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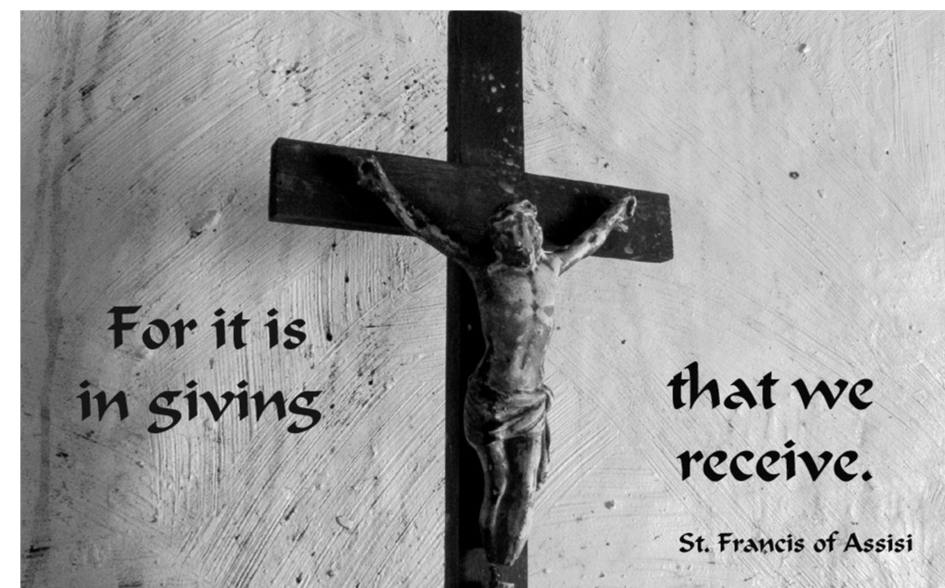
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 19, 2021 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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607 East Main Street
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851
814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865
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, September 20 –St. Marys **5:00pm**
Madelyn Tomasura
By Family

Tuesday, September 21—Assumption **5:00pm**
Rita Geist
By Theresa Yanek

Wednesday, September 22 -Assumption **5:00pm**
Edward Manco
By Family

Thursday, September 23—St. Marys **5:00pm**
Matthew VanderMolen
By Gramma Jane & Family

Friday, September 24 - No Mass

Saturday, September 25- St. Marys **4:30pm**
Fred Wolfgang
By Betsy, Marc, Erin, Sue, & Eric

Sunday, September 26- Assumption **8:30am**
Elizabeth Quashnock
By Michael (son)

Sunday, September 26- St. Marys **10:30am**
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Sept 12</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,268.00	\$1,655.00
Electronic Giving	231.00	196.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$20,301.00	\$19,312.00
CSA Paid	\$18,036-96	\$14,630.77

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Gus Bembenick	By: Gerry & Larry
Helen Pegnetter	By: Barb Murray & Family
Marie Dorwarth	By: Max & Betsy Rugh
Karen Wells	By: Max & Betsy Rugh
Betty Snyder	By: Denise & Jack Dennison
Connie Cuneo	By: Marlene

Ministers Schedule for September 25-26, 2021

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	M.King		
Eucharist Minister	L. McGranor	Deacon Steve	D. Dennison
Lector	L. Shaddock	P. Roman	C. Hannah

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
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Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

From the Pastor's desk —Annual Offertory Campaign

On the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd, we will have “Commitment Card Sunday” for our annual Offertory campaign. These days, it is likely that if we are not intentional about something, we will lose it. This could be your diet, exercise, a relationship, and so on. But it is also true for our financial stewardship. It can easily get lost in the mix of your busy and anxious days.

The annual Commitment Sunday gives you the opportunity to review your financial giving to your parish and decide what your goals will be for the coming year. The commitment card allows you to indicate your goal to the parish. We began this program in the fall of 2019, along with the option for Online Giving. These two factors have allowed both Assumption and St. Mary's Parishes to reverse a long-term trend of a decline in offertory contributions. Not only have the Commitment Card and Online Giving option reversed a downward trend in offertory, it has also placed both parishes in an elite status of generosity. Priest Magazine reported that over the past year, only 1 in 6 parishes nationwide have experienced an increase in their offertory giving. Both of our parishes have experienced this, which puts us in the 85% percentile of giving nationwide, if not higher.

This giving has given our two parishes much freedom over the past few years. Your offertory giving has allowed St. Mary's to protect its savings and grow its investments, improving its financial position. Your offertory giving has averted what probably would have been a cash flow crisis for Assumption Parish during the shutdowns of 2020. The parish does not have a lot of money in reserve. In fact, we have been able to grow Assumption's reserves over the past few years.

With the disappearance of financial troubles, we have been able to provide the operations necessary to give you what you want from your parish, as well as add a few new things, such as the Alpha Course, or our new touchless Holy Water fonts. Imagine if finances had to be talked about every single weekend! We talk about the offertory once a year in the fall, so we don't have to talk about it every weekend.

Also, we talk about the annual Catholic Services Appeal in the Winter months. Please note that is something totally different from the Offertory Commitment, as the CSA is a fundraiser to pay an annual assessment to the Diocese of Erie.

Fr. Bill Barron



INCREASED
OFFERTORY
PROGRAM



PARTNER PARISH NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, September 19, from 10am-1:30 pm or until sold out. Dinners are dine in or take out; please bring your own container for take outs.

