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

December 30, 2018 ~ The Holy Family



## 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 31</b> (St. Mary)	<b>*4:30 PM</b>
Mike Tomasura, Jr. By Mom	
<b>Tuesday, January 1</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Patricia Reiter By Libby Masisak	
<b>Holy Hour - No Holy Hour</b>	
<b>Wednesday, January 2</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Marlene Bloom By Rosary Society	
<b>Thursday, January 3</b> (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Hazel Liedl By Mary & Don Hannah	
<b>Friday, January 4</b> (St. Mary) First Friday	8:00 AM
Gregory Michael Clark By Mon, Dad & Jason	
<b>Saturday, January 5</b> (ABVM) First Saturday	8:00AM
Luttie Rehar By John & Jaci Sanko	
<b>Saturday, January 5</b> (Assumption)**	4:30 PM
Peter Manco, Sr. By Family	
<b>Sunday, January 6</b> (Assumption)	8:30 AM
All Parishioners of Both Parishes	
<b>Sunday, January 6</b> (St. Mary)	11:00 AM
Vira Deegan By Family	

## 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 30 TBA**  
**Assumption - December 30 TBA**  
*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: \$508.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Sanctuary Candles

**In Memory of:**  
**LeRoy (Snuffy) Kaizer** By: Jeff, Betsy & Jessica  
**Aunt Liz** By: Betsy

## Ministers Schedule for January 5-6, 2019

	4:30pm 1/1 (ABVM)	4:30pm 1/5 (ABVM)	8:30am 1/6 (ABVM)	11:00am 1/6 (St Mary)
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>A. Rake</b>	<b>W. Bacha</b>	<b>A. Little</b>	<b>M. Hannah</b>
	<b>C. Lanzoni</b>	<b>E. Bacha</b>		<b>C. Uhl</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>S. Jovenitti</b>	<b>F. Rosana</b>	<b>P. Roman</b>	<b>D. Bowley</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>T. Laukitis</b>	<b>E. Fike</b>	<b>D. Laukitis</b>	<b>C. McGranor</b>
	<b>D. Laukitis</b>	<b>J. Pisarcik</b>	<b>M. Carlson</b>	<b>M. J. Clark</b>
				<b>D. Dennison</b>
<b>Samaritan Outreach</b>			<b>M. Carlson</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 ~ Christmas Traditions

Now that Advent has ended, and our time of preparation is over, it's time to relax and enjoy the blessings of Christmas. It is time for family get togethers, making new memories and remembering our loved ones who started or shared our family Christmas traditions.

Father Bill Barron shared his special memories of his family's traditions. Their Christmas celebration began at his home parish of St. Andrew's in Erie, where they would attend the earliest Mass on Christmas Eve together. Following Mass, they would go to his Mom's parents' home for a traditional meal of Grandma's Lasagna and gift exchange. On Christmas morning, they would open gifts from under their own Christmas tree and prepare for dinners later that afternoon. The first dinner was at Mom's parents' home and later in the day they would go to Dad's parents' home for the second dinner of the day. As his grandparents got older the locations changed, but the traditions remained the same. Now, his Mom holds the Christmas Eve celebrations at their home and his cousin Jessica now prepares Christmas dinner at her home. During the time between Christmas and New Year's Eve, the celebration continues by visiting extended family members. On New Year's Eve they attend Mass, followed by dinner and staying up until midnight to ring in the New Year. No Barron Family Christmas is complete without first visiting the local tree farm and cut down their Christmas tree that is decorated and remains up until the Liturgical Christmas season has ended.

Elaine Fike shared her family's Christmas traditions that she now holds in her home. On Christmas Eve, she hosts 20-25 people for Grandma Manco's traditional Christmas Eve feast of seven fishes, they eat seven things for good luck. For the entire day no meat is eaten. Their dinner consists of several types of hand breaded fish, white spaghetti, chick peas, fontina cheese and savoy cabbage. Dinner is served to the men first at the dinner table, then the children, and finally the women, who customarily eat in the kitchen. On Christmas Day they get together again for another traditional meal of spaghetti and meatballs, Italian wedding soup and baked chicken. Not only did the celebrations move to Elaine's home, but also her Grandma Manco's dishes that she only used for Christmas Eve dinner, are now with Elaine as well.

Our family began the Christmas season with a German tradition of writing letters to St. Nicholas and leaving them in your boot on the door step the night before the feast day of St. Nicholas on December 6<sup>th</sup>, if you were good, he left some sweet treats in your boot. On Christmas Eve we have the Carlson family get together, where we share a meal and exchange gifts. On Christmas morning we go to Christmas morning Mass together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and then come home to open presents. Christmas dinner at the Simbeck home was in the afternoon, with gifts exchanged and a time for games and sharing stories of Christmases gone by. Christmas dinner has been moved to our home this year and those same traditions were celebrated.

I hope you enjoyed a glimpse into our family traditions. Blessings for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Mary Carlson

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 30, 2018

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**\*\*\*REMINDER:** Beginning next Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be celebrated at Assumption Church in Sykesville at 4:30 p.m. and will continue on Saturday evenings there until the first Sunday of June, 2019. There will be no Mass at St. Mary's in Reynoldsville on Saturday evenings until June.

#### **CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2018**

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.

**\*\*\* 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 provided. Snacks are welcome.

**VOCATIONS PRAYER MINISTRY:** One Cross and Prayer booklet is located in each church. Please take these home and follow the directions in the book, and bring it back by Saturday for the next person to take. Located at the side altars of the churches. Week of Dec. 30 - Carlsons, Jan. 6 - Langs, Jan. 13 -Frank and Kathy Adamskis, Jan. 20 Gudalis, Jan. 27 Bowleys.

### ST. MARY'S NEWS

**NO CCD CLASSES TODAY!** Classes will resume Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all those who have helped with Bingo this past year! Your dedication has helped to pay for many projects and bills!!!

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

### ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE** – Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES** – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2019 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 dues and place it in the collection basket at any weekend mass. The drive will take place the month of January. New members are Welcome!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** – You will be receiving you yearly contribution statements in the mail by the second week of January. If your CSA total doesn't match your pledge paid, please do not be alarmed. If you paid in late December or in January your payment will show on your statement next year and if you are seeing an amount over pledge it is from 2017 pledge and was applied to this years statement. If you have any questions,, please call me during office hours (8:00 to 2:30 pm) Thank You!!