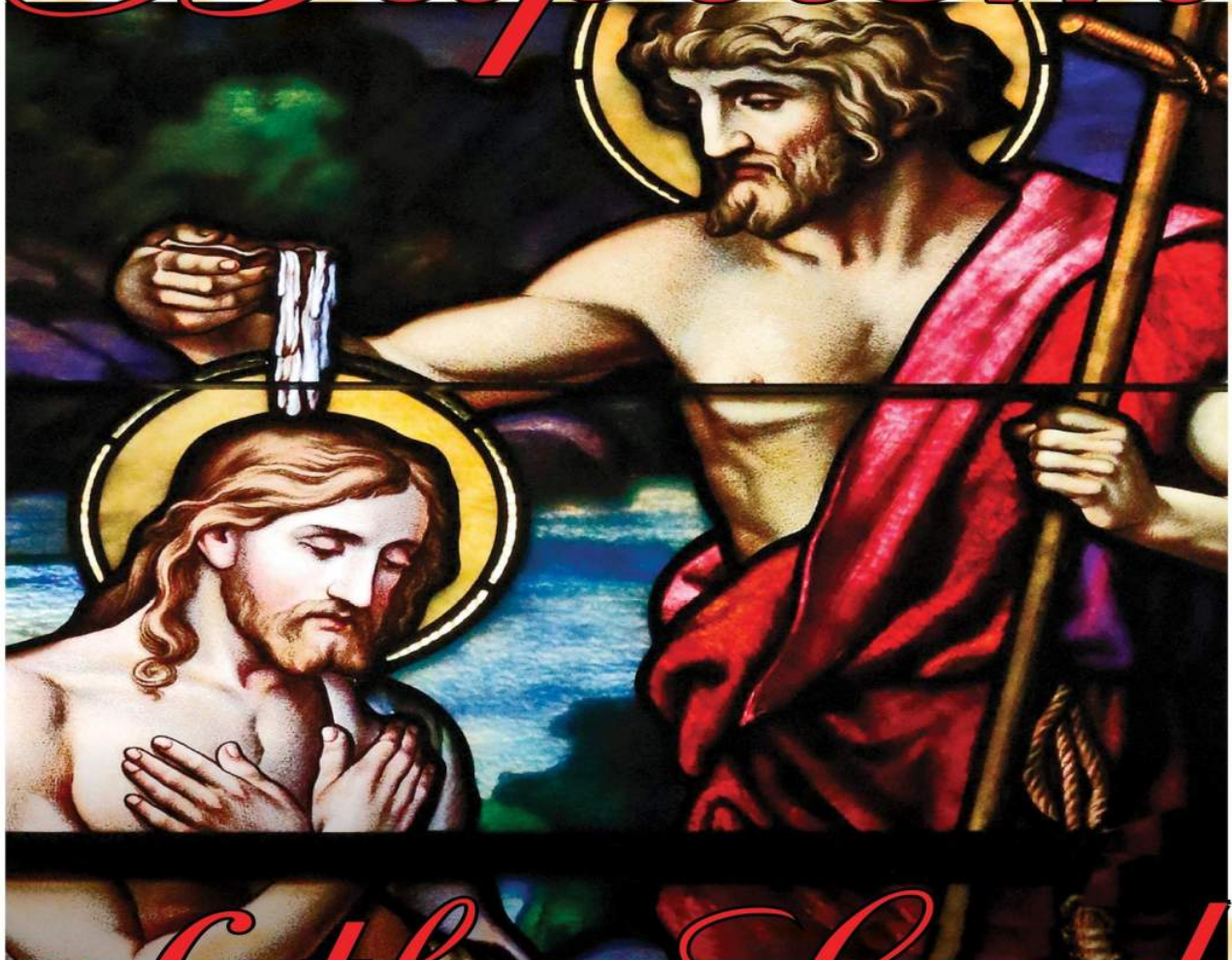
Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

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Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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Baptism



of the Lord

I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER ©JPPC

Liturgy Schedule January 17th - January 18th

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: Kerry Wolbert

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Andy Gilmore

Euch Min: Linda Siegel

Altar Server: Cash Gilmore

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander

Euch Min: Darlene & Gib Wolbert

Altar Server: Karlie Griebel

Ushers: Gib Wolbert, George Carroll, Pete Judy, Dale Gatesman

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: David Smerkar Jr

Euch Min: Butch Hoover

Altar Server: Caleb Eisenman

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Marie Fletcher

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: George & Lisa Carroll

St. Michael: Sue & Todd Beichner

St. Mary: Shawn & Tami Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: James Beichner by Ginny

St Joseph:

St Mary:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17th – January 18th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



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

Monday, January 12

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Mothers

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Leonard Siegel by Betty Cyphert

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Bob & Freda Schwabenbauer by Peg Wolbert

Thursday, January 15

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Norb Bauer by Margaret Wolbert

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

Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Mary Alice Schmader by Tom & Dee-Wolbert

