

Saint Joseph Parish
Lucinda, PA

Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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If they will not listen to Moses and the
prophets, neither will they be persuaded
if someone should rise from the dead.

Luke 16:31



Liturgy Schedule October 4th - October 5th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Sue Baumcratz

Euch Min: Dan Banner

Altar Server: Eliza Datko

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

Rosary: Monica Lehnortt

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Kerry Wolbert

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Charlie & Jude Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Emma Cussins

Euch Min: Andy Gilmore

Altar Server: Carter McLaughlin

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Gwen Griebel

Euch Min: Linda Ida, Lori Callihan

Altar Server: Karl Griebel

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

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: David Smerkar Jr

Euch Min: Stan Montana

Altar Server: Caleb Eisenman

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Walter Jakopac

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ken & Brenda Lander

St. Michael: Bernie Beichner Jr, Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

St. Mary: Andrea & Emma Cussins, Kelly Kopchick, Mary Schrecengost

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Jim Ditz by Peg

St Joseph: Norb Bauer by Dana Baker & Family

St Mary: Brad Schmader Family by The Stan Rathfon St Hubert Memorial Council #10341

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times October 4th – October 5th

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



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

Monday, September 29

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) NO MASS

6:00 p.m. (St Michael) Helen Niederriter by St Michael Rosary Society

Tuesday, September 30

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) John Strickenberger by Jim & Nancy Strickenberger

Wednesday, October 1

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Marcella Seitz by Joey Griebel & Barb

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Ken Flick by Jane Carroll

Thursday, October 2

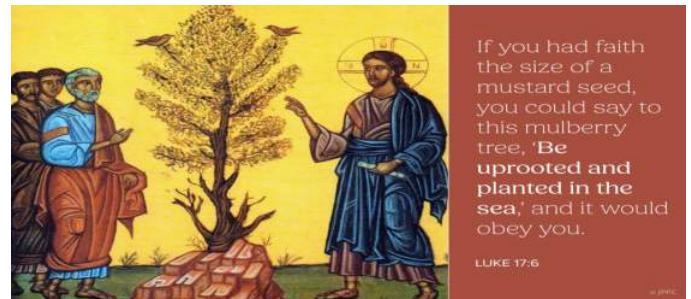
8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Bob Kunsman by M/M Ron Ackerman

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Joe Nesbella by Penny Gawelski & Lissie Letot

Friday, October 3

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Mary Alice Schmader by Carrie Lenhart

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 4

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Roxanne Murphy by Rick & Ryan Murphy

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, October 5

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

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Rosary Society

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

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

A Word From Fr. Brandon

Please remember that tomorrow evening, Monday September 29, is our Feast of Saint Michael, the Archangel, Feast Day Mass at St Michael Church at 6:00pm.

Every year, the diocese conducts what is known as the October Count. This is really the only measure the diocese has to measure Sunday Mass attendance. The diocese picks October as it's the month that probably most likely mass attendance won't be affected by seasonal or holiday travel or inclement weather. It's a piece of data, not the only, but a piece of data the diocese uses to form a snapshot of how many are coming to Masses within the diocese. The process is that we count the attendance of all mass goers each weekend, then find the average attendance for the month and report it. So we will conduct that beginning next weekend.

I am on the Presbyteral Council (bishop's priest council - it's like the diocesan parish council) and at our meeting a week or so ago, we looked at a spreadsheet that looked at all the October Counts for the entire diocese going back to 2000. Once we add this year's in, we'll have a full quarter century of October Counts for the diocese in one spreadsheet! Obviously — I hope it's unsurprising — that the diocese over the last 25 years has seen incredible population declines due to the vanishing of industry and family sustaining wages, as well as through death and so few young families here to carry on the torch. I'll share with you the data from our three parishes:

Saint Mary:	515 (2000) → 232 (2024)
Saint Michael:	669 (2000) → 161 (2024)
Saint Joseph	691 (2000) → 291 (2024)

It's important to note that in 2024, with the partnership, St Joseph and Saint Mary would both have had 2 Masses in October, and Saint Michael had 1. *ONE MASS OR TWO MASSES ARE NOT THE POINT! A FEW DOZEN HERE OR THERE ARE NOT THE POINT. IT'S THE TRAJECTORY THAT MATTERS, THE TREND, FOR THE DIOCESE AND OUR COMMUNITY.* So I don't want to hear, "we just need more Masses at my parish"... you're missing the point! As a whole (that's how we look at data) the trend for our community shows that over the last quarter century, we have gone from 1,875 going to Mass on a weekend to 684 on a weekend. That is a 64% drop over the last quarter century. The diocese as a whole has seen a 66% drop, though, so we are better than many places! Another snapshot: over these 24 years, the overall mass attendance in the entire diocese has gone from 81,800 to 27,502.

