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

May 3, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

**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 – Father William R. Barron**

**Deacon – Daniel Satterlee**

**Shared contact information:**

**Web address:** [www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

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

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

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 4**  
Paul Snyder  
By Joyce Snyder

**Tuesday, May 5**  
Cliff McAninch  
By Jim & Fran Fye

**Wednesday, May 6**  
Mary Felix  
By Mark Torretti

**Thursday, May 7**  
Rita Leiberton  
By Mary & Don Hannah

**Friday, May 8**  
David Reig  
By O'Bryon Family

**Saturday, May 9**  
Nellie Snyder  
By Wojtaszek Family

**Sunday, May 10**  
All Parishioners of both Parishes

## Sacrificial Giving

<u>April 26</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,093.00	\$1,623.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 240.00	\$ 246.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$22,113	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$13,223	\$ 4,635
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

## Sanctuary Candles

### In Memory of:

<b>Viola Fusco</b>	By: Madeline & Marc
<b>Don Harriger</b>	By: Jim & Darla Shaffer
<b>Rose Felix</b>	By: Jim & Darla Shaffer

## Information

**Prayer Chain**  
St Mary 653-2752  
Assumption 661-3894

**Anointing of the Sick :**  
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

## From the Pastor's Desk

Well, here we are, still stuck in quarantine. Maybe you have worn out a circle in your living room carpet at this point, huh? The weather hasn't been too cooperative, either. Even for a guy from Erie, snow at the end of April is a bit hard to stomach.

Some of the best advice that I have been given is to share your feelings with the Lord in prayer. Are you anxious? Are you addicted to something? Would you like to throw someone out of the window? Are you grieving or lonely? God wants to know all those things. Place them on the altar, so to speak. Offer them to God. God will answer back with healing and consolation. We are going to have trouble in this life, but God has overcome the world.

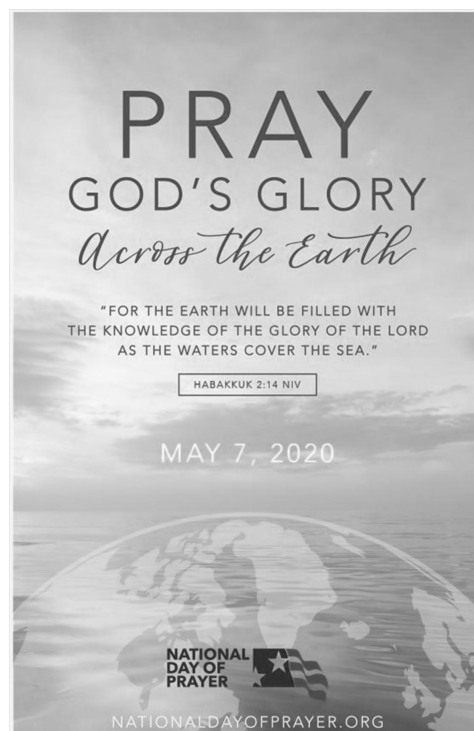
What to make of suffering? In itself, suffering is not a good thing. But because Jesus has suffered with us on the Cross, He has made it possible for suffering to become transformational for our souls. This scripture verse from the Letter to Hebrews speaks to the value of suffering:

“Son though He was, Christ learned obedience from what He suffered, and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.” (Heb 5:8-9)

Isn't it amazing that the Son of God needed to be made perfect through obedience? This perfection was not for His own benefit, it was for ours. We too, need to be made perfect through suffering, because it is only in suffering that we learn to have true faith in God. After all, what more of a test of faith can there be than suffering? If we did not have the promise of Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, how could we ever endure it? But we can! Through this endurance, we unlock the fruits of faith, which is freedom from fear.

FDR said that “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself”. He wasn't exactly right about that- there are lots of things to be afraid of in life. But if we come through our ordeals with our souls intact and strong, ready for heaven, then what have we to ultimately fear? Can we stay afraid? Or can we rest in hope?

Fr. Bill Barron



*pray*  
FOR GOD'S GLORY TO  
SPREAD ACROSS AMERICA

*Church*  
1 KINGS 8:10-11, COLOSSIANS 2:6-8,  
EPHESIANS 4:11-12  
JESUS, WE PRAY THAT YOUR CHURCH  
WOULD BE SATURATED WITH  
YOUR GLORY.

*government*  
PSALM 102:15, 1 THESSALONIANS 2:12,  
ISAIAH 58:6-11, ROMANS 8:3-9  
LORD GOD, WE PRAY YOUR GLORY  
WOULD BREAK OUT LIKE THE  
DAWN IN AND THROUGH  
OUR GOVERNMENT.

