

St. Mary's Church

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JANUARY 9, 2022 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday-Friday8:15 am-4:00 pm

Bulletin DeadlineMon. at 10:00 am

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**St. Marys Catholic Cemetery**  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

**LORD'S DAY:** .....Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 6:30, 8:30 &10:30 am

Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400)

**WEEKDAYS** (Mon.-Sat.):..... 8:30 am

Holy Days ..... 6:30 pm Vigil

8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

### DAILY ADORATION

Monday-Sunday .....9am-8pm

Except during Mass times

### DEVOTIONS

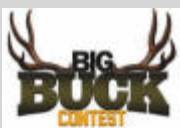
Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Rosary & Stations (silently)..every day

### CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30PM.

And Thursday before 1st Friday from  
4:00-5:00PM.



### ST. HUBERT'S COMMITTEE BIG BUCK CONTEST

Open to **active** parish members only. Prize-a plaque and a \$100 gift certificate to Ammo and Arms. Call Matt (781-3588) or Shane (512-1045) to have your buck measured. The deer must be legally harvested during the 2021-22 hunting season.

**THE SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM**

Baptism are held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office by at least one parent. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

**RECONCILIATION**

Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM. *Anytime by appointment, 781-1019.*

**MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is required.

**SICK AND HOME BOUND**

Please inform the Parish Office if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like their name placed on our First Friday Communion List.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

The RCIA process is offered for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Sandy Reider, 781-1216.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact the parish office by calling 781-1019, M-F 8AM-4PM.

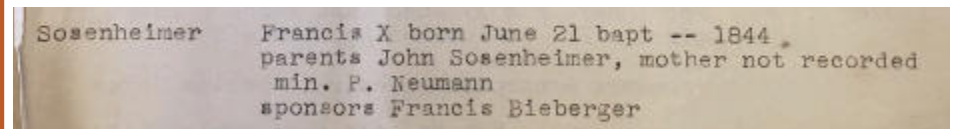
**Did You Know?**

...that this priest on the painting above our St. Mary's Church altar is now a Saint? His feast day was celebrated last Wednesday, January 5th.

St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R was a Redemptorist priest, before he became Bishop of Philadelphia, who ministered to the 1st parishioners here in St. Marys, PA.

He traveled to America to minister to the German Catholics, because they had no priest who spoke their language. He ministered to the German Catholics in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. In fact, the 9th baptism at St. Mary's Church was celebrated by Fr. John Neumann. (Translated baptism record below.)

Fr. John Neumann became the 1st American Male Saint when he was canonized in June 1977.



The Christmas Flower donor report will be beside the bulletins at the parish entrances next Sunday.

**BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP**



Store Hours:  
Tuesday thru Friday 9:30AM-5PM Saturday 10AM-1PM  
Closed Sunday, Monday, and Holy Days

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES**

Wed. Jan. 19 7:00-8:00PM Holy Rosary/Jburg 965-2819  
Tues. Feb. 1 7:00-8:00PM St. Joseph/ Force 787-4151

**PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)**

Contact your pastor for information.



**UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**

**January 23– Help Spread the Faith –** proceeds help fund “Faith” Magazine, the weekly Diocese of Erie-news, and our social media platforms.

**January 30– St. Vincent De Paul –** proceeds help our own parishioners in financial need.

**“31” DAY VOCATION CALENDAR**



- 1 –10 Bonnie Pearson
- 1 –11 Amy Detsch
- 1 –12 Dick Wolfe
- 1 –13 Kim Kerchinski
- 1 –14 Peg Gorlowski
- 1 –15 Rosemarie Gregory
- 1 –16 Marilyn Keyes

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:**



*Special Intention*  
&  
† *John Prokop*

To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is \$10 per intention per week.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953.

