

Saint Joseph Parish
Lucinda, PA

Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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A large, vertical image of a nativity scene. At the top, a bright, multi-pointed star shines in a dark blue and purple sky, with rays of light extending downwards. Below the star, the text "Born the King of Angels" is written in a large, stylized font. "Born" and "Angels" are in a light blue, cursive script, while "the King of" is in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. At the bottom, silhouetted against a warm orange and yellow sunset sky, are the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger. To the right, three wise men are kneeling in adoration, one holding a gift. The overall scene is peaceful and reverent.

Born the King of *Angels*

Liturgy Schedule December 27th - December 28th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Al Lander

Euch Min: Norm Wolbert

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcratz

Rosary: Marion Lutz, Marge Bauer

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Charlie & Jude Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Ron Songer

Euch Min: Linda Siegel

Altar Server: Nathan Karg

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Kristie Schmader

Euch Min: Linda Ida, Gib Wolbert

Altar Server: Gavin Kunselman

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

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Carol Kiser

Euch Min: Jill Smerkar

Altar Server: Caleb Eisenman

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Maggie Montana

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ken & Brenda Lander

St. Michael: Eric Schmader, Ray Beichner

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Robert(Junior) & Robert (Bobby) Graham by Graham Family

St Joseph: Roy Wolbert by Peg & Family

St Mary: Matthew Ochs Family by The Stan Rathfon St Hubert Memorial Council #10341

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 27th – December 28th

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6: 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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

Monday, December 22

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Judy Bogel by Pauline Starkey

Tuesday, December 23

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Dolores Weaver by The Family

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Marcella Seitz by St Joseph Rosary Society

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Hank Hargenrader & Amy Lesko by The Family

7:00 p.m. (St Mary) Michael & Barbara Lencer & Deceased Children by Barb Karg

Thursday, December 25

Midnight (St Michael) Norb Bauer by Mary Ditz & Family

9:00 a.m. (St Mary) Fr Christopher Barnes by Jack & Jill Smail

Friday, December 26

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

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Saturday, December 27

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Deceased Members of Morris & Catharine Bauer Family by Estella Lauer

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Charmaine Calfo by James Hoffmann

Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Deceased Members of The Wiant & Lencer Families by Henry & Sue Lencer Family

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Bob Siegel by Carol

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

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

A Word from Father Brandon

Turning the bend around this final Sunday of the Advent Season and with Christmas within earshot, we need to really lean into the mystery of this Season and need to do all we can to prepare our hearts and minds for the Incarnation. But, it's not just fluffy airiness, rather, we need to prepare our hearts to receive Him because there will be, for many of us, distractions par excellence at play over these coming days! If we don't take every advantage of every moment of solitude and prayer we can glean over these next hours, then we risk the loss of all we have pondered in these short few weeks. Be staunch guardians and curators of the graces and mysteries of Advent over these last remaining hours. Remember, the Birth of Jesus will happen - it did - now we need to plop a manger down within us where we need that Incarnation the most!

The final opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession before the Solemnity of Christmas will be this Tuesday, December 23, at 10:00am. We will have Confessions at both Saint Michael and Saint Mary. Fr Cory and I will just hear confessions until all are heard. If you haven't received the Grace of this sacrament this holy season, please take advantage of this final opportunity within the parishes! It's not out of mere obligation we go, but out of an abundant opportunity to reclaim our sonship in a radical way, in preparation for The Son to be Incarnate at Christmas!