*family*  
EPHESIANS 3:14-19,  
EPHESIANS 5:22-33, MARK 3:25  
HEAVENLY FATHER, EXTEND AND  
EXPAND YOUR GLORY THROUGH OUR  
FAMILIES AS WE DWELL IN YOU.

*education*  
EPHESIANS 1:17, LUKE 18:16,  
PROVERBS 2:3-6, PROVERBS 8:10-11  
LORD WHO GIVES WISDOM,  
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING,  
WE PRAY THAT CAMPUSES WOULD BE  
FILLED WITH YOUR GLORY.

*business*  
COLOSSIANS 1:9B-11A, LUKE 9:25,  
PHILIPPIANS 2:12B-16A  
LORD, WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL FILL  
EVERY WORKPLACE IN OUR NATION  
WITH YOUR GLORY.

*military*  
EPHESIANS 6:10-12, 2 CHRONICLES 32:6-8,  
ROMANS 13:1-7  
JESUS, KING OF KINGS, WE PRAY  
THAT YOU WILL FILL OUR MILITARY  
WITH YOUR GLORY.

*media*  
JOHN 7:18, 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31,  
PHILIPPIANS 4:8, PSALM 119:9  
LORD, OUR CREATOR, WE PRAY THAT  
SOUND, SCRIPTS AND SCREENS  
WOULD BE FILLED WITH  
YOUR GLORY.

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, May 3, 2020

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**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.

**PROGRAM:** St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes have successfully obtained \$17,800 from the Small Business Development Center's Paycheck Protection Program. This money is given in the form of a loan with 1% interest. Once we document that we have used the money according to government stipulations, there is the possibility that the loan will be transformed into a grant which will not need to be repaid. This money is used to pay the salaries of our 6 employees, as well as their FICA payroll taxes. This amount should be sufficient to cover two months of payroll expenditures for both parishes.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #935** would like to welcome 6 new members who were installed on an online ceremony on April 16, 2020. They are: Alex Adamski, Michael Adamski, Jake Felix, Rodney Felix, Bernie Snyder, and Jacob Snyder. Also, congratulations too 6 other members who advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at the same ceremony. They are: Frank Adamski, Denny Cherry, Dylan Fye, Pat Dennison, Gary Snyder, and Tom Vizza.

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY REGULATIONS:** As we move into planting season, please be mindful of the new cemetery guidelines that were published last fall. If you do not follow the rules for planting, vigil lamps, etc. please note that the cemetery board will remove those items from your grave.

**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.

**WE LIVESTREAM MASS EVERY DAY!** You can watch the mass online from St. Mary's and Assumption Churches every day. Go to [www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com) to watch the live stream. You can watch it any time of the day as well. It always remains on the website. 4:30 Saturday, 8:30 Sunday Mon-Fri. 7 A.M.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** -see the note always in the bulletin

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION** - I cannot visit these facilities regularly. If you want me to come, have the hospital or nursing home staff call and request me at 503-0028.

**FUNERALS** - By order of the Bishop, only immediate family and the funeral home staff are allowed to attend funeral masses. If you need to plan a funeral, call the funeral director of your choice, and they will begin the planning. If you call me to plan the funeral, I will refer you to the funeral director. They all have different procedures for how to conduct a funeral during the public health crisis.

**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

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at St. Mary's in the Social Hall on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6:30 p.m. [Due to the corona virus appointments need to be made to donate so please call 1-800-733-2767](https://www.redcross.org/donate) to schedule your appointment. Any questions, call Karen Sitek at 724-237-9645.

**BELLS SYSTEM** - You may have noticed that the church bells have not been ringing these past few days. There are some electrical parts in the computer system that are broken. They have been sent away by mail for replacement. It may be days or weeks before we can get the bells working again, given the situation of business right now. Fr. Bill

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP.** As in the past, it is necessary to ask that all plastic flowers, etc. be removed from the cemetery so spring cleaning and mowing can begin. Anything left will be discarded. Please remember when you are putting in a tombstone, the company that you purchase it from needs to contact the office with the specifics of the stone to be approved by the cemetery committee.

### ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**THANK YOU** to the Assumption Rosary Society for the generous monetary gift for Secretaries Day. It was very much appreciated!

**A.B.V.M. BLOOD DRIVE** will take place Friday, May 22 in Assumption Social Hall. Due to the corona virus appointments need to be made to donate so please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. Any questions, call Karen Sitek at 724-237-9645.