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August 14, 2022 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 15—Assumption
George Sonnie
By Albert Magrini
8:00am

Tuesday, August 16—AssumptionMike Bonavita
8:00am

By Antoinette

Wednesday, August 17 at St. Bernard's 8:00am Falls Creek

Thursday, August 18—St. Marys
Thaddeus Swanson
By Art & Rita Pruzinsky

Friday, August 19 – St. Marys Clyde & Faye Hannah

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By Mary & Don Hannah

Saturday, August 20—St Marys
Charles H. McGranor
By Jerry McGranor

Sunday, August 21- Assumption 8:30am
John Boboige

By Jeanne Kickish

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Ministers Schedule for August 20-21, 2022

	5:00pm	8:30am	10:30am
	(St. Mary)	(ABVM)	(St Mary)
Altar Server	R. Whipple		
Eucharist Minister	L. McGranor	Deacon Steve	C. Hannah
Lector	M. McCluskey	M. Carlson	R. Gearhart

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The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. In the United States, it is a holy day of obligation (in years when it does not fall on a Monday, which it does in 2022). What is the Assumption of Mary, how did it come to be defined, and what relevance does it have for our lives?

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection:

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply reverenced her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

According to Pope Benedict XVI:

By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods, we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance [General Audience, August 16, 2006].

PARTNER PARISH NEWS August 14, 2022

***SUNDAY MASS CHANGES: Beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 the Mass time at Assumption in Sykesville will begin at 8:00 a.m. and at St. Mary's in Reynoldsville the Mass time will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change has been made to give our children plenty of time to get to their Faith Formation classes at Central Catholic in DuBois at 11:30 a.m. Classes will begin on that Sunday, September 11.

REGISTRATION FORMS for new students to Faith Formation this year - in grades 1-11 - are in the church vestibules. Forms for new students should be returned to the office via the collection basket, US Mail to 118 S. State St. or scanned to email <u>wegrowinfaith.com</u>. Questions? Email or call 814-371-4082. Faith Formation starts in grade 1 for public school students and homeschooled students. Classes start Sept. 11.

<u>CD OF A PICNIC:</u> The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #890 will hold its annual Picnic at the St Mary's Social Hall in Reynoldsville on Monday, August 15 at 6:00 pm. Meat, Drinks and Tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and an item for the white elephant raffle. Please bring a friend! Questions call Angela Deemer (814) 590-4634

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH we will be holding a picnic after 10:30 mass we will be having a picnic for all parishioners in the social hall. Please bring a covered dish. Hotdogs, buns, drinks, and chips will be provided.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #935 is seeking new members anyone wanting or have any questions please contact Mike Fye Grand Knight at 814-590-4637. We are a community minded mens group that work hard to support the following Reynoldsville food pantry, special olympics both local and state levels ,Boy scouts, we work with Dynamic Catholics book program , our baby bottle program we support Young people who care FrenchvilleCatholic charities DuBois and Central Christians pro life trip and coats for kids at CG Johnson and Pinecreek twp elementary and so many other things so if you truly want to help people we are the mens group to join. Thank you, Michael Fye.

TRY ALPHA! The Alpha Course will be offered this fall, beginning Wednesday, September 14th. Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to journey through the foundational teachings of the Christian faith and form community with others. It allows us to discuss the big questions of our faith like, "Who is Jesus? How Can I Pray? How Can I Tell Others? Is There More to Life Than This?" Past guests on Alpha have consistently stated that their experience created a loving relationship with Jesus, strengthened their existing faith, created a newfound understanding of the Holy Spirit, helped them pray and read the Bible, introduced them to new friends, and motivated them to be active in their faith. Alpha is an 11-week course, where each night guests are provided a dinner, listen to a short video presentation, and participate in small group discussions. The course is free of charge, and will be from 6:30-8:30 PM each week. Alpha is available for all parishioners, friends, and family of all faith backgrounds from 18 years old and up. To register or find out more, please visit your parish website under the title "Alpha," or call the parish office.

MISSIONARY CO OP: On August 27-28, 2022, Saint Mary Church will learn of the ministries of Franciscan Mission Service (FMS). As a Catholic, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, FMS relies on the prayers and financial support of U.S. church communities to serve communities in South America, the Caribbean, and here in the United States. In anticipation of this message, Franciscan Mission Service invites parishioners to reflect on Pope Francis' words from *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." How might you be called to engage in the ministry of evangelization? Some give by going on mission, and some go by giving—with both prayers and donations. To find out more and hear missioners' first-hand accounts, visit www.franciscanmissionservice.org.

<u>GOLF:</u> DuBois Central Catholic School's 4th 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 <u>www.charitygolftoday.com/dccouting</u> 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.

"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.

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

***ALUMNI DINNER will be held on Friday, August 19th. Volunteers are needed!!! Sign up sheets are on the table as you enter the church. We need servers in the kitchen and out on the floor and dish washers and clean up Please consider helping!!!

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ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

ASSUMPTION EVENTS FOR FALL: A.B.V.M. Church will be holding their Annual Fall Bazaar on Thursday, October 6th. Also in October we will be doing out Annual Turkey Dinner. This year will be going back to the normal schedule with Eat In or Take Out. The dinner will be held on Sunday, October 23rd. More information to come in upcoming bulletins!