Speaking of Confessions, I just wanted to say how AWESOME it has been to have heard so many Confessions, thus far, over the Advent Season! I am writing this a week and a half before you are reading this, for publishing timeline reasons, but what a blast it has been to sit with so many of you so far over this Advent Season and witness God's Mercy in your life and the beauty of your faith! Fr Cory and I have been legitimately worn out at points - with a beautiful life-giving exhaustion, an exhaustion he and I gave our lives for! I told you a few weeks back that there were not any penance services planned because we were without a Dean, and now, me, as Dean, just did not have the time to get them planned before Advent. Truth be told, though, I have always been a bit contrarian when it comes to Advent and Lent Confessions, maybe a tad selfish. In my 8 years as a pastor, I have never had a Penance Service...I honestly just love being a priest so much and being with my people in their conversion and healing in that Sacraments, that I just don't have penance services - I just want to do it myself! Most of my Advents and Lents, as a pastor, I have had extra Confession time nearly every day of the Season. I think last Lent I clocked like 45 hours in the Confessional! I LOVE it! I do not intend, as pastor, to host penance services. Going forward, we will have them at other parishes - if those pastors wish - but I intend, in these penitential seasons, to clear my calendar as much as possible and just have a diversity of times for the Sacrament available to you. That is just the Fr Brandon way of doing things! It is what I and Fr Cory surrendered our lives to - it is not a burden, it is the joy of our life! So thank you for taking your faith and relationship with the Trinity so seriously over this season with both Confessions, your presence at Liturgy, and for all the 'manger plopping' you have been doing in your soul within your intense and beautiful prayer life! I love doing Church with you and growing in faith right alongside you. Again, it is the joy of my life and the reason I said yes when called!

Love,

Fr Brandon



EMMANUEL

Jesus has many names in the bible. Names that are worth thinking and praying about this Advent season include Emmanuel, Savior, Redeemer, Messiah, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. Each of these titles gives us a different glimpse of God as the Son. Emmanuel means God is with us. Jesus is our Savior. Jesus redeems us of our sins; His sacrifice paid the price. Jesus is anointed by God so He is the Messiah. Jesus brings peace to our souls and to the world. Jesus is the King of all Kings. Jesus is the Lord of all Lords. When Jesus is called "King of kings and Lord of lords," it means that, in the end, all other rulers will be conquered or abolished, and He alone will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth.

ST. MARY JANUARY 2026 LOTTERY TICKETS This is an important fund raiser for our parish.

We prayerfully ask that you buy or sell the tickets that are provided to you. Additional tickets are available at the back of the church.

THESE MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Please place your sold tickets, along with payment, in the designated basket provided at the back of the church by December 30, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Milly Cussins @ 814-927-6980

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped make the Christmas Holiday Craft Show such a wonderful success! Events like this come together only through the efforts of many hands. A very special thanks to the amazing women who gathered gifts for the Chinese Auction and to the women who worked tirelessly to feed visitor and crafters. Your generosity and countless hours of dedication are deeply appreciated. To everyone who donated food—especially those who prepared soup, cinnamon rolls, and dinner rolls—thank you for sharing your time and your delicious homemade dishes.

The 12 Days of Eating and Shopping Raffle, generously donated by Ron Songer, was a tremendous success. Thank you as well to the women who stayed late contacting the Chinese Auction winners, and to all who worked the booths, assisted vendors with setup and cleanup, and supported the craft show and our Faith Formation program. We are also grateful to everyone who contributed items to the Chinese Auction or made monetary donations to help offset expenses. Our parish is truly blessed with such a supportive community.

And finally, thank you to all who attended the craft show—you supported not only our crafters and vendors, but also our Faith Formation program.

We are thrilled to share that our total profit was **\$10,315.05!**

Mark your calendars—our Spring Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2026!**

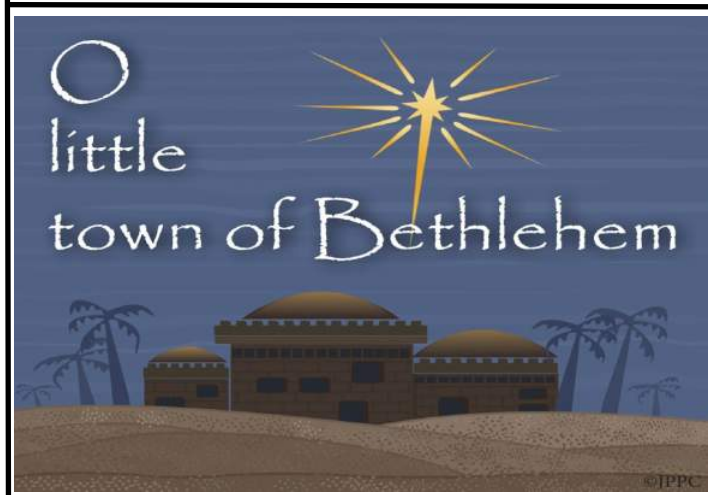
12 Days of Eating and Shopping Raffle Winner - Paula Judy
50/50 Winners: Deb Schill and Curtis Ochs

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.



