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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary Parish
607 East Main Street
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814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
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814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

Parish app: search "myParish – Catholic" to download app

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24 – St. Mary 5:00pm
Rose Wells
By St. Mary Rosary & Altar Society

Tuesday, January 25—Assumption 5:00pm
Edna Rafferty
By Rick & Elaine

Wednesday, January 26—Assumption 5:00pm
Donna Mehok
By Diane Reasinger

Thursday, January 27—St. Mary ***8:00am
Diane Drayer
By Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Weber

Friday, January 28— No Mass

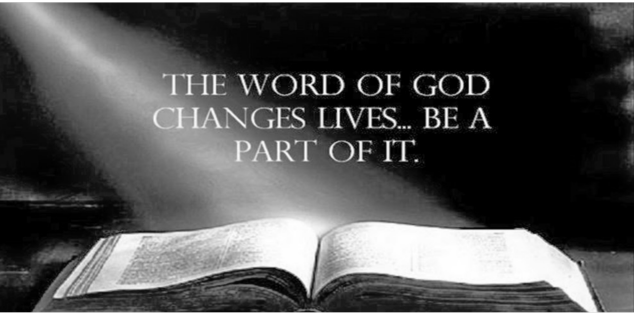
Saturday, January 29—Assumption 4:30pm
Steve Skraba
By Josie Smith & Daughters

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

Sunday, January 30- St. Marys 10:30am
Charles McGranor
By The Gotwalds

Ministers Schedule for January 29-30, 2022

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server			S. Mullins
Eucharist Minister	Deacon Steve	Deacon Steve	C. McGranor C. Hannah
Lector	K. Witherite	M. Carlson	D. Dennison



Sacrificial Giving

Jan. 16	St. Mary	Assumption
Collection	\$1,648.00	\$2,129.00
Electronic Giving	577.00	382.00
Thank you for your generosity!		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	St. Mary	Assumption
CSA Goal	\$20,301.00	\$19,312.00
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Information

Prayer Chain	Anointing of the Sick :
St Mary 653-2752	Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
Assumption 661-3894	

Parish Spotlight ~ Sunday of the Word of God

In an apostolic letter released September 30, Pope Francis has declared that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time , will be devoted to the celebration and study of the Word of God. September 30 is the feast day of St. Jerome, who is known especially for his translation of Scriptures into Latin.

The document is called *Aperuit illis*, from its opening words, taken from St. Luke’s Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate a Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to “mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity.” He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned “in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s Word.” In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate “to emphasize in the homily the honor that it is due,” writes the pope.

The Bible is for all. The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words.” The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity.”

The pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls “the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.” Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, “they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history and are central to the faith of His disciples.”

When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God’s Word, explains the pope, “they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work.” “The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial,” writes Pope Francis. “Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone.” The pope continues: “This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text.” It is the Holy Spirit who “makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people.”

Pope Francis invites us never to take God’s Word for granted, “but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters.”



THE LITURGY AND THE CHURCH’S TEACHINGS: Fr. Bill will be holding a seven week series of talks on the parts of the Mass and the Teachings of our Catholic Faith. People are welcome to come to the talks in person or to watch them via livestream on the parish website or Facebook. They will be held **on Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30, beginning on Tuesday, February 8th.** Talks will be held at Assumption Parish, Sykesville. No cost, no books needed for purchase, really no other commitments required. No sign ups either. Whether 5 or 50 people participate, I will do the study.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you are being admitted to Dubois Hospital with COVID, please know that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or any form of Last Rites is not being administered there. I am willing to go into COVID rooms personally to visit, but it is not always permitted by the hospital staff to do so. If you think that you are going to be admitted to the hospital with COVID and would like to receive anointing or absolution, please call me and arrange for me to come to your house. I would be happy to do so. Fr. Bill

SEATING CAPACITIES REDUCED: Because of COVID 19 spread in the community, and the desire on my part to avoid close contact between parishioners attending mass, the seating capacities have been reduced in the church until the spread of the virus in the area declines. Fr. Bill Barron

LIVESTREAMING of weekend and holy day masses has resumed and will continue at least until the beginning of March.

VOCATIONS CROSS - Since 2018, we have been sending around to parish homes a Vocations Cross. This Cross comes with a binder that contains prayers to be said with the Cross. When the Cross becomes available at the beginning of every month, would you please consider taking it home with you? It is a small thing to ask, just some simple prayers that God may bless His church with more seminarians. Thanks for your consideration. Fr. Bill Barron

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be available after all masses at both churches with the exception of Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption because I need some travel time and set up time for 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Barron

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.

*****PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER** for all who are involved in any type of ministry in our parish, will be held on Monday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please sign up on the sheet on the table as you enter the church if you plan to attend so we can plan how many dinners to prepare for! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 30th!

*****STUDENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO ANY MASS UNTIL FEBRUARY 13TH. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ITEMS ARE NOT OUT OF DATE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT ACCEPT THEM.**

SYKESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held on Monday, February 7th, 2022 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. Dinners are **pick up only** and you must have a pre-paid ticket. Price for a dinner is \$9.00 and includes the following; Breaded fried chicken, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Hot vegetable, Tossed salad, Bread and butter & Dessert. Dinners prepared by Shannon’s Catering. Tickets will be available beginning January 3rd. Any questions, please call the Library (814-894-5243).

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES – In your packet of contribution envelopes for January you will find an envelope designated for Rosary Society Membership dues. Please use this envelope to pay your dues and place it in the collection basket at any weekend mass or put it in the mail slot at the rectory office. New members are always welcome!

31ST ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS – A.B.V.M. Lenten Fish Dinners will not begin until the first Friday in March. Unfortunately, this year once again the dinners will be **Take-Out Only.** More information to follow in upcoming bulletins!