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

July 12, 2020 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Eucharist is the ultimate superfood  
for the soul, loaded with grace to keep you  
spiritually healthy, give you the wisdom and  
strength to choose the right path, and fight  
off diseases like selfishness and other  
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**Pastor – Father William R. Barron**

**Deacon – Daniel Satterlee**

**Shared contact information:**

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

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

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, July 13— St. Mary's</b> Joseph Bobal By The Bobal Family	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 14— Assumption</b> Gloria Bowers By Jeanne Kickish	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 15— Assumption</b> Mel Beimel By Judy Hand	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday, July 16— St. Mary's</b> Tony & John Scolese By Frances Scolese & Family	<b>**8:00am</b>
<b>Friday, July 17— No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday, July 18— St. Mary's</b> Alex Smelko By Larry & Toni Smelko	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday, July 19— Assumption</b> Peg McAninch By Rick & Elaine	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Sunday, July 19— St. Mary's</b> All Parishioners of both Parishes	<b>10:30am</b>

## Sacrificial Giving

<u>July 5</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,840.00	\$2,256.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 740.00	\$ 531.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$22,238	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$16,371	\$ 9,230

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Sanctuary Candles

**In Honor of :**  
**the First Communion Class** By: Barb Murray

**In Memory of:**  
**Madelyn Tomasura** By: Mickey  
By: Betsy & Jeff Stover  
By: Barb Murray  
By: Mary & Joe McCloskey  
By: Blue Army Prayer Group  
By: Toni & Larry Smelko  
**Al Stefanelli** By: Toni & Larry Smelko  
**Liz Deegan** By: Toni & Larry Smelko  
**Doug Smelko** By: Mom & Dad

## Ministers Schedule for July 18-19, 2020

	<b>4:30pm</b> <b>(St. Mary)</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>(St Mary)</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>R. Whipple</b>		<b>S. Mullins</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>B. Stover</b>	<b>P. Roman</b>	<b>D. Bowley</b>

## Information

**Prayer Chain**  
St Mary 653-2752  
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**Anointing of the Sick :**  
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

## From the Pastor's Desk

As you know, the obligation to come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is not in effect right now. But this is a temporary thing. Even though the obligation has been suspended for over 3 months now and is likely to be suspended for a while longer, one Sunday it will return. This brings up the question, "why do we have an obligation to attend Mass anyhow?" We continue with the article from Fr. Manuel Garrido, O.S.B. on this subject:

The Early Christians

Nowdays facilities abound for us to fulfill the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday therewith enriching our spiritual life. In the case of the early Christians, both for those of Jewish and pagan origin, it entailed great sacrifices for them to attend the eucharistic celebration, sometimes even the sacrifice of life itself. Thus, the deep-rooted meaning such an obligation had in their lives is very clear.

Pliny the Younger, the governor of Bithynia, in a letter addressed to the Emperor Trajan in the year 112 mentions that the arrested Christians "declared that the very fault they were accused of was gathering together" on a fixed day to sing a hymn to Christ who is God ("Epist". 10, 96). About 200 years later 31 men and 18 women were arrested in the same city and brought before the proconsul Anulinus in Carthage on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February in the year 304. According to the authentic "Acts" of their martyrdom, they maintained the following very impressive dialogue with the Roman proconsul"

-is it true that in your house you celebrated the meeting in spite of the edict of the Emperor?

-Yes, in my house we celebrated the day of the Lord.

-Why did you allow so many people to participate?

-Because they are my brothers and sisters and I couldn't refuse them.

-You should have refused them.

-No, I couldn't have done that because we had to celebrate the liturgy on the day of the Lord.

These martyrs of Bithynia have sometimes been referred to as "martyrs of the Sunday celebration" and not without good reason.

Through the writings of the Fathers of the Church, especially in that of St. Ignatius of Antioch, we can see the changes that took place in these Christians converted from Judaism. This saint, in his letter to the Magnesians says "...they gave up keeping the Sabaath and began by living according to the Sunday celebration, the day in which a new life was born for us through the grace of the Lord and the merits of his death" (9,1).

