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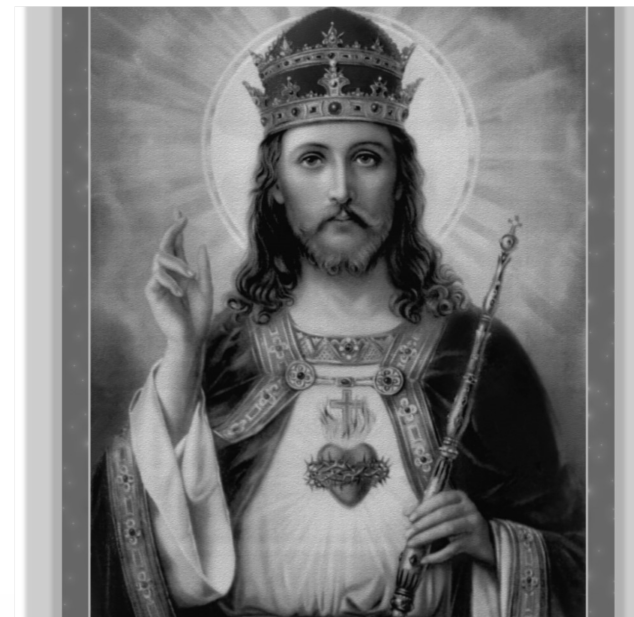
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

November 24, 2019 ~ The Feast of Christ the King



~THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING~

"THAT IN THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY
KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THOSE
THAT ARE IN HEAVEN,
ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH:
AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD
CONFESS THAT
THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
IS IN THE GLORY OF GOD THE
FATHER."

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

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Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 25 (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Liz Deegan By Shelly, Bill & Kiersten	
Tuesday, November 26 (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Mary Felix By Dorothy Torretti	
Wednesday, November 27 (St. Mary) **7:00 PM	
William Martin By Jackie & Missy	
Thursday, November 28 (Assumption)**9:00 AM	
Kay Satterlee By Cathy Meholic	
Friday, November 29	No Mass
Saturday, November 30 (St. Mary)	4:30 PM
Tom Moslak By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	
Sunday, December 1 (Assumption)	8:30 AM
Albert Canton By Fred & Wilma	
Sunday, December 1 (St. Mary)	10:30 AM
All Parishioners of both Parishes	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening	4:30 PM
(Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)	
Sunday Morning	8:30 AM (Assumption)
	10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Nov 17	\$4,299.00	\$1,693.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$26,855	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$23,305	\$16,608

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Liz Deegan	By Shelly, Bill & Kiersten
Peach Wells	By Severia
Michael Yount	By Kathy & Lynn
Carrie Foley	By Marlene
Deceased Members of the Klender Family	By Ann Marie

Ministers Schedule for Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2019

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St. Mary)
Altar Servers	A. Reiter R. Whipple	Enseki Sisters	S. Mullins D. Mullins
Lector	B. Stover	S. Jovenitti	D. Bowley
Eucharistic Ministers	L. McGranor P. Pennington L. Shaddock	D. Laukitis T. Laukitis	C. Hannah L. Reiter C. McGranor
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Office Information

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Hospital Visits:
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Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm
Madelyn Tomasura's home

Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church)

Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM
Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Friday—Closed

Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ The Feast of Christ the King

The earliest Christians identified Jesus as the predicted Messiah of the Jews. The Jewish word "messiah," and the Greek word "Christ," both mean "anointed one," and came to refer to the expected king who would deliver Israel from the hands of the Romans. Christians believe that Jesus is this expected Messiah. Unlike the messiah most Jews expected, Jesus came to free all people, Jew and Gentile, and he did not come to free them from the Romans, but from sin and death. Thus, the king of the Jews, and of the cosmos, does not rule over a kingdom of this world.

Christians have long celebrated Jesus as Christ, and his reign as King is celebrated to some degree in Advent (when Christians wait for his second coming in glory), Christmas (when "born this day is the King of the Jews"), Holy Week (when Christ is the Crucified King), Easter (when Jesus is resurrected in power and glory), and the Ascension (when Jesus returns to the glory he had with the Father before the world was created).

The Feast of Christ the King is, as Catholic feasts go, a relatively recent one. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to remind Catholics, as well as the rest of the world, that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man.

Pius XI announced the feast in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, which was delivered on December 11, 1925. At the end of the encyclical, he declared that he expected three "blessings" to flow from the celebration of the feast:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 31).
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 32).
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

In *Quas Primas*, Pius XI established the celebration of the feast "on the last Sunday of the month of October—the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints." He tied it to All Saints Day because "before celebrating the triumph of all the Saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect." With the revision of the Church's liturgical calendar in 1969, however, Pope Paul VI moved the Feast of Christ the King to the final Sunday of the liturgical year—that is, the last Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. As such, it is a moveable feast; the date changes every year.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, November 24, 2019

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

NO BINGO TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH. THERE WILL BE A HUNTERS BINGO NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST. GUARANTEED \$800.00 JACKPOT, BUT OVER 81 PLAYERS \$1,000.00.

