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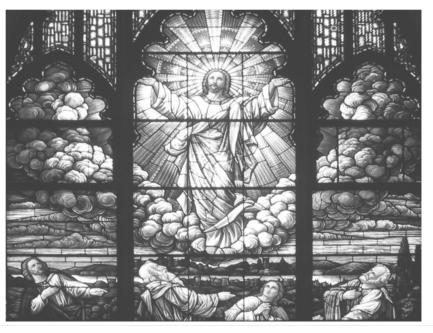
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May 17, 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday,
May 21, 2020



#### St. Mary Parish

607 East Main Street Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851 814-653-8586

Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J) Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865 814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981 Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

**Deacon – Daniel Satterlee** 

#### **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 18

Helen Pegnetter
By Rosary & Altar Society

#### Tuesday, May 19

Rose & Reno Rinaldi By Mickey Rinaldi

#### Wednesday, May 20

Carmen A. Pachetti By Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pitrone

#### Thursday, May 21

Anthony Veitz By Larry & Toni Smelko

#### Friday, May 22

Judy Righi Taylor
By Janet & John Stormer

#### Saturday, May 23

Sam Cantanese By Paul Gileot

#### Sunday, May 24

All Parishioners of both Parishes

# Sacrificial Giving

<b>May 10</b>	St. N	<u> Iary</u>	Ass	umption
Collection	\$2,80	62.00	\$2	,180.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 18	35.00	\$	196.00
Thank you for your generosity!				

# CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	St. Mary	<b>Assumption</b>		
Pledged	\$22,113	\$19,926		
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# Sanctuary Candles

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# Prayer for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

Almighty God and heavenly Father, in your infinite love and goodness towards us, you have given to us your only and most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of eternal life.

After he completed our redemption by his death and ascended into heaven, he sent his apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors abroad into the world. By their work and ministry he gathered together a great flock from all parts of the world, for the eternal praise of your holy name.

For these great benefits of your eternal goodness we give our most humble thanks.

We praise and worship you, and we humbly pray, by your blessed Son, grant to all your people everywhere who call on your holy name,

that we may continue to show ourselves thankful to you for these and all your other benefits, and that we may daily increase and go forward in knowledge and faith

in you and your Son by the Holy Spirit, so that your holy name may be forever glorified, and your blessed kingdom enlarged; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### Information

**Prayer Chain** 

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#### From the Pastor's Desk

It is difficult to be a pastor of a parish when the people of the parish are never at the parish! I pray daily for your families, for your health, for your employment, for your businesses. It is a difficult time. Being disconnected from you all, it is hard to get a sense of how you are doing. But I sense that we as people are beginning to rise up with resolve and meet our fears with hope. Yes, there is always a lot to be afraid of in life. But when we place our lives in God's hands there is always hope because God loves us.

The President doesn't love you like God loves you, and the Governor doesn't love you like God loves you. You might not love them all that much either - seeing that one is a Republican and one is a Democrat I think that covers everyone's political views. The trap is that we might expect too much from these politicians and business leaders – after all, they are only men and women. They are just as fallible as you and I. I regret greatly that people have lost their understanding that God is real and that God provides for us. You and I need to move forward each day with confidence in God's love for us. God will provide. Yes, we need to expect things from our leaders, but God is over the leaders. God gets the job done.

What happens when our prayers are met with more suffering? Maybe the present sorry situation can help us to appreciate our neighbors around us. We can appreciate the ones among us who cannot receive Eucharist because of a marital situation. We can have compassion on the homebound whose church going days are over forever. We can understand better the people who for whatever reason do not have family support and must meet their challenges in solitude. We can better understand the person who has to contemplate their own mortality, and what it will be like for the soul to leave the body and migrate into eternity. Rather than this moment being a moment of alienation, might it rather be transformed into a moment of solidarity? May this be a moment when we encounter each other more authentically in intercessory prayer?

