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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

January 5, 2020 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



**St. Mary Parish**  
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**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 – Daniel Satterlee**

**Shared contact information:**

**Web address:** [www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

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

**Fax number:** 814-653-2769

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, January 6</b> (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Liz Deegan By Shelly, Bill & Kiersten	
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Alan Towns By Fred, Josephine & Kimmy	
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b> (Assumption)	9:00 AM
LuAnn Petrucci By Family	
<b>Thursday, January 9</b> (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Mary Smelko By Larry & Toni Smelko	
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday, January 11</b> (Assumption)***	4:30 PM
Mary Felix By Paul Reiter	
<b>Sunday, January 12</b> (Assumption)	8:30 AM
All Parishioners of both Parishes	
<b>Sunday, January 12</b> (St. Mary)	10:30 AM
Bernie Snyder By Joyce & Family	

## Weekend Mass Schedule

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

## Sacrificial Giving

<u>Dec. 25</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,335.06	\$1,767.00
Flowers	\$1,155.00	
<u>Dec. 29</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,264.00	\$2,074.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$27,775	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$24,470	\$19,224

## Sanctuary Candles

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>	
<b>James &amp; Mary Garofalo</b>	By Edward Manco
<b>Joseph Garofalo Family</b>	By Edward Manco
<b>Paul Mancuso &amp; John &amp; Patsy Garofalo</b>	By Edward Manco
<b>Luigi Vizza Family</b>	By Edward Manco
<b>Mary Jane Holeva</b>	By Bill Armagost
<b>Special Intention</b>	By Pat Gordon

## Ministers Schedule for January 11-12, 2020

	<b>4:30pm</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>(ABVM)</b>	<b>10:30am</b> <b>(St Mary)</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Z. Enseki</b>	<b>C. Lanzoni</b>	<b>D. Mullins</b> <b>M. Hannah</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>K. Witherite</b>	<b>J. Gruda</b>	<b>M. Pothoven</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>F. Enseki</b> <b>J. Pisarcik</b> <b>A. Carlson</b>	<b>D. Laukitis</b> <b>B. Alexander</b> <b>M. Carlson</b>	<b>D. Dennison</b> <b>R. Hannah</b> <b>D. Rupert</b>
<b>Samaritan Outreach</b>		<b>M. Carlson</b>	

## Office Information

<b>Prayer Chain</b>	<b>Office Hours:</b> (located at St. Mary Church)
St Mary 653-2752	Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM
Assumption 661-3894	Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM
<b>Hospital Visits:</b>	Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028	Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
<b>Blue Army Prayer Cell:</b> Tuesday 3:00pm	Friday—Closed
Madelyn Tomasura's home	<b>Bingo:</b> Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

## The Parish Spotlight ~ The Feast of the Epiphany

Each year the Pope leads an Epiphany Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and people around the globe take part in celebrations specific to their region. In Spanish-speaking countries, The Epiphany is called Dia de los Reyes, meaning "Three Kings' Day." There are several traditions and names for celebrating the Epiphany, but what is it? The Epiphany is celebrated each January 6 and is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes the three Kings who came to visit Him.

The word "epiphany" means "an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity." Appearance is correct, as Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God.

The Gospel of Matthew describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus. Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Historically, Christmas was celebrated each day from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany, with January 6 being as large a celebration as December 25.

In Spain, children believe their Christmas presents are delivered by the Three Wise Men on January 6, while in Venice, children believe "La Befana," an imaginary old woman in Italian folklore, brings gifts to them on the Epiphany Day.

An old Catholic tradition is the Star Singers, which are groups of people who dress as the Wise Men and carry a wooden star who go door-to-door to sing and collect donations for the poor. In Germany, if the Star Singers (Sternsinger) come to your door, they offer a blessing for your home. If you accept, they write "20 C + M + B + 20" in chalk above your doorway. The numbers represent the year and the letters represent the phrase Christus mansionem benedictat, meaning "God bless this house."

### BLESSING OF THE HOME:

From the altar, the blessing of the Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home probably grew up on account of the words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so. He leads the family (and any guests who may have been invited for the occasion) from room to room, blessing each and inscribing the initials of the three Magi above the doors with the chalk that has been previously blessed. The chalk blessing is written as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 20

Now that you know what Epiphany is, and have several ideas of how to celebrate, enjoy Epiphany by honoring the birth of Christ and the presence of the Three Wise Men.

