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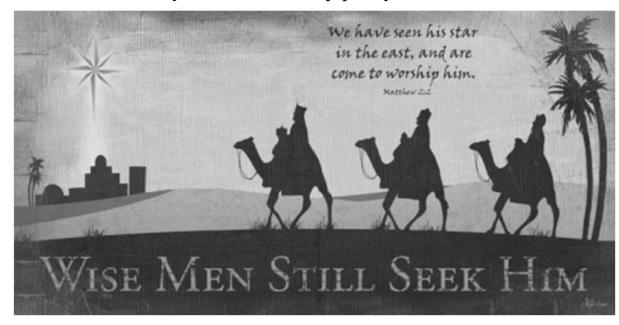
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Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4 — St. Mary's 5:00pm Mary Smelko

By Larry & Toni Smelko & Family

Tuesday, January 5 — Assumption
Adeline Manco
By Family
5:00pm

Wednesday, January 6 — Assumption 5:00pm
Mary Patt
By Antoinette

Thursday, January 7 — St. Mary's
Jim Buskirk
By Mickey Rinaldi
5:00pm

Friday, January 8 - No Mass

Saturday, January 9 — Assumption*** 4:30pm LuAnn Petrucci By Family

Sunday, January 10 — Assumption
All Parishioners of both Parishes
8:30am

Sunday, January 10 — St. Mary's 10:30am Paul Sylvis

By Vicky & Todd Humphrey

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Louie Fusco By: Family

Ministers Schedule for January 9-10, 2021

	4:30pm	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
	(ABVM)		
Altar Servers			M. Hannah
Lector	F. Rosana	P Roman	C. Hannah

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

We have plenty of 2021 liturgical calendars available at both St. Mary's and Assumption Churches. Please stop by and pick one up when you get your bulletin or drop off your envelope. Also, hymnals and missals are available for you to take home with you and use at home. We have more than we need of them here at the church. Please take some home.

I was pleased to make some visits to some houses last week and see copies of *I Heard God Laugh* by Michael Kelly were being enjoyed by parishioners. I thank the Knights of Columbus for mailing this book out to the parishioners of both parishes. I would encourage you to use the book to help develop good prayer routines in this new year. Again, the liturgical calendars help you to gain a greater appreciation for the liturgical seasons and the saints, and may help you to sanctify your new year.

This weekend's Christmastime feast is the celebration of the 3 Kings – the epiphany. The word epiphany is translated as a revelation – a showing. In some ways, Jesus' mode of presence at Christmastime is much like his mode of presence in our own lives. The infant Jesus was not able to do the things that the adult Jesus would be able to do. Yet, He was present and active in the lives of men and women. Consider that the infant Jesus was able to draw 3 Kings from distant lands to adore Him at the manger. Jesus, though silent to our physical senses, can still speak to our hearts and draw us to Himself. Jesus even provoked the jealousy of kings, frightening the murderous King Herod to slaughter all the little boys of Bethlehem in a vain attempt to wipe out any competitors to his throne. The Holy Family fled into exile in Egypt. Jesus' most formative years were spent there until the family could return to Nazareth upon Herod's death.

Yes, this silent infant already had begun to move the affairs of men. So too, can Jesus, now risen and at the Father's right hand, move our affairs, if we let Him.

Fr. Bill Barron

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 3, 2020 PARTNER PARISH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Assignments will begin to be posted for St. Mary's Religious Education students beginning on the weekend of January 9/10. Go to www.stmarysassumption.com and tap on the Religious Ed link in the menu to access your child's assignment.

2021 CALENDARS: There are many calendars available at the doors of both churches. Please take some. Thanks to Synder-D'Argy Funeral Home and Nedza Funeral Home for providing this year's calendars.

SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. MASS will be located at Assumption Church, Sykesville, from Saturday, January 2, 2021 to May 29, 2021. St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes share this mass at different times of the year. From June to December 2021 the Mass will be located at St. Mary's Parish, Reynoldsville.

<u>LIBERTY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP</u> 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.

<u>FUNERAL DINNERS:</u> 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.

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

<u>CONFESSIONS-</u> Confessions will be available at St. Mary's after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass, 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 alter server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the alter servers' room.

<u>FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS</u> - 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.

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

ANOTHER FLOWER MEMORIAL: In Memory of Helen Buhite and Laird & Faye Ober by Mr. & Mrs. Laird Ober.

***A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jill and Dan Bowley for all their help and time with decorating the church for Christmas! It looks beautiful!!! Also thank you to Ron Hannah and Joe McCluskey for bringing the decorations from the garage and putting up the trees.

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 tht 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!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS UPDATE – Additional Christmas Flower Memorials have been given: In Memory Of: Nicholas Kickish, Mary R. Kickish, Catherine Rula & Annie Orchard – by Jeanne Kickish – Amelia & Joseph Gula Sr., Gary & Helen & Son Gary Allen, Joseph & Mary Zirneskie & Sons, Fred & Zelda Stahlman –by M/M Terry Stahlman – Donald G. Slawson –by Dee Slawson – Venetia Manfredom, Joe Manfredo, John Nolan, Ted Kohner by M/M John Sanko.