Fr. Bill Barron

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, May 17, 2020

#### **PARTNER PARISH NEWS**

**ADDITIONAL SBA LOAN**: St. Mary's Parish has received a Paycheck Protection Loan for approximately \$2,800 to cover the cost of the pastor's health insurance and payments towards the diocesan priest retirement plan. In addition to a previous SBA loan received, the employees of St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes have received around \$20,000 to cover payroll expenses for these next two months. It is possible that the loan could be forgiven by providing certain documentation to the Small Business Development Administration. I will keep you posted on the progress of the loan forgiveness as we progress through summer. Fr. Barron

<u>HELP FOR THE FOOD BANK</u>: The non-perishable food items collected during Lent by our religious education program have been delivered to the Helping Hands Food pantry. Also, an anonymous donation to Fr. Bill has been converted to a \$100 purchase of items requested for Christ the King Manor residents, and a \$150 cash donation to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

**REYNOLDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DINNER**: The committee has informed the alumni participants that this year's alumni gathering, held in August, has been cancelled. We look forward to hosting this event in 2021.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ASSUMPTION CEMETERY: The liturgical directives for the "yellow phase" of the coronavirus lockdown means that we will have to cancel the mass the cemetery for 2020.

<u>CONFESSION AND ADORATION</u>: The Diocese of Erie has allowed the pastors to re-establish scheduled times for Confession and Adoration. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. at Assumption Church. Confessions will be available during this holy hour. We will re-establish Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 at St. Mary's Church. We will also re-establish First Friday Adoration for June, from 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. on June 5th.

**BUSINESS HOURS RE-ESTABLISHED**: starting on Monday, May 18th, we will allow in person visits to the rectory offices of both our parishes. The secretaries will begin to keep normal hours once again. If you visit the rectory, the secretaries will put on a mask, and it would be greatly appreciated if you would wear a mask if you need to conduct in person business at the parish offices.

**<u>BULLETINS</u>** are now available at the rectory office door because state and diocesan regulations have mandated that visitors to businesses must wear masks. Hence, to visit the church building one must wear a mask.

<u>NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL</u>: Fr. Bill is posting new YouTube videos giving spiritual guidance and direction during this time of challenge you can find our new channel on YouTube by searching for St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes on YouTube.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to all who donated items to Christ the King Manor. They were overwhelmed by your generosity and are very much appreciated!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #935 proceeds from their recent fundraisers are as follows: \$100 to Hahne Cancer Center, \$150 to Reynoldsville Memorial Park, \$100 to local Special Olympics, and with the help of Supreme Council \$1000 was donated to Helping Hands Food Pantry. Also, food items that were collected at DCCS were also given to the food pantry. Thank you to everyone for helping the Knights of Columbus with their fundraisers!

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY REGULATIONS:** As we move into planting season, please be mindful of the new cemetery guidelines that were published last fall. If you do not follow the rules for planting, vigil lamps, etc. please note that the cemetery board will remove those items from your grave.

**LIFETEEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** A great bible study for teens is linked to on our website. It can be found in the Religious Education tab, under "teens". The episodes are contained therein.

<u>WE LIVESTREAM MASS EVERY DAY!</u> You can watch the mass online from St. Mary's and Assumption Churches every day. Go to <u>www.stmarysassumption.com</u> to watch the live stream. You can watch it any time of the day as well. It always remains on the website. 4:30 Saturday, 8:30 Sunday Mon-Fri. 7 A.M.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK -see the note always in the bulletin

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION** - I cannot visit these facilities regularly. If you want me to come, have the hospital or nursing home staff call and request me at 503-0028.

<u>FUNERALS</u> - By order of the Bishop, only immediate family and the funeral home staff are allowed to attend funeral masses. If you need to plan a funeral, call the funeral director of your choice, and they will begin the planning. If you call me to plan the funeral, I will refer you to the funeral director. They all have different procedures for how to conduct a funeral during the public health crisis.

**DROP OF ENVELOPES:** You may drop off your envelopes using the mail slot at the front door of both Assumption and St. Mary's rectories.

**SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH APP**: Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app. 1) Download my Parish App 2) Select our Parish after opening.

**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.

#### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at St. Mary's in the Social Hall on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Due to the corona virus appointments need to be made to donate so please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. Any questions, call Karen Sistek at 724-237-9645.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**: Even though we are unable to attend a meeting at this time, dues are still being accepted. If you haven't paid your dues, please include them when you drop off your regular Sunday offering at the rectory or mail them to the Rosary Society Secretary, Karen Whipple.

#### **ASSUMPTION'S NEWS**

**A.B.V.M. BLOOD DRIVE** will take place Friday, May 22 in Assumption Social Hall. Due to the corona virus appointments need to be made to donate so please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. Any questions, call Karen Sistek at 724-237-9645.

<u>SAVE THE DATE - A.B.V.M. Annual Golf Tournament</u> will take place on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Silverwoods Golf Course, Treasure Lake, DuBois. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.