In the writings of St. Justin we can find the same line of thought. Having described the Sunday eucharistic celebration as resembling our Sunday Mass he adds "we hold this celebration on the "dies solis" because it is the first day, the day in which God created the world, and also the day in which Christ, our Savior rose from the dead." (Apol. 1, 67,7)

It is observed by Dix and Jungmann, to quote only two of the many specialists on the subject, that the early Christians gave prime importance to the dominical eucharistic assembly, in spite of calumnies that circulated among the pagans and in spite of varied persecutions and sufferings. On hearing certain present-day opinions, and on observing the behavior of those Christians of the earlier centuries, one is inclined to ask if they were not possessed by the devil to face such dangers, or on the other hand, if it is now that the triumph of Satan is manifested in the indifference and coldness with which the Sunday obligation is fulfilled. Is it that we no longer feel the necessity to offer glory to God by attending Sunday Mass, or to nourish our souls with the Word of God and with the body and blood of Christ?

Fr. Bill

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, July 12, 2020

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES:** If you need visitation by a priest at the Dubois Hospital, the priest to call is Fr. Ed Walk at St. Bernard's Parish. If you need visitation by a priest at Christ the King Manor, the priest to call is Fr. Matias. They will not allow the pastors to go into either facility to see their parishioners. Also, Fr. Matias is not allowed to travel between the hospital and the Manor.

**UPDATES TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS** - Effective immediately, all visitors are welcome to attend daily and weekend masses at both our parishes. The concern about lack of seating is no longer a concern. You do not need to tape a green parking pass in the window of your car as well. Also, you may come to Mass at your regular time, provided that you can be at least 5-10 minutes early, so the ushers may seat you. We continue to follow the Diocese's protocols for health at mass, including mask wearing and social distancing in the pews. Ushers will continue to greet you at your car and send you into the church. An usher will greet you at the door and seat you. At daily mass, there will be no usher in the parking lot. You may approach the door, put your mask on, sanitize your hands, and find a seat. There is plenty of seats available.

**LIVESTREAMING OF MASS** - Mass will continue to be livestreamed daily.

**SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - The obligation to attend these Masses is not in effect. No one is required to attend mass in person at this time.

**CONFESSIONS-** Confessions will be available at St. Mary's after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass, and at Assumption after Tuesday and Wednesday 5 p.m. masses. Please note that Confessions will not be available before any Mass. Masks are required for Confession. Confessional at St. Mary's is in altar server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the altar servers' room.

**FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS** - Please note that you are allowed to have non-family and extended family attend funerals and weddings again. The seating capacity for Assumption Church given social distancing is 60. The capacity for St. Mary's is 85. There is overflow seating with the closed circuit tv in the St. Mary's Social Hall for an additional 40-60 people. We are working on installing a closed circuit tv at Assumption Social Hall that will seat an additional 30 people. All attendees at funerals and weddings, except for bride and groom and those "in the wedding" must wear masks for the duration of the service.

**BAPTISMS** can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** As we anticipate a return of public Mass, we will continue to have staff clean both churches. When we are ready to have volunteers return, we will let you know.

**BULLETINS** 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.

**NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** 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.

**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.

**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

**FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** are in memory of Tom and Betty Moslak by Mary Beth and Tom Stojek.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY!** Congratulations to Joeline Bussard, Reese Harry, Callie Hayden, Gracie King, and Thadyus Murray, our First Communion class, receiving Jesus for the very first time today. May God bless you and keep you in His care!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Congratulations to Ellie Burnside, James Bussard, Rori Deason, Evangeline Gearhart, Eberlee Smochek, Brody Vasilauskas, and Leah Vasilauskas for having their First Reconciliation on Saturday. May God bless you and keep you in His care!

### ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**ASSUMPTION PARISH CASH RAFFLE** – Parishioners who still have their raffle tickets, please try to sell them or buy them and return them to the church as soon as possible, **The Deadline to return tickets is: Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Thank you for your co-operation in this matter!**