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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 22, 2019 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Stewardship
is heart work*



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:19-21

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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, Sept 23 (St. Mary) Fred Wolfgang By Betsy & Family	8:00AM
Tuesday, Sept 24 (Assumption) John Yaneck By John & Marlene Boboige	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept 25 (Assumption) John Webb Family By Maxine Nava Estate	9:00 AM
Thursday, Sept 26 (St. Mary) Sebastian & Romana Rinaldi By Mary Scolese & Family	8:00 AM
Friday, Sept 27 No Mass	
Saturday, Sept 28 (St. Mary) Augustine Bembenick By Gerry & Family	4:30 PM
Sunday, Sept 29 (Assumption) Joseph Skubisz By Family	8:30 AM
Sunday, Sept 29 (St. Mary) All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30 AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)
Sunday Morning 8:30 AM (Assumption) 10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Sept 15	\$2,633.00	\$1,498.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Total Pledged	\$25,520	\$18,420
Total Paid	\$20,230	\$14,027

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Fred Wolfgang	By Betsy & Family
Angeline Canton	By Ken & Carol Pate

Ministers Schedule for September 28-29, 2019

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	R. Whipple A. Reiter	C Lanzoni	M. Hannah C. Uhl
Lector	D. Bowley	P. Roman	C. Hannah
Eucharistic Ministers	J. McGranor W. Rupert B. Stover	D. Laukitis T. Laukitis	L. Reiter R. Hannah M. Pothoven
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Office Information

Prayer Chain St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894
Hospital Visits: Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm Madelyn Tomasura's home

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
Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Stewardship—Reflect, Respond, Renew!

St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes share the message of God's mercy with the larger community. We accomplish this through our collective prayer and collective action. This weekend, we will make a financial pledge, a sacrificial giving pledge. The theme of this year's pledge is "stewardship: reflect, respond, renew!" It has been a while since we all reflected on what has been done by St. Mary's Parish for Reynoldsville and Assumption Parish for Sykesville. I am proud to be your pastor, and to be associated with the people who I work with, and with you all. Today, I want to pause for a moment to say thank you for what you do.

We have people who are devoted secretaries and wear multiple hats besides. We have a long time devoted Religious Education director and a dedicated group of catechists. We have maintenance workers and volunteers that do an excellent job preserving the building and saving our parishes a lot of money. We have a group of accomplished musicians and singers at both churches, along with our lectors, servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers. We have parishioners who take communion to the homebound each weekend of the year. We have the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, and Altar Rosary Societies for both parishes who donate time to parish support and charity. We have the board members that take care of our parish cemeteries. We have volunteers that run our yearly calendar of parish fundraisers – we have volunteers that staff St. Mary's Bingo every Sunday night. We have paid staff and volunteers who clean the buildings. We have people who mow the grass and keep the grounds.

There is much that is done on a daily basis that many of you do not see. There is a lot that happens in support of families struggling with various challenges. There is much to do in preparing young people for sacraments – for preparing people for marriage. A good amount of counseling and spiritual direction goes on, too. Always, there is the need to mend fences, to reconcile hurting people – this takes time and patience. A lot of liturgical practice and preparation takes place. Funerals require a lot of people to drop whatever they are doing to serve, and they do just that. I try to spend as much time in confession, visiting the homebound, and those in the nursing home, as my schedule allows. And yes, there is a lot of secretarial stuff, too- record keeping – report filing – basic communication through website, phone, bulletin mail.

We are taking an intentional time out this fall to reflect on your financial support of your parish. If we think about what we are doing from time to time, we will undoubtedly do it better. While we can't re-examine our habits all the time, we can do so at least occasionally, and that is what I will be asking you to do this weekend. If you are in a position to increase your giving, please do. Even if you can increase a few dollars a month, that is of great help to the mission of the parish. Many are on fixed incomes, especially our elderly – this is not a forced extraction of money from you – a demand that has been made by some priests in the past. Truly, if you are not in a position to increase your giving, keep it at the same level. And even if you need to decrease your giving, its ok. Ultimately its between God and you to decide. Even if you are unable to make a commitment this year, it will save the parish money if everyone returns a pledge card.

Pray about and reflect on your financial stewardship pledge this weekend. God blesses us when we give to Him! Some of you know my regard for Mr. Rogers. He once said, "The important thing for us is to look for what's fine in everybody – and that will help us to want to take care of everybody." Look for what is fine here! Are our parishes perfect, staffed with perfect people, and a perfect pastor? You support rather imperfect people, but who are you really giving to? It's God. When you support the good things God is doing here, you will find it will renew your heart personally. And isn't this what we all want, a heart made new? We all need that. Let us begin that journey of renewal together.