I share this because it is public data and it helps give us an awareness of trajectories. It just provides for you that snapshot. These numbers are nothing but a snapshot, that's all. But, let me tell you how I see this data: we have 1,200 less people coming to our masses on a weekend, but we could bring that up! How many from our parishes still live here and yet just don't come? How many live in our communities that are faithful people but just aren't yet Catholic? How many live in our communities that aren't anything yet, but are searching? I mean, we still have people! There are *way* more than 1,200 people out there not at Mass on a Sunday! It's just a matter of helping them find God and His Church and bringing them to Church for the first time or bringing them back after many years. So these numbers excite me because it shows us that the mission fields are ripe with souls yearning for Christ! Let's lean into that mission of bringing people to the faith and to Mass and to experience the preeminent place of God's Love on this side of heaven! Let us not be dower, but mission driven! ***That*** is what it means to be The Church! ***That*** is what you and I have been Baptized and called into!

Love,
Fr Brandon



WANTON REVELRY

In the first reading today, we hear “their wanton revelry shall be done away with.” Wanton here refers to being extreme with total disregard for others. Revelry means to be drinking, partying, singing, and or dancing in a very loud way. The prophet Amos is warning them (and us) about the consequences of morally destructive behavior.

PET BLESSING

Our annual Blessing of Animals falls on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th). **This year, we will have one location for Pet Blessings on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am in the parking lot of St. Mary.**



St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Brad Schmader Family and the 50/50 winner is Jim Hoffmann . The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, October 18th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

St Joseph Rosary Society

Super Bingo - Anybody that would like to donate items for our chance for a prize auction would be very appreciated.

Items needed, gift cards, gift baskets, gas cards, home decor items, products of need, homemade items, all are great. This auction does very well. All proceeds will be used for St. JOSEPH'S Hall updates. May drop items off in the hall or back of church in container provided. Thank you!

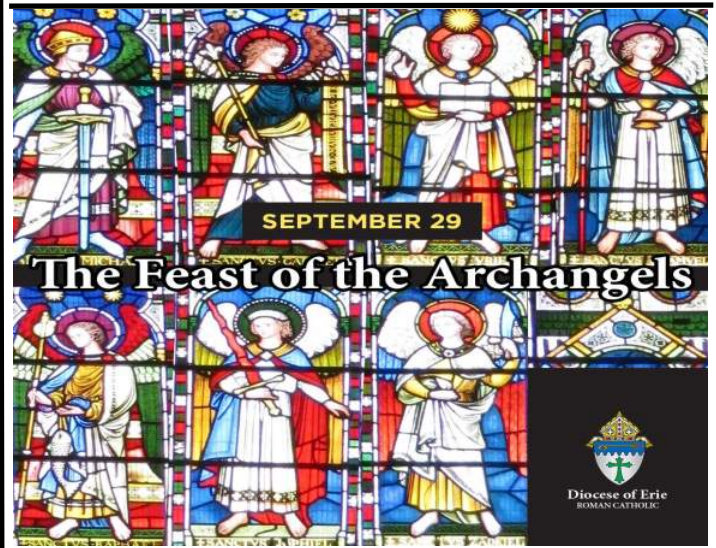
MASS INTENTION NOTICE

To make sure Masses are fulfilled, multiple Mass Intentions will be scheduled in one of our four churches or sent to our Chancery Office for churches or retired priests in our diocese to fulfill.

At this time, we are scheduling Masses from July 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025. Please call the office to schedule.

Please be patient when calling the office or requesting Masses.

Monday, September 29 is the Feast day of St Michael. Celebrate the feast day with 6:00 pm Mass.



ST. MARY JANUARY 2026 – Special number forms for January 2026 Lottery are at the back of the church. Please return to designated baskets at the back of the church before October 12th . If you have any questions, please contact Milly Cussins @ 814-927-6980.

