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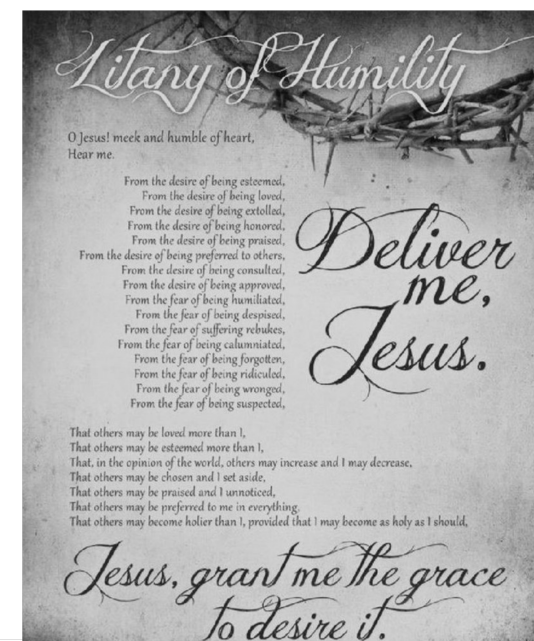
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

March 21, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Pastor – Father William R. Barron

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22 — St. Mary's Mary Jane Clark By Tom & Sally Jones	5:00pm
Tuesday, March 23—Assumption Jim Fike By Rick & Elaine	5:00pm
Wednesday, March 24— Assumption Edward Manco By Bill & Diane Varacallo	5:00pm
Thursday, March 25- St. Mary's Doug Smelko By Carol Rokosky	5:00pm
Thursday, March 25 Stations of the Cross—Assumption	7:00pm
Friday, March 26— No Mass	
Saturday, March 27 -Assumption Catherine Rosana By Fran & Patty	4:30pm
Sunday, March 28— Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, March 28 — St. Mary's Raymond Deegan By Denise & Allen Bussard	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Mar. 14</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,111.00	\$2,120.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 231.00	\$ 196.00

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CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$20,301	\$19,312
CSA Paid	\$ 7,364.32	\$ 3,630

Thank you for your continued support.

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Angeline & Anthony Canton
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Joseph & Jessie Stefanelli
By: Edward Manco Family

Special Intention By: Patty Nesbit

Information

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Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor's Desk

During this Lent, I have been going on about humility. A few years' back, I was introduced to the Litany of Humility. It's a tough prayer to pray if you really mean what you're saying. I think that the last line of the prayer really helps one to understand the meaning of the prayer – that others may become more holy than I, provided that I become as holy as I should. It is hard to entrust one's life to God when God allows some horrendous suffering to come into our lives. We might rather believe the messages of Hollywood and Madison Avenue which convince us that we really can have it all, minus any suffering. But, alas, life is hard. We cannot run from the Cross. Look at our neighbors who try to run from pain with alcohol, drugs, pornography, gangster activity, petty crime, etc. These aren't happy people. They sprint away from pain and death, but in the end, they will be overtaken by them.

No, true peace only comes when we can find someone who can bring us peace both in good times and bad. Only the Lord Jesus can do that because He shares in our pain on the Cross, and promises the hope of Resurrection. God won't save us from experiences of suffering, but God has redeemed our suffering. In fact, it is through suffering that we learn the most about God, even more so than in the good times (and there are more good times than bad with God).

It would be good if we all faced our pride, and our drive to save ourselves, and realize that we need a savior. I understand that this is not the way that the world works, but we are called as Christians to be in the world, not of the world. There is a big difference. It's tough to be in relationships, but love gives us the power to do it. May we pray that we can be better lovers of God, ourselves, and our neighbor. Love is what makes living worthwhile. Being humble opens the door to love, even if that love is not returned as we would hope it would be by another. God will always return our love, and that is why God is worthy of our love, and our trust.

Fr. Bill Barron

Ministers Schedule for March 27-28, 2021

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. King
Narrator:	F. Rosana	P. Roman	
Voice:	B. Sonnie	M. Carlson	C. Hannah



PARTNER PARISH NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Dubois Central Catholic Annual Palm Sunday Spaghetti Dinner Catered by Luigi's Sunday, March 28. Pickup only at DCC from 11 am-2 pm. Call 814-371-3060 for tickets

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: The Lenten Penance Service with visiting clergy will take place on Monday, March 22nd at St. Mary's Church, Reynoldsville at 7 p.m. A schedule of the other penance services in the area has not been made available to us. This year, parishioners are being encouraged to attend the service at their own parish. Contact your parish if you want to know their scheduled parish penance service.

Distribution of Palms: Per order of the Diocese of Erie, we will be distributing Palms at the conclusion of the Mass on Palm Sunday as you depart. Take as many as you wish.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES: Holy Thursday- St. Mary's Parish, 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m. Good Friday- Assumption Parish, 1 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass St. Mary's, 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Assumption Parish, 8:30 a.m.; St. Mary's Parish, 10:30 a.m.