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, January 17

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Norb Bauer by Brad & Lorie Bauer

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Intention of the Priest

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Mothers

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Clara "Punkie" Griebel by Joe

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

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

A Word from Father Brandon

This is the first bulletin article I am actually writing for the Christmas Season, from within the Christmas Season! I have felt like the last few weeks have been a blur of both stress and beauty! Stress? Well, I mean, who doesn't find Christmas a tad on the stressful side of things!? Beauty? I have been blown away over these weeks - especially at our Christmas Masses - by how beautiful our worship was because of the talent and time of so many of you! I want to first specifically thank Peggy, Cindy, Sheila and George who lead the choirs and music at their churches, and wow was it beautiful! I LOVE to experience the worship of God with the energy of choirs and the talent of a community reverberating and rumbling through the holy spaces which are our churches! There is nothing better! Thank you to all who have lent their voices to help make that special day even more beautiful and meaningful.

It has also been beautiful to see how you have taken these already breathtaking spaces and added another gasp of beauty with the flowers, trees and decorations, and manger scenes! I haven't put up a Christmas decoration in years! In fact, this was the first year I did not cut down and buy a Christmas Tree. But, for the last, maybe 3 years, I just left it bare - last year, I think I left it on the front porch and never brought it inside! I don't know how to nor have any urge to decorate or any of that stuff! I've never even hung up a picture in my life...seriously, I can't tell you a single thing I have ever hung on a wall! This is why I appreciate so profoundly those who have a passion for it, an eye for it, and who actually do it! Life would be quite dull without decorating and beautifying spaces - for those who do it for us, thank you!

A third thing that made this a beautiful time was being able to spend Christmas with my new family of parishes! The 'first Christmas', I have found, in a new assignment, is achy. Priests are humans, too, and we fall in love with people and places, and having a first Christmas away from people whom you spent years with, loving as their priest and pastor...hurts, is sad. You just miss them, as so many of you miss those who were not with you at Christmas - either through death, estrangement, or distance. Going through Advent and approaching Christmas, my mind was often thinking about my last few Christmases with my Greenville family whom I love fiercely - and who love me fiercely, too! So, there was a very human and natural grief that was present, but there was also the beauty of celebrating Christmas for the first time with my new family here! I must admit, I am struggling hard with understanding what it means, and how to even do well, being pastor to three separate parishes and yet one partnered community... sometimes it is still as new as my first day here, and most days, I don't really know how I'm doing with being present to and caring for all your souls. I only ever knew one parish, one family, one identity, one mission, one intensely fun adventure! I try to live that way, still, but I feel sometimes I fall between the cracks or might miss the mark. I don't know if that makes sense...I don't even know if it makes sense to me! All I know is that I am so hugely grateful that my "yes" has taken me through the lives of so many and parish communities that swell me with tears of joy when I think back on them! I LOVE being a priest, and I love being a pastor! I love that I am here with you and was able to experience the beauty of celebrating Our Lord's birth with you. It means so much to me that I was able to pray with, worship with, sing with, and adore Our Lord together for the first time this Christmas! I look forward to this getting easier as I grow in trusting more in the love of the Trinity and keep abandoning myself into Thier mysterious love that you and I receive like little children at Christmas! Your faith and your love - and patience with me - is just so beautiful...maybe the most beautiful thing you could have done for me this Christmas!

I mean it when I say I love you!

Love

Fr Brandon



BELOVED

In the entrance antiphon today, we hear:

"After the Lord was baptized, the heavens opened and the Spirit descended like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Beloved means dearly loved, dear to the heart. What a simple goal for all of us - to strive to hear the Father say to us "you are my beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased!"

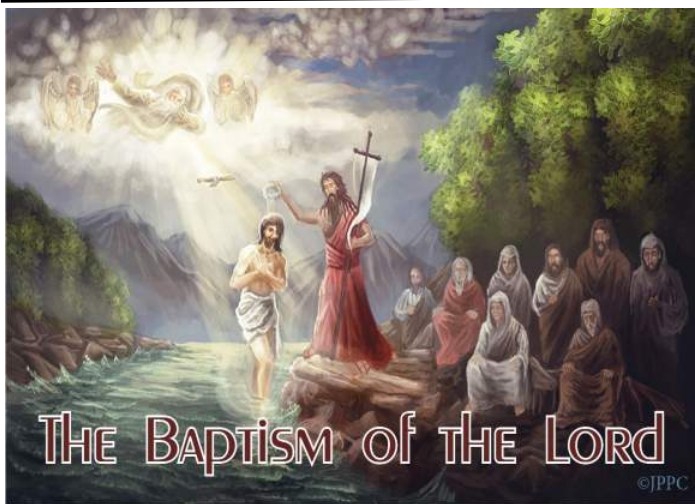
2026 Mass Intentions



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.



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 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.



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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!

