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

December 9, 2018 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



**The Vocations  
Crucifix Ministry**



**St. Mary Parish**

607 East Main Street  
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851  
814-653-8586

**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

**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

<b>Monday, December 10</b> (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Rita Peach Wells By Susie Martin	
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Norbert & Catherine Simbeck By Tim, Mary & Autumn	
<b>Holy Hour - 6:30 -7:30 PM</b> (Assumption)	
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Joseph Salvaggio By Tom & Mary Jo Bresnahan	
<b>Thursday, December 13</b> (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Marlene Vizza By Estate	
<b>Friday, December 14</b> No Mass	
<b>Saturday, December 15</b> (St. Mary)	4:30 PM
William Pegnetter By Barb & Family	
<b>Sunday, December 16</b> (Assumption)	8:30 AM
Jim Witherite By Mark & Patty Gresock	
<b>Sunday, December 16</b> (St. Mary)	11:00 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)  
**11:00 AM** (St. Mary)

## Offertory Collection

**St. Mary - December 2 \$3,162.00**  
**Assumption - December 2 \$2,169.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Youth Minister Fundraising

**Youth minister fundraising goal to date:**

**St. Mary: \$5,500**  
**Amount raised: \$**

**Assumption: \$3,500**  
**Amount raised: \$**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Sanctuary Candles

**In Memory of:**  
**Carrie Foley**  
By: Marlene

**Julia Perry**  
By: Severia

## Ministers Schedule for December 15-16, 2018

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	11:00am (St Mary)
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>I. Meterko</b> <b>R. Whipple</b>	<b>A. Little</b>	<b>T. Slima</b> <b>M. King</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>M. McCluskey</b>	<b>S. Jovenitti</b>	<b>D. Dennison</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>L. McGranor</b> <b>P. Pennington</b> <b>J. Snyder</b>	<b>B. Cook</b> <b>A. Carlson</b>	<b>M. J. Clark</b> <b>M. Pothoven</b> <b>R. Hannah</b>
<b>Samaritan Outreach</b>		<b>M. Boboige</b>	

## Office Information

**Prayer Chain:**  
St. Mary 653-2752  
Assumption Church – 894-5659

**Hospital Visits:**  
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

**Blue Army Prayer Cell:**  
Tuesday 3:00pm at Madelyn Tomasura's

**Office Hours:** (office located at St. Mary Church)

Monday 7 AM - 2:00 PM  
Tuesday 7 AM - 2:30 PM  
Wednesday 8 AM - 2:30 PM  
Thursday 8 AM - 2:30 PM  
Office closed Friday - Sunday

## The Parish Spotlight ~ Vocations Crucifix ~ Gina Knarr

What is a vocation? If you are looking for a simple definition of a vocation, the literal meaning of the word is a "call." But a vocation is more than an ordinary call. A vocation is a call from God, and anyone who has felt God's call knows that the process is anything but simple. As a Parish Community, we can support those called and who are being called with our prayers!

Gina Knarr was introduced to the Elijah Cup ministry, while she was a parishioner at St. Michael's Church in DuBois and she was eager to help. She credits Fr. David Foradori with bringing this ministry to St. Michael's when a cup for vocations was given to him. They worked together to create a family friendly version of the 'Elijah Cup' so that children of all ages would be able to participate in praying with their family for vocations.

Gina is now a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and wanted to bring this ministry to life in our Partnered Parish Community. While discussing this program with Fr. Bill Barron, it was determined that the cup would be replaced with a Crucifix. The accompanying prayer journal was updated to include instructions and daily prayers, journaling pages to record their dated entry of any special thoughts, scripture passages, or additional prayers they may wish to share, along with pictures of our current Seminarians, and coloring pages for households with children. Coloring is another form of prayer, where the children can create a picture, and keep it in a prominent place in their home to remind their family to continue to pray for vocations.

The purpose of the Vocations Crucifix ministry is to encourage parishioners and families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We will pray for those who have answered God's call, pray for those who are in formation and to pray for who may be being called in a very special way to serve God. Praying is the most powerful way to support vocations!

During the season of Advent, we are asking all parishioners to prayerfully consider committing a week to this ministry. There are 3 Vocation Crucifixes available each week, one for each scheduled Mass. Then, beginning the weekend of December 29-30, 2018, these Crucifixes will be taken home for the week and returned the following weekend at the same Mass time in which it was received for the next parishioner or family to take home.