Ministry Schedules for January through March 2026 are now available on the Parish Website.

Spiral Pinwheels Quilt Class will be Tuesday evenings in January 2026 at St. Joseph Social Hall. Classes are from 6pm-8:30pm and will be held on January 6, 13, 20 & 27. This is a confident Beginner quilt. If you are interested in attending, please call Teresa Carroll at 814-226-4227 to register. Class is limited to 10 people.



December 21, 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 December 2025 are: canned yams; boxed potatoes; jello or pudding; egg noodles; canned beef stew; muffin or quick bread mixes; cake mixes; soft soap; liquid laundry soap; spray spic and span. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, December 23, 2025. **"Volunteers Needed"**

St Michael Christmas decorating

Decorating will be a week early this year. Tree set up is Friday December 12 @ 10:00 am. We need help carrying trees up from the basement, assembling and fluffing the trees. This doesn't take much time if we have lots of help. Decorating the trees will be after Mass on December 14. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. The manger will be set up on Sunday December 21st after Mass. Poinsettias arrive December 23rd @ 10:00 am. Please come and lend a hand to make our church beautiful for Christmas. ALL ARE WELCOME! Thank you! Kate Nale

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.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Christmas Dinner - 2025

Christmas Day: 2:00 – 5:00 at St. Michaels Parish Hall – Fryburg, PA

ALL ARE WELCOME - CARRY OUT'S FOR SHUT-INS AVAILABLE Come join us in celebrating HIS BIRTH - Sponsored by: Peter & Judy Ackermann NOTE: RSVP APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED **All RSVP's Guaranteed a Meal – all others will be served until we run out.** (Call 814-354-6820 or Cell 814-516-5717 to leave a message or email: ju-dithackermann@aol.com **VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME**



Please join us for First Friday Fellowship at 9 am (following the 8:30 am mass) at St. Joseph Hall on Friday, January 2. 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 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: secratary@stjosephlucinda.com

IT'S HERE!



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 or use your parish name and text to the number provided to retrieve the donation form. You can set up an account and reoccurring donations. Please notify the parish office if you elect to give online and no longer need envelopes.

THANK YOU for your generosity to our parishes!

2025 CSA

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

Total Pledged: \$42,760.00

Paid as of 12/3/25: \$40,105.00

Still Owed: \$2,655.00

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

Total Pledged: \$45,992.00

Paid as of 12/3/25: \$42,667.00

Still Owed: \$3,325.00

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

Total Pledged: \$27,745.00

Paid as of 12/3/25: \$26,560.00

Still Owed: \$1,185.00

We would like to **Thank You** for your CSA 2025 pledges and would like to remind you that CSA pledges should be paid in full by the end of the year.



November Weekly Offerings

St Joseph — \$15,070.00

St Michael — \$17,010.00

St Mary — \$13,564.00

Join us this Christmas



December 24th, 2025

4:00 pm: St Joseph

4:00 pm: St Michael

7:00 pm: St Mary

December 25, 2025

Midnight St Michael

9:00 am St Mary

We are still in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for the following Christmas Masses: St Joseph—4:00 pm; St Michael—4:00 pm; St Mary—7:00 pm; St Michael — Midnight Mass; St Mary—9:00 am

Please call the office if you would like to volunteer for any of these ministries for the Christmas Masses.

**Parish Office will be closed
from December 24, 2025
through January 4, 2026.**



Advent 2025
Confessions

Confessions

Saturdays 3pm (St Joseph) 5pm (St Mary)

Tuesday Dec 23 @10am
(St Michael & St Mary)



MASS *Intentions*

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.

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