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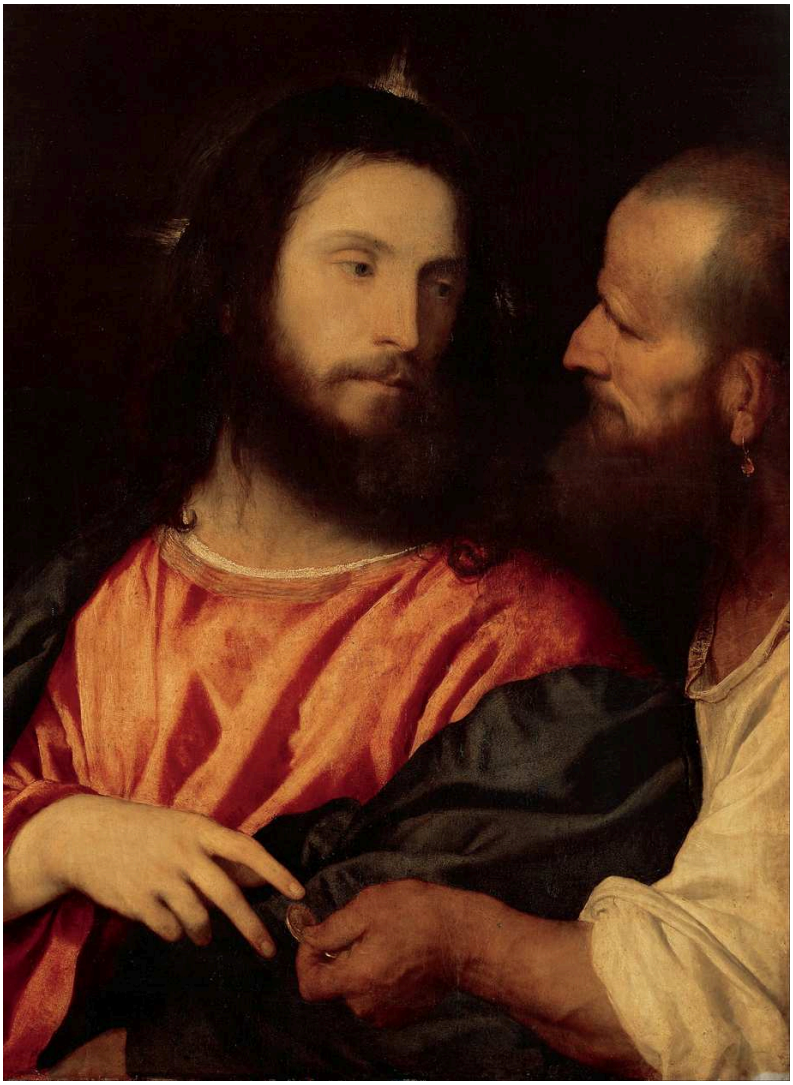
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Week of October 4, 2026

Saint Joseph: $3,409

Saint Michael: $2,943

Saint Mary: $3,645

2026 CSA UPDATE

October 9, 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: $34,807

Total Pledged: $50,200

Total Paid: $43,475

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: $38,740

Total Pledged: $43,003

Total Paid: $38,678

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: $23,034

Total Pledged: $28,204

Total Paid: $25,404

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UPCOMING

Quilting at St Joseph
Beginning October 20 in the Rectory Basement

Rural Catholic Women
Meeting October 20 at 6:00pm in St Joseph Rectory.

Second Collection for World Mission Sunday
This collection supports 1130 mission dioceses & territories around the world. Celebrating it's 100th anniversary, the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" reminds us we share in the missionary call. Please prayerfully consider making a gift this weekend of October 17/18.

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Rosary for Peace
St. Michael Church on Tuesdays at 6:30pm

MINISTER SCHEDULE • OCT 24-25

4:00pm, Saint Joseph
Lector: S. Spence
Eucharistic Minister: D. Banner, M. Banner, M. Lehnortt
Altar Server: None
Ushers: G. Ochs, C. Lander, E. Baumcratz, M. Lehnortt
Rosary: D. Banner, M. Banner

6:00pm, Saint Mary
Lector: J. Thimons
Eucharistic Minister: D. Thimons, J. Thimons
Altar Server: C. Carroll, J. Carroll

8:00am, Saint Mary
Lector: K. Martz
Eucharistic Minister: C. Schettler, A. Gilmore, J. Schettler
Altar Server: C. McLaughlin

