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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

May 24, 2020 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter



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814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25

William & Frances Masisak
By David, Patty, Stephanie, & Kristen

Tuesday, May 26

Tony Petraitis
By Bob & Patty Gluisi

Wednesday, May 27

Dominic & Regina Bontempo
By John & Marlene Boboige

Thursday, May 28

Marlene Vizza
By Estate

Friday, May 29

Mary Jane Clark
By Knights of Columbus #935

Saturday, May 30

Alan Towns
By Frank & Barb Sonnie

Sunday, May 31

All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sacrificial Giving

<u>May 17</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,000.00	\$2,355.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 440.00	\$ 341.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$22,238	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$14,163	\$ 5,915

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In Memory of:

Adeline Shemuha By: Mary & Joe McCluskey

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By: Lorraine Shadduck

Special Intention

By: Patty Nesbit

Information

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St Mary 653-2752
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Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

From the Pastor's Desk

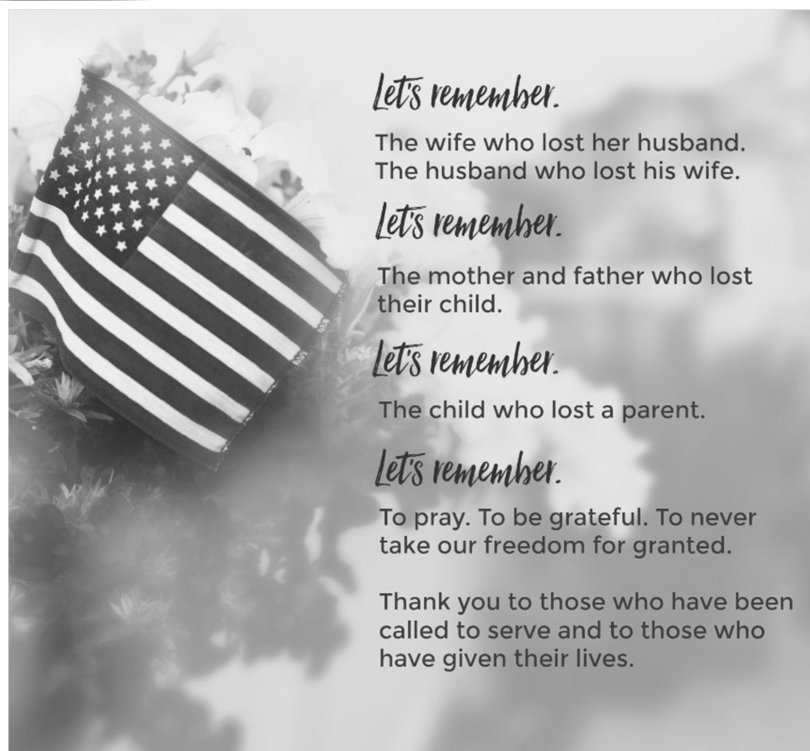
I remember very vividly the weekend of my Senior Prom and my Graduation from High School. I am an alumnus of Erie Cathedral Prep. Back in those days, they would have our prom on the Friday night before graduation, which was usually the 1st Sunday in June. This has since changed. But it made for a rather active weekend. The reason why the school could pull that off is that it is an all-boys school – not as hard to get a boy ready for prom and graduation! It was an eventful weekend. Mostly, I remember the embarrassing things about my prom. I'm sure it was a nice time. The graduation from high school is a wonderful ceremony at Cathedral Prep. The graduates wear white evening jackets with black pants and a black bowtie. The graduation is held at the Warner Theater in Erie, a lovely old theater from years ago that has been refurbished and is quite a beautiful venue. That graduation is something that you would look forward to for many years. The prom, to me, feels like a bigger deal for a girl than a guy. That is thought about a lot by the young ladies, too.

It is very sad that these things have had to be cancelled. These past few weekends have been “online” graduations for college and graduate students as well. This too is disappointing as well. There remains uncertainty about what will happen for school in the fall. Will the kids go back? What precautions might be in place? Is it possible to do extracurricular activities and sports in the fall? Who knows. This is difficult for the administrators, teachers, and staff of the schools, and the coaches as well.

I'm concerned about the level of fear in our communities, and how it is affecting younger children's emotional development. Certainly, the virus is a thing to be wary of, and requires prudent precautions so that we can mitigate its spread. But the amount of angst that is put out over media is not healthy. Even adults have a hard time seeing through it and coming to some reasonable conclusions about what is going on. How might children feel? Their whole world is turned upside down. They might have to spend time around the house for the summer, and really have no activities in which to participate. Please, continue to give your time and attention to our children, teenagers, and young adults. They may be having a more difficult time with all this than we might realize.

