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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 15, 2019 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stewardship

*"Reflect,
Respond,
Renew!"*

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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, Sept 16 (St. Mary) Kay Satterlee By Knights of Columbus #935	8:00AM
Tuesday, Sept 17 (Assumption) Mary Felix By Janet Mehall	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 18 (Assumption) Mary Yanek By John & Marlene Boboige	9:00 AM
Thursday, Sept 19 (St. Mary) Luigi Vizza By Madelyn & Tom	8:00 AM
Friday, Sept 20 No Mass	
Saturday, Sept 21 (St. Mary) Agnes & Oscar Kirkpatrick By Ken Kirkpatrick	4:30 PM
Sunday, Sept 22 (Assumption) Patricia Reiter By Darlene & Barry Swan	8:30 AM
Sunday, Sept 22 (St. Mary) All Parishioners of both Parishes	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>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Sept 8	\$2,424.00	\$1,738.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$25,520	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$20,035	\$13,716

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Doug Smelko	By Mom, Dad & Sisters
Michael Barnett	By Susie Martin
Teena & John McDonald	By Jackie
Louie Fusco	By Jackie
Bonnie Foltz	By Jackie
<u>In Honor of:</u>	
Barb Horner	By Jackie

Ministers Schedule for September 21-22, 2019

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	M. King R. Whipple	Enseki Sister	D. Mullins S. Mullins
Lector	B. Stover	J. Gruda	M. Pothoven
Eucharistic Ministers	L. McGranor P. Pennington M. McCluskey	B. Alexander B. Cook	M. J. Clark C. Hannah D. Dennison
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Office Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
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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 ~ Stewardship—Reflect, Respond, Renew!

St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes share the message of God's mercy with the larger community. We accomplish this through our collective prayer and collective action. Next week, we will make a financial pledge, a sacrificial giving pledge. The theme of this year's pledge is "stewardship: reflect, respond, renew!" It has been a while since we all reflected on what has been done by St. Mary's Parish for Reynoldsville and Assumption Parish for Sykesville. I am proud to be your pastor, and to be associated with the people who I work with, and with you all. Today, I want to pause for a moment to say thank you for what you do.

We have people who are devoted secretaries and wear multiple hats besides. We have a long time devoted Religious Education director and a dedicated group of catechists. We have maintenance workers and volunteers that do an excellent job preserving the building and saving our parishes a lot of money. We have a group of accomplished musicians and singers at both churches, along with our lectors, servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers. We have parishioners who take communion to the homebound each weekend of the year. We have the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, and Altar Rosary Societies for both parishes who donate time to parish support and charity. We have the board members that take care of our parish cemeteries. We have volunteers that run our yearly calendar of parish fundraisers – we have volunteers that staff St. Mary's Bingo every Sunday night. We have paid staff and volunteers who clean the buildings. We have people who mow the grass and keep the grounds.

There is much that is done on a daily basis that many of you do not see. There is a lot that happens in support of families struggling with various challenges. There is much to do in preparing young people for sacraments – for preparing people for marriage. A good amount of counseling and spiritual direction goes on, too. Always, there is the need to mend fences, to reconcile hurting people – this takes time and patience. A lot of liturgical practice and preparation takes place. Funerals require a lot of people to drop whatever they are doing to serve, and they do just that. I try to spend as much time in confession, visiting the homebound, and those in the nursing home, as my schedule allows. And yes, there is a lot of secretarial stuff, too- record keeping – report filing – basic communication through website, phone, bulletin mail.

We are taking an intentional time out this fall to reflect on your financial support of your parish. If we think about what we are doing from time to time, we will undoubtedly do it better. While we can't re-examine our habits all the time, we can do so at least occasionally, and that is what I will be asking you to do next week.

All parishioners of both parishes will receive a mailing this week. It will include a brochure explaining the pledge process and a pledge card. Please bring your pledge card in the envelope provided back to church next weekend and drop in the basket. You may also mail them to the parish office. It will save the parish money for everyone to return a pledge card, even if you are unable to make a commitment this year. If you are in a position to increase your giving, please do. Even if you can increase a few dollars a month, that is of great help to the mission of the parish. Many are on fixed incomes, especially our elderly – this is not a forced extraction of money from you – a demand that has been made by some priests in the past. Truly, if you are not in a position to increase your giving, keep it at the same level. And even if you need to decrease your giving, its ok. Ultimately its between God and you to decide.

Pray about and reflect on your financial stewardship pledge this week. God blesses us when we give to Him! Some of you know my regard for Mr. Rogers. He once said, "The important thing for us is to look for what's fine in everybody – and that will help us to want to take care of everybody." Look for what is fine here! Are our parishes perfect, staffed with perfect people, and a perfect pastor? You support rather imperfect people, but who are you really giving to? It's God. When you support the good things God is doing here, you will find it will renew your heart personally. And isn't this what we all want, a heart made new? We all need that. Let us begin that journey of renewal together.