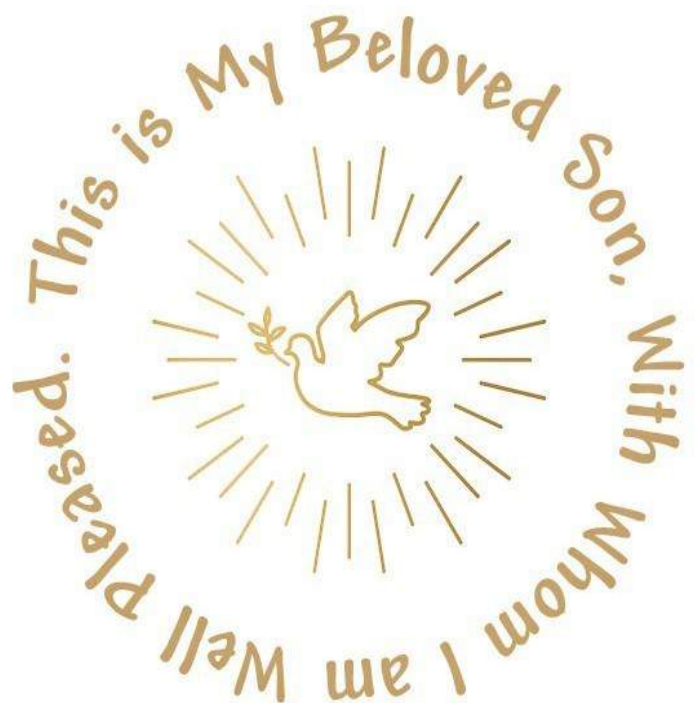
Just bring your bag(s) of **gently used clothes and shoes only** to St. Joseph Hall for the Goodwill Drive Fundraiser.

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.

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



January 11, 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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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In 2024, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received over 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The average age of child sex trafficking victims is 15 years old. Child sex trafficking is child abuse. It occurs when a minor is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is exchanged for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be family members (even parents), friends, gangs, foster parents, trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk openly with your child about this reality and build resiliency. Address myths that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Warn about online risks: social media and gaming platforms are used by traffickers to target, groom, and recruit victims. Prepare your child: at some point they will likely encounter inappropriate messages or harmful content online. Teach them how to respond safely. Report suspected child sex trafficking by calling 1-800-843-5678 or visit CyberTipline.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/



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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

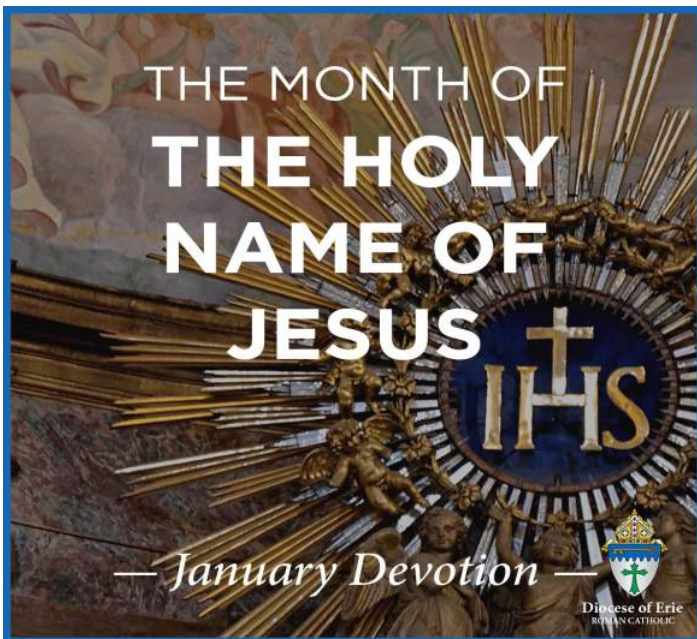
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

— January Devotion —

Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC



What Makes Jesus Smile?

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

Listening to the
Rules
and
Being Good
Jacob

**Kindergarten,
1st Grade
&
2nd Grade**

To Be Good
and
Go to Heaven
To Listen to
Your Mom
and Dad
Jameson

To Behave and
to Listen to Your
Mom and Your
Dad and Your
Sissy and Your
Brother and
Your Mom and
Your Dad
Gabe



**St. Joseph
School**



Be Good
and
Be Nice to
Your Friends
Joseph

When We Are
Happy and Do
Our Chores and
Care for Our
Animals and Do
Good with Our
Families
Samantha

Being
Good
Eva

When We Are
Sharing with
Our Brother
Leland

Following the
Rules in this
World
Following Jesus'
Commands
Giving Your
Mom Hugs
Justin

I can make Jesus
smile by listening
to my teacher,
being nice, being
respectful, being
good, and being
myself.
Lalie

Helping Others
Taking Care of
the Earth, the
Environment,
and the Animals
Rowan

Praying for
Animals
Tell Others
About God
Theo

Feed the Animals
Pray to God
Be Kind to
People
Share with People
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When They Are
Hurt. Aivin

"St. Joseph Students: Making Jesus Smile Every Day."

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