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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 12, 2021 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

LOSING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE
AT JERUSALEM

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Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13 –St. Marys	5:00pm
Irene McGreevey By Family	
Tuesday, September 14—Assumption	5:00pm
Donna Mehok By Diane Reasinger	
Wednesday, September 15 -Assumption	5:00pm
William Kos By Family	
Thursday, September 16—St. Marys	5:00pm
Delores Veitz By Toni, Larry, & Family	
Friday, September 17 - No Mass	
Saturday, September 18- St. Marys	4:30pm
Eugene & Agnes Mennitti By Regina, Phil, & Darlene	
Sunday, September 19- Assumption	8:30am
Alan Towns By Mike & Kathy McAninch	
Sunday, September 19- St. Marys	10:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes	

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Sept 5</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,415.30	\$2,524.00
Electronic Giving	461.00	426.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$20,301.00	\$19,312.00
CSA Paid	\$17,837.64	\$14,550.77
Thank you for your continued support.		

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Marie Dorwarth	By: Toni & Larry
William Pegnetter	By: Barb Murray & Family
William Pegnetter (Big Puppa)	
By: Lindsey, Katrina, Andrew, Thadyes, & Nicolis	

Information

Prayer Chain	Anointing of the Sick :
St Mary 653-2752	Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
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Parish Spotlight—The Seven Sorrows of Mary

The month of September brings us numerous feasts and commemorations, including the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. In addition, traditionally, the entirety of the month is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

These seven sorrows from various points in the life of the Blessed Mother are as follows:

- Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13)
- Loss of the Child Jesus for three days in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-50)
- Meeting Jesus on His way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31)
- Standing at the foot of the Cross during the crucifixion (John 19:25-30)
- Jesus is taken down from the Cross (John 19:31-37)
- The burial of Jesus (John 19:38-42)

Though the devotion to the Seven Sorrows dates back to the Middle Ages, it is experiencing a resurgence in popularity after Mary – appearing as Our Lady of Kibeho – recommended people pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows for conversion and repentance. This Chaplet is prayed much like a Rosary, except the meditations while praying the Hail Mary are on the Sorrows and not on the Mysteries. It is also prayed on a special set of beads with seven groups of seven Hail Marys instead of the Rosary’s five decades.

Like the Rosary, the Chaplet (and the feast itself) is designed to draw believers closer to Christ by meditating upon what He has done for us. It is uniquely through the eyes of His Mother and her sorrow that we can view key moments of His life. Throughout this month, may we all set aside a little time to explore this ancient tradition.

HAIL MARY, full of sorrows,
the Crucified is with thee:
tearful art thou amongst women,
and tearful is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Crucified,
grant tears to us crucifiers of thy Son,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

(Pre-1968 Indulgence of 100 days; PIUS IX, 1847 [Raccolta](#))

Ministers Schedule for September 18-19, 2021

	4:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	(St. Mary)	(ABVM)	(St Mary)
Altar Server	R. Whipple		D. Mullins
Eucharist Minister	B. Stover	Deacon Steve	C. McGranor
Lector	M. McCluskey	M. Carlson	D. Dennison



PARTNER PARISH NEWS

CD OF A: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #890 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, September 20, at 6:30 pm at the St Mary’s Social Hall in Reynoldsville. Our meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary. We will be distributing RADA books for our annual Fall fundraiser. If you are interested in learning about our organization, please call Angela Deemer at 375-0344 or come to our meeting.

PARTNERED PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. at Assumption Social Hall.

OFFERTORY PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2021 is October 2/3. Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about this year’s offertory commitment card. This effort has been very helpful in that it has turned a previously downward trend in both of our parish’s yearly offertory collections into a positive trend. That’s right! During the pandemic these last two years, we have increased our offertory! On October 2/3, I will be giving you an opportunity, should you choose to take it, to make a yearly offertory pledge. This pledge will extend through September 2022. When we make an intentional effort to renew our offertory giving on an annual basis, we are blessed for our generosity. We also bless our parish’s efforts to spread the faith. This year’s theme is “Stewardship: Reflect, Respond, Renew!” Please watch for a mailing about this effort in the coming weeks.

CHILD PROTECTION and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies.