- Fr. Barron

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, September 15, 2019

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP: - Reflect, Respond, Renew! Program. This week you will receive a brochure detailing the "Stewardship - Reflect, Respond, Renew!" Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate how we, as a parish, want to advance our mission and how we are serving God's people in our community. Commitment Sunday for this program is Sunday, September 22. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on how you are able to help us. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the "Stewardship - Reflect, Respond, Renew!" Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

SPAGHETTI DINNER, St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, is on Sunday, September 15, from 11am until 1:30pm or until sold out. Take-outs are available; please bring your own container.

THANK YOU! Deacon Dan would like to thank everyone who sent cards during my recent illness. Most especially, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers. I was deeply touched by your concern. I am back to work and hope to be back in ministry soon.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin today, Sunday, September 15th from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. Any questions, please call Barb Murray at 653-8648.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION can be done by picking up a form in the sacristy after any Mass or by calling Barb Murray at 653-8648.

BABY SHOWER: To celebrate the "birth" of our spiritually adopted babies, we will be holding a Baby Shower on Sunday, October 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Social Hall. This event is a culmination of the past 9 months since we first began the Spiritual Adoption program in both parishes. All are invited to attend whether or not you "adopted" a baby. Please bring a wrapped baby gift as you would for any shower. A guest of honor will be there to open the presents which will then be donated to the Infant Pantry at Catholic Charities in DuBois. If you are unable to attend the shower, please drop your gift off at any weekend Mass in the box at the entrance of either St. Mary's or Assumption churches up to and including October 6th.

FALL FESTIVAL: Immaculate Conception and St. Dominic Churches will have their annual Fall Festival on September 14, 15, 2019. Festival Hours are 8 am to 8 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Our Festival includes a \$2,500 Cash Raffle, Quilt Raffle, a huge Flea Market, Craft and Christmas Room, Homemade Soup by the Quart, Polish Food, Chinese Auction, Kid's Room and Games, Adult Games of Chance, Sweet Shop, Theme Basket Room and Food Stand. Saturday there will be a Chicken Barbeque (\$9 for a complete dinner), Poker Run and a Chili Cook-off. Sunday will feature a Roast Beef Dinner for \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 5-10. Plus the drawing for all the prizes will begin at 3 pm. We invite you to come and enjoy our Festival! For a schedule of events check out our webpage at icbrookville.com.

EVENING OF PRAYER: On Sunday September 15 there will be an evening of prayer and music with Rev. Edward Walk pastor of St. Bernard's Church in Falls Creek. The evening will include a scripture reading, Homily, Benediction, and prayers for healing. It will be held at St Bernard's Church in Falls Creek. The time will be 6:00 P.M. The music ministry will be Shalom. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT #890 will meet Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall at St. Mary's church in Reynoldsville.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: on Saturday, October 26th from 3-4 p.m. at St. Joseph Hall in DuBois for anyone in elementary school. Dress up as your favorite Halloween costume. Prizes will be given to the best costume, cutest costume and most unique costume. Games, and activities will be provided. Please bring your own candy bag and a Halloween dessert.

VOCATIONS CROSS: Week of September 15 –Nancy Malinky, week of September 22 –Tim & Mary Carlson, week of September 29 –Mary & Joe McCluskey . One cross with box, journal, and prayer binder is located at the side altars of both churches. Please take home with you on your assigned weekend and return to the church from which you received it by the next weekend. Thank you for praying for vocations.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Doug Smelko by Mom, Dad, & Sisters.

ANNUAL TURKEY FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th for our annual turkey festival. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been in the past. It takes many people to volunteer, so please plan ahead to help as much as you can. More info to come next month!

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR –The Rosary Society Fall Bazaar will take place this year on Thursday, October 10,2019 in the church Social Hall. **This year the prizes that will be on the raffle ticket are:** 4 Piece Outside Furnitue set; Donated by Walmart Distribution Center, 40 inch Smart T.V.; Donated by Fox's Pizza Den, Sykesville and \$100.00 Cash Prize; Donated by A.B.V.M. Rosary Society. A Fourth Prize also will be given away; a Handmade quilt was given to be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be available to sell within the next few weeks. Thank you for your support in this annual fundraiser!

CASH GIVEAWAY TICKETS – Through the company that made our Cash Giveaway Tickets a mistake was made when putting them together. The company put the tickets in books of 20 tickets instead 10 tickets. You are only asked to sell 10 like is stated in your letter. If you wish to sell more that would be great, but we are asking that you sell 10 and send the remainder back with your sold tickets. Thank you in advance for understanding the mistake made this year. Your co-operation is very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Leo Nedza for donating the tickets for the Turkey Dinner.