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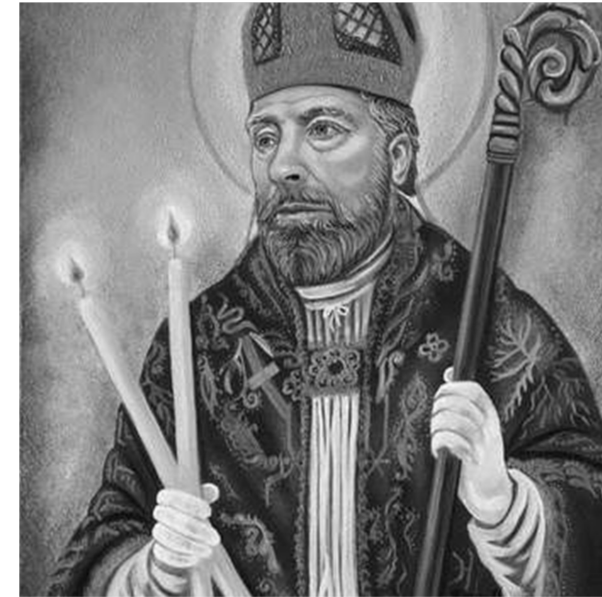
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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

January 31, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Blaise

**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**  
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Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865  
814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981  
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

**Pastor – Father William R. Barron**

**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, February 1 — St. Mary's</b> Fr. Jerome Ciecierski By Joyce	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 2 — Assumption</b> Amerigo & Marie Torretti By Fred & Wilma	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 3 — Assumption</b> Marge Varacallo By Tim & Jackie Andrulonis	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday, February 4 — St. Mary's</b> William & Frances Masisak By David, Patty, Stephanie & Kristen	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday, February 5 - St. Mary's</b> William Leiberton, Jr. By Carol & Birdie	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday, February 6 — Assumption</b> Luttie Rehar By Children & Grandchildren	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday, February 6 — Assumption</b> MaryAnn Masisak By Antoinette	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday, February 7 — Assumption</b> All Parishioners of both Parishes	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Sunday, February 7 — St. Mary's</b> Della & Thomas Barber By Paul Gileot	<b>10:30am</b>

## Sacrificial Giving

<u>Jan. 24</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,153.00	\$2,662.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 360.00	\$ 279.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
<b>2021 CSA Goal</b>	<b>\$20,301</b>	<b>\$19,312</b>

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
<b>Dr. Dan Gordon</b>	By: Wife & Children
<b>Teena McDonald</b>	By: Madeline & Marc
<b>William Leiberton</b>	By: Madeline & Marc
<b>Dr. Samuel Earley</b>	By: Kathy & Kevin Crooks

## Information

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

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

## Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor's desk

February gives us interesting celebrations. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day, of course. You do know that Punxsutawney is the most famous location in the Diocese of Erie? It is much more widely known than Erie or any other town in our diocese. Actually, it is not the only place in the world where handlers produce an animal to predict the weather. In many places in America and Europe, similar celebrations are held on or around February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Why that date? It is the date of the Presentation of the Lord. You remember that this is the event where Joseph and Mary brought the infant Christ to the Temple to be circumcised. There, they encountered the holy old ones, Simeon and Anna. This feast is liturgically represented by candles, as Jesus is the light that has come into this world.

Traditionally, February 2<sup>nd</sup> was the feast where candles were blessed for usage throughout the year. Hence, February 2<sup>nd</sup> has also been referred to in some places as "Candlemas" Day. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of February is also roughly the midpoint of winter. It is natural then, to have a celebration that focuses on the return of the light into this world. All the rituals of animals predicting the remaining course of winter are an outgrowth of the Catholic celebration of Candlemas Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Also on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have the blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise. This stems from the tradition that St. Blaise helped to remove a fishbone from someone's throat, thereby saving their life. Also, Blaise was said to have had two candles brought to him while in prison to brighten his cell. Hence, the tradition of blessing throats with candles was born, and continues even to this day. St. Blaise's imprisonment would end with a gruesome martyrdom at the hands of the local authorities. May he pray for us.

Fr. Bill Barron

## Ministers Schedule for February 6-7, 2021

	<b>4:30pm</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>(St Mary)</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>			<b>M. Hannah</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>F. Rosana</b>		<b>D. Dennison</b>

## PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:** All are welcome to join in Eucharistic Adoration for 1st Friday at St Mary's Church, February 5th, from 1-4:30 pm with mass to follow at 5 pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the social hall at St. Mary's church. All members are urged to attend.

**FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY.** Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586.

**REGISTRATION** for new students of DuBois Central Catholic, grades preschool through 5 for the school year 2021-2022 will begin on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuition assistance applications are also available. Please call the school at 371-2570 or stop in the elementary office for forms.,

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** This year's Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, February 17th. We will have masses at 7 a.m. (Assumption) and 7 p.m. (St. Mary's). Distribution of Ashes will take place in a different format than you are used to - the ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head. This is the predominant way that ashes are distributed in Europe, as opposed to the American custom of a cross on the forehead. This will eliminate personal contact during Ash distribution. All will wear masks as they come forward to receive ashes this year. Fr. Barron

**HOLY TRIDUUM 2021:** We will observe the regular order for the sharing of the Triduum services between St. Mary's and Assumption. This means that, in 2021, it will be St. Mary's turn to host Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil, and Assumption's turn to host Good Friday services.

**2021 MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Gentlemen, important information regarding this year's conference. Conference will be streamed Live. Please save the date: Date: Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2021. Time: 9:00a-12:00 Noon. Place: St. Mary's Reynoldsville Social Hall. Event coordinators are Ron Hannah from St. Mary's & Tim Carlson from ABVM. Light Breakfast /coffee and snacks as well as a light lunch will be included. More information forthcoming.

**LIBERTY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** from DuBois, PA meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 400 Liberty Blvd., DuBois. For more information feel free to call (814) 541-2779 or (814) 590-5729.

**FUNERAL DINNERS:** Effective immediately, the social halls of both Assumption Parish and St. Mary's Parish will be open for funeral dinners after funerals at the respective churches. Please note, however, that the Altar Rosary Societies of both parishes are predominantly made up of people who are the "at risk" part of the population for serious complications from the Coronavirus. Therefore, if you wish to use either social hall for a dinner after a funeral mass, you must provide for your own caterer. We cannot at this time expect the Rosary Society to facilitate your funeral dinner. Whenever that would change, I will let you know. Fr. Bill Barron

**HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES:** Visitation to the Nursing Homes is still limited to clergy assigned to the home. If you have a family member who needs to be visited at Christ the King Manor, please contact Fr. Matias at the Manor. He will be happy to visit and if necessary, provide the sacraments. If your loved one is in another nursing home, please call the parish in the town that that home is located, and ask the pastor for guidance. Fr. Ed Walk is the chaplain at the Dubois hospital, and can make visitation freely throughout the hospital. The hospital has informed me that it may be possible now for me to visit parishioners at the hospital, but only if the nursing staff deems it a situation serious enough to necessitate a visit. That will be determined by them on a case by case basis. Fr. Bill Barron

**LIVESTREAMING OF MASS** - Mass will continue to be livestreamed daily.

**SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - The obligation to attend these Masses is not in effect. No one is required to attend mass in person at this time.

**CONFESSIONS-** Confessions will be available at Assumption after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's, and at Assumption after Tuesday and Wednesday 5 p.m. masses. Please note that Confessions will not be available before any Mass. Masks are required for Confession. Confessional at St. Mary's is in altar server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the Parishioner's Aid room.

**FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS** - Please note that you are allowed to have non-family and extended family attend funerals and weddings again. The seating capacity for Assumption Church given social distancing is 60. The capacity for St. Mary's is 85. There is overflow seating with the closed circuit tv in the St. Mary's Social Hall for an additional 40-60 people. We are working on installing a closed circuit tv at Assumption Social Hall that will seat an additional 30 people. All attendees at funerals and weddings, except for bride and groom and those "in the wedding" must wear masks for the duration of the service.

**BAPTISMS** can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

**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.

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**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

**BAKED STEAK TAKEOUT DINNER** will take place here at St. Mary's on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. Dinner includes Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Roll, and Cookie! Only 125 meals will be sold. Call Mike Fye at 590-4637 to reserve your dinner. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Pick up dinners in the parking lot beside the church. See insert.

## ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES** – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2021 will be due in January. In your packet of contribution envelopes for January you will find an envelope designated for that purpose. Please use this envelope to pay your dues and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church or put it in the mail slot at the Rectory Office. The drive will take place the month of January. New members are welcome!!

**30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS** will take place in the Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville on the first six Fridays of Lent: February 19, 26 March 5, 12, 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>. **TAKE-OUT ONLY! MASK REQUIRED.** The dinners will be available from 4 – to 6:00 p.m. or Sold Out! Social Distancing will also be used in line. Menu: Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner. Meals include: Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake. Adults: \$10.00; Children 12 & Under: \$4.00. 50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.