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

April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter



Jesus on the road to Emmaus

**St. Mary Parish**  
607 East Main Street  
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Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**  
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)  
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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, April 27

Anthony Scolese & Anthony Scolese, Jr.  
By Mary Scolese & Daughters

### Tuesday, April 28

Mel Beimel  
By Bill & Diane Varacallo, Jr.

### Wednesday, April 29

Pat Reiter  
By Rick & Elaine

### Thursday, April 30

Sam LaBue  
By Madelyn

### Friday, May 1

Dora Matthews  
By Monica Bobal  
Tom & Betty Moslak  
By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek

### Saturday, May 2

Dave, Virginia, & Robert Miller  
By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sonnie

### Sunday, May 3

All Parishioners of both Parishes

## Sacrificial Giving

| <u>April 19</u>   | <u>St. Mary</u> | <u>Assumption</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Collection        | \$2,084.00      | \$3,304.00        |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 370.00       | \$ 959.00         |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

|              | <u>St. Mary</u> | <u>Assumption</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Pledged      | \$21,745        | \$19,926          |
| Paid to Date | \$13,163        | \$ 3,610          |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Sanctuary Candles

### In Memory of:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Helen Pegnetter</b>                                    | By: Barb & Family<br>By: Patty Nesbit                    |
| <b>Helen Verona<br/>Rose Felix</b>                        | By: McCluskey Family<br>By: McCluskey Family<br>By: Toni |
| <b>Peter Veitz<br/>Al Stefanelli, Jr.<br/>Doug Smelko</b> | By: Toni & Larry<br>By: Toni & Larry<br>By: Mom & Dad    |
| <b>Special Intention</b>                                  | By: Patty Nesbit<br>By: Mary Lichvarcik                  |

## From Bishop Persico

### Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,  
You came to bring salvation to our world.  
You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross.  
Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope.  
Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering.  
Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers;  
comfort families who are separated from one another.  
Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.  
Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists.  
Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.  
Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith,  
and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us.  
Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother,  
we make this prayer as we place our trust in You.  
Amen.



Imprimatur, April 8, 2020  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L. — Bishop of Erie



## 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

I was recently praying with someone over the phone. A phrase came into my mind as I prayed, “what the enemy intends for evil, God will use for good.” Who is the enemy? The world, the flesh, and the devil are the enemy. The world refers to the tendency for us to believe that the affairs of life are all that is important, and that we do not have a spiritual life. The flesh are the desires that make us selfish – our only goal in life is to gratify our passions. The flesh leaves no room for love. The devil of course is the fallen angel and all those who follow him.

Certainly, the virus and all the related suffering that has been caused by it are not from God. God does not cause suffering. But God will use suffering for a good end. What the enemy intends for evil, God will use for good! The foremost example of this is the Paschal Mystery. God sent His Son into the world, knowing that we would crucify Him. The Lord used that evil and turned it into an offering which took away our sins. The Cross sets us free from slavery to sin, and gives us the opportunity to live a Resurrected life. Instead of being a puppet on a string, we are free to choose joy, peace, purpose, and life. We can have hope for heaven and for the rising of our bodies on the last day.

This time seems like the hour of darkness itself. There exists already so much confusion and woundedness in our families and communities. Now, on top of that, we have a health emergency and financial hardship. We are carrying the cross of fear, anxiety, and isolation behind closed doors. But we also remember that the apostles were huddled behind closed doors on Easter Sunday when Jesus walked through the door and said, “peace be with you.” Just as then, so now Jesus will bring us peace. We may feel that we do not have much to offer at this point. But Jesus will take what we have to give to Him and make it grow, as He did for that one little boy with the loaves and fishes. God is still God and is worthy of our trust. He is capable of pointing this tragedy to a happy ending.

Fr. Bill Barron



## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, April 26, 2020

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**ADORATION:** There will be a livestream of Eucharistic Adoration for the First Friday, on May 1st, from 2-3 P.M. You're welcome to join in on the Facebook group or the parish website.

**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

**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

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP -** You may start cleaning off you graves. Anything you wish to keep that is on the ground in front of you headstones, please go and take it off. The Cemetery grass cutters need to be able to properly clean around the graves. Nothing will be touched on the headstones. First grass cutting will take place at the end of April! Thank You!

**HOAGIE SALE** is postponed until a later date. More information will follow at a later date.