Each week at Mass, an assigned family is invited to take the crucifix home and put it in a place of honor. Then each day for a week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations. They can also send a note of support to a Seminarian, Priest or Sister. The following weekend the family returns the crucifix and journal for the next family to take home.

We encourage those who bring the Crucifix home to continue to pray daily for vocations and invite you to sign up several times throughout the year. Please sign up for one week at a time to allow everyone the opportunity to participate in the wonderful ministry.

- Mary Carlson

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 9, 2018

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**CD OF A COURT ST. MARY'S #890** will hold their Christmas party at Hoss's Restaurant in DuBois this Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Reminder: Please bring a baby gift to donate to Catholic Charities as our Christmas gift to them.

\*\*\* **ROLLER SKATING PARTY** for all the children and their families of both parishes will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Reynoldsville Rollerdrome. There is no charge, just come and have fun. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Snacks are welcome.

**SHALOM CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The public is welcome to join Catholic parishioners in the DuBois Area who are organizing the annual Shalom Christmas Concert. Please join us as we welcome and celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with music by Shalom to be held at the Paul G. Reitz Theater, 36 East Scribner Ave. DuBois PA on December 23, Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM. Admission: Free. All are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

#### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2018**

Immaculate Conception Holy Day: Vigil Mass at St. Mary's Dec. 7, 7 P.M.

Mass of the Day at Assumption Dec. 8, 9 A.M.

Parish Advent Penance Service at Assumption Dec. 17, 7 P.M.

Christmas Eve: at St. Mary's, 4:30 P.M. and also at Assumption at 6:30 P.M.

Christmas Day: at Assumption, 8:30 A.M. and also at St. Mary's, 10:30 A.M.

New Year's Holy Day: New Year's Eve at St. Mary's, 4:30 P.M. New Year's Day at Assumption, 9 A.M.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** During the Advent season, we will launch a prayer ministry for clergy, seminarians, and more vocations. At both Assumption and St. Mary's Parishes, we will be asking for people to sign up to dedicate one week of 2019 to pray for this intention. You will be provided a prayer book for the week and a vocations crucifix for you to take home for the week. Please consider committing one week of this upcoming year to praying for vocations and clergy in this time when it is much needed. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of both churches during Advent for you to consider. Thank you - Fr. Barron

#### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - 2018**

Sunday, December 16 - SS. Cosmas & Damian, Punxsy - 3pm

Monday, December 17 - Assumption, Sykesville, 7pm

Tuesday, December 18 - Immaculate Conception, Brookville 7pm

Thursday, December 20 - St. Tobias, Brockway, PA - 7pm

Sunday, December 23 - St. Catherine, DuBois, 3pm

**BEST ADVENT EVER!** Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with BEST ADVENT EVER. Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. All you have to do is sign up at **BestAdventEver.com**

**MOVIE NIGHT: CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS:** Come and enjoy a movie for the entire family. Free. Food and drinks will be provided. When: December 19, 2018. Time 5pm-8pm. Where: St. Mary's Social Hall Reynoldsville PA. Rated PG. Please RSVP by December 18, 2018 by calling Barb Murray at 653-8648 or emailing Sarah Anderson at [sla.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sla.youthministry@gmail.com). Children under age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Under 18 need to have a permission slip.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING:** Cost \$7 Dollars. Families are motivated to come and make a gingerbread house; the winner wins a special prize.

Where: McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Church

When: December 16, 2018 after 10am Mass, 11am till 2pm

Please RSVP by December 14, 2018 by emailing Sarah

Anderson at [sla.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:sla.youthministry@gmail.com). Your fee can be dropped in Sunday's collection or dropped off at St. Catherine of Siena Parish office.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**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 whatever you can do!** 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 December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**BELL RINGING** for the Salvation Army will begin at Mike's BiLo on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will continue until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Help is needed to volunteer ringing the bell for 1 or 2 hours. If you are interested in helping, please call Cynthia Remaley at 814-249-2332.

### ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**FLOWER MEMORIALS** - In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an envelope designated for 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** - To fill the Christmas Baskets this year we do need more non-perishable items for the baskets. **Items needed are:** Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, canned vegetables, cake mixes, etc. Anyone who is going to contribute for the baskets, please place your items in the Parishioners Aid Center. Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

**CAROLING IN THE PARK** - Community Caroling will take place at Sykesville Stahl Park beginning at 6:30 pm this Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

**OPLATKI** - Oplatki will be distributed the weekend of December 17/18<sup>th</sup>. Oplatki prayer and 4 wafers will be for you to celebrate the beauty of Christmas in one of its most beautiful forms.