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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

March 1, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent



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Mass Intentions		Weekend Mass Schedule	
Monday, March 2 (St. Mary) Marlene Vizza By Estate	8:00 AM	Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)	
Tuesday, March 3 (Assumption) Larry Serafin By Anita Serafin	9:00 AM	Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption) 10:30 AM (St. Mary)	
Wednesday, March 4 No Mass			
Thursday, March 5 (Assumption) Margaret Canton By Fred & Wilma	9:00 AM		
Stations of the Cross (St. Mary)	7:00 PM		
Friday, March 6 (St. Mary) Hanna Heasley By Peggy Pennington	8:00 AM		
Saturday, March 7 (Assumption) Margaret Wayland By Frank & Barb Sonnie	8:00 AM		
Saturday, March 7 (Assumption) Mel Beimel By Barry & Darlene Swan	4:30 PM		
Sunday, March 8 (Assumption) All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30 AM		
Sunday, March 8 (St. Mary) Peggy Kutoloski By Max & Betsy Rugh	10:30 AM		

Ministers Schedule for March 7-8, 2020			
	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. Hannah C. Uhl
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Office Information	
Prayer Chain St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894	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
Hospital Visits: Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028	
Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm Madelyn Tomasura’s home	Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary
The Parish Spotlight ~ Lent	

The Season of Lent for Roman Catholics began on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. As this season prepares us for the great Paschal Mystery of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter let us keep in mind these three actions: fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

Fasting
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics from age 18 until age 59, except for those with serious health issues. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence for those age 14 and up. On days of abstinence, we are required to refrain from eating meat, although fish is allowed.

Almsgiving
During the season of Lent our Diocese conducts our annual Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge envelope marked with your Parish Name in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Also, during Lent you have the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

Prayer
The whole purpose of fasting and almsgiving is to help us raise our thoughts and minds to God and to help our neighbor. This cannot be done if we do not have hearts of prayer. If you haven’t already, it’s not too late to begin the habit of spending more time in prayer. The Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, attending an additional Mass during the week are all good ways to grow in relationship with God.

Give up something
Many Catholics were taught as children to “give up something” for Lent. The sacrifices in Lent are really penance. Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics now add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address personal habits that need work or to add some outreach to others in need.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, March 1, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #935 will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 7 p.m. in the classroom of St. Mary’s Church. All members are urged to attend.

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN MARCH. Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586.

FAMILY NIGHT is March 11, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Social Hall. Sister Trish and Sister Margaret will be giving a talk on Scripture. St. Mary's Religious Education students - this is your class for the week. Everyone of all ages is welcome - pizza dinner is provided. Child care for school age children is provided.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE - THURSDAYS 7 P.M.

MARCH 5 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 12 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MARCH 19 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 26 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

APRIL 2 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GRADES 5-8: in McGivney Hall March 6-6-8pm, April 3-6-8pm.

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie with check in beginning at 8 a.m. Registration is \$40 per person, \$35 for senior citizens or groups of 8, \$25 for college students, \$10 for high school students, and free for religious sisters. This includes lunch and free parking. The theme of the conference this year is “Bee the Attitude” relating to Matthew 5:12 --- “Rejoice and be glad.” There are registration forms and more info on the bulletin board in the church. Any questions, call Betsy at the office, 653-8586.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY AT ASSUMPTION PARISH - 7 P.M. ADORATION UNTIL 10 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY AT ST. MARY'S PARISH - 1 P.M.

EASTER VIGIL AT ASSUMPTION PARISH - 8:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 A.M. ASSUMPTION; 10:30 A.M. ST. MARY'S

ST. MARY’S NEWS

*****HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY** is in real need of canned goods, fruit, vegetables, and soup. This is a very slow time for them, so please bring canned goods and place them on the table in the back of the church. Please remember to make sure the items are not out of date because they cannot use them. Thank you for helping those in need!

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

A.B.V.M. ANNUAL FISH DINNERS will take place the first six Fridays of Lent, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3rd.from 4:00 – 6:30 pm in Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Sykesville will host a Vendor Craft Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 to 3 pm. Go to the Grace UMC facebook page to find out more about being a vendor. For more details, call church (894-2784), or visit our facebook page!

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes for March you will find an envelope designaed 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 now through April 5th. Names of Memorialized Loved Ones will be published in the Parish bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12th.