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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

**May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter**



Benjamin Daghir, Christopher Wheeler, Bishop Persico and Nicholas Fratus

**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**

**Deacon Stephen D. Rowan**

**Shared contact information:**

**Web address:** [www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

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

**Fax number:** 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

|                                                                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Monday, May 2— St. Marys</b><br>Bernie Perry<br>By Teddy & Nish                    | <b>5:00pm</b>    |
| <b>Tuesday, May 3—Assumption</b><br>Ron Fike<br>By Rick & Elaine                      | <b>5:00pm</b>    |
| <b>Wednesday, May 4—Assumption</b><br>Donna Mehok<br>By Rosary Society                | <b>5:00pm</b>    |
| <b>Thursday, May 5—St. Marys</b><br>Paul E. Snyder<br>By Joyce & Family               | <b>5:00pm</b>    |
| <b>Friday, May 6– St. Marys</b><br>Jude Srock<br>By Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rinaldi          | <b>**5:00pm</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, May 7—Assumption</b><br>Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck<br>By Tim, Mary & Autumn | <b>** 8:00am</b> |
| <b>Saturday, May 7—Assumption</b><br>Brenda Tersine<br>By Russ & Mary Withrow         | <b>4:30pm</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, May 8- Assumption</b><br>All Parishioners of both Parishes                 | <b>8:30am</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, May 8- St. Marys</b><br>Sam Cantanese<br>By Paul Gileot                    | <b>10:30am</b>   |

Sacrificial Giving

|                                       |                        |                          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u><b>April 24</b></u>                | <u><b>St. Mary</b></u> | <u><b>Assumption</b></u> |
| Collection                            | \$2,285.65             | \$1,920.00               |
| Electronic Giving                     | 277.00                 | 382.00                   |
| <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> |                        |                          |

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

|                                       |                        |                          |
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| <u><b>2022</b></u>                    | <u><b>St. Mary</b></u> | <u><b>Assumption</b></u> |
| CSA Goal                              | \$22,168.00            | \$20,587.00              |
| CSA Pledged                           | \$18,510.00            | \$16,240.00              |
| CSA Paid                              | \$11,415.00            | \$ 6,310.00              |
| <b>Thank you for your generosity!</b> |                        |                          |

Sanctuary Candles

**In Memory of:**  
Dr. Albert & Luanne Varacallo  
by Betsy & Jeff

**In Honor of:**  
My First Communion Class  
by Mrs. Stover

Information

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| <b>Prayer Chain</b><br>St Mary 653-2752<br>Assumption 661-3894 | <b>Anointing of the Sick :</b><br>Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028 |
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Ordination to the Priesthood—May 27, 2022

*“The priest continues the work of redemption on earth . . . The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” (St. John Vianney)*

Priests are present in the Old Testament and acted as intermediaries between God and man, but the offerings and sacrifices they were commissioned to make could not take away our sins. At the Last Supper, Jesus made the Apostles priests and commanded them to celebrate the Eucharist, sending them out to preach and baptize in His Name. Following His Resurrection, He gave them His own authority to forgive sins as well. The Apostles later ordained other men to be their successors, and those did the same down through the centuries to our time.

Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, a baptized man is configured to Christ by a special grace of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, becoming another Christ (*alter Christus*) so that he can stand in the very Person of Christ (*in persona Christi*) among those he serves. The grace of ordination imparts a permanent seal or mark on his soul that conforms him to Christ in a deep and particular way.

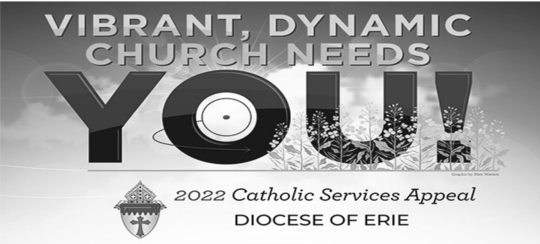
- There are three degrees of Holy Orders in the Catholic Church: Bishop, Priest, and Deacon.
- Bishops receive the fullness of Holy Orders and can trace their ordination in succession all the way back to the Apostles themselves. The importance of this apostolic succession for the preservation of the Church’s teaching is clearly documented as early as the second century, and indeed in Scripture itself. Bishops receive the office of Jesus for sanctifying, teaching, and guiding or governing the faithful under their care. They are assigned by the Pope to serve the Church in a particular geographic area called a Diocese or Archdiocese, and they share in the Pope’s responsibility for the whole Church as his brothers.
  - Priests are also ordained into Jesus’ ministerial priesthood, but to a lesser degree. They serve as co-workers with their bishops, to whom they promise obedience and by whom they are ordained, and he assigns them to serve the people in a particular parish or ministry and to share in his office of sanctifying, teaching, and governing. As priests, they receive from Christ the power to forgive sin and to offer the Mass.
  - Deacons are also ordained by the bishop, but not to the priesthood. A deacon’s ministry is one of service, so that bishops and priests may focus primarily on those duties reserved to them. Deacons may assist at the Mass, preach and teach, witness and bless marriages, preside at funerals, baptize, and carry out works of charity, but they cannot hear confessions or offer the Mass.

Holy Orders is a call from God, not to be confused with a career choice or a right that anyone can invoke. Like Matrimony, it is a Sacrament of Service or Vocation. Unlike the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), which are intended for everyone in the Church, Holy Orders is a call given only to some and only to men. It is a gift given as God wills and the Church confirms, not because of what a man can *do* but because of what he has *become* through ordination.