9:30am, Saint Joseph
Lector: A. Ochs
Eucharistic Minister: D. Wolbert, G. Wolbert, J. Eisenman
Altar Server: T. Schmader
Ushers: G. Wolbert, G. Carroll, P. Judy, D. Gatesman

11:00am, Saint Michael
Lector: A. Smerkar
Eucharistic Minister: B. Hoover, E. Weaver, A. Smerkar
Altar Server: L. Weaver
Ushers: M., N. & I. Gilara
Rosary: M. Montana

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+Bonnie Dworek (Dan & Mary Banner)

Tuesday, October 20:
8:30am, *Saint Michael*
+Norb & Dolores Ochs (The Family)

Wednesday, October 21:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+John Nick (Dan & Mary Banner & Family)

Thursday, October 22:
8:30am, Saint Michael
+Troy Wolbert (Barb Smerkar)
6:00pm, Saint Ann
Special Intention for Brooke Johnson (Chuck Baxter

Friday, October 23:
8:30am, Saint Joseph
+Deceased Members of Ed & Florence Bauer Family (The Family)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 24
4:00pm, Saint Joseph
+Thomas, Marjorie, Julie & Aiden Carroll (The Family)
6:00pm, Saint Mary
+A M "Wish" McCloskey (The Wallace, Hepinger & Russell Families)

Sunday, October 25:
8:00am, Saint Mary
Parish Family
9:30am, *Saint Joseph*
+Sam Schmader (Dana Baker)
11:00am, Saint Michael
+Norma Lauer (Jean & Dave)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael
M. C. Stecki, T. Gilara

Saint Joseph
G. Carroll, L. Carroll

Saint Mary
S. Kline, T. Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael
Paul Ditz (Todd & Sue Beichner)

Saint Joseph
Ed & Kate Dechant (Julie Hockman)

Saint Mary
Charmaine Calfo (James Hoffmann)

A Word from Father Brandon

I don't really recall where it came from, but I have had for some time a strong interest in the Social Doctrine of the Church. In Church speak, it's also known as Catholic Social Teaching. I think in seminary, at St. Vincent, we had a class in it, but I truthfully don't recall (towards the end there, I think I was getting 'schooled out' so not much was retained!). But somewhere in those years, a strong admiration grew towards understanding how the Catholic Faith, in all Its beauty and richness, is not just a pursuit of piety, but a radical way of living in the world! This led me to read Pope Leo XIII's (our current Holy Father's name sake) 1891 watershed document titled *Rerum Novarum* (On The New Things) as *that* Leo sought to address human dignity in the face of a robust and earthquaking industrial revolution. Subsequent Papal Documents over the ensuing years have included *Quadragesimo Anno* (After Forty Years) written on Rerum Novarum's 40th anniversary; *Mater et Magistra* (Christianity and Social Progress) in 1961 on the occasion of the 70th anniversary; *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth) in 1963 in light of the Cold War; *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World) that was Vatican Council II's contribution to this conversation in 1965; *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work) in 1981; *Centesimus Annus* (The Hundredth Year) in 1991 on the centenary anniversary of Rerum Novarum, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) in 2009 was Benedict's great contribution to this theology, and, most recently, *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity) is our current Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's, contribution to this ongoing unfolding of living the Faith in a political, secular, and, now, AI driven world. These are just some of the post 1891 documents. This isn't, though, a new theology Leo XIII pondered in the 1890's - he is simply preaching the Gospel to a world that had - and still is - darkened with the pursuits of power and profits at the expense of peoples and communities. I am considering doing a teaching series on these documents in 2027, walking through Catholic Social Teaching and discovering what our Faith and Church truly teach, not what politicians guilt you into thinking! (In seminary, I had the opportunity to pursue a second Masters degree, and, in a moment of zeal, I asked the Academic Dean if I could do that, and that I wanted to do it on this topic. I wanted an M.A. in Catholic Social Teaching, essentially. He looked at my grades, let out a big sigh, and told me to stick with my current trajectory! Like I said, I was getting 'schooled out'!)

How we take our vast Theology, treasury of Truth, and our never-failing Grace from God and, somehow, plug that into living in a fallen world that has little innate concern for you and I...that is just fascinating to me!