- Mary Carlson

## ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, January 5, 2020

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** - I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes for their generosity to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. We are asked during the course of the year to support the parish ministries in increased offertory, and the Diocesan ministries in the CSA. I am glad to report that both parishes have exceeded their CSA fundraising goals for 2019. All money raised in excess of our goals remains here in your parish. It is a goal for us to raise excess CSA funds, because all excess CSA funds are not taxed by the Diocese, and do not raise our assessments. Increases in offertory raise our assessments over a 3 year period of time. They also raise our CSA goal over time. Fr. Barron

**BINGO** resumes today, Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend. Games start at 6:10 p.m.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at St. Mary's church Social Hall on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:30 p.m. All donors are welcome.

**EMERGENCY PARKING:** Emergency Parking has been added in front of St Mary's Church on Main Street. The reason is that first responders need a place to park that will not cause them to block Route 322. We also want State Police to periodically park in front the church during mass as a deterrent. What this means is that when you come to Mass, please do not park in the emergency parking space. Its purpose is for Saturday/Sunday Mass, and not as much through the week. Thanks. Fr. Bill

**PARISH COUNCIL:** There will be a meeting of Parish Council on Tuesday, January 14th at 7 P.M. at Assumption Parish, Sykesville. Elections for new Parish Counsellors will take place in April. Please consider if you are interested in being nominated and contact Moose Rosanna, Parish Council President, if interested. (in case of inclement weather, meeting will be rescheduled to February).

**\*\*\*ROLLER SKATING PARTY** for all the children and their families of both parishes will be held on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Reynoldsville Rollerdrome. There is no charge, just come and have fun! Pizza and drinks will be provided. Snacks are always welcome!

**SATURDAY 4:30 MASS** is hosted in different locations during the course of the year. It is shared between St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes. Be aware that, from January to May, Saturday 4:30 Mass will be at Assumption Parish, Sykesville. There will be no Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary's during this time. The Saturday evening Mass will return to St. Mary's Parish in June.

**PRAYER SERVICE:** On Wednesday January 22, 2020 there will be a prayer service at St. Mary's church in Reynoldsville for the unborn for Roe vs Wade anniversary. This will be from 6pm -7pm. All are welcome to come.

**YOUTH GROUP:** There will be Youth Group for Grades 5-8 on Jan 3 and Jan 17 in McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Parish from 6-8pm. There will be Youth Group for Grades 9-12 on Jan 12 and Jan 26 in McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Parish from 6-8pm. There is a Meeting for High School students in McGivney Hall on January 15 for some upcoming events from 6-7pm. For anyone in Grades 9-12

## ST. MARY'S NEWS

**THANK YOU** to Snyder-d'Argy Funeral Home for the beautiful calendars they provided our parish with this year!

**\*\*\* TO ALL WHO HELPED DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS:** Mary & Joe McCluskey, Molly Verona, Jill & Dan Bowley, Denise Dennison, Jessica & Jeff Stover! Thank you all for your time and talent. Absolutely beautiful!

### ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES** – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2020 will be due in January. In your packet of contribution envelopes for January you will find an envelope designated for that purpose. Please use this envelope to pay your dues and place it in the collection basket at any weekend mass. The drive will take place the month of January. New Members are Welcome!

**ADDITIONAL FLOWER MEMORIALS 2019 - In Memory Of:** M/M Joseph Gula, M/M Fred Stahlman, Mary Zerniskey, Gary & Helen Allen & Dr. Gary Allen – **From:** M/M Terry Stahlman, Fred Fye, Richard Andrullonis, Stella Fye, Ceil Andrulonis, Anthony Anderlonis – **From:** Doris Andrulonis – Dan Watt, McKee Families, Dorothy Perry, Jack Fannin – **From:** Doris Watt – Petrucci's Family – **From:** Martha Petrucci – Family & Friends

**FROM:** M/M Carmen Pachetti, Frank & Helen Rosana, Catherine Rosana, Patricia Burkett – **From:** M/M Francis Rosana, Albert & Alda Eckman, Arnold & Mabel Schriver, Harry Schriver, Jim Strouse – **From:** M/M Albert Eckman – Jim & Sarah Witherite, Tony Grimm, Deceased Kelly & Witherite Families – **From:** M/M Ernie Larson.

**THANK YOU** to Jaynie Pisarcik, Diane & Butch Varacallo, & Bob & Josephine Thompson for all your help in making our church so beautiful for the Christmas Season. Without your help Kim and I would not be able to decorate the way that we do!! **Thank you once again!!**