**Or** drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES  
STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2022 \$10 each**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

| DATE                                  | MASS       | REQUESTED FOR                                                               |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 8</i>   | 5:00 PM    | <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b><br>† <i>Randall Bauer</i>                        |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>January 9</i>     | (6:30 AM)* | CONVENTUAL MASS <i>Private Intention</i>                                    |
|                                       | 8:30 AM    | † <i>Alphonse &amp; Sarah Bon</i>                                           |
|                                       | 10:30 AM   | † <i>Bette Boschert</i>                                                     |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>January 10</i>    | 8:30 AM    | <b>1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>† <i>Patrick M. Flanagan</i>            |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>January 11</i>   | 8:30 AM    | <b>1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>† <i>Marinus &amp; Catherine Glatt</i>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>January 12</i> | 8:30 AM    | <b>1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>† <i>Robert J. Dippold</i>              |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>January 13</i>  | 8:30 AM    | <b>HILARY, BISHOP</b><br>† <i>John A. &amp; Marie Fox Kuntz</i>             |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>January 14</i>    | 8:30AM     | <b>1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>† <i>Norman &amp; Dorothy Gerber</i>    |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 15</i>  | 8:30 AM    | <b>MAUR &amp; PLACID, DISCIPLES OF BENEDICT</b><br><i>Special Intention</i> |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 15</i>  | 5:00 PM    | <b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>† <i>George &amp; Rose Schieler</i>   |
|                                       | (6:30 AM)* | CONVENTUAL MASS <i>Private Intention</i>                                    |
|                                       | 8:30 AM    | † <i>Tammy Friedl, &amp; Betty &amp; Clyde Friedl</i>                       |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>January 16</i>    | 10:30 AM   | <i>L/D Richard &amp; Mary Lou Reuscher Family</i>                           |

\* (The “Conventual Mass” offered at 6:30AM on Sundays is the weekly Mass offered for the intentions of the Benedictine Fathers in St. Marys, and can fulfill our Sunday Mass obligation.)

**2022 Conrad Reuscher Basketball Tournament scholarship information is at the church entrances.** This sponsorship is an excellent way to show your support for youth basketball in our community and to generate name recognition for your company. Proceeds from the tournament are used for gym maintenance, uniforms, equipment and transportation for the Cavalier Basketball Program.

**\*\*Due to the limited time frame before the upcoming tournament please email Sponsorship Commitment and Business/Personal name as it should be listed to [cavalierbasketball66@gmail.com](mailto:cavalierbasketball66@gmail.com)** Please make checks payable to *St. Marys Cavalier Basketball* and mail to: Cavalier Basketball c/o Aaron Lanzel  
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## THE LORD BE WITH YOU!



Dear people of St. Mary's,

As this feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** brings the Christmas season to a close. We remember **this** Divine Event as another "epiphany" of the Lord. JESUS now stands revealed as beloved Son of the Father as the Holy Spirit descends, and JESUS goes forth in the Spirit.

In our first reading from Isaiah 40 the divine Spirit works through the Persian King, Cyrus, to free GOD's people from their bondage in Babylon. In the Gospel of St. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22, we see GOD sending His Spirit at the Baptism of JESUS. The effect of this Spirit-infusion will be justice for peoples [Isaiah 42:1, 4, 6]. This justice is immediately defined, however, in terms of mercy: *"To open the eyes of the blind, / to bring out prisoners from confinement, / and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness"* [Isaiah 42:7]. This is also the way St. Luke is inspired to speak, in both his Gospel and in his Acts of the Apostles, about the effect of JESUS' Baptism. St. Luke writes about JESUS being *"anointed with Holy Spirit and power"* at His Baptism, and then describes this spiritual power being expressed by JESUS *"doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil"* [Acts 10:38].

What is important to note is that the ultimate effect of the power expressed by JESUS is a restoration of the relationship with GOD through forgiveness of sins [Acts 10:43]. Thus, the purpose of JESUS' Baptism is to bring about justice through mercy [forgiveness of sins]. What is indeed important to each and every one of us for this mercy has real effects in our daily lives. Undeniable healing comes through the divine mercy of JESUS. The final goal of JESUS' Baptism and the mercy to us that comes through it is, however, the restoration of the relationship between ALL human life and GOD.

