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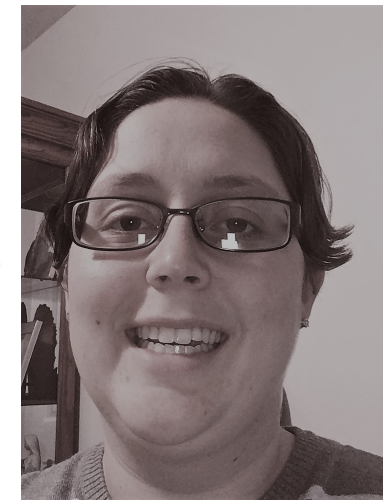
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

December 2, 2018 ~ First Sunday of Advent



Sarah Anderson



St. Mary Parish

607 East Main Street
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851
814-653-8586

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865

Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3 (St. Mary) Michael & Mary Mulvaney By Jeffrey Martin	8:00 AM
Tuesday, December 4 (Assumption) William Bowers By Bob Fairman	9:00 AM
Holy Hour - 6:30 -7:30 PM (Assumption)	
Wednesday, December 5 (Assumption) Elsie Dembrosky By Susan & Harley Primm & Family	9:00 AM
Thursday, December 6 (St. Mary) Dorothy “Boots” Foltz By Jack J. Foltz, Jr.	8:00 AM
Friday, December 7 (St. Mary) John (Jack) Perry By Carol Rokosky	7:00 PM *
Saturday, December 8 (Assumption) Elizabeth Quashnock By Rosary Society	9:00 AM*
Saturday, December 8 (St. Mary) Joseph McDonald By Wife	4:30 PM
Sunday, December 9 (Assumption) Peter Manco, Sr. By Family	8:30 AM
Sunday, December 9 (St. Mary) All Parishioners of Both Parishes	11:00 AM

Ministers Schedule for December 8-9, 2018

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	11:00am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	L. Reiter	E. Bacha	M. Hannah
	A. Reiter	W. Bacha	C. Uhl
Lector	L. Shaddock	J. Gruda	D. Dennison
Eucharistic Ministers	W. Rupert	B. Alexander	D. Rupert
	M. McCluskey	D. Laukitis	C. McGranor
	J. McGranor		C. Hannah
Samaritan Outreach		S. Lang	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)
Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption) 11:00 AM (St. Mary)

Offertory Collection

St. Mary - November 25 \$2,632.00

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Office Information

Prayer Chain: St. Mary 653-2752 Assumption Church – 894-5659	Office Hours: (office located at St. Mary Church) Monday 7 AM - 2:00 PM Tuesday 7 AM - 2:30 PM Wednesday 8 AM - 2:30 PM Thursday 8 AM - 2:30 PM Office closed Friday - Sunday
Hospital Visits: Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028	
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The Parish Spotlight ~ Sarah Anderson ~ Youth Ministry

In order to maintain the vitality of our church it is important to get the young people involved with the Mass, religious education, services and events. By incorporating the youth into their parish, it allows them to gain an appreciation for their parish community and to grow in their faith. A large part of this comes from youth ministry.

Allow me to introduce to you Sarah Anderson, our Youth Minister for the Brockway, Du-Bois, Falls Creek, Sykesville, and Reynoldsville parishes. While speaking with Sarah she shared with me her memories of attending youth group as a teenager. The impact that being part of a group of peers and learning about their faith had on her life, which eventually led her to pursue her degree in Religious Studies with a minor in Catholic Studies. This career choice allows her to use her talents to do God’s work which she finds very rewarding.

When I asked her about her job duties as the youth minister, she shared that there are numerous tasks involved in her position. Everything from meeting the people at each parish who are involved with the youth, and the kids themselves, and planning events which include all the parishes together. While this is a new position in our area, she is working hard to create an appealing place for the younger members of our parishes to come together for faith based fun and the opportunity to make friends in their faith community. There will be a variety of events that will include activities for families as well.

The following is the list of the upcoming events:

- December 14 is ‘Introduction night’ from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Catherine’s Church in DuBois for the youth to gather for games, ice breaker activities, and, of course, food!
- December 16, we will be making ‘Gingerbread houses’ following the 10:00am Mass at St. Catherine’s Church from 11:00am till 2:00pm. Cost \$7.00.
- December 19 is ‘Movie night’ at St. Mary’s Social Hall, Reynoldsville from 5:00-8:00pm, families are invited to come and enjoy the movie ‘Christmas with the Kranks’, food and drinks provided.

Everyone is welcome to attend the events regardless of the location of the event.

Please see the bulleting insert for more information regarding the upcoming events and RSVP dates for each event. Sarah can be reached by email at sla.youthministry@gmail.com.