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Haiti: Bishop Persico and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have organized a collection for the weekend of Sept. 11/12. This collection will be directed towards the nation of Haiti, which has experienced devastating earthquakes, floods, and political unrest. The money from this collection will go directly to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. If you wish to give to this collection, please provide an envelope marked “Haiti” and drop it in the basket when you come to church on the weekend of Sept. 11/12. Thank you – Fr. Bill Barron

SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, September 19, from 10am-1:30 pm or until sold out. Dinners are dine in or take out; please bring your own container for take outs.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: Thank you to all who are supporting this year's Diocesan Services Appeal, the CSA. We are making good progress on receiving your pledge payments. Please note that if you made a pledge and intend to fulfill your pledge, you need to do so by the end of the calendar year 2021. Fr. Bill

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: As you may know, St. Bernard's, St. Michael's, St. Catherine's, Assumption, and St. Mary's Parishes have begun a pastoral planning process to plan for what we will do when the number of priests in the area drop. We have had the first meeting of the pastoral planning committee. It was held at St. Mary's Social Hall on Wednesday, August 11th. The meeting consisted of introductions of team members and discussion about forming a mission statement for the committee. This meeting was taking the first steps in collaboration between our parishes. Over the next few months, the committee will not be making any major recommendations about parish restructuring. The committee's work should run into 2022, when more significant recommendations will likely be made. Communication with the larger group of parishioners of the 5 parishes is being discussed as well. The next meeting will be held at St. Bernard's Church on Wednesday, September 15th. Fr. Barron

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION can be done by picking up a form in the sacristy after any Mass or by calling Barb Murray at 814-653-8648. The first class for both parents and students will be on Sunday, September 19th at 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Parents will be receiving a letter in the mail soon.

ALPHA: We are excited to announce that the parishes will be offering the Alpha course this fall! After starting two sessions off strong in 2019-2020, Alpha will begin the week of September 13th and will wrap up the week of Thanksgiving. Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to journey through the foundational teachings of the Christian faith and form community with others. It allows us to discuss the big questions of our faith like, “Who is Jesus? How Can I Pray? How Can I Tell Others? Is There More to Life Than This?” Each night is a dinner (yes we feed you!), a short presentation, and a small group discussion. We will be making announcements through several different media platforms in the upcoming weeks to invite as many guests as we can to attend. Please see the website for more information and instructions on how to sign up or call Luke at 724-822-0157.

LIVE STREAMING: Changes to the Live streaming of Mass: effective August 14/15, Live streaming of Mass will occur only for the Tuesday, 5 p.m. Daily Liturgy. If new COVID restrictions are put in place by the government, or the Bishops dispense Catholics from obligatory Mass attendance, I will once again expand the livestreaming to weekend liturgies. Fr. Bill Barron

BULLETINS & MISSALS: Effective the weekend of August 14/15, bulletins and missal books will be located only inside the churches. You are welcome to continue to use the mail slot of the office door to drop off collection envelopes.

INCREASED OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: This year's offertory pledges, which were made in September, 2020, end in September 2021. Please review your pledge amount and, if possible, fulfill your pledge by this September. Thanks so much. 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

SACRED HEART AND IMMACULATE HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENT BLESSINGS: The World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly known as the Blue Army) offers these special home blessings for home, marriage, and family. They are properly referred to as Home Enthronements or Home Consecrations. They ask that Jesus and Mary enter the life of the family in a special way. Fr. Bill Barron is the priest to perform these consecrations in this area. He can perform the Home Enthronement for anyone in the Sykesville or Reynoldsville parish territory, or for any St. Mary's/Assumption parishioner wherever they may live. The priest to perform the Home Enthronements for people who live in the Dubois/Falls Creek/Brockway area is Fr. David Whiteford. If you would like to schedule a Home Enthronement with Fr. Bill, email stmarysabvmhomeenthronements@gmail.com. One Home Enthronement Blessing per month will be scheduled, up to 3 months in advance if need be. Fr. Barron

HOSPITAL VISITATION: The hospital has resumed the normal procedure for priests visiting patients. Fr. Matias has resumed his role as chaplain. Fr. Walk is no longer chaplain. Parish priests are now allowed to visit the hospital as well.

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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ST. MARY’S NEWS

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Doug Smelko by Mom, Dad, & Sisters.

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY will hold their meeting on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. All members are urged to attend.

BAKED CHICKEN TAKE-OUT DINNER will be held on Thursday, September 23rd from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Corn, Salad, Roll, and Cookies. Call Mike at 814-590-4637 to reserve your dinner. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Only 150 dinners will be sold! Pick up dinners in the parking lot beside the church.

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR – The Rosary Society Fall Bazaar will take place on Thursday, October 7th in the church Social Hall. **This year the prizes that will be on the raffle ticket are:** EG Heavy Duty 24” Charcoal Grill, Bissell ProHeat 2x Revolution Carpet Cleaner, Lenovo Laptop, Philips 32” Roku TV & Keurig K-Compact. The tickets this year will be **\$2** a tickets are being mailed out to all Rosary Society Members. If you don’t receive your tickets call Josephine (814-371-0725) Anyone who isn’t a member of the Society may take a book of tickets and sell them. The tickets will be available in the Parishioners Aid Center. Sign your name on the tablet and how many books you have taken! Thank you for your continued support in the fund raiser.

30TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER - Assumption Parish will hold their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, October 24th from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. in the church social hall. **Cash Prize Giveaway Tickets** will be mailed to you in the near future.