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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

December 27, 2020 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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Pastor – Father William R. Barron

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

Parish app: search "myParish – Catholic" to download app

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28— St. Mary’s Vira Deegan By Family	5:00pm
Tuesday, December 29—Assumption Peter Manco, Sr. By Family	5:00pm
Wednesday, December 30– Assumption Ed Felix, Sr. By Laura Towns	5:00pm
Thursday, December 31—St. Mary’s Michael Tomasura, Jr. By Family	**4:30pm
Friday, January 1 - Assumption Gloria Bowers By Rosary Society	**9:00am
Saturday, January 2 — Assumption*** Marge Varacallo By Antoinette	8:00am
Saturday, January 2 — Assumption*** Doris Andrulonis By Bill & Diane Varacallo, Jr.	4:30pm
Sunday, January 3 — Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, January 3 — St. Mary’s Henry & Hazel Liedl By Mary & Don Hannah	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Dec. 20</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,622.00	\$1,700.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 285.00	\$ 346.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$24,668	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$21,883	\$19,500

Thank you for your generosity!

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<u>Special Intention</u>
By: Jackie

Information

Prayer Chain St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894	Anointing of the Sick : Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
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Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor’s Desk

This is a time for family. It is so appropriate that we focus today on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. God is love! God wants us to know and share in His love. So, God gives us the family for that purpose. In these days, family has been viewed as a social reality that people can arrange as they wish. But the family is a gift from God – something that we must respect and handle with care. We have no particular right to a certain type of family – but we do have a right to have a family as God wishes to give it to us. As for myself, God ordained that I should not have a physical family – that I not be a physical husband or father. But God ordained that I be a spiritual father with a spiritual family – the people of the church.

Each of us has a vocation – priest – deacon – consecrated life- husband – wife – mother – father. But all of us are first called to love! This type of love accepts the joys and the crosses of family life. I hope that it is a consolation to you that God wished to join a family like yours. While Mary and Joseph were “above average” parents, I am sure that their family encountered many trials. Do you think that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were anxious when Jesus was left behind for 3 days in the Jerusalem Temple? That sounds like a good family story to me. While grace-filled, this family struggled in ways not unlike our families.

The celebration of the Holy Family gives us a model of sanctity to strive for, but also hope! As we gaze upon the manger scene during this most beautiful of seasons, may we draw courage from the Holy Family’s example, and from their intercession for our families. God’s love is real, and it is here. It does not float around in the air – it is enfleshed in our families – our marital relations – and in our children. God is made man in the infant Christ and in the Holy Family. God is now in men and women, most especially when they choose to love.

Fr. Bill Barron

Ministers Schedule for January 2-3, 2021

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

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 27, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR JANUARY: If you wish to keep the 1st Friday devotion for January, please attend the Holy Day Mass on January 1 at Assumption at 9 a.m. There will be no Adoration at St. Mary's on 1st Friday, January 1, 2021

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: Please join us for the 1st Saturday Mass at Assumption Parish on Saturday, January 2nd at 8 a.m.

2021 CALENDARS: There are many calendars available at the doors of both churches. Please take some. Thanks to Synder-D'Argy Funeral Home and Nedza Funeral Home for providing this year's calendars.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, December 31st @ St. Mary's Church - 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 1st @ Assumption Church - 9 a.m.

SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. MASS will be located at Assumption Church, Sykesville, from Saturday, January 2, 2021 to May 29, 2021. St. Mary's and Assumption Parishes share this mass at different times of the year. From June to December 2021 the Mass will be located at St. Mary's Parish, Reynoldsville.

2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL COMING TO A CLOSE: Each parish is assessed a certain fundraising goal by the Erie Diocese in support of the annual Catholic Services Appeal. This pledge is taken up around Ash Wednesday and it ends at the end of the calendar year. Both Assumption and St. Mary's Parishes are projected to finish at or above their assessed fundraising goal. Know that whatever CSA payments are remitted by you above this goal will stay here at your parish. Please remember to fulfill your CSA pledge from this past March by the end of 2020. The 2021 CSA pledge weekend will be late February/early March 2021.

LIBERTY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP from DuBois, PA meets every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 400 Liberty Blvd., DuBois. For more information feel free to call (814) 541-2779 or (814) 590-5729.

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. The hospital has informed me that it may be possible now for me to visit parishioners at the hospital, but only if the nursing staff deems it a situation serious enough to necessitate a visit. That will be determined by them on a case by case basis. 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.

CONFESSIONS- Confessions will be available at St. Mary's after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass, and at Assumption after Tuesday and Wednesday 5 p.m. masses. Please note that Confessions will not be available before any Mass. Masks are required for Confession. Confessional at St. Mary's is in altar server sacristy, at Assumption, confession is the altar servers' room.

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 have installed 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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ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES – Rosary Society Membership Dues for 2021 will be due in January. In your packet of contribution envelopes for January you will find an envelope designated for that purpose. Please use this envelope to pay your dues and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church or put it in the mail slot at the Rectory Office. The drive will take place the month of January. New members are welcome!!