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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

July 26, 2020 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851
814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865
814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
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Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

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 27— St. Mary's Anna M & Paul Territo By Paul Gileot	5:00pm
Tuesday, July 28— Assumption Mel Beimel By Rose Felix	5:00pm
Wednesday, July 29— Assumption Mary Felix By Joe & Janice Filipovich	5:00pm
Thursday, July 30— St. Mary's Santo & Dorothy Perry By Darla	5:00pm
Friday, July 31— No Mass	
Saturday, August 1— Assumption Joe Canton By Mary Lichvarcik & Family	*8:00am
Saturday, August 1— St. Mary's Raymond McGreevey By Family	4:30pm
Sunday, August 2— Assumption Gloria Bowers By Rick & Elaine	8:30am
Sunday, August 2— St. Mary's All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>July 19</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,599.00	\$2,070.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 430.00	\$ 316.00

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CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$22,238	\$19,926
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Leslie (Earley) Osikowicz By: Madeline

Raymond Santini By: Frank & Kathy

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From the Pastor's Desk

As you know, the obligation to come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is not in effect right now. But this is a temporary thing. Even though the obligation has been suspended for over 3 months now and is likely to be suspended for a while longer, one Sunday it will return. This brings up the question, "why do we have an obligation to attend Mass anyhow?" We continue with the article from Fr. Manuel Garrido, O.S.B. on this subject:

The Sunday obligation has also been "contested" recently. All the possible and imaginary situations in which one may find oneself in our era have been examined in order to question the commandment of the Church: "to hear Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation." Most of them are mere assumptions, and the Church has always had them in mind and has dispensed of the obligation of hearing Mass in those circumstances. We also have to keep in mind the very many facilities that now help fulfill this Christian duty.

The above mentioned study of the destiny of man in his relation to God has advanced greatly in certain well-defined aspects, but not as a really integral anthropology where the law, the norm, the supernatural value of the spirit, etc. should also be taken into account. Countless pages have been filled about the different aspects of "otium" and "non-otium". Otiosity is considered as a liberating factor – it is free choice and free conduct – a liberalization of choice and conduct and of purpose. As an expression of freedom it has been used at different levels for the self-realization of the human person. Because of this, it has been considered as a liberalization of the eventual "alienating" characteristic of work, and as a liberating factor in the monotony the constant effort in work calls for, as well as from the negative consequences work produces in the psychology of the one who realizes it.

Reflecting deeply on the above, we find that it is not in opposition to the obligation of hearing Mass on Sunday; one contrary Sunday Mass offers the possibility of this liberalization in a higher sense than man could ever dream of. The most striking sign of the divine image in man is his freedom. The interior and eschatological freedom should tend to conquer the existential area of man, in which case the Sunday obligation offers a perfect framework with its double aspect: to honor God and to rest from work.

Quoting Msgr. Escriva de Balaguer, we have already referred to the mistaken interpretation of freedom with no objective standards and with no end in sight. It must be remembered that this freedom which many seek on Sundays as time spent in diversion and amusement, also has its rules and aims: for example the traffic rules, which, when obeyed, help us to attain our aim, whereas, if they are ignored, the contrary will occur.

The same can be said when the Sunday obligation of hearing Mass is looked at from a theoretical level based on biblical theology, or as a legally binding precept. The suggestion of having a weekly liturgical precept (and not necessarily the Sunday precept) does not really solve anything; merely reducing it to an inner obligation without the binding force of a law, means ignoring the nature of the law, and thus too, all that has been said so far. It is striking to note that, in some communities where the Sunday precept has been questioned, they have reached a point where the eucharist is celebrated without due respect or dignity. On the other hand, some groups have always given the Sunday celebration its full liturgical meaning, and this has produced extraordinary effects in the lives of the faithful.

Fr. Bill

Ministers Schedule for August 1-2, 2020

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	M. King		D. Mullins
Lector	L. Shaddock		D. Dennison

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
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Anointing of the Sick :

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ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, July 26, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: This coming Saturday, August 1st, is the 1st Saturday for the month of August. Mass will be at Assumption Parish in Sykesville at 8 A.M. All are welcome. First Friday in August is the following Friday, August 7th.

CONFIRMATION: If anyone wants to be confirmed next year, please call Barb Murray at 653-8648 ASAP.

CLEANING: Fr. Bill is looking for someone to give his dirty and dusty Toyota RAV 4 a detailed cleaning, inside and outside. This is not a "freebee" ask, he will pay the price you quote. If interested, please call 503-0028.

"A JOURNEY OF KINDNESS": We are glad to announce that our Online Vacation Bible School series is available for viewing. There are 8 episodes (20-30 minutes each) which discuss **KINDNESS** throughout the Bible. We think that these lessons would be fun to watch for the entire family. You can find these episodes in 2 specific places. (Of course, you can share these links with your friends).

Parish Website - <http://www.stcathstmikedubois.org/> - You can find the episodes by using the link on the Website which will take you directly to the Vacation Bible School Videos. **Facebook** - @StCatherineOfSienaRomanCatholicChurch - our Facebook page has the episodes posted.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in St. Mary's social hall on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:15 am. The reading for this month's gathering will be Matthew 14:22-33. Keeping in mind the strict guidelines, we will have arranged seating according to physical distancing and will trust that you will each bring a mask. Printed copies of the reading will be available. Please note that we will gather in the social hall rather than the classroom. Please enter through the patio door Anyone is welcome!

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES: If you need visitation by a priest at the Dubois Hospital, the priest to call is Fr. Ed Walk at St. Bernard's Parish. If you need visitation by a priest at Christ the King Manor, the priest to call is Fr. Matias. They will not allow the pastors to go into either facility to see their parishioners. Also, Fr. Matias is not allowed to travel between the hospital and the Manor.

UPDATES TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS - Effective immediately, all visitors are welcome to attend daily and weekend masses at both our parishes. The concern about lack of seating is no longer a concern. You do not need to tape a green parking pass in the window of your car as well. Also, you may come to Mass at your regular time, provided that you can be at least 5-10 minutes early, so the ushers may seat you. We continue to follow the Diocese's protocols for health at mass, including mask wearing and social distancing in the pews. Ushers will continue to greet you at your car and send you into the church. An usher will greet you at the door and seat you. At daily mass, there will be no usher in the parking lot. You may approach the door, put your mask on, sanitize your hands, and find a seat. There is plenty of seats available.

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 St. Mary's after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass, 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.

BULLETINS are now available at the rectory office door because state and diocesan regulations have mandated that visitors to businesses must wear masks. Hence, to visit the church building one must wear a mask.

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.

DROP OF ENVELOPES: You may drop off your envelopes using the mail slot at the front door of both Assumption and St. Mary's rectories.

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

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Perry Ishman by Carol.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS



ASSUMPTION PARISH HAS 2 VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS THE MONTH OF AUGUST!

PAT VARACALLO who has been a life long parishioner of Assumption Parish will be turning 90 on August 2nd. If you would like to send her a card you may do so at Christ The King Manor, 1100 West Long Ave, MSU Room 217, DuBois, PA 15801. Keep Pat in your prayers on her special day!

KIMBERLY NICHOLS who also is a life long parishioner of Assumption Parish will be turning 50 on August 4th! If you wish to send a card to Kimmy you may do so at 3984 Westville Rd., Brockway, PA 15824. Keep Kimmy in your prayers on her special day!

THE CASH RAFFLE will take place on livestreaming this Sunday, July 26th. Good Luck to all who bought tickets!! Thank you once again for being so supportive of our Parish!!