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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

November 8, 2020 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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, November 9— St. Mary’s** **5:00pm**
 Helen Pegnetter
 By McGreevey Family
- Tuesday, November 10—Assumption** **5:00pm**
 Elsie Gigliotti
 By Jeane Barletta
- Wednesday, November 11 Assumption** **5:00pm**
 Jim Fike
 By John & Marlene Boboige
- Thursday, November 12—St. Mary’s** **5:00pm**
 Peachie Wells
 By Family
- Friday, November 13 No Mass**
- Saturday, November 14— St. Mary’s** **4:30pm**
 Gene Mennitti
 By Philip, Regina, and Darlene
- Sunday, November 15 — Assumption** **8:30am**
 Infant Baby Habash
 By Habash Family
- Sunday, November 16— St. Mary’s** **10:30am**
 All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Nov. 1</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,703.00	\$2,421.00
Electronic Giving	\$ TBA	\$ 506.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Pledged	\$23,348	\$19,926
Paid to Date	\$20,033	\$13,615

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Tom and Betty Moslak

By: Mary Beth & Tom Stojeck

Louie Fusco

By: Madeline and Marc

Special Intention

By: Patty Nesbit

Ministers Schedule for November 14-15, 2020

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers	A. Reiter		D. Mullins
Lector	B. Stover		C. Hannah

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752

Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight ~ From the Pastor’s Desk

November is the month to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. All Souls mass intention envelopes have been placed on the altars of St. Mary’s and Assumption Churches and will remain there until the end of the month.

I am writing this bulletin article on November 2nd, the day before the election. So, this gives me an interesting opportunity to write a message in anticipation of what might happen this week and see how accurate the message might be.

I haven’t logged into Facebook for the past few months, other than to facilitate the mass live streams. I’d rather not say something that I would regret, nor do I want to stumble upon ill-advised statements that my friends might make (and this includes some of you). I’d rather know you for more than the sum of your Facebook comments, which often paint an incomplete picture of a person.

I remember that after the 2016 election much trouble was caused in people’s relationships in the aftermath. It is a head-scratcher to me why people who otherwise have good feelings for one another would cut relational ties over social media postings. Please understand that it is always better to relate to people personally than through social media. Maybe as you read this article you might wonder what I’m talking about, because you’ve never used social media before. There are a lot of positives to social media, but I think we all might be better off just reading books or calling friends instead of using it. It seems to divide us, depress us, and cause us problems.

As people withdraw from community life, we are losing our relationships. Likewise, as people withdraw from church attendance, they tend to become more secular. Secular people tend to put their faith in politics and see it as the determinant of whether they are happy or unhappy. This is not wise. We will only be at peace, we will only achieve true justice when we are in a right relationship with God and with our church family. If we are concerned today with any discord or violence that has broken out because of these elections, may we be aware that these proceed from rejection of God and hatred for neighbor. The politics will never really be able to solve these dilemmas. Only God can do that for us, and the Church is the means of that salvation to enter into the world. Yes, we need to be politically involved with an informed conscience. I hope that you voted this past week. But it is most important for us as members of the Church to do God’s work of justice and mercy between these elections. If we are successful in doing that, we will have done our small part to usher in the reign of our true President, who is Jesus Christ.

Fr. Bill Barron

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, November 8, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER benefiting the Reynoldsville Swimming Pool will be held today, Sunday, November 8th at The Bellalmauro here in Reynoldsville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out. Adults - \$10, Children (6 & under) - \$5. Dine in or take out. There will be a 50/50 prize raffle. The pool, which is in much need of updating and repairs, is a wonderful place for families and children to spend the summer, and has given many children and families lots of memories for over 50 years! So, please come out and support this benefit!!!

SCRIPTURE SHARING The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy continue to invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in St. Mary's social hall on Wednesday, November 11 at **10:00 am**. **Please note time change.** The reading for this month's gathering will be Mark 1:1-9. Keeping in mind the strict guidelines, we will have arranged seating according to physical distancing and will trust that you will each bring a mask. Printed copies of the reading will be available. Anyone is welcome!

COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Partner Parish Council on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Social Hall.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, November 15, from 10am until sold out. Only meatballs and sauce are available and the format will be take-outs only; please bring your own container.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. MARY'S will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with a special guest speaker Corine Snyder from the Helping Hands Food Pantry. If you are interested in learning about our organization please attend our meeting.

THANKSGIVING MASSES: There will be, as in past years, masses for Thanksgiving at both parish locations. Wednesday, November 25th at 7 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish, and Thursday, November 26th at 9 a.m. at Assumption Parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES: The offertory commitment card drive has ended. Thanks to all those who participated. In gratitude for your generosity, gifts have been made by the parishes to the following charities: St. Mary's Church - Fund supporting transients of Reynoldsville Ministerial Association - \$500. Assumption Church - Compassion Fund supporting the needy of the Sykesville Ministerial Association - \$500. Fr. Barron

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas candy. Order forms are available on the table as you enter the church!

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.

DROP OF ENVELOPES: You may drop off your envelopes using the mail slot at the front door of both Assumption and St. Mary's rectories.

SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH APP: Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app. 1) Download my Parish App 2) Select our Parish after opening.

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

* **ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their November meeting on Monday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. because of the Turkey dinner. This will be the last meeting until spring.

***CEMETERY CLEAN UP:** Final clean-up of the cemetery will be done by the Boy Scouts on November 14th, so if you have anything that you want saved, please remove it by November 13th!

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES with the names of your loved ones will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

A LARGE CORNUCOPIA is now placed in front of the altar of sacrifice. The Lord and his poor need our help! **Please bring non-perishable food items** to the church and place your items in the side room off to the right going up the steps at the entrance of the church or **you may put your items in the social hall. he ramp door will be opened starting Monday, November 9 through November 19th from 8:00 am until 5:30 p.m. for your convenience.** Please be Generous!

FLOWER MEMORIALS – This year the Sanctuary of the church will be the only place where we will be decorating for Christmas because of the Pandemic. The Birth of Jesus is still the most important time of the year, even if we all can't gather as a parish family to celebrate so we want to try to make the Christmas season as normal as possible. In your contribution packet there is an envelope designated for Christmas Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Christmas remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the mail slot at the Rectory Office or placing it in the basket at the entrance of the church now through December 13th. Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 20th.

Oplatki will not be distributed this year.