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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

December 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

St. Mary Parish

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Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Stanley Verona
By Molly & Family

Tuesday, December 17 (Assumption) 9:00 AM
Mary Felix
By Aunt Evelyn

Wednesday, December 18(Assumption) 9:00 AM
Alan Towns
By Fred & Wilma

Thursday, December 19 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Rita Leiberton
By Bill, Birdie & Carol

Friday, December 20 No Mass

Saturday, December 21 (St. Mary) 4:30 PM
Deceased Members of Cebulskie Family
By O’Byron Family

Sunday, December 22 (Assumption) 8:30 AM
Dorothy Bembenic
By Lori Fritz & Betty Eltringham

Sunday, December 22 (St. Mary) 10:30 AM
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sanctuary Candles ABVM

In Memory of:
Bill Satterlee By Barb Murray & Family

Ministers Schedule for December 21-22, 2019

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	M. King R. Whipple	C. Lanzoni	C. Uhl M. Hannah
Lector	M. McCluskey	S. Jovenitti	C. Hannah
Eucharistic Ministers	W. Rupert J. McGranor B. Murray	D. Laukitis M. Carlson B. Alexander	R. Hannah D. Dennison M. Pothoven
Samaritan Outreach		M. Carlson	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
(Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)

Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption)
10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Dec. 1</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$4,421.10	\$2,823.00
Electronic Giving	TBA	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$27,775	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$24,265	\$17,353

Sanctuary Candles St Mary’s

In Memory of:
Dolly Pindrock By Cricket Kaizer
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Office Information

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Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm
Madelyn Tomasura’s home

Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church)
Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM
Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Friday—Closed
Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Third Week of Advent

Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it. With just a little more than a week away from Christmas, stop and look around? There’s no time for that! There’s shopping and wrapping to be done, the house has to be cleaned, and Christmas cards have to be mailed. Cookies need to be baked, plated up, and distributed. Who’s got time to stop or slow down?

Does any of this sound familiar? Unfortunately, it probably does for far too many of us. But, wait, isn’t this supposed to be a season of joy? After all, isn’t the whole purpose of this season to prepare for the amazing gift of the birth of Christ? Luckily, we have something that can get us back on track.

This week, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Literally translated from Latin, the word “gaudete” means “rejoice.” This mid-Advent celebration offers us a short timeout to stop, catch our breath, and refocus on the joy and purpose of the season. And if we didn’t notice the change in the Advent message this week, the rose-colored candle and vestments we see for this week only during Advent certainly provide a sign for us to slowdown.

Advent is a time for the faithful to prepare for Christmas spiritually, in the midst of all the shopping, decorating, baking and parties, we need to take time for prayer. Advent is a time to tone down the festivities and prepare for the real celebration—the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. During Advent we try to pray more and focus more on the ‘real’ Christmas. The church helps us to prepare for this festive holiday by having Penance services; a time for the church to provide the community an opportunity to go to Confession before the Christmas celebration.

Our area churches have scheduled the following days and times to participate in one of the Advent Penance services taking place this week:

Sunday, Dec.15th at 3:00pm – SSCD, Punxsutawney
Monday, Dec.16th at 7:00pm – Assumption Parish, Sykesville
Tuesday, Dec.17th at 7:00pm – Immaculate Conception, Brookville
Thursday, Dec.19th at 7:00pm -St. Tobias, Brockway
Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 3:00pm - St. Catherine, DuBois

Please take some time this week to attend one of the services above and prayerfully contemplate the celebration of Christmas and the Birth of our Savior, the reason for the season!

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, December 15, 2019

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

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

INSURANCE FEE FOR SOCIAL HALL USAGE - The Diocese of Erie is enforcing a policy that requires private parties who want to use parish social halls to purchase liability insurance for one time use. The cost is \$81 for up to 100 participants, and \$98 for 100-500 participants. An option is also offered to obtain a "Certificate of Insurance" from your own insurance company, naming the Bishop of Erie, Diocese of Erie, and the parish as additional insureds. The amount of coverage listed on the certificate must also be at least \$1,000,000. The letter from the Diocese will be provided to any party who wishes to use St. Mary's or Assumption's social halls before booking. Please continue to use the normal procedures in place for booking both halls. Payment will be collected by the parish office at the time of booking. The parish office will make application for the event insurance on behalf of the party. Please note that this does not apply to parish functions (for example, funeral dinners, bingo, parish societies, religious education), but only private parties using the hall.

THANK YOU: The Knights of Columbus Council would like to thank everyone who supported the most recent pancake breakfast in October. The K of C used the proceeds of the breakfast to make a donation of \$404.76 to the clothing closet at C.G. Johnson Elementary School. With this donation the school was able to purchase 10 coats and 11 pairs of boots for their students.

*****ROLLER SKATING PARTY** for all the children and their families of both parishes will be held on Sunday, January 19th 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!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - The partner parish Advent Penance Service will be at **Assumption Parish** on Monday, Dec. 16th, at 7 P.M. Local clergy will be available to hear your confession.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - 2019

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Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 3pm - St. Catherine, DuBois

SHALOM: Central is hosting the SHALOM Christmas concert this year. You are invited to join us as we welcome and celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with music at the 2019 Shalom Christmas Concert. It will be held Sunday December 22 at 2:00 in the afternoon. The concert will be in DuBois Central Catholic School's Auditorium (at 200 Central Christian Road DuBois, PA 15801). The Admission is free. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE - same as last year - Christmas Eve - 4:30 P.M. @St. Mary's; 6:30 P.M.@Assumption; Christmas Day - 8:30 [A.M.@Assumption](#); 10:30 [A.M.@St.Mary's](#)
New Year’s Schedule – New Year’s Eve at St. Mary’s – 4:30 p.m. New Year’s Day at Sykesville – 9:00 a.m.

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.

DEACON DAN has informed me that he will need more rest to recover from his blood clots. For the foreseeable future, he will be serving only at 10:30 Mass on Sunday morning. This is the Mass that I need the most help with setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Deacon Dan will preach once a month. When he preaches, he will preach all the Masses. When he preaches on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, 8:30, he will be present to greet the people, preach the homily, and do the intercessions. He will then depart. Please keep Deacon Dan in your prayers as he continues to recover. Fr. Barron

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: The Catholic Services Appeal runs from April to December each year. *If you have made a pledge and have not paid it in full, please do so by the end of 2019.* We have collected pledge money in excess of our goal at St. Mary's Parish. The goal is \$20,414. Every dollar you give to the CSA will stay here in the parish, and unlike increased offertory, increased CSA gifts will not raise our annual assessments. **We have not** gotten enough pledges from Assumption Parish to cover our CSA goal, which is \$19,323. We need to collect another \$3,000 in CSA pledge money in order to pay this assessment, or we will need to make up the difference out of our savings account. Thank you for your financial support of your parish.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH is the last day for CCD classes until after the holidays. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th, 2020!

FLOWERS MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an envelope designated for Christmas Flowers . Please use this envelope for your Christmas Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Christmas remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass now through December 15th . Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 22nd.

TREASURES FOR CHILDREN: **Please bring the gifts, not wrapped, with the tag, to the church at any of the weekend Masses no later than Sunday, December 15th.**

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

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CAROLING IN THE PARK – Community Caroling will take at Sykesville Stahl Park beginning at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 15th, Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

OPLATKI – Oplatki will be distributed the weekend of December 14/15th. Oplatki prayer and 4 wafers will be for you to celebrate the beauty of Christmas in one of its most beautiful forms.

COFFEE & DONUTS will not take place the last Sunday of December due to the holiday season. We will begin the last Sunday of the month in January!!