LIVE STREAMING: Effective Saturday, April 10, we will no longer be live streaming the Sunday 8:30 a.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will live stream the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. We will continue to live stream daily masses at this time. All live streamed Masses are permanently posted on our Facebook group page and in the Facebook feed in the bottom righthand corner of our website homepage for your viewing convenience. As people continue to get vaccinated, it's time to return to the community and the sacraments.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY is accepting applications for preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Tuition assistance applications are available. Please call the school at 814-371-2570 for information.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE at St. Catherine of Siena Church in DuBois will be held on Sunday evening, March 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be Meditation, Scripture, Reflection, and Music. Guest speaker is Fr. James Gutting.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy continue to invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in St. Mary's social hall on Wednesday, March 24 at **10:00 am**. **Please note time change.** The reading for this month's gathering will be Luke 1: 26-30. Keeping in mind the strict guidelines, we will have arranged seating according to physical distancing and will trust that you will each bring a mask. Printed copies of the reading will be available. Anyone is welcome!

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: I ask for this year that you sit along the middle aisles for Stations to keep social distance from the minister as he walks. I am pleased to have the assistance of Deacon Dan Satterlee in leading Stations of the Cross for Lent 2021. Stations will take place as typical on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Here are the dates and locations: Thursday, 3/25 - Assumption

HOLY TRIDUUM 2021: We will observe the regular order for the sharing of the Triduum services between St. Mary's and Assumption. This means that, in 2021, it will be St. Mary's turn to host Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil, and Assumption's turn to host Good Friday services.

FUNERAL DINNERS: Effective immediately, the social halls of both Assumption Parish and St. Mary's Parish will be open for funeral dinners after funerals at the respective churches. Please note, however, that the Altar Rosary Societies of both parishes are predominantly made up of people who are the "at risk" part of the population for serious complications from the Coronavirus. Therefore, if you wish to use either social hall for a dinner after a funeral mass, you must provide for your own caterer. We cannot at this time expect the Rosary Society to facilitate your funeral dinner. Whenever that would change, I will let you know. Fr. Bill Barron

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES: Visitation to the Nursing Homes is still limited to clergy assigned to the home. If you have a family member who needs to be visited at Christ the King Manor, please contact Fr. Matias at the Manor. He will be happy to visit and if necessary, provide the sacraments. If your loved one is in another nursing home, please call the parish in the town that that home is located, and ask the pastor for guidance. Fr. Ed Walk is the chaplain at the Dubois hospital, and can make visitation freely throughout the hospital. Fr. Bill Barron

LIVESTREAMING OF MASS - Mass will continue to be livestreamed daily.

SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - The obligation to attend these Masses is not in effect. No one is required to attend mass in person at this time.

FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS - Please note that you are allowed to have non-family and extended family attend funerals and weddings again. The seating capacity for Assumption Church given social distancing is 60. The capacity for St. Mary's is 85. There is overflow seating with the closed circuit tv in the St. Mary's Social Hall for an additional 40-60 people. We are working on installing a closed circuit tv at Assumption Social Hall that will seat an additional 30 people. All attendees at funerals and weddings, except for bride and groom and those "in the wedding" must wear masks for the duration of the service.

BAPTISMS can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

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.

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

TURKEY TAKE OUT DINNER will take place at St. Mary's Social Hall on Thursday, March 25th from 4-6 p.m. Dinner includes Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Cole Slaw, Roll, and Dessert. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Pick up dinners in the parking lot beside the church. ***** We have already met our 150 reservations, but we will know if we have any extra dinners by Tuesday, March 23rd, so if you would like to be on a list, call Betsy Stover at the office – 653-8586.**

FLOWER MEMORIALS: In your packet of contribution envelopes, you will find an offering envelope for Easter Flowers. Please use this envelope by writing the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any Sunday Mass or put it through the mail slot at the office by March 28th. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS



30th ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNER will take place in the Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville this Friday, March 26th. **TAKE-OUT ONLY! MASK REQUIRED.** The dinners will be available from 4 – to 6:00 p.m. or Sold Out! Social Distancing will also be used in line. **Menu:** Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner. **Meals include:** Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake. **Adults:**\$10.00; **Children** 12 & Under: \$4.00. 50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes for March you will find an envelope designated for Easter Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Easter Remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend mass at the entrance of the church or putting it through the mail slot at the rectory office now through March 27/28th Names of Memorialized Loved Ones will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

BENEFIT DINNER – A Benefit Dinner, Basket Raffle, Big Ticket Items and 50/50 will take place on Sunday, April 11th at the Ideal Event Center from 11:00 – 3:00 pm in Sykesville for Rick Witherite, a Parishioner of Assumption Parish who is the Recipient of a Double Lung Transplant. His surgery was in early January 2021. A Stuffed Breast Chicken Dinner will be available **By ticket Only for \$10.00. Take –Out Only! Please call Jenna (814) 771-8292 or Elaine (814)771-5118 to purchase your ticket. Please consider supporting this fundraiser for Rick either in participating on April 11th or with Prayers for his recovery. #newlungs2021!**