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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

December 29, 2019 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Gregory Michael Clark
By Mom, Dad & Jason

Tuesday, December 31 (St. Mary) 4:30 PM***
Hazel Liedl
By Mary & Don Hannah

Wednesday, January 1 (Assumption) 9:00 AM**
Kay Satterlee
By Rick & Elaine

Thursday, January 2 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Mike Tomasura Jr.
By Mom

Friday, January 3 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
In Honor of Stephen & Barbara Petrick’s 60th
Wedding Anniversary by Family

Saturday, January 4 (Assumption) 8:00 AM
Linda Jones
By Mike & Mary Minns

Saturday, January 4 (Assumption)*** 4:30 PM
Cliff McAninch
By Eric & Janet Mehok

Sunday, January 5 (Assumption) 8:30 AM
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sunday, Janaury 5 (St. Mary) 10:30 AM
John W. Deasey, Jr.
By Cheryl, Ron & Maddie Hannah

Ministers Schedule for Janaury 4/5, 2020

	Jan 1 (ABVM)	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	Z. Enseki	C. Lanzoni	Z. Enseki	C. Uhl M. Hannah
Lector	S. Jovenitti	F. Rosana	P. Roman	D. Dennison
Eucharistic Ministers	F. Enseki A. Bonavita A. Carlson	T. Laukitis E. Fike D. Slawson	B. Cook A. Bonavita B. Alexander	C. McGranor C. Hannah M. Pothoven
Samaritan Outreach			A. Bonavita	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
(Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)

Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption)
10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Dec. 22</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,197.00	\$1,787.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 230.00	\$ 20.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$27,775	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$24,470	\$17,693

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>		
Kim Wesdock	By Jim & Phyllis	
Bernie Snyder	By Jacob & Brady	
Steven	By Mom & Dad	
Patty & Mike Ruffner	By Edward Manco	
Joseph & Jessie Stefanelli	By Edward Manco	
Guy & Theresa Garofalo	By Edward Manco	
Louis & Antonette Foradori	By Edward Manco	

Office Information

Prayer Chain St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894	Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church) Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM Friday—Closed
Hospital Visits: Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028	
Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm Madelyn Tomasura’s home	Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Christmas Traditions

Every December and in every country on the planet, people celebrate Christmas. There may be caroling, candles, decorated trees, Nativity scenes, candy canes, Advent wreaths, mistletoe, wrapped gifts, social gatherings, gift giving, stockings, poinsettias, Santa Claus or St. Nicholas. The ways of celebrating Christmas are endless because the holiday proclaims the universal desire for peace on earth and goodwill to all. The United States has many different traditions and ways that people celebrate Christmas, because of its multi-cultural nature. Many customs are similar to the ones in the United Kingdom, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland and Mexico.

Today, most Americans blend religious and secular customs with their own family traditions, often incorporating food, decorations and rituals from places they or their ancestors once called home. Roast turkey and ham are popular for Christmas dinner throughout the country, but depending on the region, so are tamales, roast goose with red cabbage, crawfish jambalaya, roast pork or “seven fishes”. The traditional meal for Western European families is turkey or ham with cranberry sauce. Families from Eastern European origins favor turkey with trimmings, kielbasa (a Polish sausage), cabbage dishes, and soups; and some Italian families prefer lasagna!

Some Americans use popcorn threaded on string to help decorate their Christmas Tree. Making gingerbread houses is also popular to make at Christmas! Eggnog is a 'traditional' Christmas drink in the United States.

Many Americans, especially Christians will go to Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Many churches have special Christmas Carol services and events where the story of Christmas is told. In New England there are shops called 'Christmas Shops' that only sell Christmas decorations and toys all the year round!

Americans also send out Christmas cards, like to decorate the outsides of their houses with lights and sometimes even statues of Santa Claus, Snowmen and Reindeer. Some cookies and glass of milk are often left out as a snack for Santa on Christmas Eve!

