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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter



St. Mary Parish
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814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

Parish app: search "myParish – Catholic" to download app

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

- Monday, May 23— St. Marys** **5:00pm**
Fr. Otto Pisoni
By Mickey Rinaldi
- Tuesday, May 24—Assumption** **5:00pm**
Ann Matusky
By Family
- Wednesday, May 25-St. Marys** *****7:00pm**
Luanne Varacallo
By Lindemuth Family
- Thursday, May 26—Assumption** *****7:00pm**
Evelyn Reid
By ABVM Rosary Society
- Friday, May 27— No Mass**
- Saturday, May 28—Assumption** **4:30pm**
Rick Witherite
By Diane Meehan
- Sunday, May 29- Assumption** **8:30am**
All Parishioners of both Parishes
- Sunday, May 29- St. Marys** **10:30am**
Frank Krajewski
By Russ & Mary Withrow

Sacrificial Giving

| <u>May 8</u> | <u>St. Mary</u> | <u>Assumption</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Collection | \$2,450.00 | \$1,403.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 217.00 | 312.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

| <u>2022</u> | <u>St. Mary</u> | <u>Assumption</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CSA Goal | \$22,168.00 | \$20,587.00 |
| CSA Pledged | \$18,600.00 | \$16,240.00 |
| CSA Paid | \$12,430.00 | \$ 6,962.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Martha McCluskey by Lorraine Shadduck

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight—Ascension Thursday

Sam Zaffuto has been the Finance Council President of St. Mary's Parish for many years. On May 13th, he was charged by the Pennsylvania State Police with various felonies and misdemeanors. Until such time as he could be proven innocent of these charges, I have suspended Sam Zaffuto from the St. Mary's Finance Council, and from access to parish accounts and records, effective immediately. Let us pray for all those affected by this unfortunate series of events, and may the criminal justice system render a just verdict. St. Mary's Parish is not involved in any way in these events. Our financial accounts are all in good order. We follow all Diocesan and civil laws regarding our finances.

Fr. Bill Barron

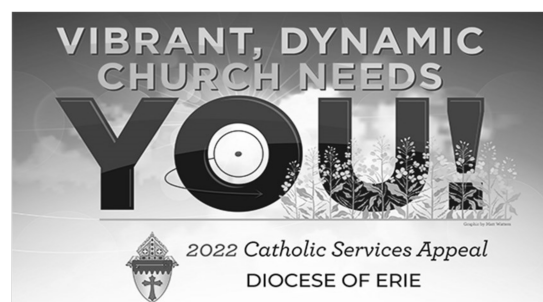
Ascension Thursday is May 26. This is a reflection on the Ascension by Pope Benedict XVI:

To present the Lord wrapped in clouds calls to mind once and for all the same mystery expressed in the symbolism of the phrase, "*seated at the right hand of God*". In Christ ascended into Heaven, the human being has entered into intimacy with God in a new and unheard-of way; man henceforth finds room in God for ever. "Heaven": this word Heaven does not indicate a place above the stars but something far more daring and sublime: it indicates Christ himself, the divine Person who welcomes humanity fully and for ever, the One in whom God and man are inseparably united for ever. Man's being in God, this is Heaven. And we draw close to Heaven, indeed, we enter Heaven to the extent that we draw close to Jesus and enter into communion with him. For this reason today's Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to be in profound communion with the dead and Risen Jesus, invisibly present in the life of each one of us.

In this perspective we understand why the Evangelist Luke says that after the Ascension the disciples returned to Jerusalem "*with great joy*" (24: 52). Their joy stems from the fact that what had happened was not really a separation, the Lord's permanent absence: on the contrary, they were then certain that the Crucified-Risen One was alive and that in him God's gates, the gates of eternal life, had been opened to humanity for ever. In other words, his Ascension did not imply a temporary absence from the world but rather inaugurated the new, definitive and insuppressible form of his presence by virtue of his participation in the royal power of God. It was to be up to them, the disciples emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit, to make his presence visible by their witness, preaching and missionary zeal. The Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension must also fill us with serenity and enthusiasm, just as it did the Apostles who set out again from the Mount of Olives "*with great joy*". Like them, we too, accepting the invitation of the "two men in dazzling apparel", must not stay gazing up at the sky, but, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit must go everywhere and proclaim the saving message of Christ's death and Resurrection. His very words, with which the Gospel according to St Matthew ends, accompany and comfort us: "*and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age*" (Mt 28: 19)

