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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

July 24, 2022 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Mary Parish**  
607 East Main Street  
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851  
814-653-8586  
**Email:** stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

**Shared contact information:**

**Web address:**

[www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

**Parish app:** Text "APP" to 55321

**Fax number:** 814-653-2769

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**  
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)  
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865  
814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981  
**Email:** abvmchurch20@gmail.com

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V.

**Senior Associate:** Rev. Edward Walk

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Benjamin Dagher

**Deacon:** Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, July 25—Assumption</b> Jimmy Johnston By Tim, Mary & Autumn	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 26—Assumption</b> John Webb Family By Maxine Nava Estate	<b>8:00am</b>
Wednesday, July 27 at St. Bernard's Falls Creek	8:00am
<b>Thursday, July 28—St. Marys</b> Daniel T. Rodgers By Mindy & Mike Berta	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Friday, July 29— St. Marys</b> Deceased members of Henry Liedl Family By Mary & Don Hannah	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday, July 30—St Marys</b> Mary Mancuso By Cricket Kaizer & Family	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday, July 31- Assumption</b> Michael & Mary Mehok By Tim, Mary, & Autumn	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Sunday, July 31- St. Marys</b> All Parishioners of both Parishes	<b>10:30am</b>

## Sacrificial Giving

<b>July 17</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Assumption</b>
Collection	\$1,553.00	\$2,452.00
Electronic Giving	535.00	265.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

<b>2022</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Assumption</b>
CSA Goal	\$22,168.00	\$20,587.00
CSA Pledged	\$18,990.00	\$18,400.00
CSA Paid	\$14,960.00	\$11,467.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>		

## Sanctuary Candles

### In Memory of :

<b>Leslie Earley Osikowicz</b>	By Donna & Family
<b>Leslie Earley Osikowicz</b>	By Madeline
<b>Jack Perry</b>	By Sister, Darla
<b>Santo J. &amp; Dorothy T. Perry</b>	By Darla & Family

## Ministers Schedule for July 30-31, 2022

	<b>5:00pm</b> (St. Mary)	<b>8:30am</b> (ABVM)	<b>10:30am</b> (St Mary)
<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>M. King</b>		<b>S. Mullins</b>
<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	<b>B. Murray</b>	<b>Deacon Steve</b>	<b>C. McGranor</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>L. Shaddock</b>	<b>P. Roman</b>	<b>D. Dennison</b>

## Information

### Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752  
Assumption 661-3894

## Saints Anne and Joachim

On July 26, the Feast Day of St. Anne and St. Joachim, we honor the lives of Mary's parents, the earthly grandparents of Jesus. As existing information about Saints Anne and Joachim comes from the Gospel of James and Catholic legend, there is debate over the details of their lives. But regardless, it can be agreed that to be the parents of Jesus's earthly mother, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim must have been faithful, devoted parents indeed. The patronage of Saint Anne includes grandparents, couples without children, women in labor, and women unable to conceive. Likewise, Saint Joachim is considered the patron of grandfathers, fathers, and grandparents.

Anne, in Hebrew, means "God has given grace." According to existing accounts, she was barren for much of her life. One day in her advanced years, she conceived Mary, the mother of Jesus. Saint Anne dedicated the life of her child to the service of God when she was only three – a decision that was undoubtedly formative in the shaping of the future Mother of God.

### The Role of Grandparents in Completing the Family Unit

As we reflect on the legacy of Saints Anne and Joachim, let us also reflect on the vital role played by all grandparents in completing the loving family unit and nurturing the faith of future generations. Grandparents can take a vital part in the training of their grandchildren, teaching them to love the ways of the Lord and honor his commandments. It was Saints Anne and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption. Pope Francis remarked of Saints Anne and Joachim:

*In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!*

There is also something to be said for grandparents' roles as repositories of wisdom and history. Their experience in faith and life has enriched their judgment, rendering them invaluable counsels for the generations that follow. They remember the heritage of the family and share it with future generations. As Pope Francis has also related:

*How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. The Aparecida Document says, "Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives" (No. 447). This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!*

## Employment Opportunity

### **Position opening for regional parish business manager**

The parishes of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sykesville; St. Bernard, Falls Creek; St. Catherine of Siena, DuBois; St. Mary, Reynoldsville; and St. Michael the Archangel, DuBois, are hiring a regional business manager to oversee the business operations of the five parishes. Interested candidates should demonstrate a background in accounting, human resources, personnel management, building and grounds supervision, and an understanding of diocesan policies and regulations. Candidates are asked to send a resume and three references to:

[sienadubois@stcatherine.comcastbiz.net](mailto:sienadubois@stcatherine.comcastbiz.net)

**SWIMMING POOL PARTY** for both St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes will be held on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All are invited!!! Sign-up sheets will be at the entrance of both churches so please sign up so we know how many to prepare for. **Any snacks, fruits, veggies, or dessert would be appreciated!**

**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE:** Catholic Charities is holding their Diaper Drive during the month of July. Disposable diapers, (any size, any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes are appreciated. Donations may be dropped off in the box at the entrance of the church. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked Catholic Charities-Diaper Drive. The last day for donations is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**GOLF:** DuBois Central Catholic School's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic will be held Friday, September 2 at the DuBois Country Club starting at 9 AM. Register Early – There are limited spots available. You can register online at [www.charitygolftoday.com/dccouting](http://www.charitygolftoday.com/dccouting) If you don't golf or can't be there, buy 50-50 tickets online for a chance to win and support the school. Contact the school for more information at 814-371-3060.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** DuBois Area Faith Formation presents Vacation Bible School 2022: Jesus is our Friend and Lord. It is open to children ages 5-12 and will be held in McGivney Hall at St. Catherine Church, DuBois, from 6-8 p.m. July 27-29. Free to attend, register by calling 814-371-4082 or emailing [wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:wegrowinfaith@yahoo.com) with the participant's name, age and a parent or guardian contact phone number.

**"DAVID"** The St. Michael Rosary Society in DuBois is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater to see "David"! When: Thursday, October 13, 2022. Cost: \$161.00 includes round trip, show and dinner at the Hershey Farms Restaurant. The bus will leave St. Michael's parking lot at 9 a.m. and will return approx. 11:30 p.m. Please call Connie Georgek at 814-603-4717 for more information and reservations. Deadline/money due August 15, or until all seats are filled.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at St. Mary in St. Marys and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at Holy Cross in Fairview. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit: <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

**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**

**FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** are in memory of Leslie Earley Osikowicz by Mom & Family.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be having coffee and doughnuts after 10:30 Mass on July 31st and everyone is encouraged to stop for doughnuts and fellowship.

**"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.