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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 23, 2020 ~ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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T from sin

Jesus, I want to spend
time with you. Give me
the strength and
perseverance to spend
Lent forming a habit of
prayer and spending
that time with you.

Amen.

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Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24 (St. Mary) Geraldine Deemer By K of C #935	8:00 AM
Tuesday, February 25 (Assumption) John & Laura Carlson By Tim, Mary & Autumn	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 26 (Assumption) Kay Satterlee By Mike & Kathy AcAninch	7:00 AM
Wednesday, February 26 (St. Mary) Stanley Verona By Jim & Betty Venture	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 27 (Assumption) Deceased Members of the Princess Marie Lodge	9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross (Assumption)	7:00 PM
Friday, February 28 (St. Mary) Barb Fitzpatrick By Monica Bobal	8:00 AM
Saturday, February 29 (Assumption) William Satterlee By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sonnie	4:30 PM
Sunday, March 1 (Assumption) All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30 AM
Sunday, March 1 (St. Mary) Tom & Betty Moslak By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	10:30 AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)
Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption) 10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Feb. 16</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,921.00	\$2,285.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 245.00	\$ 56.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Goal for 2020	\$19,613	\$19,327
Total Pledged	\$	\$
Total Paid	\$	\$

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:	
Viola & Bunny Fusco	by Family
Louie Fusco	by Jackie
Teena & John McDonald	by Jackie
In Honor of:	
Barb Hoover	by Jackie
Special Intention	by Patty Nesbit
Special Intention	by Jim & Darla

Ministers Schedule for February 29-March 1, 2020

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. King D. Mullins
Lector	B. Sonnie	S. Jovenitti	D. Dennison
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Fike J. Pisarcik	D. Laukitis A. Bonavita M. Carlson	M. Pothoven R. Hannah C. McGranor
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Office Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Hospital Visits:

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm

Madelyn Tomasura's home

Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church)

Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM

Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM

Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM

Friday—Closed

Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Ash Wednesday and Lent

The book **“Letter to a Suffering Church”** by Bishop Robert Barron will be given out at the Ash Wednesday Masses at both parishes. The following is a brief description of this book:

The sexual abuse scandal has gripped the Catholic Church for the past thirty years and continues to wreak havoc even today. It's been a diabolical masterpiece, one that has compromised the work of the Church in every way and has left countless lives in ruin. Many Catholics are understandably asking, “Why should I stay? Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?” In this stirring manifesto, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. Reading the current crisis through the lenses of Scripture and Church history, Bishop Barron shows that we have faced such egregious scandals before; that the spiritual treasures of the Church were preserved by holy men and women who recommitted themselves to fighting evil; and that there is a clear path forward for us today. For Catholics questioning their faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer and takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass, and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Lenten Practices: Over the years, modifications have been made to the Lenten observances, making our practices not only simple but also easy. Ash Wednesday still marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for 40 days, not including Sundays. The present fasting and abstinence laws are very simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal a day and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from meat; on the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from meat. People are still encouraged "to give up something" for Lent as a sacrifice. (An interesting note is that technically on Sundays and solemnities like St. Joseph's Day (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25), one is exempt and can partake of whatever has been offered up for Lent. Nevertheless, I was always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole." Moreover, an emphasis must be placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading and most especially making a good confession and receiving sacramental absolution. Although the practices may have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL. Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2020 CSA. The theme of this year's CSA is "Forward Together... doing the work of Christ." Together we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy, and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Diocese of Erie, we play an important role in the diocesan activities of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has work to do on behalf of the Lord and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church. Our bishop assures that CSA donations are strictly designated to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the Diocese of Erie. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis. Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving!

FAMILY NIGHT is March 11, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Social Hall. Sister Trish and Sister Margaret will be giving a talk on Scripture. St. Mary's Religious Education students - this is your class for the week. Everyone of all ages is welcome - pizza dinner is provided. Child care for school age children is provided.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- FEBRUARY 26TH - Mass at Assumption Church at 7 A.M.
Mass at St. Mary's Church at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE - THURSDAYS 7 P.M.

FEBRUARY 27 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MARCH 5 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 12 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MARCH 19 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 26 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

APRIL 2 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GRADES 5-8: in McGivney Hall Feb 28- 6-8pm, March 6-6-8pm, April 3-6-8pm.

DCC STUDENTS LEAP FROG FOR LEAP YEAR. Leap Year 2020 is a special year. As we begin a new decade *please help us to build our tuition assistance account.* All funds raised will be distributed to children enrolled at DCC in the School Year 2020-2021. Your donation of \$29.00 on February 29th will help a child receive an education in a Christ-centered learning environment. Students are encouraged to develop their God-given talents in preparation for making their unique contributions to the world. Please visit our website to donate: www.duboiscatholic.com. Click on the donate button, fill out the form, and submit. You can also mail your donation to the school at PO Box 567, DuBois, Pa. 15801. The students will play leap frog for every \$100.00 donated. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie with check in beginning at 8 a.m. Registration is \$40 per person, \$35 for senior citizens or groups of 8, \$25 for college students, \$10 for high school students, and free for religious sisters. This includes lunch and free parking. The theme of the conference this year is "Bee the Attitude" relating to Matthew 5:12 --- "Rejoice and be glad." There are registration forms and more info on the bulletin board in the church. Any questions, call Betsy at the office, 653-8586.

5 WEEK COURSE ON THE NEW TESTAMENT. In March, St. Catherine's Church, through the Diocese of Erie and the University of Dayton, will offer a 5 week course on the New Testament. Classes are offered through the internet, in the comfort of your home and are available on your home computer. The cost is \$25 plus the cost of the book. For further information, contact St. Catherine's at 371-8556.

PENN HIGHLANDS, DUBOIS is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to provide communion to our Catholic patients. Time commitment is just a couple hours each month. There will be an orientation session in the PH Dubois West Chapel (on the 2nd floor) on Tuesday, February 11th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for anyone interested. Contact Pastor Kevin Bockus, Director of Pastoral Care, with any questions (375-3426).

ST. MARY'S NEWS

*****HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY** is in real need of canned goods, fruit, vegetables, and soup. This is a very slow time for them, so please bring canned goods and place them on the table in the back of the church. Please remember to make sure the items are not out of date because they cannot use them. Thank you for helping those in need!

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

A.B.V.M. ANNUAL FISH DINNERS will take place the first six Fridays of Lent, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3rd.from 4:00 – 6:30 pm in Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Sykesville will hold a Children's Carnival on Saturday, February 29th from 1 – 3 pm. Bring the kids to play games! Free Admission!

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Sykesville will host a Vendor Craft Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 to 3 pm. Go to the Grace UMC facebook page to find out more about being a vendor. For more details, call church (894-2784), or visit our facebook page!