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December 7, 2025
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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BAPTISM

Baptisms are held Saturdays & Sundays following 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

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15PM at SM ONLY.
And Thursday before 1st Friday from 4:00-until all are heard at SH & SM. *Anytime by appointment.*

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 1st Friday Communion List.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA process is offered for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office for info.

ADORATION

Except during Mass or Funeral times

SM Tuesday 9am-4pm
Prayer Hour..2pm-3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:50pm
SH Friday..... 7am-4pm
Rosary...1pm
Benediction.....4pm both

MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY Saturday **SM** 4:30PM
Sunday **SH** 7:00AM **SM** 9:00AM **SH** 10:30AM
Radio Mass 9:00AM (WKBI AM 1400)
Live-Stream & Youtube 9:00AM

DAILY MASS

SH (Mon-Wed-Fri)6:15AM
SM (Tues-Thur-Sat) 8:30AM
Holy Days Vigil **SM**6:30PM
Day of **SH** 6:15AM **SM** 8:30AM **SH** 12:05PM

St. Marys Catholic Cemetery
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH TOUR

Sunday, Dec. 7th at 4PM

led by Bonnie Time Changed

'self-appointed church historian'
Church founded on Dec. 8th

**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING**

We need your help!

Please join us on Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church as we set up the Nativity scene, decorate the trees, and take care of a few other preparations. Your helping hands (and feet!) would be greatly appreciated for lifting, arranging, and getting everything ready for the season. Thank you for being part of our church family!

Thank you Mike & Keys Straub

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

139 Church St, St. Marys

Tues-Fri 9:30AM-5PM Saturday 10AM-1PM
Closed Sunday, Monday, Holy Days & Holidays



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES**

Tues, Jan 6 6:30-7:30PM Queen/World 814-834-4701
PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)
Sat, Feb. 28 9:30AM-6:15PM Queen/World 814-834-4701

SH & SM MASS INTENTIONS



Join us for this unique event
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
Exhibit
 Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with Christmas music and a beautiful display of Nativity Sets.
1 DEC - 14 DEC
 OPEN 8AM-8PM DAILY
 '1886 Convent Chapel'
 beside the St. Mary's Church
 315 Church St, St. Marys, PA

St. Marys Al-Anon, a support group for Family & Friends of problem drinkers, is **moving their meeting to the Sacred Heart Parish Center**, 337 Center St, St. Marys on **Dec. 1st**. The elevator there now makes the meetings handicap accessible. Meetings are held weekly on Mondays from 7-8PM. Our thanks to the St. Marys Methodist Church for allowing us to hold meetings there for many years.



Adopt a Grandparent for the Holidays!
 Give the gift of a hot, home-delivered meal this season. Your donation helps someone who can't cook for themselves enjoy a warm, nourishing meal at home.
 Send donations to:
 St. Marys Meals on Wheels
 PO Box 302
 St. Marys, PA 15857
 You may sponsor a specific client or let us choose someone in need.
 Questions?
 Contact Wanda at 814-594-5930.
 Thank you for your generous holiday spirit!

DATE	MASS	REQUESTED FOR
Saturday December 6	4:30 PM (SM)	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Parishioners of SH & SM Parishes</i>
	7:00 AM (SH)	† <i>Margaret "Peggy" Bauer</i>
Sunday December 7	9:00 AM (SM)	† <i>Martha & Ambrose Krieg, Sr., George H. Krieg & Anne Krieg Weis</i>
	10:30 AM (SH)	<i>L/D Lynch & Pfeufer Families</i>
	HOLY DAY	
Sunday December 7	6:30 PM (SM)	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>Staffs of SH & SM Parishes & their Families</i>
	6:15 AM (SH)	<i>Parishioners of SH & SM Parishes</i>
	8:30 AM (SM)	<i>L/D Edward & Victoria Feldbauer</i>
Monday December 8	12:05 PM (SH)	† <i>Jon (Ivan) Burdick</i>
Tuesday December 9	8:30 AM (SM)	2ND WEEK OF ADVENT † <i>Sr. Thecla, O.S.B., Fr. Keiran Rogers, O.S.B., Fr. Noel, & Fr. Leo Rothrauff, O.S.B.</i>
Wednesday December 10	6:15 AM (SH)	2ND WEEK OF ADVENT † <i>Carl Hasselman</i>
Thursday December 11	8:30 AM (SM)	2ND WEEK OF ADVENT <i>L/D Albert & Julie Frey Family</i>
Friday December 12	6:15 AM (SH)	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE <i>L/D Blessel & Gorman Families</i>
Saturday December 13	8:30 AM (SM)	LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR † <i>Thomas & Helen Herzing</i>
Saturday December 13	4:30 PM (SM)	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>L/D Hawkins & Weinzierl Families</i>
	7:00 AM (SH)	<i>Parishioners of SH & SM Parishes</i>
	9:00 AM (SM)	<i>L/D Clifford Pfoutz Family</i>
Sunday December 14	10:30 AM (SH)	† <i>Tom Miller</i>

