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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

August 12, 2018 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity August 15, 2018

St. Mary Parish
607 East Main Street
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814-653-8586

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865
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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, August 13 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
John Kutoloski
By Dave & Joyce Shernuka

Assumption of BVM—Holy Day Vigil
Tuesday, August 14 (St. Mary) 7:00 PM
Liz Deegan
By Sam & Donna Earley

Assumption of BVM—Holy Day
Wednesday, August 15 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Bill Vizza
By Madelyn & Tom

Wednesday, August 15 (Assumption) 7:00 PM
Mike Bonavita
By Antoinette

Thursday, August 16 (Assumption) 9:00 AM
Sara Witherite
By Kent & Linda Smith & Family

Friday, August 17 (St. Mary) 8:00 AM
Rosemarie Foley
By Family

Saturday, August 18 (St. Mary) 4:30 PM
Gene Mennitti
By Philip, Regina & Darlene

Sunday, August 19 (Assumption) 8:30 AM
Frank Murdock
By Rick & Elaine

Sunday, August 19 (St. Mary) 11:00 AM
All Parishioners of Both Parishes

Ministers Schedule for August 18-19, 2018

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	11:00am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	R. Whipple	A. Little	M. Hannah
	T. Slima		C. Uhl
Lector	B. Stover	J. Gruda	C. Hannah
Eucharistic Ministers	J. McGranor	J. Pisarcik	C. McGranor
	W. Rupert	M. Carlson	R. Hannah
	L. Shaddock		K. Hockinson
Samaritan Outreach		M. Carlson	

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 - August 5 - \$3,155.00
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Office Information

Prayer Chain:
St. Mary 653-2752
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Hospital Visits:
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Blue Army Prayer Cell:
Tuesday 3:00pm at Madelyn Tomasura's home.

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

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

The Parish Spotlight ~ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. In the United States, it is a holy day of obligation (in years when it does not fall on a Monday). What is the Assumption of Mary, how did it come to be defined, and what relevance does it have for our lives?

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection:

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

According to Pope Benedict XVI:

By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance [[General Audience, August 16, 2006](#)].



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.... SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
PARTNERED PARISH PICNIC

SYKESVILLE FAIRGROUNDS BEGINNING AT 12:00pm; LUNCH AT 1:00pm

Please bring a covered dish to share –hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided.
This year we will be having a "white elephant" raffle and 50/50 drawing.

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 12, 2018

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

HOLY DAY: Wednesday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule at St. Mary's in Reynoldsville is Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 15th at 8:00 a.m. and at Assumption in Sykesville on Wednesday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

NOVENA: The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray !

THE 2018 DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LITURGIES for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. George in Erie and Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Ss. Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814)824-1250 or (800)374-3723 ext. 250.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION can be done by picking up a form in the sacristy after any Mass or calling Barb Murray at 653-8648.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin on Sunday, September 16th beginning at 9:45 until 10:45. Any questions or concerns, call Barb Murray at 653-8648.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

HOLY HOUR will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Assumption Church.

ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR– The Rosary Society Fall Bazaar will take place this year Thursday, October 4th in the church Social Hall. Society Members will be receiving you book of tickets in the mail starting next week. If you don't receive your tickets, please call Josephine (371-0725) and let her know. Anyone wishing to sell a book of tickets who isn't a member you may do so by signing the book with your name and how many book of tickets you are taking in the Parishioners Aid Center. Prizes this year are: **Haver 12,000 BTU air conditioner, Murray 2 in 1 push mower, 4 burner gas grill. Thank you for your support to the Rosary Society's Annual Fall Bazaar.**

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held Sunday, October 21st from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. in the church Social Hall. *****Cash Prize Giveaway Tickets again this year** will be mailed to each parishioner instead of picking them up in the Parishioners Aid Center. You are asked to sell your tickets and drop them in the Collection Basket or mail them back to the Parish. If you do not receive a book of tickets, please call Elaine (894-2772) and I will mail you a book. This year's profit will go to maintaining our church and rectory repairs. Thank you for your co-operation and support in this fundraiser!!

ADDITIONAL 2018 GOLF MEMORIALS AND CORRECTIONS:

The Memorial for The Danch Family should have read: **In Memory Of:** Mike & Helen Danch; by Chris & Loree. **In Memory Of:** Laura Carlson; by Tim, Mary & Autumn.