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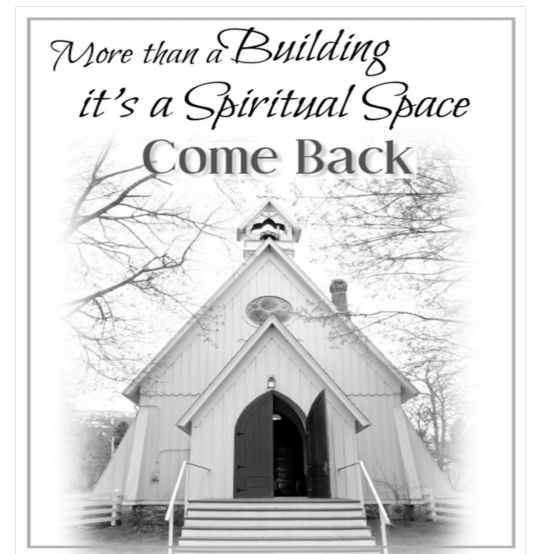
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

July 25, 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 26— St. Mary's	5:00pm
Joseph Bobal By Family	
Tuesday, July 27— Assumption	5:00pm
Donna Mehok By Daine Reasinger	
Wednesday, July 28— Assumption	***8:00am
John Webb Family By Maxine Nava Estate	
Thursday, July 29 — St. Mary's	5:00pm
Raymond McGreevey By Family	
Friday, July 30 — No Mass	
Saturday, July 31 -St. Mary's	4:30pm
In honor of: Bill & Pat Gudalis' 50th Wedding Anniversary By Family	
Sunday, August 1- Assumption	8:30am
Evelyn Reid By Mona & Donna Reese	
Sunday, August 1- St. Mary's	10:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes	

Sacrificial Giving

<u>July 18</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,022.00	\$1,731.00
Electronic Giving	606.00	296.00

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	\$16,447.40	\$13,276.21

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Leslie Earley Osikowicz	By: Madeline
Doug Smelko	By: Mom & Dad

Ministers Schedule for July 31-August 1, 2021

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	M. King		
Eucharist Minister	B. Stover	Deacon Steve	C. Hannah
Lectors	L. Shaddock		D. Bowley



Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight— Letter from Bishop Perisco reinstating Mass obligations

WE ARE OBLIGATED TO ATTEND MASS ON WEEKENDS AND HOLY DAYS BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 14/15

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As you have heard, the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania have issued statements indicating that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which went into effect in March 2020 — just as the pandemic began significantly impacting all facets of life in the United States — will soon be lifted. I am reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days in the Diocese of Erie beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As always, the obligation does not apply to those with serious illness or health risks, as well as their caregivers.

For most of us, the thought of a global pandemic impacting nearly every aspect of our lives had never crossed our minds. As I said in my letter to you in March of 2020, given the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, I made the best decisions I could for the good of the community, especially the most vulnerable among us.

I am deeply grateful to the clergy in our diocese who did everything they could to respond to the challenges. Many used technology to include parishioners in livestreamed Masses, prayer services and events. Others were creative in their efforts to remain in touch, assuring you of their prayers and support. Still others were called upon in these extraordinary circumstances to be present to COVID patients and their families.

I also want to extend my thanks to each of you. People in every stage of life were faced with significant sacrifices — from children attending school remotely and adults navigating unexpected challenges, to young adults rethinking social interactions and postponing important plans. All the while, our elderly parishioners faced a time of deep isolation. My heart is especially with those of you whose livelihoods were disrupted and those of you who lost loved ones due to the pandemic. I know your pain was increased as a result of the many restrictions we had to endure.

St. Paul tells us we are to rejoice in the Lord always. While I will not minimize the pain and difficulties we have faced — and will continue to face in new ways — I encourage you to reflect on what he says in his letter to the Philippians 4:4-7:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Many of you have begun returning to Sunday Mass, and I am hearing from pastors that there is a sense of renewal and of deepened appreciation for the Eucharist and for our parish communities. It is my hope and my prayer we all will continue to grow in our faith and live in the peace God promises.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, pray for us.

