

Saint Joseph Parish

Lucinda, PA

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Crown, PA



Saint Michael Parish

Fryburg, PA

Saint Ann Mission

Marienville, PA



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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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STEWARDSHIP

Week of August 2, 2026

Saint Joseph: \$2,895

Saint Michael: \$3,628

Saint Mary: \$2,928

2026 CSA UPDATE

August 7 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: \$34,807

Total Pledged: \$50,050

Total Paid: \$40,445

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: \$38,740

Total Pledged: \$41,782

Total Paid: \$36,782

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: \$23,034

Total Pledged: \$28,904

Total Paid: \$23,879

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UPCOMING

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Your generosity supports pastoral ministry, faith formation, evangelization and outreach to families and vulnerable communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Together, we strengthen the Church and proclaim the Gospel beyond our borders. Please prayerfully consider making a gift this weekend August 15/16.

Silver Rose Devotion

Meeting August 19 at St Mary Church at 6pm.

Edge Parent Meeting

September 2 at St. Joseph hall from 6pm-6:30pm. Students need not attend.

Confirmation Information Meeting

Sunday August 30 after 9:30 Mass OR September 2 at St. Joseph hall from 6:45pm-7:15pm. Students and a parent need to attend ONE of the meetings.

St Joseph Rosary Society

Meeting September 10 at 6pm in the hall.

MINISTER SCHEDULE • AUG 22-23

4:00pm, Saint Joseph

Lector: A. Lander

Eucharistic Minister: L. Ida, A. Ochs, D. Baker

Altar Server: T. Schmader

Ushers: D. Baker, J. Harvey, E. Carroll, J. Lutz

Rosary: D. & M. Banner

6:00pm, Saint Mary

Lector: L. Letot

Eucharistic Minister: D. Thimons, L. Letot

Altar Server: A. Bogel

8:00am, Saint Mary

Lector: S. Sepan

Eucharistic Minister: L. Siegel, S. Sepan, M. LeClaire

Altar Server: J. Boylan

9:30am, Saint Joseph

Lector: *Please volunteer*

Eucharistic Minister: *Please volunteer*

Altar Server: *Please volunteer*

Ushers: *Please volunteer*

11:00am, Saint Michael

Lector: J. Barron

Eucharistic Minister: J. Barron, E. Weaver, T. Hoover

Altar Server: L. Weaver

Ushers: M., N. & I. Gilara

Rosary: M. Montana

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17:

8:30am, *Saint Mary*

Special Intention for Bonnie Dworek (Ken Dworek)

Tuesday, August 18:

8:30am, *Saint Michael*

+John & Elizabeth Cyphert (Beth Cyphert & Family)

Wednesday, August 19:

8:30am, *Saint Mary*

+Dennis & Marcella Greenawalt & Dec. Family (Family)

Thursday, August 20:

8:30am, *Saint Michael*

+Jack Mitchell (Bernie & Jane Hoover)

6:00pm, *Saint Ann*

+Stephen & Elizabeth Zeravica (Jen Schickel)

Friday, August 21:

8:30am, *Saint Joseph*

+Neal Gatesman (Family)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 22:

4:00pm, *Saint Joseph*

+Punkie Griebel (Joe)

6:00pm, *Saint Mary*

+Charmaine Calfo (James Hoffmann)

Sunday, August 23:

8:00am, *Saint Mary*

Parish Family

9:30am, *Saint Joseph*

+Sam Schmader (Jerry & Mary Lutz)

11:00am, *Saint Michael*

+Thomas Lauer (Jean & Dave)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael

R. Beichner, J. Reed

Saint Joseph

E. Carroll, S. Hoover

Saint Mary

H. Karg, T. Karg, W. Karg

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael

Ambrose & Edna Ditz & Dec. Sons (Peg)

Saint Joseph

Denny Greenawalt (Jane)

Saint Mary

Fr Christopher Barnes (Skip & Milly Cussins)

A Word from Father Brandon

I wanted to take a bit of space and talk about Saint Joseph School. I say it all the time: I see our Catholic Schools as the 8th Sacrament, and I wholly and fully believe they are among the greatest ministries that we do in the life of the Church. I am biased; from my first day of kindergarten back in 1991 till this day, I have never not been either a student in or a priest leading a Catholic School. It's a ministry I love, I understand, and am passionate about doing my part to help them thrive and live their mission to their fullest potential. As a priest this is now my fourth school I've ministered to, and my third as pastor. Each school that I have ministered and lead have had such profound uniquenesses, joys, challenges, struggles and hard decisions. This past week I 'celebrated' my first full year here, and I remember before I got the assignment that I was overwhelmed with the fear of the unknown because I was no longer going to be a school pastor (as my previous school had to close). I remember distinctly going to prayer, at times in tears, just not knowing how to be a priest without that duty and joy of helping to shepherd a school. Then, I got the privilege of being entrusted with another school, here. I have been so thrilled this entire year, and I look forward to many more years doing all I can to shepherd our school into the next generation!