Ministers Schedule for May 28-29, 2022

| | 4:30pm (ABVM) | 8:30am (ABVM) | 10:30am (St Mary) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Altar Server | | | R. Whipple |
| Eucharist Minister | Deacon Steve | K. Roman | R. Hannah |
| Lector | F. Rosana | M. Carlson | D. Bowley |



ASCENSION THURSDAY is this Thursday, May 26th. The Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday, May 25th, at St. Mary's Parish at 7 P.M. Thursday, May 26th, at Assumption Parish at 7 P.M.

SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. MASS is shared during the year between St. Mary's Parish and Assumption Parish. Beginning on Saturday, June 4th, Saturday evening Mass will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Reynoldsville. This Mass will remain at St. Mary's until New Year's, 2023, when it will return to Assumption Parish in Sykesville.

AWAY: I was away this Saturday, the 21st, in Erie for the wedding of my aunt and uncle. I thank Fr. Matias for covering the Mass for me. Fr. Bill

ERIE DIOCESE CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION: The Diocese of Erie is holding Eucharistic Processions in the four corners of the Diocese for Corpus Christi Sunday this year. Our regional procession will be held at St. Catherine's Parish in Dubois on Sunday, June 19th, at 1 p.m. It would be good to have a group from St. Mary's and Assumption to participate in this event to show our love for our Blessed Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. Please save the date, and there will be more information to come.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you are being admitted to Dubois Hospital with COVID, please know that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or any form of Last Rites is not being administered there. I am willing to go into COVID rooms personally to visit, but it is not always permitted by the hospital staff to do so. If you think that you are going to be admitted to the hospital with COVID and would like to receive anointing or absolution, please call me and arrange for me to come to your house. I would be happy to do so. Fr. Bill

VOCATIONS CROSS - Since 2018, we have been sending around to parish homes a Vocations Cross. This Cross comes with a binder that contains prayers to be said with the Cross. When the Cross becomes available at the beginning of every month, would you please consider taking it home with you? It is a small thing to ask, just some simple prayers that God may bless His church with more seminarians. Thanks for your consideration. Fr. Bill Barron

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be available after all masses at both churches with the exception of Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption because I need some travel time and set up time for 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Barron

ONLINE GIVING: Visit our parish website on the homepage and click on your parish icon to take you to the portal for online giving registration, or press the icon on the myParishApp called giving to take you to the portal.

*****CEMETERY: To those people who are throwing their flowers and containers in the high grass beside the cemetery, PLEASE STOP! Please bring your own garbage home with you instead of making things look worse!!! Our mowers are trying to do their best to make our cemetery look nice and it's very difficult to do that if they don't have everyone's cooperation. It's not hard to bring your own garbage bag with you to discard old flowers and containers, and take it home, so please help take care of our cemetery!!!**

“WRAPPED IN LOVE-COVERED IN PRAYER” BLANKET MINISTRY: Do you know anyone in need of spiritual support during their time of trial or joy? Try presenting them with a prayer blanket. You can obtain one by contacting Peg Pennington at 814-371-0928. You will most likely get her answering machine, so be sure to leave your name and phone number so that she can get back to you. Peg will ask you a few questions to help determine which blanket best suits the person you are giving it to. Although there is no charge for our blankets, donations to our ministry are always welcome.

ASSUMPTION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Curtis Lee on his reception of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist on May 15 at Assumption Parish. He is the last of the 5 RCIA candidates to be initiated into the Catholic faith for this year. We look forward to next year's RCIA group forming this fall.

MARIANNA HOAGIE SALE – A.B.V.M. Rosary Society is having a Marianna Hoagie. If you wish to order, please fill out the form and drop it in the collection basket or the mail slot at the rectory office. All hoagies and pizza are \$8.50. Orders need to be turned in by Thursday, May 26th. Delivery will be Tuesday, June 7th.

CEMETERY MASS – A Special Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th at Assumption Cemetery on the flat area at the top of the hill. Mass time will be 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own chair. Light refreshments will be served. In case of inclement weather, mass will be celebrated in Assumption Church. Come and Honor your Deceased Loved Ones at the Special Mass on this Special Day!