REYNOLDSVILLE MINISTERIUM THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 p.m. at the Reynoldsville Methodist church. All are invited.

THANKSGIVING DAY is an appropriate time to come and give thanks to the Holy Trinity for all the gifts we've received this past year. Mass will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 27th at St. Mary's Parish at 7 P.M. and on Thursday, Nov. 28th at Assumption Parish at 9 A.M. All are welcome.

DEACON DAN has informed me that he will need more rest to recover from his blood clots. For the foreseeable future, he will be serving only at 10:30 Mass on Sunday morning. This is the Mass that I need the most help with setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Deacon Dan will preach once a month. When he preaches, he will preach all the Masses. When he preaches on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, 8:30, he will be present to greet the people, preach the homily, and do the intercessions. He will then depart. Please keep Deacon Dan in your prayers as he continues to recover. Fr. Barron

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: The Catholic Services Appeal runs from April to December each year. *If you have made a pledge and have not paid it in full, please do so by the end of 2019.* We have collected pledge money in excess of our goal at St. Mary's Parish. The goal is \$20,414. Every dollar you give to the CSA will stay here in the parish, and unlike increased offertory, increased CSA gifts will not raise our annual assessments. **We have not** gotten enough pledges from Assumption Parish to cover our CSA goal, which is \$19,323. We need to collect another \$3,000 in CSA pledge money in order to pay this assessment, or we will need to make up the difference out of our savings account. Thank you for your financial support of your parish.

RESULTS OF THE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: You will remember our parish financial stewardship program from September. I am pleased to share the results of the commitment drive. St. Mary's Parish - 53% of parishioners who gave to the Sunday offertory last year decided to make a commitment for this upcoming year. This represents 92 families. Their commitments for this year are an increase of 18% over their past year's offertory gifts, for an increase of \$15,260.00 from previous donations. Assumption Parish - 51% of parishioners who gave to the Sunday offertory last year decided to make a commitment for this upcoming year. This represents 67 families. Their commitments for this year are an increase of 30% over this past year's offertory gifts, for an increase of \$17,979.00 from previous donations. Additionally, new commitments from persons unregistered with either parish totaled \$3,800. Thus far, both parish offertories have risen 8% in the past 8 weeks combined. A brochure with the results will be mailed to all parishioners. Thank you for your generosity! Fr. Bill Barron

GRANT: We're happy to inform you that the Diocese recently awarded Dr. Janet Satterlee an endowment grant to financially assist her endeavor to become certified as a spiritual director. These funds are made available by Bishop Persico from the Religious Education Endowment Fund (REEF). REEF reflects the generosity of the faithful people of the Diocese of Erie who regularly contribute to the annual Catholic Education Collection.

ADVENT begins this year on the evening of Nov. 30th with the anticipated Sunday Mass at 4:30 P.M.

*****SAVE THE DATE:** Partnered Parish Christmas Party this year will be held at Assumption Parish Social Hall on Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 p.m. A Brunch will be served this year by Assumption Parish. Please sign-up on the sheets that will be posted at the entrances of the churches by the weekend of November 30/December 1st. Hope to see you there!!

PANCAKE FRY at the Sykesville Town Hall will be held on Friday, November 29th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, November 30th from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 1st from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$2 for children. This benefits the Sykesville Town Hall..

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on February 14-16, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Penn-Ohio, Grove City Pa. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other, your family, and your marriage! Here's a quote from a recent couple: "Our Marriage Encounter Weekend was without qualification the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives". For more info call 330-305-9963 or visit WWME.org.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

BAPTISM: Welcome Maverick Michael Edward Garrison, son of Jacob and Amber Garrison, who was initiated into his faith through Baptism on Sunday, November 17th here at St. Mary's Church.

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY will have their Christmas party on Monday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. in our Social Hall. Choice of stuffed chicken breast or stuffed pork chop. Cost is \$12. Please RSVP Jill at 590-1177 by Monday, November 25th.

TREASURES FOR CHILDREN: We are once again having the tree at the entrance of the church with tags on with the age of the child and some of their needs and wishes for Christmas. What a wonderful way to help those in need! **You do not need to buy everything on the list, just do whatever you can!** There are 50 tags, so please help if you can. **Please bring the gifts, not wrapped, with the tag, to the church at any of the weekend Masses no later than Sunday, December 15th.**

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

FLOWERS MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an envelope designated for Christmas Flowers . Please use this envelope for your Christmas Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Christmas remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass now through December 15th . Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 22nd .