And this is not, and can never be, co-opted to mere political jargon or reasons to vote for a candidate or shame you over your party registration...so many use and abuse the faith for their own ends and agenda - this Theology is a deliberate declaration that the Church has no room for political code words or patience for dismantling human dignity or families - none! It's that same detachment from Rome, from Caesar, that Our Lord exhibits in this weekend's Gospel. The Lord isn't intimidated by Caesar; He isn't messily macho and refuses to pay His taxes - He simply brings clarity and order...that is the beauty of our Faith! It doesn't beg for faux bravado; it simply asks for radical fidelity to God, and Him alone - and when we live from that Truth, everything works, the Gospel is preached, the Kingdom is built, and we reign with Our God! So may we be a people who continually seek, for we will find, and we will come to not be slaves of a dehumanization, but heralds of the Good News and become the answers to the toughest questions of our age.

Love,
Father Brandon

PARISH NEWS

Rural Catholic Women Group
Women of all parishes may attend. The topic of prayer/discussion is “Mary, Mother of God”.

St Mary January 2027 Lottery
Tickets available at back of church for pickup. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Please buy or sell tickets provided to you and place in basket at back of church by December 28, 2026. Any questions, please contact Milly Cussins at 814-927-6980.

St Michael 4pm Liturgical Ministries
With the return of the Saturday Mass in January 2027, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and ushers will be needed. If interested contact the parish office as soon as possible.

St Mary Parish Prayer Chain
To become a member, please complete form in back of church and place in basket by October 24. No changes for current members.

St Mary Christmas Holiday Craft Show
If you are **i**nterested in being a vendor/crafter for this year’s craft show information is located on the Parish website under the event tab.

St Joseph Choir Fall/Christmas Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 20, 27 at 6:30pm. Schedules are located at the entrances of the church.

St Michael Holiday Church Decorating
Help is needed in coordination of ordering flowers and decorating of the church for Christmas and Easter seasons. Contact the Parish office if interested.

Quilting at St Joseph Parish
Interested in learning how to quilt, come join us! For questions, transportation or to help prepare lunches, contact Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075.

OCIA
Anyone who desires Full Commuunion with The Church, desires conversion into The Church, or if you are still on the fence about it, please reach out to Fr. Brandon to begin the journey into the Catholic Church!

Cleaning Position at St Michael Parish
Church & Rectory requires 2½ to 3 hours a week. Contact the business manager if interested.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS





FAITH FORMATION

Remember, Faith Formation programs have begun for the year! Schedule and locations are :

St Mary Church - twice a month on Sundays after the 8:00am Mass until 10:15am

St Michael Church - twice a month on Sundays at 9:30am until the 11:00am Mass

St Joseph Church - Confirmation (9th grade) meet twice a month on Sundays after 9:30am Mass

St Joseph Church - Edge (6th. - 8th grade) meets twice a month in the hall on Wednesdays from 5:45pm to 7:30pm

Children age 4 are welcome to take part in our Faith Formation Program at St Mary Parish. .

For more information, and to register, contact any member of our Fatih Formation Team.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month

Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility – it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately. Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, 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 October 2026 are: Boxed stuffing; boxed scalloped or au gratin potatoes; canned pumpkin; cake mix; jello or pudding; cream of mushroom soup; canned pasta; Spic & Span spray; baby wipes. Distribution date is: Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Wreaths Across America - Consider sponsoring a wreath



Ceremony December 19, 11:00am in Stutz Hall
To sponsor a wreath at St Mary Cemetery, send $17 to Darlene Flick, 401 Flick Drive, Leeper, PA 16233.

Ceremony December 19, 11:00am at St Joseph
For St Joseph, wreaths can be purchased at Lander's General Store for $17 each; donations are also accepted. Checks payable to Kay Lander or Lander General Store.
Pay online by scanning the QR Code.

Lucinda Area Fall Sportsman's Raffle

October 18th at St Joseph Hall from noon to 4pm. Prizes will be awarded during that time. Meals are served until 3pm-no take outs available. Tickets available at local businesses. Benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St Joseph School.

Cards for Veterans

Veterans who live in Soldiers & Sailors Home in Erie would appreciate receiving cards. For the list of names to send a Veteran's Day or Christmas card, please contact Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075.

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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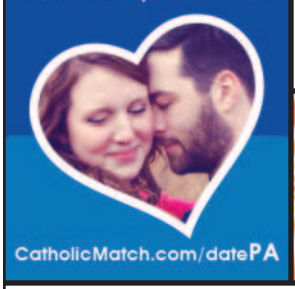
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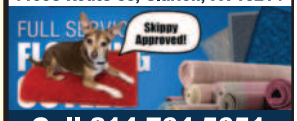
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