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October 31, 2021 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 1 –St. Marys Ed Manco By Joyce Snyder	5:00pm
Tuesday, November 2—Assumption Donna Mehok By Family	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 3 -Assumption Special Intention	5:00pm
Thursday, November 4—St. Marys LeRoy Kaizer By Denise, Betsy & Tom	5:00pm
Friday, November 5—St. Marys William Leiberton By Jackie & Dude Beers	5:00pm
Saturday, Novbember 6– Assumption Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck By Tim, Mary, & Autumn	8:00am
Saturday, November 6- St. Marys Peachie Wells By Family	4:30pm
Sunday, November 7- Assumption Rita Geist By Loree & Chris	8:30am
Sunday, November 7- St. Marys All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Oct. 24</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,301.00	\$1,686.00
Electronic Giving	345.00	232.00

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	\$19,637.88	\$15,581.26

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

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Richard Lichvarcik
By: Mary

William (Scrub) Anderson
By: Wife, Frances Marie

Special Intention
By: Pat Gordon

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 ~ Vocations to the Priesthood

Dear Parishioners,

Next week (Nov. 7-13) the entire U.S. Church is focusing on vocations – specifically on encouraging young Catholics to seriously consider the priesthood and religious life. Everyone acknowledges we need more priests and sisters. The question is how do we get them? **The only answer is to inspire young Catholics to develop a deep, authentic love for Jesus Christ and His Church, and then accompany them as they discern God’s will for their lives.**

How can you help? Consider three things you can do this week (and beyond):

Talk to your children and grandchildren. “What do you want to be when you grow up?” In healthy, normal conversations about the future, please encourage boys and girls in your family to remain genuinely open to a vocation in the Church.

Invite young people. If you see teens and young adults in our parish, encourage them! Don’t be afraid to say, “I’ve been noticing you around the parish, and I think you’d make a great priest/sister if God were calling you!”

Offer good information. We need to go deeper with young people, offering them “solid food” as they’re figuring out God’s call.

Finally, please **pray for vocations.** In your regular daily prayer, please pray especially for the youth of our parish, both for their holiness and that some will become priests, sisters, and brothers.

A priest’s vocation story:

I grew up in a loving Catholic family, helping out often at my parish. I got tired of hearing everyone say, “You’ll make a good priest when you get older!” Everyone, that is, except my pastor.

But one day, as a senior serving one of my last Masses, just as the old monsignor and I were about to enter the sanctuary, he asked, “John, what will you be doing after graduation?” I thought to myself, “Oh boy, here it comes.” But I replied, “Monsignor, I’m thinking about studying medicine.” And he replied, “Good, goo. And what will you do after that?” I said, “Well, I suppose I will marry and have a family.” The priest said, “Good, and what after that?” Not sure exactly where this was leading, I replied, “I guess I will grow old and eventually retire. And then I guess I will die and go to heaven.” The pastor nodded his head thoughtfully, then looked at me earnestly and asked, “An who will you bring with you into heaven?” Immediately, he rang the sacristy bell and we walked out to begin Mass. I thought to myself, “How clever you are, Monsignor. How clever you are. Who will I bring with me to heaven?” I pondered that question for several years before answering it by entering the seminary.

Adapted from an anonymous priest’s vocation story as told in *To Save a Thousand Souls*.

The lesson is clear; every vocation is about helping others reach heaven! This is every bit as true about marriage as it is about the priesthood. How are you helping others draw closer to Jesus?

From Vianney Vocations website vianneyvocations.com

Ministers Schedule for November 6-7, 2021

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



PARTNER PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECT RESPOND RENEW PROGRAM: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card! We invite all faithful parishioners to renew their annual commitment and return a card as our parish goal is always 100% participation. You may return your card by mailing it to the church, bringing it to mass next Sunday, or you may visit our parish website at www.stmarysassumption.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card. **All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 7th. Fr. Bill**

PRAYER: In preparation for All Souls Day (November 2nd) Deacon Steve would like to share a prayer from St. Gertrude the Great. She had a vision of our Lord in which He promised her that each time this prayer was said, a thousand souls would enter heaven and end their time in purgatory. The promise encourages us, then, that our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed are effective. "Eternal Father, I offer you the Most Precious Blood of your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen. We encourage to pray this prayer daily and fill heaven with the souls of the faithful departed!

BART & CHARLIE IN CONCERT: Come and join us for an evening of Inspirational Music on Sunday November 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Bernards Church in Falls Creek PA. Bart Foradora and Charlie Prescott in concert. All are welcome.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY: This is not an obligatory mass attendance day in 2021 because it falls on a Monday. We will have one Mass on Monday, November 1st, the usual daily 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church in Reynoldsville. All are welcome to join us.

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

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

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

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held at the Methodist parking lot on Sunday, October 31st from 3-6 p.m. There are various ways you can participate: decorate your trunk and pass out candy, just come and pass out candy, bring a lawn chair and watch the excitement, or donate candy. For more information, call Kristen Benson at 814-590-4610.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER will be held **one day only** on Tuesday, November 2nd, **both eat in social hall dining and take out** from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need your help to continue to make it the success it has always been in the past! We will be having the **Bake Sale** and **Chinese Auction** so please consider baking and/or donating a basket! It takes many people to volunteer, so please plan ahead to help as much as you can! 800 dinners will be prepared. Sign- up sheets are on the table as you enter the church for the days and times needed for volunteers.

***CHINESE AUCTION:** As our Turkey Festival draws near, baskets for the Chinese Auction are needed. Please consider donating a basket of your choice and when ready, bring it to the church and place it on the long table in the back of the church. Baskets need to be here by October 31st.

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 now rests in front of the altar of sacrifice beginning the weekend of October 1/2nd The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to weekend Mass or drop item/items off during the week in the Parishioners Aid Center. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please be generous!

PARISHIONERS who would like to donate Non-Perishable food items for the Cornucopia and don’t attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Assumption may do so by dropping off your items anytime through the week in the Parishioners Aid Center. The church is opened from 8:00 – 1:00 p.m., Thank you for your support in the Outreach Program that our Parish

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES – In your envelope contribution packets there is an envelope designated for All Souls. Anyone who gives for All Souls Remembrances of your Deceased Loved Ones your envelope will be placed in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of November, the month of Poor Souls. Loved ones will be remembered during All Masses celebrated.

TURKEY DINNER FINANCIAL REPORT – We would like to Thank all who attended and supported of Annual Turkey Dinner this year. It was a huge success! **Guests served was 509! Thank you to Josephine Nichols and the kitchen crew** who generously donate their time weeks before to do the Prep work to put this fundraiser on! **Thank you** to all Parishioners who donated delicious pies for desserts, and the many volunteers who donated their Sunday to help serve in the dining room, dish room and fixing the plates in the kitchen! **Again. Thank you! Congratulations** to the following Winners of the Cash Giveaway – Josephine & Kimmy Nichols - \$500 – Darlene Swan - \$300 – Gabe Sweka - \$100 – Lois Good - \$100 & Patty Rosana - \$100.

Financial Report is as follows:	Income: \$5090.00	Cash Give Away Income: \$1,396.00
	Expenses : \$1810.12	Cash Give Away: \$1,100.00
	Profit: \$3,279.88	Profit: \$296.00
<u>Total Profit: \$3,575.88</u>		