SACRED HEART NEWS

ST. MARY'S NEWS

SH "31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR

- 12 -07 Fuzzy Cappiello, Rich & Cindy Geci
- 12 -08 Dorothy Mallette, Alice Lynch, Marsha Meyer, Jim McAllister
- 12 -09 Gretchen Meyer, Julie Lecker
- 12 -10 Don Weis, Kathy Knouse
- 12 -11 Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner
- 12 -12 Sue Dornisch, Jeannie Miller
- 12 -13 Carleen Koch, Alice Wiesner

SM "31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR

- 12 -07 Martin Hammer, Helen Heary
- 12 -08 Lisa Werneth, Dick Wolfe
- 12 -09 Mary Benigni
- 12 -10 Bonnie Pearson
- 12 -11 Amy Detsch
- 12 -12 Dick Wolfe
- 12 -13 Kim Kerchinski

SH ANGEL CANDLES

Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:



† Jon Burdick & † Deceased Celin & Meier Families

To schedule an intention or week, please call the SH/SM Admin Office; the offering is \$10 per intention/week

SM SANCTUARY CANDLES

Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:



† Pat & Rose Scutella & L/D Gorlowski Family

To schedule an intention or week, please call the SH/SM Admin Office; the offering is \$10 per intention/week.

PRAYER CHAIN

Be placed on the prayer chain for any need, call Rose @ 814-781-6430.

PRAYER CHAIN

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 814-335-5098 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.

Upcoming 2nd Collections at SH & SM

December 14th—Retirement Fund for Religious—offers financial support for those Catholic Sisters, brothers & religious order priests who worked for years for little or no stipends.



SH has Angel Candles left for the 2026 Year. Call the Admin Office to reserve one.

Would you be willing to bring a neighbor, friend, or homebound parishioner to Mass once a month? Our Care & Concern ministry hopes to offer this service, and we are looking for parishioners who can help by driving someone in need. Please take a moment to pray about it. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Welcome Ainsley Louise Crowe, daughter of EJ & Michelle Werner Crowe; Florence Elaine Jane Crowe, daughter of Ben & Andie Shuck Crowe; Dalis Joanna Rae Wilson, daughter of Brendan & Jessica Crowe Wilson; and Blair Teresa Cogan, daughter of Jess & Megan Werner Cogan who were all baptized at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, November 26th.



New Door Blessing St. Mary's Church Monday, Dec. 8th after the 8:30AM

Reminder: Monday, Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Check the Mass schedule.

Enjoy both on Saturday, December 13th

SACRED HEART



Holiday Food Festival

Formally known as The Bah Humbug is happening

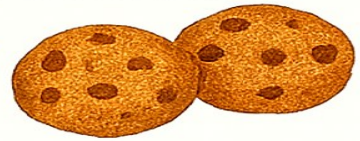
December 13th, 2025

From 9am to 2pm

In the Sacred Heart Social Hall



Huge Basket Raffle



All your favorite goodies will still be there like Lady Locks Cookies, Raisin Cookies, Fruit Cake, Large and Small Cookie Trays, Assorted Chocolates, Tagalongs, Homemade Spatzle & Wedding Soup by the Quart. As well as our famous Walnut Rolls, Cinnamon Rolls, Raisin Bread, White & Rye Bread, Reuben and Hot Sausage Sandwiches. & German Potato Salad.