- Autumn Carlson

ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2, 2018

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND IS OUR FIRST PARTNERED PARISH CHRISTMAS TUREEN DINNER WHICH WILL BE HELD AT NOON AT ST. MARY’S SOCIAL HALL. BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH AND THE REST WILL BE PROVIDED!

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY ATTENDEES: December's First Saturday is "detached" from First Friday. Please take note that First Saturday will be December 1 at 8 A.M. at Assumption Church. We will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, December 7th, from 8:30 A.M.- 3 P.M. Homebound communion calls will proceed as normal. This First Friday is also the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To fulfill the First Friday devotion, please attend the vigil Mass on Friday at St. Mary's at 7 P.M. There will be no 8 A.M. morning Mass on Dec. 7.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Saturday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass at St. Mary’s will be on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 P.M. and at Assumption on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 A.M.

SHALOM CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The public is welcome to join Catholic parishioners in the DuBois Area who are organizing the annual Shalom Christmas Concert. Please join us as we welcome and celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with music by Shalom to be held at the Paul G. Reitz Theater, 36 East Scribner Ave. DuBois PA on December 23, Sunday Afternoon at 2:00 PM. Admission: Free. All are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Smart at 814-637-5930 or Rich Kenawell at 814-771-7932.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2018

Immaculate Conception Holy Day: Vigil Mass at St. Mary's Dec. 7, 7 P.M.

Mass of the Day at Assumption Dec. 8, 9 A.M.

Parish Advent Penance Service at Assumption Dec. 17, 7 P.M.

Christmas Eve: at St. Mary's, 4:30 P.M. and also at Assumption at 6:30 P.M.

Christmas Day: at Assumption, 8:30 A.M. and also at St. Mary's, 10:30 A.M.

New Year's Holy Day: New Year's Eve at St. Mary's, 4:30 P.M. New Year's Day at Assumption, 9 A.M.

PRAYER MINISTRY: During the Advent season, we will launch a prayer ministry for clergy, seminarians, and more vocations. At both Assumption and St. Mary's Parishes, we will be asking for people to sign up to dedicate one week of 2019 to pray for this intention. You will be provided a prayer book for the week and a vocations crucifix for you to take home for the week. Please consider committing one week of this upcoming year to praying for vocations and clergy in this time when it is much needed. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of both churches during Advent for you to consider. Thank you - Fr. Barron

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - 2018

Sunday, December 16 - SS. Cosmas & Damian, Punxsy - 3pm

Monday, December 17 – Assumption, Sykesville, 7pm

Tuesday, December 18 – Immaculate Conception, Brookville 7pm

Thursday, December 20 – St. Tobias, Brockway, PA – 7pm

Sunday, December 23 – St. Catherine, DuBois, 3pm

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MOVIE NIGHT: CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS: Come and enjoy a movie for the entire family. Free. Food and drinks will be provided. When: December 19, 2018. Time 5pm-8pm. Where: St. Marys Social Hall Reynoldsville PA. Rated PG. Please RSVP by December 18, 2018 by calling Barb Murray at 653-8648 or emailing Sarah Anderson at sla.youthministry@gmail.com . Children under age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Under 18 need to have a permission slip.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING: Cost \$7 Dollars. Families are motivated to come and make a gingerbread house; the winner wins a special prize.

Where: McGivney Hall below St. Catherine of Siena Church

When: December 16, 2018 after 10am Mass, 11am till 2pm

Please RSVP by December 14, 2018 by emailing Sarah

Anderson at sla.youthministry@gmail.com . Your fee can be dropped in Sunday’s collection or dropped off at St. Catherine of Siena Parish office.

ST. MARY’S NEWS

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY is this Monday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. at Bellamauro.

THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for providing the Advent booklets for our parish!

TREASURES FOR CHILDREN: We are once again having the tree at the entrance of the church with tags on with the age of the child and some of their needs and wishes for Christmas. What a wonderful way to help those in need! **You do not need to buy everything on the list, just whatever you can do!** There are 50 tags, so please help if you can. **Please bring the gifts, not wrapped, with the tag, to the church at any of the weekend Masses no later than December 16th.**

BELL RINGING for the Salvation Army will begin at Mike’s BiLo on Monday, November 19th from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will continue until December 22nd. Help is needed to volunteer ringing the bell for 1 or 2 hours. If you are interested in helping, please call Cynthia Remaley at 814-249-2332.



ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an envelope designated for 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 16th. Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 23rd.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – To fill the Christmas Baskets this year we do need more non-perishable items for the baskets. **Items needed are:** Boxed Scalloped Potatoes, canned vegetables, cake mixes, etc. Anyone who is going to contribute for the baskets, please place your items in the Parishioners Aid Center. Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.