The **Lucinda Area Fall Sportsman's Raffle** will be held at St. Josephs Parish Social Hall on Sunday, October 12th beginning at noon. 40 guns plus \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded from noon until 4:00pm. Print raffles, 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.

On Sunday October 12, **St Michael Rosary Society and Faith Formation Program** will again be holding a Living Rosary before the 11:00 AM Mass at St Michael Church in Fryburg. Last year's Living Rosary was a beautiful and moving experience for the children and adults. If you would like to participate by leading one prayer (Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, etc), please sign up using the sheets located at the backs of the churches – St Michael's, St Joseph's and St Mary's. We will need participants to arrive by 10:00 AM and will begin praying the Rosary at 10:15. Families are encouraged to sign up together. You can also contact Karen Wolbert at 814-227-9555 to sign up or ask any questions. Please join us for this special way to pray the Rosary and celebrate October – the month of the Holy Rosary.

There will be **quilting** in the basement of St. Joseph Rectory the weeks of October 6, October 20, and November 3. Lunch will be provided and everyone is welcome. If you'd like to learn how to quilt, please contact Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075 for a lesson! Also, if you'd like to help provide items for the quilters' lunches, please contact Linda. Thank you and God bless!

September 28, 2025

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 need for September and October 2025 are: boxed stuffing, boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes; evaporated milk; canned pumpkin; canned beef stew; canned tomatoes; Spic & Span spray; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Friday, September 26, 2025 and Friday, October 24, 2025. **"Volunteers Needed"**

August Weekly Offerings

St Joseph — \$15,115.00

St Michael — \$12,867.00

St Mary — \$9,420.00

We are starting **Fellowship First Fridays** at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Hall starting with Friday, October 3. There is no meeting, just refreshments, conversation, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office by no later than 1 p.m. Friday at least 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com

The **Liturgical Ministry Schedules** for St Joseph, St Mary & St Michael Parishes for October through December 2025 are now available on the Parish Website: watch4deercatholic.church

St Joseph Rosary Society

Flowers on the Altars and decorations are in memory of deceased ladies of St. Joseph's parish.

2025 CSA

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

Total Pledged: \$41,400.00

Paid as of 8/31/25: \$35,610.00

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

Total Pledged: \$45,992.00

Paid as of 8/31/25: \$41,592.00

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

Total Pledged: \$24,925.00

Paid as of 8/31/25: \$22,195.00

St Joseph Rosary Society

October 3-Fellowship-9:00AM-1st Friday of each month in the church hall.

October 5-Mass for deceased ladies of the parish, 9:30AM

October 5-Super Bingo.

October 6-Quilting-Rectory basement

October 9-Rosary Society meeting-6:00 PM

October 20-Quilting-Rectory basement

October 25-July 4 appreciation dinner after 4:00PM mass.

November 3-Quilting-Rectory basement

November 13-Rosary Society meeting-6:00 PM

December 11-Ladies Christmas Party-6:30PM

**Catholic Rural Ministry— Sr Tina Geiger, RSM and Sr Marian Wehler, OSB, 7 Pulaski St, Oil City, PA 16301
814-677-2032**

Attention anyone who likes to sing!!

St. Michael choir practice is on Monday evenings at 6:45 pm. We will soon be starting music for the Christmas season. Hope to have some new people join us. Men, Women and Children - All are welcome!!



September 10, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Every year, **World Mission Sunday** reminds us of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru.

The example of Pope Leo encourages us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East. These areas where the Church is young depend on our prayers and financial support.

This year, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 18 and 19, 2025. Our prayer and financial contributions are signs of our communion with the global Church. They support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of peoples who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

I encourage you to offer your joyful prayer, and financial support, according to your ability, during this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday. Please know of my gratitude for all that you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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Attention all 4th of July Festival
Volunteers & Families!

**YOU ARE COORDIALLY
INVITED TO ATTEND A
COMPLEMENTARY DINNER AS
A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR
ALL OF YOUR WORK FOR OUR
4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL!**

The dinner will be held on
Saturday, October 25th after 4:00
Mass at St. Joseph Social hall.

We hope to see you there!

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Joseph Rosary Society

Please direct any questions to
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