20% OFF
Christmas Items

Christmas
SALE

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP
DEC. 13TH 9AM - 2PM

KERSEY K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET

Sun., December 7th, St. Boniface School Cafeteria, 8AM-11:30AM(sold out). Adults \$10/Children under 16 \$5. This month's breakfast will support the "3 Breastkateer's" Gas card program for Cancer Treatment Patients.

MERRY WIDOWS & WIDOWERS Xmas Party

Monday, December 8th, 1PM @Sacred Heart Parish Center. Cost: \$10/person. For questions call Helene, 814-594-0439.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Tuesday, December 9th, monthly meeting, 6:30PM, in the St. Mary's Parish Annex (next to the Benedictine Gift Shop). Mary Bea 834-3834.

ST. ANNE SOCIETY MEETING Xmas Party

Monday, December 15th in the Sacred Heart Parish Center cafeteria. Lunch served at 1PM by Officers followed by meeting and cards.

OBLATES OF ST. BENEDICT monthly mtg

Wed, Feb. 11 at 2PM at St. Mary's Parish Center Cafeteria.

Season of Advent
is the preparation of our hearts for the coming of Jesus



COME JOIN US FOR A SCRIPTURAL ROSARY "ADVENT"URE IN THE 1886 CONVENT CHAPEL

- **Where:** 1886 Convent Chapel (former Benedictine Sisters' Chapel) St. Mary's Church 325 Church St. St. Marys
- **When:** Mondays, December 1, 8,15 and 22
- **Time:** 1:00pm -2:00pm
- **What:** A scriptural Rosary "Advent"ure; let us pray together in anticipation of our Savior's birth. Each week as we get nearer to the Nativity of our Lord, our Chapel decor will transform in hopeful anticipation.

Please join us on the "Advent"ure. (Please bring a Rosary)

COME FOR ONE SESSION OR ALL 4. ALL ARE WELCOME!

MATERNITY CLOSET ANNUAL
GIVING TREE

in Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Churches
Dec. 6-Dec 20



Because of previous generosity, clothing items are not needed. The tags will have other necessities that babies use every day. Gifts **do not** need to be wrapped. Monetary donations also accepted.

Final collection: December 20th

ST. HUBERT'S COMMITTEE - BIG BUCK CONTEST

Open to **active** SM & SH parish members only. Prize- a plaque and \$100 cash. Call Matt (781-3588) or Shane (512-1045) to have your buck measured. Deer must be legally harvested during the 2025-26 hunting season.



Happy & Safe Hunting!!



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Samantha Nedzinski.....confirmationsmff@gmail.com

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Hannah Cheatle.....smmiddleschoolff@gmail.com

Middle School FF

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Andy & Cathy Dornisch at
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St. Marys Interparish Faith Formation Program

Now Accepting Applications for:

★ Youth Minister



★ Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator



Are you passionate about sharing your faith and walking with young people on their journey toward Christ?

We're seeking energetic, faith-filled individuals to join our team and help nurture the spiritual growth of our parish youth.



Confessions

will be offered for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Faith Formation students

Wed. Dec 10, 2025 during class

3rd Grade Works of Mercy

Held at Elk Haven Nursing Home

Dec. 17, 2025
6:00 - 7:30pm

Parents are to drop off their child at Elk Haven for class and pick up at 7:30pm for dismissal from Elk Haven

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES—325 Church St, St. Mary's Church Center

- Sunday, Dec. 7** Confirmation Class (Attend Mass at Sacred Heart at 10:30AM or St. Boniface and then walk/ride to St. Mary's Church Parish Center for class till 1:30PM)
Middle School Faith Formation (will have class 6:00 – 6:30PM and then will attend the Community Mass at 6:30PM at St. Mary's Church for the Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception. Class will be dismissed after Mass. Families are encouraged to attend Mass with them)
- Wed. Dec. 10** Elementary Faith Formation 6:00-7:30PM
Confessions for Grades 3-4-5
- Sunday, Dec. 14** Confirmation class 6-7:45PM
- Wed. Dec. 17** Elementary Faith Formation 6-7:30PM

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