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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

August 28, 2022 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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814-653-8586
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Parish app: Text "APP" to 55321

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V.

Senior Associate: Rev. Edward Walk

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Dagher

Deacon: Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29—Assumption **8:00am**
George Sonnie
By Denny & Diane Furl

Tuesday, August 30—No Mass

Wednesday, August 31—No Mass

Thursday, Sept. 1 —St. Marys **8:00am**
Irene McGreevey
By Family

Friday, Sept. 2 – St. Marys **8:00am**
Madelyn & Michael Tomasura
By Family

Saturday, Sept. 3—Assumption **8:00am**
Gracie Kos
By Rosary Society

Saturday, Sept. 3—St Marys **5:00pm**
Sonya Renee' Baranick
By Mom & Dad

Sunday, Sept. 4 - Assumption **8:30am**
Ann Bonavita
By Antoinette

Sunday, Sept. 4 - St. Marys **10:30am**
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,673.00	\$2,100.00
Electronic Giving	600.00	245.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

<u>2022</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$22,168.00	\$20,587.00
CSA Pledged	\$20,085.00	\$18,620.00
CSA Paid	\$16,240.00	\$13,783.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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The Parish Spotlight ~ John the Baptist

The Feast day of the Passion of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on August 29.

John the Baptist is the last prophet proclaiming the coming of the Lord. We actually meet John when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,

“Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1: 39)

John was actually about six months older than his cousin Jesus.

The next time we hear of John the Baptist he comes out of the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. John proclaimed:

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3: 11)

In Matthew 3: 13, Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” After Jesus had been baptized, the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

God descending like a dove and a voice from heaven said, *“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”*

We learn in Mark 1:14 that it is after the arrest of John the Baptist by King Herod, that Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.”

Why was John arrested? The story is told in Mark 6: 17-29. John was arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, *“It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”* Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so because Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. On Herod’s birthday Herodias’ own daughter came in and performed a dance that so delighted Herod and his guests that Herod promised her whatever she requested. She went to her mother asking, “What shall I ask for?” Herodias replied, *“The head of John the Baptist.”* The girl hurried back to King Herod saying, **“I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”**

King Herod was distressed at the request, but because of his oaths in front of guest he did not wish to break his word to her. So, he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back John the Baptists’ head. The head, on a silver platter, was given to the girl. In turn the girl gave it to her mother.

When the disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

John the Baptist is most remembered for his call to repentance and baptism. The following is one of his last statements before his death.

Ministers Schedule for September 3-

	5:00pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	R. Whipple		
Eucharist Minister	B. Stover	M. Carlson	C. McGranor
Lector	L. Renwick	B. Sonnie	C. Hannah

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
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Catholic Education Collection:

The 2022 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 17-18. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here to support our own religious education and faith formation programs.

MISSIONARY CO OP: This weekend Saint Mary's and Assumption Churches will learn of the ministries of Franciscan Mission Service (FMS). As a Catholic, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, FMS relies on the prayers and financial support of U.S. church communities to serve communities in South America, the Caribbean, and here in the United States. In anticipation of this message, Franciscan Mission Service invites parishioners to reflect on Pope Francis' words from *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love." How might you be called to engage in the ministry of evangelization? Some give by going on mission, and some go by giving—with both prayers and donations. To find out more and hear missionaries' first-hand accounts, visit www.franciscanmissionservice.org.

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER. Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call 653-8586 or 894-2772. Adoration will begin right after 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's church and will continue until 12 noon. A Sign-up sheet for Adoration is on the table as you enter the church. First Saturday Mass will be at Assumption church at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome!

PRAYERS: Please pray for Dr. Jim O'Bryon, as he travels next week to the Eastern European country of Moldova to care for Ukrainian refugees as part of the mission work done at CERT International."

*****SUNDAY MASS CHANGES: Beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 the Mass time at Assumption in Sykesville will begin at 8:00 a.m. and at St. Mary's in Reynoldsville the Mass time will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change has been made to give our children plenty of time to get to their Faith Formation classes at Central Catholic in DuBois at 11:30 a.m. Classes will begin on that Sunday, September 11.**

REGISTRATION FORMS for new students to Faith Formation this year - in grades 1-11 - are in the church vestibules. Forms for new students should be returned to the office via the collection basket, US Mail to 118 S. State St. or scanned to email wegrowinfaith.com. Questions? Email or call 814-371-4082. Faith Formation starts in grade 1 for public school students and homeschooled students. Classes start Sept. 11.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #935 is seeking new members anyone wanting or have any questions please contact Mike Fye Grand Knight at 814-590-4637. We are a community minded mens group that work hard to support the following Reynoldsville food pantry, special olympics both local and state level, Boy scouts, we work with Dynamic Catholics book program, our baby bottle program we support Young people who care Frenchville Catholic charities DuBois and Central Christians pro life trip and coats for kids at CG Johnson and Pinecreek twp elementary and so many other things so if you truly want to help people we are the mens group to join. Thank you, Michael Fye.

TRY ALPHA! The Alpha Course will be offered this fall, beginning **Wednesday, September 14th**. Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to journey through the foundational teachings of the Christian faith and form community with others. It allows us to discuss the big questions of our faith like, "Who is Jesus? How Can I Pray? How Can I Tell Others? Is There More to Life Than This?" Past guests on Alpha have consistently stated that their experience created a loving relationship with Jesus, strengthened their existing faith, created a newfound understanding of the Holy Spirit, helped them pray and read the Bible, introduced them to new friends, and motivated them to be active in their faith. Alpha is an 11-week course, where each night guests are provided a dinner, listen to a short video presentation, and participate in small group discussions. The course is free of charge, and will be from **6:30-8:30 PM each week at the Reynoldsville Foundry**. Alpha is available for all parishioners, friends, and family of all faith backgrounds from 18 years old and up. To register or find out more, please visit your parish website under the title "Alpha," or call the parish office.

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

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in memory of Mickey Rinaldi and Mary Delaney by their families.

*****A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Alumni Dinner! 200 dinners were served. It takes hours and dedicated people donating their time to make this fund raiser the great success that it is! God bless you for your dedication to your parish!!!**

ALUMNI FINANCIAL REPORT:

Income	\$3,000.00
Expenses	\$1,151.18
Profit	\$1,848.82

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ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

ASSUMPTION EVENTS FOR FALL: A.B.V.M. Church will be holding their Annual Fall Bazaar on Thursday, October 6th. Also in October we will be doing out Annual Turkey Dinner. This year will be going back to the normal schedule with Eat In or Take Out. The dinner will be held on Sunday, October 23rd. More information to come in upcoming bulletins!

A.B.V.M. ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR – Anyone who would like to donate any items for baskets for the fall bazaar may do so until the weekend of September 24/25th. Items needed are; Baking Pans, Icing, cake mixes, dish towels, dish detergent, etc. The church is opened daily from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You may drop 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 in advance for your generosity in this annual fundraiser!!

A.B.V.M. ROSARY SOCIETY will be doing a Pie Fundraiser in October from the Pie Shoppe. Delivery for pies & pumpkin rolls will be November 16th, just in time for Thanksgiving!