- Fr. Barron

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, September 22, 2019

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP: - Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Stewardship - Reflect, Respond, Renew!" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your commitment card was not possible at Mass, an invitation to respond will be mailed later this week to your home. Please return your Commitment Card to the office this week or in next week's collection. If you have not yet done so, join the many others and give your gift online through our electronic giving program. Please call the parish office with any questions.

ORGANIST/INSTRUMENTALIST NEEDED: St. Mary's Parish is in need of an organist. The position pays stipends per mass. Needed both for weekend masses and for funerals. We are willing to provide any support or training necessary if needed. You are welcome to talk to a music minister and/or Fr. Barron. If interested we invite you to inquire as soon as you can. We are eager to bring on new musicians at this time. Cantors are also welcome.

BABY SHOWER: To celebrate the "birth" of our spiritually adopted babies, we will be holding a Baby Shower on Sunday, October 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Social Hall. This event is a culmination of the past 9 months since we first began the Spiritual Adoption program in both parishes. All are invited to attend whether or not you "adopted" a baby. Please bring a wrapped baby gift as you would for any shower. A guest of honor will be there to open the presents which will then be donated to the Infant Pantry at Catholic Charities in DuBois. If you are unable to attend the shower, please drop your gift off at any weekend Mass in the box at the entrance of either St. Mary's or Assumption churches up to and including October 6th.

28TH ANNUAL DUBOIS AREA LIFE CHAIN will be held on Sunday, October 6th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Life Chain will form as a cross along DuBois Avenue and on the Hoss's / City Park side only of Liberty Boulevard. Following the Life Chain there will be a half hour program at the Cherry Amphitheatre with speaker Mark Bradley Morrow, author, comedian, Erie radio personality, and Christian counselor. There are sign-up sheets on the table as you enter the church for those planning to attend.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: on Saturday, October 26th from 3-4 p.m. at St. Joseph Hall in DuBois for anyone in elementary school. Dress up as your favorite Halloween costume. Prizes will be given to the best costume, cutest costume and most unique costume. Games, and activities will be provided. Please bring your own candy bag and a Halloween dessert.

VOCATIONS CROSS: Week of September 22 –Tim & Mary Carlson, week of September 29 –Mary & Joe McCluskey. One cross with box, journal, and prayer binder is located at the side altars of both churches. Please take home with you on your assigned weekend and return to the church from which you received it by the next weekend. Thank you for praying for vocations.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER: St Joseph's Parish in Lucinda will host their annual country style turkey & ham dinner on Sunday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and free for preschoolers. Take outs will be available.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS THEATER TRIP: Please join the St. Michael Rosary Society on a bus trip to see "Miracle of Christmas" at Lancaster's Sights and Sounds Theaters on Friday, November 15. If you would like to reserve a seat or have any questions, please call Angie at (814) 591-0660. Seats are limited.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

ANNUAL TURKEY FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th for our annual turkey festival. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been in the past. It takes many people to volunteer, so please plan ahead to help as much as you can. More info to come next month!

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

ROSARY ALTAR FALL BAZAAR – Anyone who would like to still donate any items for baskets for the Fall Bazaar may do so until the weekend of October 5/6th. Items still needed are: Baking Pans, icing, cake mixes, dish towels, dish detergent, etc. The church is open daily from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm. You may drop off your item/items in the Parishioners Aid Center during the week if you wish to do so. Any questions, please call Josephine (371-0725). Thank you for your generosity in this annual fundraiser.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held Sunday, October 20th from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. in the church Social Hall. ***Cash Prize Giveaway Tickets have been sent out to you in the mail, if you have not received your tickets, please call (894-2772) if no one answers, please leave a message. **AGAIN** sorry for the inconvenience of the tickets being in books of 20. Please drop your tickets in the collection basket at weekend mass or put them in the mail slot at the rectory office, also you may mail them back to the church if you choose to do so. This year's profit will go to the maintenance of the parish rectory and church. **Thank you** for your co-operation and support in this fundraiser.



A LARGE CORNUCOPIA will be placed in front of the altar of sacrifice beginning the weekend of October 6th. The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to weekend Mass. The ushers will place your donations on the altar at the presentation of the gifts. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving!! Please generous!!