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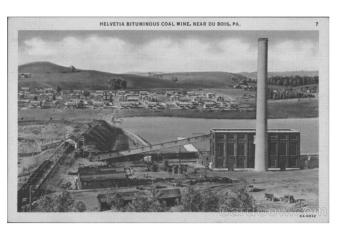
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September 4, 2022 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time





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Mass Intentions

Monday, Sept 5—Assumption	8:00am
Marlene Bloom	
By Family	
Tuesday, Sept 6—Assumption	8:00am
Rich Andrulonis	

By Rosary Society

Wednesday, Sept 7—Falls Creek 8:00am

Thursday, Sept. 8 —St. Marys 8:00am Mary A. Snyder By Joyce & Family

Friday, Sept. 9 – St. Marys 8:00am Jude Srock By Barb & John

Saturday, Sept. 10—St Marys 5:00pm Beth Javens

By Mary & Joe McCluskey

Sunday, Sept. 11 - Assumption **8:00am John Boboige

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<u>2022</u>	St. Mary	Assumption
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Ministers Schedule for September 3-4, 2022					
	5:00pm (St. Mary)	8:00am (ABVM)	10:00am (St Mary)		
Altar Server	M. King		S. Mullins		
Eucharist Minister	L. Shadduck	Deacon Steve	D. Dennison		
Lector	B. Stover	M. Carlson	D. Bowley		
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The Parish Spotlight ~ Labor Day, Coal mining

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the development, growth, prosperity, and well-being of the country. In our community, many of our ancestors worked in the area coal mines.

Helvetia was once a company town in Brady Township. The land was purchased by a wealthy banker from New York in the early 1890s. The town was made to house the 50+ workers in the nearby coal mines. The company town at one time had all the infrastructure of towns today including church, school, general store and power plant to generate electricity for the mines and the town.

Reynoldsville experienced great growth during the coal mining era, since it was in the center of the coal mining region of the county. In 1847, Woodward Reynolds opened the first coal mine in Jefferson County. The mine was in a little hollow southwest of where Reynoldsville Cemetery is and a short distance south of the Punxsutawney Road. It was closed in 1878. The Diamond Coal Co. was the first to market coal mined from Jefferson County. In 1873, Diamond Mine was opened and was located on the south side of the Sandy Lick Creek north of Reynoldsville. In April 1874, the first shipment was sent by railroad and went out of Jefferson County, beginning coal shipments from this region to distant markets. The Powers-Brown Coal Co. and the Hamilton Coal Co. were both organized in 1878. In 1885, the firm Bell, Lewis and Yates of Buffalo, NY bought the holdings of both of these companies. In 1887, this firm became a charted corporation and was known as The Bell, Lewis and Yates Coal Mining Co.

The Big Soldier Run Mine, which belonged to this company, opened on October 1, 1889, and was, at one time, considered the largest bituminous coal mine in the world. Its output for years ranged from 500,000 to 2,000,000 tons of coal per year. The first coal mining machine put in this region was a Harrison, allowing coal to be taken out of the western openings of the mine by a system of wire rope. Before that time, they used mules. The first electric haulage in the mines in the township was in 1903.

The Cascade Coal and Coke Co. was on the edge of Sykesville in Jefferson County. It was Powhattan Coal and Coke Co. who originally constructed the mine in 1904. Some of the Lower Freeport coal mined here was coked in the company's coke ovens across the road from the mine. Some of the ovens were beehive ovens and some were rectangular ovens. In 1911 an explosion at the mine claimed the lives of 21 men:

"A total of 21 men died in the Cascade Coal and Coke Mine explosion in Sykesville on July 15, 1911. A heavy blanket of sadness descended on the small town of Sykesville, PA that day in July 1911. We know what it is like to live in a small town. You know all of your neighbors; you share everything and the loss of just one person leaves a gaping hole. Losing 21 men in one day must have created an

impossible to bear heartache."

The W. G. Wilkins Co consulting engineers prepared plans for the construction of 200 rectangular ovens of the pusher type in 1913. The mines closed in 1939, but the ruins of these mines still exist at the edge of town and the pond constructed above the coke works for quenching the coke is still there to this day.