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Saint Ann Church
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**Will not God then secure
the rights of his chosen
ones who call out to him
day and night?**

Luke 18:7



Liturgy Schedule October 25th - October 26th

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Al Lander

Euch Min: Mary Banner

Altar Server: Eliza Datko

Ushers: Greg Ochs, Colin Lander, Ed Baumcratz

Rosary: Monica Lehnortt

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Pam Wolbert

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Andy Gilmore

Euch Min: Chuck Schettler

Altar Server: Cash Gilmore

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Linda Steiner-Mander

Euch Min: Darlene & Gib Wolbert

Altar Server: Gwen Griebel

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

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Clay Smerkar

Euch Min: Alisha Smerkar

Altar Server: Levi Smerkar

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Maggie Montana

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: George & Lisa Carroll

St. Michael: Susan & Terry Moore

St. Mary: Shawn & Tami Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Helen Niederriter by Peg Wolbert & Family

St Joseph: Choletta & Leonard Schupp by Tom & Dee

St Mary: Patricia Gatton by John & Bobbi

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Times October 25th – October 26th

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Masses For The Week



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

Monday, October 20

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Jay & Ruth Ann Wolbert by Jack & Jill Smail

Tuesday, October 21

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Charlie Kirk by M/M Ron Ackerman

Wednesday, October 22

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Barbara (Wolbert) Fiscus by Judy Siegel

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Henry Lencer Sr by Lucy & Mary Skytrch

Thursday, October 23

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Bill Ditz by Kate & Tim Nale & Oktoberfest

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

Friday, October 24

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

3:00 p.m. Snyder Meemorial Mass

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, October 25

4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Ray & Marcella Seitz by Leitha & John Seitz

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) George & Kathy Lorch and Charles & Mildred Barklow by Bill & Kathy Barklow

Sunday, October 26

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

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Edith, Leonard, Rita & Grace Strickenberger by Marion Lutz

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

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

A Word from Father Brandon

Back on October 9, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation. This is the first “Magisterial Document” of his papacy. Popes communicate with theological, canonical, or ecclesial authority through various types of documents. To be totally honest with you, I have never fully understood how a pope decides whether to write an Apostolic Exhortation over an Apostolic Constitution over an Encyclical (which is the highest or most important). There are also Apostolic Letters, Papal Bulls, Moto Proprios, and Common Declarations... honestly, the category of document is about as inside baseball as it gets - it’s not something to obsess over. Encyclicals and Apostolic Exhortations are the ones to pay attention to, I’d say, if you want theological or spiritual insights from the Popes. On the 9th, Pope Leo released his Apostolic Exhortation titled, “*Delexi te*”. The Latin title comes from Rev 3:9 where God says, “I have loved you”. This was a document that Pope Francis had been working on before his repose on Easter Monday this year. Leo took the manuscript, retooled it, and made it his own and released it as his own. There is precedent for this. Upon Pope Benedict's resignation in February 2013, he had been working on an Encyclical on Faith. Pope Francis adopted it as his own and released in July 2013 *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith). Pope Benedict was a spiritual hero for me. Pope St John Paul II reposed near the end of my first year of seminary in 2005, and Pope Benedict was elected that Spring. Then all seminary and my first year of priesthood, Pope Benedict was the Holy Father. As a young person who didn’t really understand the church beyond my parish and faith in Jesus, Pope Benedict was the one who taught me about the Church and all Her beauty and spiritual and theological depth. He was a true Father to me, and I loved him in life, and pray for him in death - and hope for the day of him becoming a Saint and Doctor of the Church, but we will see! Anyway, I want to keep up with Leo’s theological documents and not get behind on them. So I am still working through *Delexi te* - I just need to find a dedicated time to sit with it - but I like it so far. The document speaks about the love and care for the poor and how that is a primary work and concern of the Church. I’ll share a summary in a week or two once I’ve finished it and had some time to think.

This could be a huge rabbit hole, but I’ll resist the temptation, for your sake, but reading a papal document is the type of commentary and reflection you and I as Catholics are to seek out in pondering to know the Truth of Christ’s love for us and His Bride, the Church. There is just so much noise and commentators out there - the democratization of opinions and faux-intellectualism continues to reach dizzying new heights! Rather, instead of wading through the marshes of manufactured outrage and the gaggles of grifters that roam the web and social media, prowling for a buck and an audience, seek out the FADS. This is an acronym I’ve coined and have encouraged my people over the years to pursue. FADS: Fathers, Apostles, Doctors, and Saints are really all you need! Yes, some others like (in my estimation) Pope Benedict, Scott Hahan and his colleagues, and maybe a smattering of others who seek to reverence and reflect the wisdom of the FADS, not their own ingenuity! If you just want to learn; if you just want to suck fully of the sweetness of the comb of the treasury of the Church...stay off line. Stay close to the FADS, for they are a fad that never gets old (pun intended!)

