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Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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Liturgy Schedule December 13th - December 14th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Judy Wolbert

Euch Min: Dan Banner

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcratz

Rosary: Dan & Mary Banner

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Kerry Wolbert

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Charlie & Silas Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Bob Wolbert

Euch Min: Carol Schettler

Altar Server: Carter McLaughlin

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Ted Schmader

Euch Min: Pete Judy, Lori Callihan

Altar Server: Karlie Griebel

Ushers: Rick Best, Ted Schmader, Chip Wolbert, Scott Ochs

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Clay Smerkar

Euch Min: Alisha Smerkar

Altar Server: Levi Smerkar

Ushers: Matt, Nick & Isaac Gilara

Rosary: Cathy Longacre

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover

St. Michael: Sue & Todd Beichner

St. Mary: Jana Wolbert, Joel & Tamra Schettler

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Bill & Freda Ditz by Peg

St Joseph: Dave Wolbert by Tom & Dee

St Mary: Marie Baxter by Chuck Baxter

Third Sunday of Advent December 13th – December 14th

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, December 8

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Frances Brown by The Morrison Family

12:00 p.m. (St Michael) Sally Kinch by St Michael Rosary Society

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) Ruth Ann Wolbert by Jack & Jill Smail

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) John Strickenberger by Carol & Regis Lenhart

Wednesday, December 10

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Roxanne Murphy by Tim & Sue Murphy

Thursday, December 11

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Norb Bauer by Doc & Marge Bauer

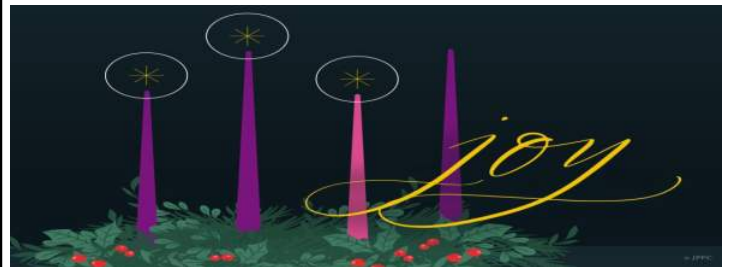
6:00 p.m. (St Ann) The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 12

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Dave Wolbert by Tom & Dee Wolbert

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Clinton Nichols by John Habjan

Third Sunday of Advent



Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Ruth Snyder by Bobbi Judy

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Mothers

Sunday, December 14

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Parish Family

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Joseph A Ida Jr by Barry, Cathie, Linda & Lori

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

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Jimmy Karg by The Family

A Word from Father Brandon

This week, the Second Week of the Advent Season, is a full one in the life of the Church and our parishes. Monday Dec. 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary — a Holy Day of Obligation as well as the Feast Day of the United States. The times of our liturgies are: 8:30am at St Joseph, 12noon at St Michael, and 6:00pm at St Mary. Following each of the Masses, both Fr Cory and I will be available for Confessions. It's important to not forget that skipping a day of obligation is akin to skipping a Sunday. Please make an intentional effort to get to a liturgy that day. Then, Tuesday Dec. 9, we will have a presentation and discussion on Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30pm at St Joseph Hall. Fr Cory and I are both excited to discuss Our Lady with everyone and contemplate together the uniqueness of that apparition and message of Guadalupe! Please come! Then, Wednesday Dec. 10, there will be Confessions at 7:00pm at St Joseph. There are only a handful of these extra times available this Season! Then, of course, Dec. 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Why Confession in Advent? I mentioned it last week, and I think it's so important to reiterate here. Confession is not only the admission of guilt of sin. If that's all it was, really, what would be the point? It's like Baptism: in that Sacrament, Original Sin is washed away, but...that child will one day enter the age of reason and spend the rest of their life engaging in the battle of sin. So, the 'sinlessness' aspect of Baptism is temporary, whereas the 'ontological' aspect remains eternal. What is the ontological aspect of Baptism you might ask (and what in the world is ontology?!)? Ontology is being, or essence - in the Sacraments, our being is changed. When a man is ordained a priest, his being is forever changed — his soul can never not contain the essence of a priest. Even men who cease ministry and go on to live holy and beautiful lives as husbands and fathers are, in their essence, still a priest. It's such a beautiful teaching! At Confirmation, the young person (or old) being Sealed with the Gifts of the Spirit, are forever entangled in the fruitful love and zeal of the Trinity! In Baptism, Original Sin is washed away — and that is super duper awesome — but sin will still be a battle wound for life. Baptism doesn't just cleanse, but it changes the soul and the person's whole essence and being...our ontology is changed into sons and daughters of God! We are reclaimed, renamed, and rededicated back to The Father! There is simply no undoing our sonship! That is the Good News! You are a sinner —no kidding —that's the punchline of our faith! But, you are also a beloved child of God — and this is what Christ came at Christmas to inaugurate in our lives and the life of the Church! So, don't be fearful of Confession because you are a sinner — that is the whole point of all that we do — there is no shame and no surprise over your sin and that the enemy has had his way with you. It's ok; it's not a surprise to God, don't let it be a surprise to you. Both surprise and shame only gives power to the enemy; it does nothing for your holiness or purity. Come to the Sacrament with open hands, not just carrying guilt or shame, but carrying the eagerness to re-experience your sonship once more. Your sin will come and go, but your ontology, your essence, will never leave! Love that; let that be a victory, your war cry in this battle of life! Confession is where you hear those most beautiful words that you are absolved of your sin — they're gone! — but what remains is you and your Father, face to face, heart to heart, in utter intimacy and fruitfulness, and victory! This is what we are preparing for in Advent. Let Confession be a concrete way for you to eagerly await the coming of the Lord who will make all this possible!