Fr. Bill Barron

Memorial Day—May 25, 2020



ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, May 24, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

ADDITIONAL SBA LOAN: St. Mary's Parish has received a Paycheck Protection Loan for approximately \$2,800 to cover the cost of the pastor's health insurance and payments towards the diocesan priest retirement plan. In addition to a previous SBA loan received, the employees of St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes have received around \$20,000 to cover payroll expenses for these next two months. It is possible that the loan could be forgiven by providing certain documentation to the Small Business Development Administration. I will keep you posted on the progress of the loan forgiveness as we progress through summer. Fr. Barron

CHURCH CLEANING: As we anticipate a return of public Mass, we will continue to have staff clean both churches. When we are ready to have volunteers return, we will let you know.

HELP FOR THE FOOD BANK: The non-perishable food items collected during Lent by our religious education program have been delivered to the Helping Hands Food pantry. Also, an anonymous donation to Fr. Bill has been converted to a \$100 purchase of items requested for Christ the King Manor residents, and a \$150 cash donation to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

REYNOLDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DINNER: The committee has informed the alumni participants that this year's alumni gathering, held in August, has been cancelled. We look forward to hosting this event in 2021.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ASSUMPTION CEMETERY: The liturgical directives for the "yellow phase" of the coronavirus lockdown means that we will have to cancel the mass the cemetery for 2020.

CONFESSION AND ADORATION: The Diocese of Erie has allowed pastors to re-establish scheduled times for confessions and adoration. We will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 19 and May 26 from 6-7 p.m. at both St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes. Confession will be available at Assumption Tuesday from 6-7 p.m (during the Holy Hour) on May 19 and 26, and every Saturday from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish It would be greatly appreciated if you wore a mask to these events, but you will not be turned away if you do not. Maximum occupancy for adoration is 25 people per the commonwealth and the Diocese of Erie. Once we hit 25 people, we will have to bar entry for any additional persons.

BUSINESS HOURS RE-ESTABLISHED: starting on Monday, May 18th, we will allow in person visits to the rectory offices of both our parishes. The secretaries will begin to keep normal hours once again. If you visit the rectory, the secretaries will put on a mask, and it would be greatly appreciated if you would wear a mask if you need to conduct in person business at the parish offices.

BULLETINS are now available at the rectory office door because state and diocesan regulations have mandated that visitors to businesses must wear masks. Hence, to visit the church building one must wear a mask.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #935 would like to welcome their newest member, Cameron B. Enski. If anyone is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, now is the easiest time to do so. It will take about 1 hour of your time on the computer from the convenience of your own home. If you are interested, please contact Joe McCluskey, Financial Secretary, at 814-653-2589.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY REGULATIONS: As we move into planting season, please be mindful of the new cemetery guidelines that were published last fall. If you do not follow the rules for planting, vigil lamps, etc. please note that the cemetery board will remove those items from your grave.

LIFETEEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: A great bible study for teens is linked to on our website. It can be found in the Religious Education tab, under "teens". The episodes are contained therein.

WE LIVESTREAM MASS EVERY DAY! You can watch the mass online from St. Mary's and Assumption Churches every day. Go to www.stmarysassumption.com to watch the live stream. You can watch it any time of the day as well. It always remains on the website. 4:30 Saturday, 8:30 Sunday Mon-Fri. 7 A.M.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK -see the note always in the bulletin

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION - I cannot visit these facilities regularly. If you want me to come, have the hospital or nursing home staff call and request me at 503-0028.

FUNERALS - By order of the Bishop, only immediate family and the funeral home staff are allowed to attend funeral masses. If you need to plan a funeral, call the funeral director of your choice, and they will begin the planning. If you call me to plan the funeral, I will refer you to the funeral director. They all have different procedures for how to conduct a funeral during the public health crisis.

DROP OF ENVELOPES: You may drop off your envelopes using the mail slot at the front door of both Assumption and St. Mary's rectories.

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

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Even though we are unable to attend a meeting at this time, dues are still being accepted. If you haven't paid your dues, please include them when you drop off your regular Sunday offering at the rectory or mail them to the Rosary Society Secretary, Karen Whipple.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 2020 Assumption Parish Golf Tournament has been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship due to the business climate. We are planning new fundraisers to replace the income lost. It will be important that you support these fundraisers so that we can avoid a dangerous depletion of our cash reserves. More information to come in coming weeks.

ROSARY SOCIETY MARIANNA HOAGIE SALE will take place on Thursday, June 11th. If there is anyone who didn't place an order and would like to please call Josephine by June 1st (371-0725). Hoagies will be ready for pick up at Assumption Social Hall on Thursday, June 11th from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. If you need to make different arrangements, please call Josephine. Thank you to everyone for your patience in this matter.