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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

April 24, 2022 - Divine Mercy Sunday



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

Parish app: search “myParish – Catholic” to download app

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25— St. Marys **5:00pm**
Nancy Taormina
By Lindemuth Family

Tuesday, April 26—Assumption **5:00pm**
Deceased members of the Princess Marie Lodge

Wednesday, April 27—Assumption **5:00pm**
Ann Matusky
By Rosary Society

Thursday, April 28—St. Marys **5:00pm**
Betty McGreevey
By Mickey Wells

Friday, April 29– No Mass

Saturday, April 30—Assumption **4:30pm**
Evelyn Reid
By Mike & Kathy McAninch

Sunday, May 1- Assumption **8:30am**
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sunday, May 1- St. Marys **10:30am**
Tom & Betty Moslak
By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek

Sacrificial Giving

April 17 **St. Mary** **Assumption**
Collection \$3,467.00 \$2,842.00
Electronic Giving 567.00 362.00
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CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

2022 **St. Mary** **Assumption**
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CSA Paid \$11,125.00 \$ 5,095.00
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Information

Prayer Chain **Anointing of the Sick :**
St Mary 653-2752 Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
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First Holy Communion—May 1st, 2022

On May 1st, 2022, at the 10:30am Mass at St. Marys, Reynoldsville these children will receive their First Holy Communion:
Atley Palumbo, Makayla Parson, Grayson Smocek, Anastasia Toney

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love". The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church’s life itself.

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, **it should always be a big deal.**

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time! Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before!

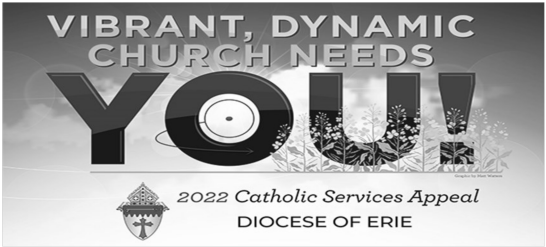
It is such a holy, joyful occasion. Relatives are invited. Parents take pictures. We celebrate. **And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.**

What makes one's first Communion a truly blessed event is not the adjective but the substantive: not the 'first' but the 'communion.' **Because of whom we receive**, the second, third, next, and last **Communion should always be as special."**

Bread of Life Discourse:
"⁵³Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." (John 6:53-57)

Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith!

Ministers Schedule for April 30-May 1, 2022			
	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server			R. Whipple
Eucharist Minister	E. Fike	K Roman	D. Dennison
Lector	F. Rosana	P Roman	D. Bowley



PARTNER PARISH NEWS April 24, 2022

BINGO resumes today, Sunday, April 24th at 6:10 p.m. with progressive jackpot at \$2,000.00. Looking ahead there will be a special bingo on Sunday, May 15th. More information to follow!

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.

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 Vasyl Banyk, Pastor, Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church, Sykesville

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There is a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's, in the classroom wing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

8 YOUNG PEOPLE BEING CONFIRMED: Please keep the following young people in your prayers as they will be Confirmed at the Regional Confirmation on April 30: Nicholas Colbey (ABVM), Garrett Frantz, Alyssa Johnson, Serena Mullins, Isabella Ohls, Jenna Stitt, Anna Vandervort, Rose Whipple (all St. Mary's).

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: We will be holding Divine Mercy Sunday services at Assumption Parish on Sunday, April 24th. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be available starting at 2 P.M. Confessions are available starting at 2 P.M. Service begins at 3 P.M.

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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ONLINE GIVING: Visit our parish website on the homepage and click on your parish icon to take you to the portal for online giving registration, or press the icon on the myParishApp called giving to take you to the portal.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jill & Dan Bowley, Mary McCluskey, Molly Verona, Denise Dennison, and Jeff Stover for all your help with decorating the church for Easter. Absolutely beautiful!!!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be held next Sunday, May 1st at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are reminded to have your child to practice and confession on Thursday, April 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

THANK YOU to the Rosary & Altar Society for the beautiful quilt and for thinking of me. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten! Barb Matusky

THE ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY will hold their annual tureen dinner on Monday, May 2 at 6:00 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 30th so that spring cleaning and mowing can begin. Anything left will be discarded.

ASSUMPTION NEWS

THANK YOU: Jaynie Pisarcik and Diane Varacallo for helping Kim and I to decorate our church for Easter! Thank you for your time and talents to help us make the church so beautiful for the Easter Season.

SPECIAL THANKS to all Parishioners and Friends who patronized our Annual Lenten Fish Dinners this year! Once again with your support our annual fundraiser was a HUGE success! **Thank you** to the Thursday morning **Kitchen Crew** for volunteering your time every Thursday for six weeks to prepare for these dinners. **Thank you** to Josephine Nichols who is the head of the our dinners to make everything run smoothly and efficiently for six weeks! Not an easy job to do, but she always does a great job!! Thank you to all Parishioners and Friends who made and donated cakes for the dinners!! **Financial Report is as follows:**

Income: \$19,791.00	50/50 Income: \$1,168.00
Expenses: \$11,659.53	Payout: \$ 584.00
Profit: \$8,311.47	Profit: \$ 584.00
Donations: \$440.00	Total Income: \$9,335.47

Congratulations to the 50/50 Winners: Bricen Alvetro, Jaci Sanko, Lisa Witherite-Rieg, Jaynie Pisarcik, Mark Schaffer & Betty Beimel.

ADDITIONAL FLOWER MEMORIALS: In Memory Of: Grandparents, Glenn Carlson, Uncle Mark Carlson – By Autumn Carlson – **In Memory Of:** Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck, John & Laura Carlson, Grandparents, Mark Carlson, Glenn Carlson.