We can now think about the meaning of our own Baptism as followers of Christ JESUS. As we were baptized with the Spirit and fire, GOD's words to us were: *You are my son / my daughter. I delight in you. I send you forth to serve as My Son, JESUS, went forth to serve, accompanied by the Holy Spirit.*

WE pray, O bless the Lord, my soul! May Your words be forever on my mind, on my lips, & in my heart!

*Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB*

## Bless The Lord, O MY SOUL

Dear St. Mary's Church Members,  
Thank you very much for your Thanksgiving Eve collection for the Christian Food Bank which totaled \$1,192.00! God has certainly blessed this food bank over the years through generous, local support like yours. We are most grateful!

May God bless each one of you.

Happy New Year,  
Board of Directors  
Christian Food Bank

## Thank You!

Thanks to each of you for the many kind and thoughtful personal gifts and cards this Christmas. Your outpouring of love is heart-warming. May God bless your generosity!

*Fr. Peter Augustine Pierjok, OSB*





# CHRISTMAS 2021



**FORWARD TOGETHER**  
2021 Catholic Services Appeal

100% —  
80% —  
60% —  
40% —  
20% —


PARISH NAME: St. Mary's  
DIOCESAN GOAL: \$ 100,569

We're so close to our goal...can you help?

Total Pledged to Date **\$97,005**  
From **252 Families**

DIOCESE OF ERIE

**Share your favorite "Sister/Father" Story**  
If you have a happy or memorable story about the Benedictine nuns/fathers or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at smchurch1@windstream.net. We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.



**ECCHS Music Booster Cash Bash!!**  
January 15, 2022 6-10pm  
St. Marys Moose  
\$100 drawing every 5 min, \$200 drawing every 15 min!  
**\$2000 Grand Prize!**  
\$50 ticket admits 2 (food and drinks included)  
Contact Simon at 814-788-0203

**ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE~**  
will sponsor a Prolife Prayer Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Tom Curry officiating, on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022, at Noon** at the Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys and will conclude with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. Will also be saying the Rosary and Divine Mercy. Signup sheets will be at both entrances of Sacred Heart Church for Adoration.  
The Prolife service is in support for the March for Life event taking place in Washington, DC on January 21, 2022.

Please consider donating to the CSA **now**, we are still \$4,000 short of our Diocesan Goal, which we have to pay whether we reach our goal or not. We have until the end of January, consider giving.


**WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'VE JOINED US TODAY!**

**THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER IS NOW!!!**

**We are in desperate need of:**  
**Sacristans for 5PM & 8:30AM Masses.** . (Sacristans simply come 10 minutes before Mass begins, complete a couple tasks and you're out by 10 minutes after Mass ends.)

**Lectors for 5PM Mass.** You get a practice book, so you can read the readings before you come in to lector.

If you would like more information about our ministries and volunteer opportunities, please call the parish office with any questions. 781-1019. (You will **NOT** be scheduled until you feel ready.)



**BEWARE** For everyone's safety, the Former Convent Property is **CLOSED** to ALL foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you MUST stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!



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Samantha Nedzinski.....ext. 3

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smmiddleschoolff@gmail.com

Nick Heise .....ext. 5

LifeTeen(9-10)/Youth Minister/  
Confirmation Coordinator

christsdisciple19@gmail.com

781-1042

High School .....Nick Heise  
"Rooted" Youth Ministry Program

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, January 5 & 26** at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30-7:30PM. Come over and see what youth group is all about. All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Andy & Cathy Dornisch 512-0818

**RCIA**

If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

**Faith Formation**

**(Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street**

**Sun. Jan. 9, 2022** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
Confirmation retreat 10:30 – 4:30pm at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s Church.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 – 7:30

**Wed. Jan. 12** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Sun. Jan. 16** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
Confirmation – No class  
Life Teen retreat 10:30 – 4:30pm at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s Church.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) 6:00 – 7:30pm

**Wed. Jan. 19** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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