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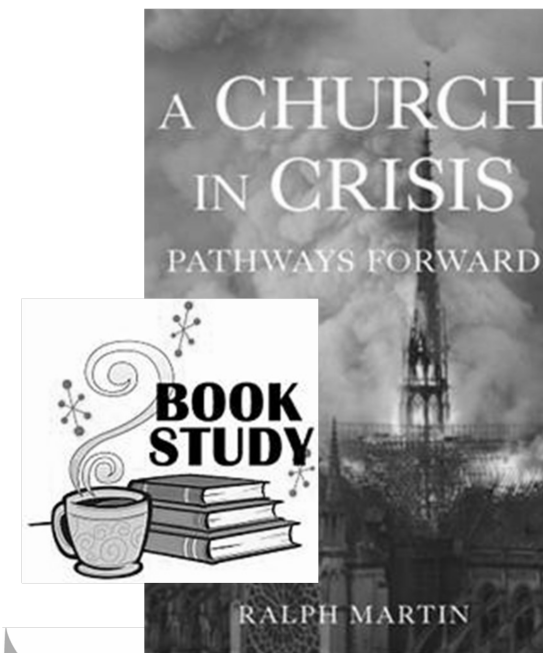
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 14, 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Book Study begins Feb. 22



February 17, 2021

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, February 15 — St. Mary's Richard Ghezzi By Monica Bobal	5:00pm
Tuesday, February 16 —Assumption Edward Manco By Family	5:00pm
Wednesday, February 17 -Assumption Luttie & Martha Rehar By Children & Grandchildren	7:00am
Wednesday, February 17 –St. Mary's Doug Smelko By John & Althea Yenzi	7:00pm
Thursday, February 18- St. Mary's William Snyder By Joyce & Family	***8:00am
Friday, February 19 - St. Mary's	No Mass
Saturday, February 20- Assumption Ed Felix By Laura Towns	4:30pm
Sunday, February 21 — Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, February 21 — St. Mary's Edward Manco By Mickey Rinaldi	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Feb. 7</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,061.00	\$2,114.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 440.00	\$ 326.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
2021 CSA Goal	\$20,301	\$19,312

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u> Hanna Heasley By: Peggy Pennington
Mary Ann Pierro By: McGreevey Family
Alex & Mary Smelko By: Larry & Toni
Tony & Irene Veitz By: Toni & Larry
Doug Smelko By: Mom & Dad
Linda Stefanelli By: Toni & Larry

Ministers Schedule for February 20-21, 2021

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. Hannah
Lector	F. Rosana		D. Bowley

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor's Desk

I will be hosting a book study on Dr. Ralph Martin's new book "**A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward**." The book explores theological problems within the church and puts forward a solution of faithfulness to God's Holy Scriptures and openness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The study will be run via Zoom video conferencing only. So, to join the study, you would need to sign up for Zoom. Also, to sign up, you will need to call or e-mail the parish office, or sign up on the sheet in the back of both the churches. You are certainly welcome to buy your own book, but you may want to buy one through our church account to save 25% on the book price and save shipping costs. The study will extend for 10 weeks, on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m, starting on February 22nd and ending on April 26. The study will also include a q and a with Dr. Martin on April 12th. **Deadline to sign up will be on Monday, Feb. 15th.**

Some parishioners have received letters in the mail in recent days and there is confusion as to why they received them. You may recall that at the end of September this past year, we gave you an opportunity to hand in an offertory pledge commitment card. This offertory pledge runs from September to September. The letter is a follow up letter that lets the pledger know their progress on fulfilling their pledge commitment. Only those who handed in a pledge commitment card should have gotten a letter. Some individuals that should not have gotten a letter did, and they have contacted me and had their names taken off of the mailing list. Such a pledge is a great help to your parish, as offertory money is of direct immediate help to your parish's business operations. This pledge is not to be confused with the Catholic Services Appeal, which directly funds the ministries of the Diocese of Erie. We are obligated to take up this pledge every year – **this year we will take up the CSA commitment card pledge on Feb. 27/28.**

Finally, I would like to personally thank Mr. David Rupert, who has been St. Mary's Church janitor for the past 10 years. Dave has decided to retire from the position. Thank you, Dave, for your commitment to making our facilities a clean and welcoming place, especially during this last year of COVID. As far as we know, not a single person has traced their sickness back to St. Mary's facilities (or Assumption's either). Our janitorial staff is a hidden and unsung part of what we do here. If you see Dave around, please thank him for his work on your parish's behalf. Dave will be ending his employment at the end of February. A new church janitor has been identified, and I will announce that hire soon.

