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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

May 9, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Blessing

May those with children feel appreciated,
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,
May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life
Be wrapped in goodness and love today.

Tamara Rice



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Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10 — St. Mary's Michael Tomasura, Sr. By: Family	5:00pm
Tuesday, May 11- Assumption Ed Felix, Sr. By Mike & Darlene Grasso	5:00pm
Wednesday, May 12 – St. Mary's Marlene Vizza By: Estate	**7:00pm
Thursday, May 13 - Assumption Edward Manco By Tim, Mary & Autumn	**7:00pm
Friday, May 14— No Mass	
Saturday, May 15– Assumption John & Elizabeth Quashnock By Charles J. Coyle	4:30pm
Sunday, May 16 — Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, May 16 — St. Mary's Tom & Betty Moslak By: Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>May 2</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,734.00	\$2,786.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 511.00	\$ 926.00

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CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$20,301.00	\$19,312.00
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Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Viola Fusco	By: Jackie
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Hazel Liedl	By: Family
Faye Hannah	By: Family
Dorothy T. Perry	By: Daughter, Darla
Mike & Madelyn Tomasura	By: Toni & Larry
Doug Smelko	By: Mom & Dad

In Honor of:

Cricket Kaizer	By: Denise, Betsy, & Tom
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Special Intention By: Jackie

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Ministers Schedule for May 15-16, 2021

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server			M. Hannah
Lectors	F. Rosana	P. Roman	D. Dennison



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Parish Spotlight ~ Deacon

We welcome Deacon Steve Rowan to our parish. A married, permanent Diaconate is a new thing in the Catholic Church. There have always been Deacons in the Church. In the ancient Church, their role was quite large. As time progressed, the Deacon ordination was practically reduced to being a mere preparation for the priestly ordination. In these past 50 years, there have been efforts to enlarge the Deacon role in the Church again. It is no longer to be only a preparation for Priesthood, but rather a permanent ministry with its own character.

Please enjoy some excerpts from an internet blog that addressed the question: What is a permanent deacon?

Simply put, a permanent deacon is a deacon who is not transitioning into the priesthood, hence the term transitional deacon. Just as all bishops are first ordained priests, so too are all priests first ordained deacons. Yet not all priests are consecrated bishops, and not all deacons are ordained priests. This answer is inadequate in explaining the vocation of the deacon in the Church. A deacon is cleric, a man who is chosen by God and ordained by the Church in the order of service. Hence, a deacon participates in the Sacrament of Holy Orders...

The word "deacon" is Greek, meaning "minister," and we see from Chapter Six that the Apostles wanted Stephen and the other men chosen to share in the ministry of the Apostles, while the Apostles focused on prayer and preaching the Word of God. St. Stephen was the first to give his life in witness to Christ and is known as the "Protomartyr."...

The Roman Catechism states that a deacon is "the eye of the bishop." "His duty is to be always at the side of the bishop, guard him while he preaches, serve him and the priest during the celebration of divine mysteries, as well as during the administration of the Sacraments, and to read the Gospel in the Sacrifice of the Mass," and, in churches that allow communion under both species, to distribute the precious blood. In addition, the Catechism states that a deacon warns "the faithful to be attentive to the holy mysteries...and to him was entrusted the distribution of the Church goods, as well as the duty of providing for all that was necessary to each one's sustenance."...

The Second Vatican Council called for their institution of the diaconate as a permanent vocation for men called to this sacred vocation. It also allowed for men who are already married to be ordained a deacon with the consent of their wives. Some dioceses frame the ministry of deacon as a team ministry with his wife—it is not. Some look upon deacons as nothing more than a glorified acolyte (altar server)—they are not. Some think that only part-time learning to become a deacon is needed—it is not. Let the examples of the saints above show us what a deacon is called to be: the eye of the Bishop, who warns the faithful to be attentive to the holy mysteries and looks after the distribution of the goods of the Church, men who are filled with wisdom and willing to give their lives for Christ. Excerpts taken from "My Catholic Life" blog <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-what-is-a-permanent-deacon/>

Fr. Bill Barron

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

ASCENSION THURSDAY: This year, it is this Thursday, May 13th. Masses will be held on Wednesday, May 12th at St. Mary's at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, the 13th at Assumption at 7 p.m. It is a Holy Day and so good to go, yet it is not obligatory this year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This Sunday is the last Sunday of Religious Education classes for the year at St. Mary's Parish. Fr. Bill thanks our Director Barb Murray, and our catechists: Heather Reiter, Betsy Stover, Pat Dennison, and Denise Dennison. I thank all those who helped as substitutes as well. For those students who still have work that needs to be turned in for the year, it needs to be turned in immediately to Barb Murray, or brought to the parish office. I thank the parents and the students for a successful year- it was a hard year, mostly done from home. I am glad we could have 3 months of in person instruction at the year's end. Thanks so much for your flexibility, understanding, and participation during these trying times. Have a wonderful summer break! Fr. Bill