Towns and cities often decorate the streets with lights to celebrate Christmas. Perhaps the most famous Christmas streetlights in the USA are at Rockefeller Center in New York City where there is a huge Christmas Tree with a public ice-skating rink in front of it over Christmas and New Year’s. In the Southwest USA, there are some special customs which have some similarities to those in parts of Mexico. These include 'luminarias' or 'farolitos' which are paper sacks partly filled with sand and then have a candle put in them. They are lit on Christmas Eve and are put the edges of paths. They represent 'lighting the way' for somewhere for Mary and Joseph to stay. A popular food at Christmas in the Southwest USA is tamales. In the Louisiana on Christmas Eve families in small communities along the Mississippi River light bonfires along the levees to help ‘Papa Noel’, the name for Santa in French, to find his way to the children’s homes.

Regardless of how your family celebrates Christmas, all of these traditions are all because we celebrate together the coming of our Savior, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us! Wishing all of you and your families a very Blessed Christmas Season and Blessings for the coming New Year!

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, December 29, 2019

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

NO BINGO TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH. Bingo will resume on Sunday, January 5th.

NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE – New Year’s Eve at St. Mary’s – 4:30 p.m. New Year’s Day at Sykesville – 9:00 a.m.

EMERGENCY PARKING: Emergency Parking has been added in front of St Mary's Church on Main Street. The reason is that first responders need a place to park that will not cause them to block Route 322. We also want State Police to periodically park in front the church during mass as a deterrent. What this means is that when you come to Mass, please do not park in the emergency parking space. Its purpose is for Saturday/Sunday Mass, and not as much through the week. Thanks. Fr. Bill

PARISH COUNCIL: There will be a meeting of Parish Council on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 P.M. at Assumption Parish, Sykesville. Elections for new Parish Counsellors will take place in April. Please consider if you are interested in being nominated and contact Moose Rosanna, Parish Council President, if interested. (in case of inclement weather, meeting will be rescheduled to February).

*****ROLLER SKATING PARTY** for all the children and their families of both parishes will be held on Sunday, January 19th from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Reynoldsville Rollerdrome. There is no charge, just come and have fun! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Snacks are always welcome!

SATURDAY 4:30 MASS is hosted in different locations during the course of the year. It is shared between St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes. Be aware that, from January to May, Saturday 4:30 Mass will be at Assumption Parish, Sykesville. There will be no Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary's during this time. The Saturday evening Mass will return to St. Mary's Parish in June.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: The Catholic Services Appeal runs from April to December each year. *If you have made a pledge and have not paid it in full, please do so by the end of 2019.* We have collected pledge money in excess of our goal at St. Mary's Parish. The goal is \$20,414. Every dollar you give to the CSA will stay here in the parish, and unlike increased offertory, increased CSA gifts will not raise our annual assessments. **We have not** gotten enough pledges from Assumption Parish to cover our CSA goal, which is \$19,323. We need to collect another \$1,600 in CSA pledge money in order to pay this assessment, or we will need to make up the difference out of our savings account. Thank you for your financial support of your parish.

PRAYER SERVICE: On Wednesday January 22, 2020 there will be a prayer service at St. Mary’s church in Reynoldsville for the unborn for Roe vs Wade anniversary. This will be from 6pm -7pm. All are welcome to come.

YOUTH GROUP: There will be Youth Group for Grades 5-8 on Jan 3 and Jan 17 in McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Parish from 6-8pm. There will be Youth Group for Grades 9-12 on Jan 12 and Jan 26 in McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Parish from 6-8pm. There is a Meeting for High School students in McGivney Hall on January 15 for some upcoming events from 6-7pm. For anyone in Grades 9-12

ST. MARY’S NEWS

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JANUARY. Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion and is not already on the list, please call the office at 653-8586.

NO CCD CLASSES TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th. Merry Christmas to all of our students from your teachers!

ANOTHER FLOWER MEMORIAL: In Memory of John Deasey, Jr., Lloyd & Della Johnson, Henry & Hazel Liedl, Clyde & Faye Hannah, & Bernice Deasey by Ron & Cheryl Hannah.

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

COFFEE & DONUTS will not take place the last Sunday of December due to the holiday season. We will begin the last Sunday of the month in January!!

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2020 will be due in January. In your packet of contribution envelopes for January you will find an envelope designated for that purpose. Please use this envelope to pay your dues and place it in the collection basket at any weekend mass. The drive will take place the month of January. New Members are Welcome!