**Please pray for the following men who are to be ordained to the priesthood in the Erie Diocese**

**Rev. Mr. Benjamin Daghir, Home Parish: St. Mary Church, St. Marys, PA**  
**Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus, Home parish: Blessed Sacrament Church, Erie, PA**  
**Rev. Mr. Christopher Wheeler, Home parish: St. Lawrence Church, Albion, PA**

| Ministers Schedule for April 30-May 1, 2022 |                                |                                |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                             | <b>4:30pm</b><br><b>(ABVM)</b> | <b>8:30am</b><br><b>(ABVM)</b> | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>(St Mary)</b>   |
| <b>Altar Server</b>                         |                                |                                | <b>S. Mullins</b>                    |
| <b>Eucharist Minister</b>                   | <b>Deacon Steve</b>            | <b>Deacon Steve</b>            | <b>R. Hannah</b><br><b>C. Hannah</b> |
| <b>Lector</b>                               | <b>B. Sonnie</b>               | <b>M. Carlson</b>              | <b>D. Dennison</b>                   |



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Nicholas Colbey (ABVM), Garrett Frantz, Alyssa Johnson, Serena Mullins, Isabella Ohls, Jenna Stitt, Anna Vandervort, Rose Whipple (all St. Mary's), who were confirmed on April 30<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you and keep you strong in your faith!

**45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH** is today, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Clearfield Fair Grounds beginning at 3:00 p.m. with Fr. Mark Mastrian as the speaker.

**PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:** There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Planning Committee at St. Michael's Parish, Du-bois, on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 P.M.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM. at St. Mary's Church Social Hall. We recently received a \$100.00 donation for the people of Ukraine raising our total to \$1505.00. Also thank you to all who bought Easter candy!

**FRIDAY, MAY 6TH IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN MAY.** Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586 or 894-2772. Adoration is at St. Mary's church from 1- 4:30 and Mass is at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in First Saturday Mass on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Assumption church at 8:00 a.m.

**THE CHOSEN:** Interested in participating in The Chosen Bible Study this summer? The study will meet every Wednesday beginning on **June 8th** and ending on **August 3rd**. Each meeting will begin with an episode of the Chosen, with a discussion following after the episode. The meetings will begin from **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be provided. Be sure to sign up by **May 21st**. Upon signing up, you will need to purchase The Chosen study-guidebook for **\$18.00. Be sure to send the payment of \$18 to the St. Mary's Parish Office.** 607 East Main Street, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. Phone number is 814-653-8586. Any additional questions, contact Maddie Hannah at 814-771-7816 either text or call.

**CHILD PROTECTION & CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:** **Bullying:** The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) For additional resources visit [www.eriescd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/)  
**CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Baptized and Confirmed Adults at Easter time:** Rob and Haley Engenholm (St. Mary's), John and Michelle Parana (ABVM). Curtis Lee (ABVM) will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive 1st Eucharist at a later date. Thank you for referring these to Deacon Steve and myself. I hope that next year, our parishioners will once again refer friends and family to us to enter the Catholic Church. Fr. Bill Barron

**CONGRATULATIONS to two seminarians ordained to the Diaconate for our Diocese, Deacon Corey Pius and Deacon Christopher Beran.** They were ordained on Saturday, April 23rd by Bishop Persico. They will return for their final year of Seminary study and then be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Persico in 2023.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL:** There are two seats open on parish council for a term lasting from 2022 to 2025. We need one new member from St. Mary's and one new member from Assumption for membership on the Partner Parish Pastoral Council. I thank Antoinette Bonavita and Joe McCluskey for their service on the council. They are term limited. To be nominated for the ballot for election to parish council, please complete a nominating petition with the signatures of 5 parishioners who are not family members, and return the petition to Parish Council President Ron Hannah by Friday, May 6. Petitions can be dropped off for Ron at either parish office, or returned to him personally.

**DEAR FR. BILL:** It is very distressing to watch the news about the suffering inflicted on the people in Ukraine. We find it very comforting to receive the support and prayers of our fellow Catholics. This is especially true of the parishioners of Assumption and St. Mary's Churches who sent us their thoughts and prayers in the form of a very large card signed by many parishioners. The kindness and generosity of the people in our area has been amazing. We have been able to send financial help to Ukraine for the people in need of humanitarian aid. Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Vasy! Banyk, Pastor, Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church, Sykesville

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you are being admitted to Dubois Hospital with COVID, please know that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or any form of Last Rites is not being administered there. I am willing to go into COVID rooms personally to visit, but it is not always permitted by the hospital staff to do so. If you think that you are going to be admitted to the hospital with COVID and would like to receive anointing or absolution, please call me and arrange for me to come to your house. I would be happy to do so. Fr. Bill

**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

**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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## ST. MARY'S NEWS

**FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** are in memory of Tom & Betty Moslak by Mary Beth & Tom Stojek.

**THE ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their annual tureen dinner on Monday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.in the social hall. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided.

**REMINDER:** Rosary Altar members' dues should be paid by now.

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP:** As in the past, it is necessary to ask that all plastic, silk, etc... be removed from the cemetery by April 30<sup>th</sup> so that spring cleaning and mowing can begin. Anything left will be discarded.

## ASSUMPTION NEWS

**A.B.V.M. PARISH** would like to welcome Archer Lee who was Baptized on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Assumption Parish. He is the son of Curtis Lee and Lauren Strishock. Congratulations!