CD OF A: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #890 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, September 20, at 6:30 pm at the St Mary’s Social Hall in Reynoldsville. Our meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary. We will be distributing RADA books for our annual Fall fundraiser. If you are interested in learning about our organization please call Angela Deemer at 375-0344 or come to our meeting.

PARTNERED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. at Assumption Social Hall.

ROSARY: We will recite the Rosary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima for world peace on Saturday, October 16th at noon at the Reynoldsville Veterans Memorial (cannon). Please come and pray with us.

OFFERTORY PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2021 is October 2/3. Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about this year’s offertory commitment card. This effort has been very helpful in that it has turned a previously downward trend in both of our parish’s yearly offertory collections into a positive trend. That’s right! During the pandemic these last two years, we have increased our offertory! On October 2/3, I will be giving you an opportunity, should you choose to take it, to make a yearly offertory pledge. This pledge will extend through September 2022. When we make an intentional effort to renew our offertory giving on an annual basis, we are blessed for our generosity. We also bless our parish’s efforts to spread the faith. This year’s theme is “Stewardship: Reflect, Respond, Renew!” Please watch for a mailing about this effort in the coming weeks.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Thank you to all who are supporting this year's Diocesan Services Appeal, the CSA. We are making good progress on receiving your pledge payments. Please note that if you made a pledge and intend to fulfill your pledge, you need to do so by the end of the calendar year 2021. Fr. Bill

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: As you may know, St. Bernard's, St. Michael's, St. Catherine's, Assumption, and St. Mary's Parishes have begun a pastoral planning process to plan for what we will do when the number of priests in the area drop. We have had the first meeting of the pastoral planning committee. It was held at St. Mary's Social Hall on Wednesday, August 11th. The meeting consisted of introductions of team members and discussion about forming a mission statement for the committee. This meeting was taking the first steps in collaboration between our parishes. Over the next few months, the committee will not be making any major recommendations about parish restructuring. The committee's work should run into 2022, when more significant recommendations will likely be made. Communication with the larger group of parishioners of the 5 parishes is being discussed as well. Fr. Barron

LIVE STREAMING: Changes to the Live streaming of Mass: effective August 14/15, Live streaming of Mass will occur only for the Tuesday, 5 p.m. Daily Liturgy. If new COVID restrictions are put in place by the government, or the Bishops dispense Catholics from obligatory Mass attendance, I will once again expand the livestreaming to weekend liturgies. Fr. Bill Barron

BULLETINS & MISSALS: Effective the weekend of August 14/15, bulletins and missal books will be located only inside the churches. You are welcome to continue to use the mail slot of the office door to drop off collection envelopes.

INCREASED OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: This year's offertory pledges, which were made in September, 2020, end in September 2021. Please review your pledge amount and, if possible, fulfill your pledge by this September. Thanks so much. Fr. Bill

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

SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENT BLESSINGS: The World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly known as the Blue Army) offers these special home blessings for home, marriage, and family. They are properly referred to as Home Enthronements or Home Consecrations. They ask that Jesus and Mary enter the life of the family in a special way. Fr. Bill Barron is the priest to perform these consecrations in this area. He can perform the Home Enthronement for anyone in the Sykesville or Reynoldsville parish territory, or for any St. Mary's/Assumption parishioner wherever they may live. The priest to perform the Home Enthronements for people who live in the Dubois/Falls Creek/Brockway area is Fr. David Whiteford. If you would like to schedule a Home Enthronement with Fr. Bill, email stmarysabvmhomeenthronements@gmail.com. One Home Enthronement Blessing per month will be scheduled, up to 3 months in advance if need be. Fr. Barron

HOSPITAL VISITATION: The hospital has resumed the normal procedure for priests visiting patients. Fr. Matias has resumed his role as chaplain. Fr. Walk is no longer chaplain. Parish priests are now allowed to visit the hospital as well.

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

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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

***BAKED CHICKEN TAKE-OUT DINNER** will be held on Thursday, September 23rd from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Salad, Roll, and Cookies. Call Mike at 814-590-4637 to reserve your dinner. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Only 150 dinners will be sold! Pick up dinners in the parking lot beside the church.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held **one day only** on Tuesday, November 2nd, **both eat in social hall dining and take out** (hopefully) from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been in the past! We will be having the bake sale and Chinese Auction so please consider baking and/or donating a basket! More information to follow!!!

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR – Anyone who would like to still donate any items for baskets for the Fall Bazaar may do so until the weekend of October 1 & 2nd. Items still needed are: Baking pans, icing, cake mixes, dish detergent, etc. The church is opened daily from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You may drop off your item/items in the Parishioners Aid Center during the week if you wish to do so. Any questions, please call Josephine (814-371-0725). Thank you for your generosity!

30TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held Sunday, October 24th in the church Social Hall from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In Hall Dining (**as of right now**) and Take-Out will be available. **Cash Giveaway Tickets** as soon as they are available will be sent out in the mail. Thank you for your co-operation in this fundraiser!

A LARGE CORNUCOPIA will be placed in front of the altar of sacrifice beginning the weekend of October 1/2nd. The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to weekend Mass or drop item/items off during the week in the Parishioners Aid Center. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please be generous!