Love,

Fr Brandon



Justice

Justice is mentioned in the first reading today as well as in the psalm. The Latin word for justice is *justicia* meaning equity or righteousness. Justice is a moral virtue prompting us to give God and our neighbor their due. "Furthermore, the righteous person shuns harmful behavior... The righteous person keeps his word, returns what he has borrowed, pays fair wages to all laborers... He is careful not to make reckless judgments of his neighbors, and defends the reputation and good name of others."

Pope Francis General audience, St. Peter's Square, April 3, 2024

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



Breakfast with Santa Chinese Auction Donations

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 14th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be having a Chinese Auction during this event and need some donated items. We appreciate anything you can donate to help with this event. Please send your donations to the school by Wednesday 12/10. Thank you!

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.



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Leeper Light Up Night will be held at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 14 at the Flower Pad at the intersections of Routes 66 and 36. The event will start with the blessing of the Christmas tree, fireworks, caroling, hot chocolate and Santa's arrival on the firetruck. All are welcome.

December 7, 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"**



Practice for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary Church will be held Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome!!! The choir is more than a musical group - it is a community of fellowship and worship! Come make a joyful noise with us!!!

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.

St. Joseph School is now selling RADA CUTLERY as a fundraiser. Please show your support to our school by purchasing your RADA CUTLERY with the following link: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8748633.a842e1> **PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Rodney Hartle Family and the 50/50 winner is Kerry Wolbert. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, December 20th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

An invitation to all Corporations, LLCs, Partnerships, and Proprietorships: You qualify for EITC tax credits. EITC tax credits can benefit you financially and are used to finance scholarships for students attending St. Joseph School. For more information, contact Cindy Nave, Director of CSF of PA, cindy@csfopa.org/814-226-9723.



St. Joseph
St. Michael
St. Mary
Parishes



Children's CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Michael Parish Hall

December 13

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



RSVP by messaging the Parishes'

Facebook page or by emailing

e.hoover18@gmail.com



RSVP is not required but
greatly appreciated!



Wreaths Across America at St Michael Cemetery ceremony is December 13, 2025. The ceremony will start at noon in St Michaels's Church and the laying of wreaths will be immediately following

St Joseph Cemetery Wreaths Across America Ceremony is December 13 at 11 am. Let me be the first to wish you Merry Christmas and thank you for giving to this cause.

Wreaths Across America—St Mary Cemetery

Please come out Saturday, December 13, to place a wreath on your loved one's grave and help place wreaths on all the graves of all Veterans. Ceremony starts in Stutz Hall at 11a.m. Placement of wreaths following the ceremony.

ALL LADIES of St. Joe's Parish!!! Please come join us for the **Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner.**

The FREE Catered dinner will be held at St. Joe's Hall on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 PM. It is a great social gathering for all ladies, young and not so young! We will be taking donations to be given to a charity. There will be no gift exchange.

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



December 1, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed, and we are again approaching the annual collection for our Retired Religious to be held in parishes on December 13th and 14th. This event has significant benefits for the retired Sisters in our diocese, as well as the over 20,000 retired religious throughout the country.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers financial support for those Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends. Last year, the people in our diocese contributed \$138,840.00 to help defray the costs of medication, nursing care, medical equipment, transportation, physical and occupational therapy and other necessary needs. Your generous gift provides help for their ongoing health care supporting them as they age safely, with dignity, and comfort.

Senior Religious are our treasure in the Church. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, religious education programs, hospitals, social service agencies and countless other ministries throughout our diocese; many still serve those in need today. Those who are no longer able to actively minister continue to support all that is being done through their ministry of prayer. They also remember the generous people who assist them through the aging process.

Some of you may not presently know consecrated men and women, but they have affected your lives through their ministry to your parents and grandparents and through the many organizations now in place due to their foresight and generosity. Ministries started by Sisters have had a tremendous influence in this diocese, and they stand as a legacy to those generous women who dedicated their lives in service to the reign of God and continue to find ways to minister to others. I join you in praising God for their faithful and generous service to the Church in the past and in the days and years to come.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the consecrated life and for God's blessing on all our women and men religious. Know you remain in their prayers. Please join me in supporting this year's **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+*Lawrence T. Persico*

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



Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 pm.

Marwick-Boyd Auditorium

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Presented by the Clarion Community Choir

Favorite Christmas carols

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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: secrtery@stjosephlucinda.com



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 & Catechesis

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

Monday Dec 8 after all 3 Immaculate. Conception Masses
8:30 (St. Joe), 12 noon (St. Michael), 6pm (St Mary)

Wednesday Dec 10 @7pm (St Joe)
Wednesday Dec 17 @7pm (St Mary)
Tuesday Dec 23 @10am
(St Michael & St Mary)

Catechesis (6:30pm @ St Joseph Hall)

Tuesday Dec 2 Q & A
Tuesday Dec 9 A night with Our Lady of Guadalupe



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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