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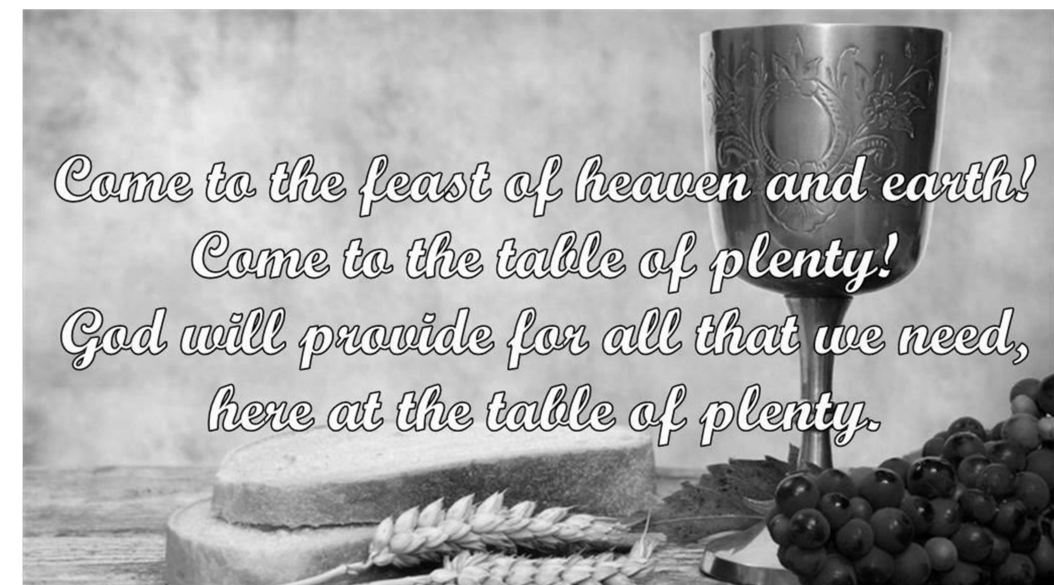
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

July 19, 2020 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, July 20— St. Mary's	5:00pm
Deceased Members of Luigi Vizza Family By Madelyn	
Tuesday, July 21— Assumption	5:00pm
Ed Felix, Sr. By Gerard Bauer	
Wednesday, July 22— Assumption	5:00pm
Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck By Tim, Mary & Autumn	
Thursday, July 23— St. Mary's	5:00pm
Deceased Members of Henry Liedl Family By Mary & Don Hannah	
Friday, July 24— No Mass	
Saturday, July 25— St. Mary's	4:30pm
Rich Kurten By Aunt Carol	
Sunday, July 26— Assumption	8:30am
Frank Murdock By Mike & Kathy McAninch	
Sunday, July 26— St. Mary's	10:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes	

Sacrificial Giving

<u>July 12</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,588.00	\$2,591.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 235.00	\$ 329.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$22,238	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$16,891	\$ 9,340

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Madelyn Tomasura	By: Carol Ishman
	By: Patty Nesbit
Richard Ghezzi	By: Carol Ishman
Kathleen Lyons Guthrie	By: Carol Ishman
Robert Heasley	By: Peggy Pennington
Santo J. (Sundo) & Dorothy T. Perry	By: Darla

Special Intention	By: Peggy Pennington
Special Intention	By: Patty Nesbit

Ministers Schedule for July 25-26, 2020

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	A. Reiter		M. Hannah
Lector	M. McCluskey	P. Roman	D. Dennison

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:

Festive Character of the Sunday Celebration:

One of the most characteristic notes of the Sunday Mass is its community and festive aspect. The Church feels the necessity of gathering the faithful periodically for its liturgical celebrations. Ever since the apostolic times, Sunday has been the day set aside for this meeting, as can clearly be seen in the Acts of the Apostles and in St. Paul's letters. According to the well-known specialist G. Dix, during the first three centuries the word "ekklesia" was used only to express the liturgy's weekly meeting, or to denote those who had a right to take part in it. St. Ignatius of Antioch exhorts the early Christians to be responsible in attending and in participating in the Sunday liturgical assembly.

But perhaps the most expressive testimony of this aspect of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays can be found in the "Didaskalia Apostolorum" of the third century: "teach the faithful and exhort them to be present at Sunday Mass, lest they decrease the Church by their absence and deprive the mystical body of Christ of one of its members; they should hear the words of Christ as directed to each one of them in particular "he who does not gather with me scatters" (Luke 11,23). Because you are members of Christ your only meeting place is the Church. Because Christ makes himself present as promised and communicates with us, you cannot belittle yourselves nor deprive the Savior of his members, you cannot separate or divide his body (c.13)

The spirit of assembly appears from the beginning to be fundamental in the Sunday obligation. We cannot keep Sunday holy individually even through pious practices. There is no heaven for individualism even though it is the individual that is saved by cooperating with divine grace in this great enterprise.

This mystical presence of Christ in the Sunday assembly referred to in the "Didaskalia has been stressed through the tradition of the Church right down to our own day. This awareness of the presence of Christ, the assembly of the faithful, and all the elements of the liturgical celebration give a festive note of joy that cannot be found in any other gathering. It is not without reason that St. John Chrysostom said: "it is to a banquet that the Lord calls you..... you are invited to rest..... in the Church joy triumphs over grief and heals the wounds in your heart. Oh, heavenly call! Let's hurry! But at the same time let's honor this Sunday meeting by what we are and by what we do." ("In Osiam hom. 1,1).

Fr. Bill

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, July 19, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION: If anyone wants to be confirmed next year, please call Barb Murray at 653-8648 ASAP.

CLEANING: Fr. Bill is looking for someone to give his dirty and dusty Toyota RAV 4 a detailed cleaning, inside and outside. This is not a "freebee" ask, he will pay the price you quote. If interested, please call 503-0028.

"A JOURNEY OF KINDNESS": We are glad to announce that our Online Vacation Bible School series is available for viewing. There are 8 episodes (20-30 minutes each) which discuss **KINDNESS** throughout the Bible. We think that these lessons would be fun to watch for the entire family. You can find these episodes in 2 specific places. (Of course, you can share these links with your friends).

Parish Website - <http://www.stcathstmikedubois.org/> - You can find the episodes by using the link on the Website which will take you directly to the Vacation Bible School Videos. **Facebook** - @StCatherineOfSienaRomanCatholicChurch - our Facebook page has the episodes posted.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in St. Mary's social hall on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:15 am. The reading for this month's gathering on will be Matthew 14:22-33. Keeping in mind the strict guidelines, we will have arranged seating according to physical distancing and will trust that you will each bring a mask. Printed copies of the reading will be available. Please note that we will gather in the social hall rather than the classroom. Please enter through the patio door Anyone is welcome!

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.

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.

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

NEW MOWER FOR ST. MARY'S CEMETERY: Jimmy John Welder is a young man from the local area with whom we have contracted for the mowing of the cemetery. He will be using the equipment owned by St. Mary's Cemetery to cut the grass.

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 24th Thank you for your co-operation in this matter!**

Pick of the Week Dinner Financial Report is as follows: **Income: \$4931.00**

Expenses: \$1,002.29

Profit: \$3,928.71

THANK YOU to Josephine Nichols and all Parishioners and Friends who took time out of their busy schedules helped get all the prep work done and serve curbside for the 3 weeks of the dinners!!

WE ALSO THANK everyone who supported our dinners every week to make the dinners such a success!!