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy continue to 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, May 12 at 10:00 am. The reading for this month's gathering will be Matthew 28: 16-20. 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. Anyone is welcome!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST MARY'S will Meet Monday, May 17 at 6:30 pm at the St. Mary's Church Social Hall. Member Beth Goldbach will talk about a Heart Healthy Diet. RADA orders are due. If anyone is interested in order RADA from the CDA please call Angela at 814-375-0344 for a book or go to <https://radafundraising.com> and enter Catholic Daughters Court #890

NEW DEACON FOR ASSUMPTION & ST. MARY'S PARISHES: Bishop Persico has appointed Deacon Steven Rowan as Deacon Assistant to our two parishes, effective immediately. His term is a three year term, which expires in June, 2024. We welcome Deacon Rowan! He will be a great addition to our pastoral team. I will be sharing more about his role with us in the near future.

EMERGENCY PARKING SPACE: Please be aware that there is an emergency parking space in front of the St. Mary's Church and Rectory. There is a sign to indicate this. There were white lines painted on the road to indicate this spot, but they need to be repainted. This spot is reserved for police, fire, and ambulance service. Please do not park in this space. Fr Bill Barron

HOSPITAL VISITATION: The hospital has resumed the normal procedure for priests visiting patients. Fr. Matias has resumed his role as chaplain. Fr. Walk is no longer chaplain. Parish priests are now allowed to visit the hospital as well.

FUNERAL DINNERS: Effective immediately, both the Rosary Societies of St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes will be providing funeral dinners after the funeral masses, upon request. You are no longer required to get a caterer to use the hall for a funeral dinner.

LIVE STREAMING: Effective Saturday, April 10, we will no longer be live streaming the Sunday 8:30 a.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will live stream the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. We will continue to live stream daily masses at this time. All live streamed Masses are permanently posted on our Facebook group page and in the Facebook feed in the bottom righthand corner of our website homepage for your viewing convenience. As people continue to get vaccinated, it's time to return to the community and the sacraments.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY is accepting applications for preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Tuition assistance applications are available. Please call the school at 814-371-2570 for information.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be available after all masses at both churches with the exception of Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption because I need some travel time and set up time for 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Barron

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.

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. There is 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.

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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

CONGRATULATIONS to James Bussard, Rori Deason, Evangeline Gearhart, Charles Johnson, Eberlee Smochek, Brody Vasilauskas, & Leah Vasilauskas, 7 students of the First Communion class, who received Jesus for the very first time on May 2nd. May God bless you and keep you in His care!

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE will be here at St. Mary's in the Social Hall on Tuesday, May 18th from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

*****CEMETERY: PLEASE DO NOT THROW OLD FLOWERS, CONTAINERS, GARBAGE, ETC... DOWN OVER THE BANK! TAKE YOUR DISCARDED ITEMS HOME! OUR MOWERS ARE REALLY WORKING HARD TO TRY TO KEEP OUR CEMETERY LOOKING GOOD AND ITS DIFFICULT TO DO WITHOUT EVERYONE DOING THEIR PART.**

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

A.B.V.M ROSARY SOCIETY N & N Cinnamon Co. Fundraiser orders are due by Friday, May 14th. Delivery will be Wednesday, May 26th.

CEMETERY MASS – A Special Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 31st at Assumption Cemetery on the flat area at the top of the hill. Mass time is 9:00 a.m. Please bring your own chair. Light Refreshments will be served. In case of inclement weather, mass will be celebrated in Assumption Church. Come out and honor your Deceased Loved Ones at this Special Mass, on this Special Day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVELYN REID a life long Parishioner of Assumption Parish who will be turning 90 on May 16th. If you wish to send Evelyn a Birthday Card you may do so at the following address: DuBois Nursing Home; 212 South 8th St., Rm # 402, DuBois, PA 15801.

WELCOMING DEACON STEVE ROWAN – A Meet and Greet will take place on Sunday, May 16th immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners to meet our new Deacon who was assigned to our Parish. Light refreshments will be served! Hope to see you there!!