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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 21, 2021 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Save the Date!
The Sixth Annual
**1:38 WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**
MARCH 20, 2021
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"Rejoice and be glad." Mark 5:12
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Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22 — St. Mary's	5:00pm
Helen Zimmerman By Whipple Family	
Tuesday, February 23 — Assumption	5:00pm
Larry Serafin By Anita Serafin	
Wednesday, February 24 - Assumption	5:00pm
Deceased Members of the Princess Marie Lodge By Lodge	
Thursday, February 25- St. Mary's	5:00pm
Marlene Vizza By Estate	
Thursday, February 25	
Stations of the Cross—Assumption	7:00pm
Friday, February 26	No Mass
Saturday, February 27- Assumption	4:30pm
Joseph Skubisz By Family	
Sunday, February 28 — Assumption	8:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes	
Sunday, February 28 — St. Mary's	10:30am
Tom & Betty Moslak By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Feb. 14</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,452.00	\$2,650.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 255.00	\$ 196.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
2021 CSA Goal	\$20,301	\$19,312

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Karen Brady
By: Jeff & Betsy Stover

Ministers Schedule for February 27-28, 2021

	4:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Altar Servers	(ABVM)	(ABVM)	(St Mary)
			D. Mullins
Lector	F. Rosana		D. Dennison

Information

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Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight ~ 1:38 Women's Conference

What are 1:38 Women? The 1:38 Women believe in the Virgin Mary's Fiat from Luke 1:38, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." We are women desiring to do (discover) God's will in our individual lives and thereby bringing Hope into the world, as Mary showed us to do. The 1:38 Women believe that the Blessed Mother is their role model. Mary amplifies the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love through her joys and sufferings. These are the virtues that we strive to emulate. Our goal is to create an environment where discovering, "Yes, Lord!", "I am a Handmaid of the Lord" and "God's will is mine" is a sign of strength and the vision of an authentic woman. "What does God want me to do in order to become more like His Son?" God knows better than we do what work needs to be done through us, and so we should be asking Him what He desires of us each day. Saying "Yes!" is a daily response we give back to God through the life we have committed to live.

The pressures of women's many roles — daughter, professional, volunteer, religious, single, wife, mother, sister, friend — can lead us to a road of despair. Women need other women to offer support and sustain our call from God, as Mary and Elizabeth did for one another. We need each other to affirm our individual journey in becoming the women God created us to be.

We can stand firm in today's world, through Mary's example, regardless of our circumstances. We are called to follow in her footsteps, which include joys and sorrows, by saying "Yes" to God in all things. By doing this we bring life to ourselves, our families, and others. We indeed bring hope to the world! "Today, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others." ~Pope Francis

A 1:38 Woman hears God's call and shines bright. A 1:38 Woman listens and follows. A 1:38 Woman smiles, and the world smiles back. A 1:38 Woman walks with confidence because she knows that she is loved by our Heavenly Father. A 1:38 Woman relies on Mother Mary to show her how to truly be an authentic woman of God. We are all called to be 1:38 Women. Will YOU answer the call?

Do you want to rejoice and be glad? This year the theme of the conference is "BEE the ATTITUDE!", relating to Mathew 5:12 -- "Rejoice and be glad."

"BEE the ATTITUDE!" and join women from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 6TH Annual 1:38 Women's Conference which will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Church Social Hall in Reynoldsville via Zoom. At St. Mary's Church, Father Bill Barron will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by a light breakfast. The conference, a day of inspiration and spiritual growth, will begin at 9 a.m. and is open to women of all faiths. Father Larry Richards will be the Master of Ceremonies. There will be two amazing speakers, Caralyn Collier, writer and speaker for Beauty Beyond Bones blog and Alyssa Bormes, Catholic educator, author, speaker, and radio host on Catholic Kaleidoscope. The morning will conclude with a light lunch and opportunity for confession. Registration forms are available at the entrance of both parishes. If interested, please complete the form, and drop it at the office or in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Mary's Church, 607 East Main St. Reynoldsville, PA 15851. Deadline to register is March 15th. The cost: donation only! For more information, please call Betsy Stover at 653-2740 or Jill Bowley at 590-1177.

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: St. Mary's Religious Education Program will be returning to in person religious education classes today, Sunday, Feb. 21st. Sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH, FALLS CREEK, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be today, Sunday, February 21, from 10am until sold out. Dinners are \$9 each, meatballs are \$.75 each and a quart of sauce is \$5.50. The format will be take-outs only; please bring your own container.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES at St. Catherine of Siena Church in DuBois will be held on Sunday evenings during Lent; February 21, 28, March 7, 14, & 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be Meditation, Scripture, Reflection, and Music. Guest speakers are as follows: Feb. 21- Pastor Harold Jacobson, Feb. 28 - Bishop Lawrence Persico, March 7 - Jean Cole, March 14 - Dr. Lisa Witherite-Rieg, March 21 - Fr. James Gutting.

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

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Fr. Bill will be the celebrant at a Solemn High Mass on Solemnity of St. Patrick, Patron of the Diocese of Erie, on March 17th. This Liturgy will be in the form of the Traditional Latin Mass. The Mass will be offered at 6 p.m. at St. Casmir Church, 629 Hess Avenue, in Erie. Deacon will be Fr. James Power and Subdeacon Fr. Joseph Patrone. The liturgy should conclude around 7:30. If you are interested in a carpool to this Mass, contact your parish office to make arrangements.

DUBOIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Elementary Principal 12 month permanent position available for 2021-2022 school year. Grades Pre-K-5. For full job description and a list of required application materials, visit www.eriercd.org or www.duboiscatholic.com. Mail application packet to: Gretchen Caruso, President, DuBois Central Catholic School System, PO Box 567, DuBois, PA 15801, or email to gcaruso@duboiscatholic.com. **Deadline for submission is March 5, 2021.**

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: will be held on Saturday, March 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There are 3 different ways to attend: 1. Live in-person at Our Lady of Peace in Erie, (limited to 250 people), 2. virtual at Satellite parishes via Zoom, which one of those being St. Mary's Church Social Hall in Reynoldsville, or 3. virtually via Zoom at your own home. At St. Mary's Church, Father Bill Barron will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m., then there will be a light breakfast immediately after Mass. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. Father Larry Richards will be the Master of Ceremonies. There will be 2 amazing speakers, Caralyn Collar, writer and speaker for BeautyBeyondBones blog and Alyssa Bormes, Catholic educator, author, speaker, and radio host on Catholic Kaleidoscope. The morning will conclude with a light lunch and opportunity for confession. Registration forms will be available on the table as you enter the church. If interested, please complete the form and drop it at the office or in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Mary's Church, 607 East Main St. Reynoldsville, PA 15851. Deadline to register is March 15th. The cost: donation only! For more information, please call Betsy Stover at 653-2740 or Jill Bowley at 590-1177.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: I ask for this year that you sit along the middle aisles for Stations to keep social distance from the minister as he walks. I am pleased to have the assistance of Deacon Dan Satterlee in leading Stations of the Cross for Lent 2021. Stations will take place as typical on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Here are the dates and locations: Thursday, 2/25 – Assumption; Thursday, 3/4 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/11 – Assumption; Thursday, 3/18 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/25 - Assumption

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES I would anticipate the scheduling of some type of communal penance service towards the end of Lent in late March. However, this is scheduled by the Dean, Msgr. Riccardo, and not myself, and so I will notify you when dates are confirmed. Fr. Barron

BINGO: St. Mary's Bingo will continue to be cancelled for the month of February. We are seriously considering a return of Bingo for the month of March and ongoing from there, but that is dependent on the number of COVID cases continuing to decline in the area. Fr. Barron

REGISTRATION for new students of DuBois Central Catholic, grades preschool through 5 for the school year 2021-2022 will begin on Monday, February 1st. Tuition assistance applications are also available. Please call the school at 371-2570 or stop in the elementary office for forms.,

HOLY TRIDUUM 2021: We will observe the regular order for the sharing of the Triduum services between St. Mary's and Assumption. This means that, in 2021, it will be St. Mary's turn to host Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil, and Assumption's turn to host Good Friday services.

FUNERAL DINNERS: Effective immediately, the social halls of both Assumption Parish and St. Mary's Parish will be open for funeral dinners after funerals at the respective churches. Please note, however, that the Altar Rosary Societies of both parishes are predominantly made up of people who are the "at risk" part of the population for serious complications from the Coronavirus. Therefore, if you wish to use either social hall for a dinner after a funeral mass, you must provide for your own caterer. We cannot at this time expect the Rosary Society to facilitate your funeral dinner. Whenever that would change, I will let you know. Fr. Bill Barron

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES: Visitation to the Nursing Homes is still limited to clergy assigned to the home. If you have a family member who needs to be visited at Christ the King Manor, please contact Fr. Matias at the Manor. He will be happy to visit and if necessary, provide the sacraments. If your loved one is in another nursing home, please call the parish in the town that that home is located, and ask the pastor for guidance. Fr. Ed Walk is the chaplain at the Dubois hospital, and can make visitation freely throughout the hospital. Fr. Bill Barron

LIVESTREAMING OF MASS - Mass will continue to be livestreamed daily.

SUNDAY & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - The obligation to attend these Masses is not in effect. No one is required to attend mass in person at this time.

FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS - Please note that you are allowed to have non-family and extended family attend funerals and weddings again. The seating capacity for Assumption Church given social distancing is 60. The capacity for St. Mary's is 85. There is overflow seating with the closed circuit tv in the St. Mary's Social Hall for an additional 40-60 people. We are working on installing a closed circuit tv at Assumption Social Hall that will seat an additional 30 people. All attendees at funerals and weddings, except for bride and groom and those "in the wedding" must wear masks for the duration of the service.

BAPTISMS can proceed freely. Please call to schedule a baptism anytime.

NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Fr. Bill is posting new YouTube videos giving spiritual guidance and direction during this time of challenge you can find our new channel on YouTube by searching for St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes on YouTube.

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ST. MARY'S NEWS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TAKE-OUT DINNER: Thank you to all who bought dinners and a special thank you to Mike Fye, Jackie & Dude Beers, and Jill & Dan Bowley for all their time and talent to make it a success! 126 dinners were sold. Profit was \$794.06. Great job!

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS



30th ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS will take place in the Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville on the Fridays of Lent: February 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26th. **TAKE-OUT ONLY! MASK REQUIRED.** The dinners will be available from 4 – to 6:00 p.m. or Sold Out! Social Distancing will also be used in line. **Menu:** Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner. **Meals include:** Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake. **Adults:** \$10.00; **Children** 12 & Under: \$4.00. 50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes for March you will find an envelope designated for Easter Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Easter Remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend mass at the entrance of the church or putting it through the mail slot at the rectory office now through March 27/28th. Names of Memorialized Loved Ones will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 4th.