One thing that is apparent to every one of us, is that the world is not a place that makes our ministry of Catholic Education easy nor creates clear runways of how to tackle every challenge and obstacle. It's not about 'us vs them'...I hate to engage in that cheap banter; to me, that's just an excuse to whine and throw up your hands! I have come to experience that the biggest challenge that threatens the vitality of our schools is that for those parents who discern and desire the ministry of Catholic Education for their children, it introduces burdens, hardships, and sacrifices that can make the ultimate decision just something undoable at that given moment - and there are not always easy answers or solutions. Oftentimes, the greatest obstacle is finances. Let's face it, we live in society where we are not getting richer as the costs of living just don't ever seem to stop eclipsing the last high price! To ask a family to pay some thousands of dollars per kid is just utterly insane to me! If a parish wants a school, then that parish must go all out to make the burdens and sacrifices something families can take on. This sense of duty and stewardship and love towards school families is not something every parish with a school exhibits...it's not! But, Saint Joseph – and this whole community of our partnership – does! You LOVE this school! You are generous, look out for it, and support it in so many ways! This is the reason I was able to create a new scholarship this year that I announced to our families and the community a few weeks back, that sees to it that no family is obligated more than \$500 *per child*, for the whole year! I won't get into all the 'back office bean counting' that goes into that, but because of your generosity as a partnership as you support the school through various events and fundraisers, and for St Joseph parish who in the CSA this year raised, to date, \$16,000 over the goal to support the kids...through all that, we are able to see to it that no family is ever burdened with massive tuition bills, ever! I just ask that you continue to support and love the school, send families and children our way, and we will take care of them and lead this school into the next generation of Catholic Education! No one does it quite like Saint Joseph School; let's keep loving it and supporting it!

Love,
Father Brandon



Tickets

Labor Day Cash Giveaway (\$10) and Farm to Table (\$1) tickets are available at the doors of the church and at local businesses. Cash Giveaway prizes every 10 minutes from 1pm - 4pm.

Setup

Monday, August 31st at 5:30pm. Rain date Tuesday, September 1st. We'd love to see you there!

Donations

Our dinner donation list is available at the doors of the church and in the bulletin. Chinese Auction prizes can be dropped off at the side door of St. Michael church or coordinate with Jess Kaltenbach at 814-758-7876. For monetary gifts, please place in the collection basket marked "Chinese Auction".

Dinner and Volunteering

We are having turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, coleslaw, and dessert. We would truly appreciate your help with prep work, busing tables and running desserts on the day of the picnic. If you can lend a hand, contact Tammy Ochs at 814-354-2891.

Labor Day Committee

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

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341

Silver Roses Devotion Wednesday, August 19th at St Mary Church at 6 pm. Seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, all are welcome to come and pray the Rosary for the sanctity of life.

Money Counters Needed for St Michael Parish

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

St. Michael Church's 140th Anniversary of Consecration

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.

St Mary/St Ann July 2026 Lottery

We wish to thank everyone who supported our July 2026 Lottery and ask for your continued support when we enter into our January 2027 Lottery.

A total of 569 tickets were sold. Of those, we had 144 winners with a total payout of \$5,570.00. After all expenses, we realized a total profit of \$5,619.00!

Funerals

Please note that when a family member passes away, the funeral home is the first contact. They will contact the parish office to coordinate all details.



You're Invited to Our Back-to-School

Returning Families

- Meet your child's teacher.
- Visit the classroom.
- Drop off school supplies.
- Learn about what's ahead for the new school year.
- Reconnect with our St. Joseph family.

Open House

Thursday, August 20th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

New and Interested Families

- Tour our school.
- Meet our teachers & staff.
- Learn about scholarships and financial assistance.
- Discover why so many families choose St. Joseph School.



At St. Joseph School, You'll Discover...

- A Christ-centered education where every child is known, loved, and supported.
- Strong academics with individualized attention.
- Small class sizes and caring teachers.
- A safe, welcoming school community that feels like family.
- Making an outstanding Catholic education possible for every family.



Back to School Prayer

Lord our God,
In your wisdom and love
you surround us with the
mysteries of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon these
students and fill them with
your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote
themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Requirements for working with children: The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children must complete state mandated criminal record checks. They must also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. Parents: stay vigilant! Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what's required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and agencies, visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: Located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. Always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. Make checks payable to: North Clarion-Marienville food pantry. Mail any donations to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville PA 16239. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items currently 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, and baby wipes. Distribution date is: Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

HISTORY

180 Years Ago

St. Joseph Parish, established in 1840, built its first church in the summer of 1846



One hundred eighty years ago, in the summer of 1846, the first St. Joseph church was built of wood and would have looked *somewhat* like the sketch. In 1850 it burned down. The steep hill where it had stood was then leveled and gently sloped in preparation for a second church.

St. Joseph Parish was established in 1840. A few immigrants arrived in the early 1820s, and by the 1840s there were 35 Catholic families.

Before 1840, St. Joseph parish's baptisms, marriages, and deaths were recorded in St. Michael parish records.

Mass was celebrated only on occasion and in homes, as one priest often served all of Clarion County, then part of Venango County.

The deed was granted for the first St. Joseph church on April 29, 1846, to the Right Rev. Bishop Michael O'Connor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

On July 24, 1846, Bishop O'Connor visited Lucinda and noted that the church walls were up. In 1853, the Erie Diocese was formed from the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

From "A Proud People, A Proud Heritage" book.

Any items for the bulletin need emailed to Julie two weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a first come, first serve basis.

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