Fr. Bill Barron

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. MARYS will hold its regular meeting on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at St Marys Church Social Hall. Our meeting will begin with the Rosary. Our guest speaker will be Beth Goldbach she will talk about Heart Healthy Living. If you are interested in our group please join us. Any questions call Angela Deemer at 590-4634

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year's Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, February 17th. We will have masses at 7 a.m. (Assumption) and 7 p.m. (St. Mary's). Distribution of Ashes will take place in a different format than you are used to - the ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head. This is the predominant way that ashes are distributed in Europe, as opposed to the American custom of a cross on the forehead. This will eliminate personal contact during Ash distribution. All will wear masks as they come forward to receive ashes this year. Fr. Barron

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, FALLS CREEK, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, February 21, 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.

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There are 3 different ways to attend: 1. Live in-person at Our Lady of Peace in Erie, (limited to 250 people), 2. virtual at Satellite parishes via Zoom, which one of those being St. Mary's Church Social Hall in Reynoldsville, or 3. virtually via Zoom at your own home. At St. Mary's Church, Father Bill Barron will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m., then there will be a light breakfast immediately after Mass. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. Father Larry Richards will be the Master of Ceremonies. There will be 2 amazing speakers, Caralyn Collar, writer and speaker for BeautyBeyondBones blog and Alyssa Bormes, Catholic educator, author, speaker, and radio host on Catholic Kaleidoscope. The morning will conclude with a light lunch and opportunity for confession. Registration forms will be available on the table as you enter the church. If interested, please complete the form and drop it at the office or in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Mary's Church, 607 East Main St. Reynoldsville, PA 15851. Deadline to register is March 15th. The cost: donation only! For more information, please call Betsy Stover at 653-2740 or Jill Bowley at 590-1177.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: I ask for this year that you sit along the middle aisles for Stations to keep social distance from the minister as he walks. I am pleased to have the assistance of Deacon Dan Satterlee in leading Stations of the Cross for Lent 2021. Stations will take place as typical on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Here are the dates and locations:
Thursday, 2/18 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 2/25 – Assumption; Thursday, 3/4 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/11 – Assumption;
Thursday, 3/18 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/25 - Assumption

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES I would anticipate the scheduling of some type of communal penance service towards the end of Lent in late March. However, this is scheduled by the Dean, Msgr. Riccardo, and not myself, and so I will notify you when dates are confirmed. Fr. Barron

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: St. Mary's Religious Education Program will be returning to in person religious education classes on Sunday, Feb. 21st. Sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

BINGO: St. Mary's Bingo will continue to be cancelled for the month of February. We are seriously considering a return of Bingo for the month of March and ongoing from there, but that is dependent on the number of COVID cases continuing to decline in the area. Fr. Barron

REGISTRATION for new students of DuBois Central Catholic, grades preschool through 5 for the school year 2021-2022 will begin on Monday, February 1st. Tuition assistance applications are also available. Please call the school at 371-2570 or stop in the elementary office for forms.,

HOLY TRIDUUM 2021: We will observe the regular order for the sharing of the Triduum services between St. Mary's and Assumption. This means that, in 2021, it will be St. Mary's turn to host Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil, and Assumption's turn to host Good Friday services.

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 Parishioner's Aid 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.

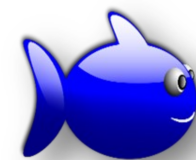
BAPTISMS can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

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.

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ASSUMPTION'S NEWS



30th ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS will take place in the Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville on the first six Fridays of Lent: February 19, 26 March 5, 12, 19 & 26th.
TAKE-OUT ONLY! MASK REQUIRED. The dinners will be available from 4 – to 6:00 p.m. or Sold Out! Social Distancing will also be used in line. Menu: Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner. Meals include: Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake. Adults: \$10.00; Children 12 & Under: \$4.00. 50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes for March you will find an envelope designated 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 at the entrance of the church or putting it through the mail slot at the rectory office now through March 27/28th Names of Memorialized Loved Ones will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4th.