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

January 10, 2021 ~ The Baptism of the Lord



**St. Mary Parish**  
607 East Main Street  
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**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**  
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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](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

**Parish app:** search “myParish – Catholic” to download app

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

Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, January 11 — St. Mary’s</b> Bernie Snyder By Joyce & Family	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 12 —Assumption</b> Margie Muth By Father Bill Barron	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 13— Assumption</b> Anna Matusky By Antoinette	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday, January 14— St. Mary’s</b> Mary Lou Siverling By Father Bill Barron	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Friday, January 15 - No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 16— Assumption***</b> Mel Beimel By (wife) Betty & Family	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday, January 17 — Assumption</b> All Parishioners of both Parishes	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Sunday, January 17 — St. Mary’s</b> Evelyn Hoare By Dude, Jackie & Family	<b>10:30am</b>

Sacrificial Giving

<u><b>Jan. 3</b></u>	<u><b>St. Mary</b></u>	<u><b>Assumption</b></u>
Collection	\$3,861.00	\$2,954.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 460.00	\$ 326.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u><b>St. Mary</b></u>	<u><b>Assumption</b></u>
Pledged	\$24,668	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$22,668	\$19,880

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<b>John D. (Jack) Perry</b>		By: Doug & Darla
<b>Roy, Marguerite &amp; N. K. Dickey</b>		By: Doug & Darla
<b>Cutty &amp; Aloyse Fusco</b>		By: Kathy & Lynn
<b>Louie Fusco</b>		By: Family
<b>James D. Snyder Family</b>		By: Gary & Lynn

Ministers Schedule for January 9-10, 2021

	<b>4:30pm</b> (ABVM)	<b>8:30am</b> (ABVM)	<b>10:30am</b> (St Mary)
<b>Altar Servers</b>			<b>D. Mullins</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>F. Rosana</b>		<b>D. Dennison</b>

Information

<b>Prayer Chain</b> St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894	<b>Anointing of the Sick :</b> Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
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Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor’s Desk

From the homily of Pope Francis on the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2015:

We listened in the first Reading that the Lord cares for his children as a parent: He cares to give his children hearty food. God says through the prophet: “Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? “ (Is 55,2). God, like a good father and a good mother, wants to give good things to His children. And what is this hearty food that God gives us? It is His Word: His Word makes us grow, it makes us give good fruits in life, like the rain and the snow do good to the earth and make it fruitful (cfr Is 55, 10-11).

So you, parents, as well as godfathers and godmothers, grandparents, uncles and aunts, will help these children to grow well if you give them the Word of God, the Gospel of Jesus. And also give it with your example! Everyday, take the habit of reading a Gospel passage, a small passage, and always carry a small Gospel in your pocket, in your purse, to read. And this will be an example for the children, to see their father, mother, godparents, grandmother, grandfather, uncles and aunts, reading the Word of God.

Mothers, give your children milk - even now, if they are crying because of hunger, give them milk, don’t worry. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of milk, and we pray for those mothers - there are so many, unfortunately - who are not able to give their children food to eat. Let us pray and try to help these mothers. So, what milk does for the body, the Word of God does for the spirit: the Word of God makes us grow in faith. And thanks to the faith, we are generated from God. And that is what happens in Baptism. We heard the apostle John: “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God.” (1 Jn 5, 1).

(source – [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))

Fr. Bill Barron

## ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 10, 2020

### PARTNER PARISH NEWS

**THANK YOU:** I thank so many of you for sending Christmas Cards and various types of gifts for me during the Christmas season. It is humbling to receive all the well wishes. Thank you for keeping both the priesthood and myself in mind during this holy time of the year. Fr. Bill

**ACTIVITIES:** I do not anticipate a ramping up of parish activities during the month of January, given COVID, bad weather, dark evenings, etc. I hope that we can begin some of the normal parish activities again in the month of February, but we will see how it goes. We will definitely have the Assumption Fish Frys- likely take out only. Stay tuned for more information about that. Fr. Bill Barron

**PPP LOANS:** Please be aware that St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes have received notification of forgiveness of \$20,000 of Paycheck Protection Program loans. This is the full amount that we borrowed from the Small Business Administration to cover payroll and health care costs last spring. I thank all those who helped us to obtain these loans during a time of uncertainty last spring. Fr. Barron

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Assignments will begin to be posted for St. Mary's Religious Education students beginning on the weekend of January 9/10. Go to [www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com) and tap on the Religious Ed link in the menu to access your child's assignment.

**2021 CALENDARS:** There are many calendars available at the doors of both churches. Please take some. Thanks to Synder-D'Argy Funeral Home and Nedza Funeral Home for providing this year's calendars.

**SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. MASS** will be located at Assumption Church, Sykesville, from Saturday, January 2, 2021 to May 29, 2021. St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes share this mass at different times of the year. From June to December 2021 the Mass will be located at St. Mary's Parish, Reynoldsville.

**LIBERTY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** from DuBois, PA meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 400 Liberty Blvd., DuBois. For more information feel free to call (814) 541-2779 or (814) 590-5729.

**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. The hospital has informed me that it may be possible now for me to visit parishioners at the hospital, but only if the nursing staff deems it a situation serious enough to necessitate a visit. That will be determined by them on a case by case basis. 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.

**CONFESSIONS-** Confessions will be available at Assumption after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass at St. Mary’s, and at Assumption after Tuesday and Wednesday 5 p.m. masses. Please note that Confessions will not be available before any Mass. Masks are required for Confession. Confessional at St. Mary's is in altar server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the altar servers’ room.

**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.

**SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH APP:** Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app. 1) Download my Parish App 2) Select our Parish after opening.

**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

**\*\*\*CHILDREN’S ENVELOPES:** Any child who would like to continue to use envelopes, there are boxes on the green table as you enter the church. Please take one and make sure you put your name on each envelope as you use them.

**ANOTHER FLOWER MEMORIAL:** In Memory of the Sonnie Family and Rafferty Family and in Honor of Police Officers by Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Sonnie.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here at St. Mary’s in the Social Hall on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. Due to COVID appointments need to be made. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter Reynoldsville to schedule your appointment. Any questions, call Karen Sistek at 724-237-9645.

### ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES** – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2021 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 basket at the entrance of the church or put it in the mail slot at the Rectory Office. The drive will take place the month of January. New members are welcome!!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS UPDATE** – Additional Christmas Flower Memorials have been given: In Memory Of: Tom Masisak, Joe & Helen Masisak, Peter & Twila Stankavich, Josephine Balonak – by Libby Masisak

Kokoska Family – by Helen Gresock.

**THANK YOU** to Jaynie Pisarcik, and Diane Varacallo for helping Kim and I to decorate the Sanctuary of the church this year for Christmas. Even though we didn’t decorate everything as usual your time and talents help make the church beautiful for the Christmas Season.