I have the weekend off, my first weekend off in a year. I’ll be out of town for a music festival which should be a lot of fun and I’m looking forward to it. Fr Cory is in charge - if you need anything, tell him! I’ll see you next week!

Love,

Fr Brandon



REFUTATION/CORRECTION

In today's second reading we hear St. Paul say "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, refutation, for correction and training in righteousness..." Teaching is a word we are all familiar with. According to the Cambridge dictionary refutation is the **act** of saying or **proving** that a **person, statement, opinion**, etc. is **wrong** or **false**. Correction is a **change** made to something in **order** to **correct** or **improve** it, or the **action** of making such a **change**. In the Bible, correction refers to the act of guiding someone back to the right path or improving their behavior, while refutation involves disproving false beliefs or arguments. Both are important for spiritual growth and maintaining truth.

ST. MARY JANUARY 2026 LOTTERY TICKETS are available at the back of the church for your pickup. 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.

September Weekly Offerings

St Joseph — \$13,007.00

St Michael — \$16,249.00

St Mary — \$11,142.00

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND-OCTOBER 18 & 19



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.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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There will be **quilting** in the basement of St. Joseph Rectory the weeks of 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!

CD of A Soup Tasting

Join the CD of A of Franklin and

Sr. Marian and Sr. Tina

Oct. 19, 2025

For a Soup Tasting Event

11: AM -2:00 PM

Cenedella Hall

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Proceeds benefit
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October 19, 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 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, October 24, 2025. **"Volunteers Needed"**



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Sunday, October 26, 2025
Doors open at noon
Games start at 1:00
\$25 Advance Sale
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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.

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!!

Meet our Confirmation students!!

This year we have 15 students from our 3 parishes who will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in May.

They are inviting you to meet them on Sunday, November 2 after the 9:30 mass at St. Joseph social hall. Refreshments will be provided.

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

St Joseph Rosary Society

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

**CLASSIC ROCK BAND
TRIXX NIGHT
Must be 21 and over 2025**

**St. Joseph Hall - Lucinda
Saturday, November 8th**

\$15 for singles \$25 for couples
★ **Doors open at 6:30 pm** ★
★ **Dance starts at 7:00 pm** ★

★ **Games of Chance Raffles** ★
★ **Special Raffle for Veterans** ★

★ **BYOB - Water, Pop, & Ice Available** ★
★ **Pretzels and Chips Provided** ★

All Proceeds Benefit St. Joseph School



FALL/CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS FOR ST. JOSEPH CHOIR: New members are invited, welcome, and encouraged to join in singing in the choir this season. Individuals and family groups are welcome. Weekend singers come when they can, and they are there primarily to back up congregational singing. Singing for funerals is always appreciated. Fall/Christmas rehearsal music will be mostly for Christmas, plus some music for general use. Rehearsals this month are at 6:30 pm in church on Tuesdays, October 14 and 21. Schedules for the entire practice season are available at the church entrances.



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



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!

This event is sponsored by St.
Joseph Rosary Society

Please direct any questions to
Jessica Jordan
814.229.3441



2025 CSA

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

Total Pledged: \$42,220.00

Paid as of 10/09/25: \$37,295.00

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

Total Pledged: \$45,992.00

Paid as of 10/09/25: \$42,217.00

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

Total Pledged: \$24,945.00

Paid as of 10/09/25: \$22,725.00

WE PRAY:

Clergy Appreciation Month

Almighty God, thank You for the gift of the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie.

We are grateful for their “yes” to You; for the Masses they celebrate, the confessions they hear, the comfort they bring to the sick, and the ways they guide and serve our parishes with love.

We thank You, too, for our retired priests whose quiet witness still blesses our communities. Their lives remind us what it means to follow Jesus with faith and joy.

Lord, give them strength when they are tired, peace when they are stretched thin, and encouragement in times of struggle. May they always know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Keep calling new vocations in our diocese. Open the hearts of young men to serve You as priests and deacons, and give them the courage to say, “Here I am, Lord, send me.”

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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