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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter



St. Mary Parish
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

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 19 — St. Mary's Mary Mancuso By: Msgr. Joseph Bobal & Monica	5:00pm
Tuesday, April 20- Assumption Lorraine Yorke By Margaret Holub	5:00pm
Wednesday, April 21 – Assumption Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck By: Tim, Mary, & Autumn	5:00pm
Thursday, April 22 - St. Mary's Anthony & Carrie Foley By Rita Krishart	5:00pm
Friday, April 23— No Mass	
Saturday, April 24 – Assumption Adeline Manco By Family	4:30pm
Sunday, April 25— Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, April 25 — St. Mary's Mary Jane Clark By: McGreevey Family	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Apr. 11</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,017.00	\$2,423.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 211.00	\$ 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	\$10,082.60	\$ 6,358.69

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Helen Verona	By: Mary & Joe
Richard Lichvarcik	By: Mary, Susan, & Family
Mark Bobal	By: Family
Mary Mancuso	By: Betsy & Jeff Stover

Special Intention By: Patty Nesbit

Ministers Schedule for April 24-25, 2021

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server			S. Mullins
Lectors	F. Rosana	P. Roman	D. Dennison



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St Mary 653-2752
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Parish Spotlight ~ Easter Season

Easter Season Lasts 50 Days

The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the season of Easter. The Vigil is the Christian feast *par excellence*, the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While the Vigil marks the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving.

The proclamation of Easter does not end with Easter Sunday: That is only the beginning. The Easter season, known as Easter Time, is celebrated for 50 days. It culminates with the celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven, and Pentecost, which marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and birthday of the Church. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is Thursday, May 13, but since it is a moveable feast, it is transferred in many dioceses to Sunday, May 16. Pentecost will be celebrated Sunday, May 23.

From apostolic times the feasts of Easter and Pentecost were primary, and the paschal mystery was the first celebration to have both a time before the feast of preparation and a time afterwards for the extension and completing the celebration. In the new Sacramentary and Lectionary, the Sundays following Easter are no longer termed "after" for they are "of" Easter, since they do not follow a solemnity, but they are to be taken as a unity to form one season of solemnity and exaltation at the triumph of Jesus over sin and death.

In the former understanding of the season the feast of the Pentecost was set off because it had its own octave. In the reformed calendar this situation is remedied for the solemnity of the Ascension does not end the season of Easter; it is one special day within an entire special season. The Easter candle is no longer extinguished on the Ascension for it should remain in prominence in the sanctuary until Pentecost and then be placed in the baptistry. It can be used at funerals and at the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. The feast of Pentecost now concludes the Easter season and the week between Ascension and Pentecost should be a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of the Spirit.

The major principle of the calendar reform called for at the Vatican Council—that the paschal mystery be the center of the Christian year—is made obvious in the new Sacramentary because of the emphasis on Easter as the great feast of fifty days.

The Easter candle, lighted for the first time from the new fire of the Easter Vigil, is placed in a prominent place in the sanctuary between Easter and Pentecost and should be lighted for all liturgical services in this season and should be incensed whenever incense is used in the fifty days.

The color of the vesture for the season is white, and the cloth or frontal for the altar should be white as well. Liturgical hangings or banners should be made of white and contrasting colors and should reflect the season of new life, fulfillment, rejoicing and joy of the season.

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

- Mary Carlson

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

PARTNER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, April 21st in St. Mary's Church Social Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU: Father Bill would like to thank all of the musicians, decorators, cleaning crew, ushers, servers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers for making Holy Week and Easter weekend such a wonderful experience. Everyone was hard working and flexible as we completed these holy days. It was a blessing to once again be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with parishioners in the pews.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at St. Bernard's Church, Falls Creek, will be today, Sunday, April 18, from 10am until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each, meatballs are \$.75 each and a quart of sauce is \$5.50. The format will be take-outs only; please bring your own container.

FR. MARC SOLOMON has asked for and has been placed on an administrative leave of absence. He is in need of some time off for health reasons. He will be receiving some counseling support over the next few months and will be moving around locations. If you would like to contact him the best way to do that is probably Facebook Messenger. If you wish to send him a note or a card, you can send it in to the parish office. I'll make sure he eventually receives it in the coming weeks. He will be fine with some time for renewal and recuperation - please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Bill

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. MARYS will hold a Baby Shower at their next regular meeting, Monday, April 19 at the St. Mary's Social Hall in Reynoldsville. The Baby Shower will benefit the Baby Closet at the DuBois Catholic Charities. No need to wrap your gift, all baby items including clothing are needed. We will also start our RADA fundraiser and will have books at the meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm with the Rosary. Any questions please call Angela Deemer at 590-4634

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant- It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them - at every opportunity. *For particular questions you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Dubois Hospital is now allowing clergy to visit parishioners in the hospital. Please keep this in mind if you have a future admission to the hospital. Nursing Homes are still not permitting walk up visitors at this time.

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.

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

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

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. There is 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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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.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

SYKESVILLE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (formerly Sykesville Lions Club) will be having a Breakfast on Sunday, May 2nd beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Adults: \$7.00; Children 5 – 12: \$5.00, under 5 Free! The breakfast will take place at the Sykesville Town Hall. Menu: Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage with drinks, juice & milk.

KATHRYN MIKSICH a life long Parishioner of our Parish who resides at Christ the King Manor will be celebrating her 98th Birthday on April 28th. If you wish to send Kathryn a card for her birthday please do so to the following address: 1100 W. Long Ave., P.O. Box 448, Personal Care Unit, DuBois, PA 15801.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made the #newlungs2021 fundraiser a huge success. The support from our parish and the towns people was overwhelming!! Thank you Again!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP – Anyone who has items on your graves that wishes to keep it, please go and take it off so the Cemetery grass cutters can weed eat and properly clean around the headstones. Anything that is up off of the ground on your graves will not be touched.