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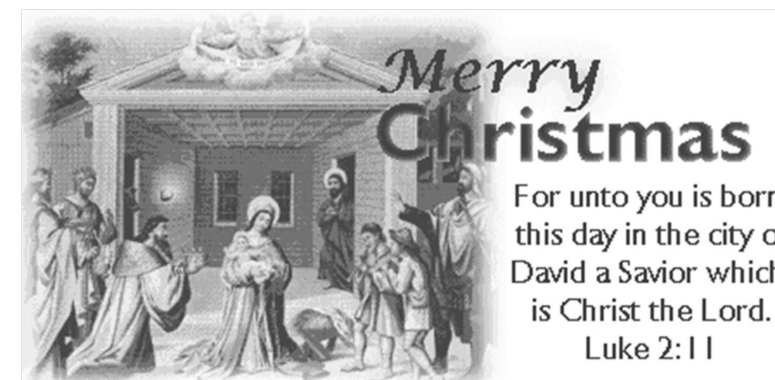
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

December 20, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



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814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

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814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
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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 21— St. Mary’s Joseph & Rose Foradori By Barb & John Srock	5:00pm
Tuesday, December 22—Assumption John Webb By Maxine Nava Estate	5:00pm
Wednesday, December 23– Assumption James Buskirk By Bill & Diane Varacallo	5:00pm
Thursday, December 24—St. Mary’s Bernie Snyder By Joyce & Family	**4:00pm
Thursday, December 24—St. Mary’s John Abromavich By Betty McGreevey	**5:15pm
Thursday, December 24—Assumption Tony Petrucci By Family	**6:30pm
Friday, December 25 — Assumption Marge Varacallo By Antoinette	**8:30am
Saturday, December 26— St. Mary’s Tom & Betty Moslak By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	4:30pm
Sunday, December 27— Assumption Mary R. Kickish By Family	8:30am
Sunday, December 27— St. Mary’s All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,652.00	\$2,647.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 240.00	\$ 196.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$23,828	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$21,853	\$18,580

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Liz Deegan	By: Shelly, Bill & Kiersten
Mark Ferko, Jr	By: Aunt Gina
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Madelyn Tomasura	By: Mickey
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Bernie Perry	By: Cheryl, Ron & Maddie Hannah

<u>Special Intentions</u>
For my Kids & Grandson
For my Family
By: Cheryl, Ron & Maddie Hannah

Ministers Schedule for December 26-27, 2020

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	R. Whipple		M. Hannah
Lector	B. Stover	Dec 24 F Rosana Dec 25 P Roman	D. Dennison

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

As we begin to wrap up the Advent season this week and transition into the Christmas season (that’s right, the season hasn’t even started yet), here are some final examples of how Jesus has fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies. Take some time and open up your Bible. Connect the Old Testament prophecies with the New Testament fulfillment. Doing this will increase your confidence that we are indeed celebrating the coming of Israel’s Messiah. God spent millennia building a relationship with the Jewish people. They are God’s instrument of salvation to the world.

Isaiah 53 The Messiah will be a Suffering Servant Matthew 8:16-17; Matthew 20:28; Matthew 26:28; Mark 10:45; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; John 12:37-38; Acts 8:32-35; Romans 10:16; Hebrews 9:28.

Jeremiah 31:15 The Messiah would be the subject of a murderous plot Matthew 2:16-18.

Jeremiah 31:31 The Messiah would bring a new covenant Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Hebrews 8:6-13; Hebrews 9:15; Hebrews 12:24.

Daniel 7:13-14 The Messiah would be the Son of Man Matthew 9:6; Matthew 12:8; Matthew 13:41; Matthew 16:13; Matthew 16:27; Mark 8:31; Luke 6:22; Luke 9:22; John 1:51; John 3:13-14; Acts 7:56.

Hosea 11:1 The Messiah would be called out of Egypt Matthew 2:13-15.

Micah 5:2 The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem Matthew 2:1-6; John 7:40-43.

Zechariah 9:9 The Messiah would come riding on a colt Matthew 21:1-7.

Zechariah 11:12-13 The Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver Matthew 26:14-15; Matthew 27:3; Matthew 27:9-10.

Fr. Bill Barron

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PARTNER PARISH NEWS

LAST ADVENT PENANCE SCHEDULE 2020: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th - SSCD, Punxsutawney: Msgr. Riccardo, Msgr. Kaza, Fr. Walk

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, December 24th @St. Mary's Church - 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. seating first come, first served. Thursday, December 24th @Assumption Church 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 25th @ Assumption Church - 8:30 a.m.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOOK PROGRAM: Please be sure to open up mail from your parish over the next few weeks. It will not be a solicitation. Rather, it will be a gift for you for Christmas: a book entitled *I Heard God Laugh* by popular Catholic author Matthew Kelly. The Knights have been very generous over the past few years with a free bookshelf in the back of both churches. Dynamic Catholic, Matthew Kelly's publishing company, provides Catholic discipleship books at little to no cost to parishes. The Knights have been the patron of this book program. COVID has made access to the shelf difficult for those who do not come to church or go out. Enjoy the book or if you do not want it, give it to a friend or family member!

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CANDY ORDERS:** If you ordered candy from the Knights of Columbus, please call Joe McCluskey at 653-2589 to arrange a candy pick-up.

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.

NURSING HOME AND SHUT INS PROJECT: Items are needed for the Christmas gift bags that are given to the parishioners from Assumption and St. Mary's that are in the nursing homes and our shut ins. Suggestions are: lotions, lip gloss, Kleenex, tooth paste, hard tack candy, body wash, word search books, tube socks, small lap blankets, etc. There will be boxes in both church entrances and the deadline to donate is **Sunday, December 13th**. Your donations will be appreciated! Thank you!

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 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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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

THANK YOU to all who donated for the flowers and decorations this year. The names of your loved ones are listed in the insert.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the "Treasures for Children". What a wonderful way to help those in need! A special thank you to Carey Rupert and her family for all their hard work for this project!!! May God bless you all for making Christmas special for those children.