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL PLANNING: As you know, St. Bernard's, St. Michael's, St. Catherine's, Assumption, and St. Mary's Churches have begun a pastoral planning process to plan for what we will do locally when numbers of priests in the area drop. Thus far, the only significant development in this process has been the formation of a pastoral planning committee. This committee will be composed of 3 members from each of the 5 parishes, as well as the clergy assigned to the 5 parishes. The business of the committee will be run by the Bishop's appointed facilitator, Jenn Zaffuto. The committee's first task will be to gather data relevant to assess our situation. The committee has yet to meet. Ultimately, this committee will make some recommendations for a plan to help us fulfill the Church's mission in this local area. For a more detailed run-down of the planning process's steps, please visit our parish website. Fr. Bill

INCREASED OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: This year's offertory pledges, which were made in September, 2020, end in September 2021. Please review your pledge amount and, if possible, fulfill your pledge by this September. Thanks so much. Fr. Bill

SAVE THE DATE - All registered parishioners will receive an invitation via mail for a special Community Sunday. On Sunday, August 22nd, a meal will be provided for all Mass attendees after both the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church and 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. I would like to see more people starting back to Mass attendance as the new school year begins, and we have a need to gather together as a parish community, something that we haven't really done since 2019. We were unable to get a parish picnic organized for 2021 - I hope that you may stay after Mass to visit with your church friends. The mailed invitation will provide specifics on how to RSVP. Activities for children to keep them occupied will be provided at both meals.

VOCATIONS CROSS - Since 2018, we have been sending around to parish homes a Vocations Cross. This Cross comes with a binder that contains prayers to be said with the Cross. When the Cross becomes available at the beginning of every month, would you please consider taking it home with you? It is a small thing to ask, just some simple prayers that God may bless His church with more seminarians. Thanks for your consideration. Fr. Bill Barron

SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENT BLESSINGS: The World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly known as the Blue Army) offers these special home blessings for home, marriage, and family. They are properly referred to as Home Enthronements or Home Consecrations. They ask that Jesus and Mary enter the life of the family in a special way. Fr. Bill Barron is the priest to perform these consecrations in this area. He can perform the Home Enthronement for anyone in the Sykesville or Reynoldsville parish territory, or for any St. Mary's/Assumption parishioner wherever they may live. The priest to perform the Home Enthronements for people who live in the Dubois/Falls Creek/Brockway area is Fr. David Whiteford. If you would like to schedule a Home Enthronement with Fr. Bill, email stmarysabvmhomeenthronements@gmail.com. One Home Enthronement Blessing per month will be scheduled, up to 3 months in advance if need be. Fr. Barron

25TH ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE DO-OVER. Last year would have been the 25th diaper drive, but was postponed to this year because of COVID. Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services will be having the monthlong drive collecting disposal diapers, gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, wash, ointment, and wipes. Donations can be dropped off at the entrance of the churches during the month of July.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL returns to Bethany Retreat Center! Join us at 1031 Germania Rd in Frenchville, PA, on July 31st from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm for a day of family fun! There will be games for all ages, arts & crafts for kids, basket raffles, 50/50, delicious food & refreshments and much more. Live musical

entertainment by Heavenbound beginning at 2:00 pm and A Day Awaits at 4:00 pm. For more information visit www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. Hope to see you there!"

NEW MISSALS are available at the church doors and on the rectory front porch. Please take them home with you as you leave Mass. Do not leave them in the pews.

THE 2021 DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LITURGIES for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: The hospital has resumed the normal procedure for priests visiting patients. Fr. Matias has resumed his role as chaplain. Fr. Walk is no longer chaplain. Parish priests are now allowed to visit the hospital as well.

FUNERAL DINNERS: Effective immediately, both the Rosary Societies of St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes will be providing funeral dinners after the funeral masses, upon request. You are no longer required to get a caterer to use the hall for a funeral dinner.

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

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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

ST. MARY'S NEWS

WELCOME Ethan Alexander King, son of Jesse King and Alyssa Carney, who was initiated into his faith through Baptism last Sunday, July 18th here at St. Mary's Church.

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Leslie Earley Osikowicz by Mom & Family.