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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 9, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

Parish app: search “myParish – Catholic to download app”

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10 (St. Mary) Esterina Torrell By Fran, Angela & Sandy	8:00 AM
Tuesday, February 11 (Assumption) Elsie Giglietti By Jayne Pisarcik & Kyle	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 12 (Assumption) John Carlson By Tim, Mary & Autumn	9:00 AM
Thursday, February 13 (St. Mary) Tecla Pierro By Joyce Snyder	8:00 AM
Friday, February 14 No Mass	
Saturday, February 15 (Assumption) Dorothy & Claire Withrow By Russ & Mary Withrow & Family	4:30 PM
Sunday, February 16 (Assumption) All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30 AM
Sunday, February 16 (St. Mary) Della & Thomas Barber By Paul Gileot	10:30 AM

Ministers Schedule for February 15-16, 2020

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. King
			D. Mullins
Lector	F. Rosana	P. Roman	C. Hannah
Eucharistic Ministers	E. Fike	K. Roman	D. Dennison
	D. Slawson	M. Carlson	R. Hannah
		D. Laukitis	M. Pothoven
Samaritan Outreach		M. Carlson	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening	4:30 PM (Jan.-May – Assumption; June-Dec. St. Mary)
Sunday Morning	8:30 AM (Assumption) 10:30 AM (St. Mary)

Sacrificial Giving

Feb. 2	St. Mary	Assumption
Collection	\$2,744.00	\$2,617.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 230.00	\$ 30.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you for fulfilling the 2019 CSA!
2020 CSA commitment weekend is
February 22/23.

Sanctuary Candles

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Office Information

Prayer Chain	Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church)
St Mary 653-2752	Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM
Assumption 661-3894	Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM
Hospital Visits:	Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028	Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm	Friday—Closed
Madelyn Tomasura’s home	Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras (“Fat Tuesday”) is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. In times of greater Lenten sternness in Catholic countries, Mardi Gras offered an opportunity for households to consume some foods they would not enjoy again until Easter. In England, the day has been celebrated with pancakes (which use eggs, milk and sugar — items our ancestors would have foregone during Lent), while in some areas of Germany the Lenten discipline applied to strong drink as well, so the day before Ash Wednesday became a time for special festivities.

Some have drawn a connection between Mardi Gras and ancient pagan festivals to welcome spring. This may certainly be true, but Catholic liturgists identify another link — namely, a time to extend celebrations of the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent. Whatever the case, certain cities around the world (Venice, Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans) have become identified with elaborate civic festivities leading up to Mardi Gras. These are usually known as “Carnival” (“Farewell to Meat”), a name that conveys the celebration’s religious, pre-Lenten character, although the events themselves (as in Venice) may commemorate military victories. In most places, however, Mardi Gras simply justifies an elaborate — often excessive — party.

Mardi Gras arrived in North America as a French Catholic tradition with the Le Moyne brothers, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, in the late 17th century, when King Louis XIV sent the pair to defend France's claim on the territory of *Louisiane*, which included what are now the U.S. states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and part of eastern Texas.

The expedition, led by Iberville, entered the mouth of the Mississippi River on the evening of 2 March 1699 (new style), Lundi Gras. They did not yet know it was the river explored and claimed for France by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle in 1683. The party proceeded upstream to a place on the east bank about 60 miles downriver from where New Orleans is today, and made camp. This was on 3 March 1699, Mardi Gras, so in honor of this holiday, Iberville named the spot *Point du Mardi Gras* (French: "Mardi Gras Point") and called the nearby tributary Bayou Mardi Gras.

Bienville went on to found the settlement of Mobile, Alabama in 1702 as the first capital of French Louisiana. In 1703 French settlers in Mobile established the first organized Mardi Gras celebration tradition in what was to become the United States. The first informal mystic society, or krewe, was formed in Mobile in 1711, the *Boeuf Gras Society*. By 1720, Biloxi had been made capital of Louisiana. The French Mardi Gras customs had accompanied the colonists who settled there.

In 1723, the capital of Louisiana was moved to New Orleans, founded in 1718. The first Mardi Gras parade held in New Orleans is recorded to have taken place in 1837. The tradition in New Orleans expanded to the point that it became synonymous with the city in popular perception, and embraced by residents of New Orleans beyond those of French or Catholic heritage. Mardi Gras celebrations are part of the basis of the slogan *Laissez les bons temps rouler* ("Let the good times roll"). On Mardi Gras Day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the last parades of the season wrap up and the celebrations come to a close with the Meeting of the Courts (known locally as the Rex Ball).

In the spirit of Mardi Gras our celebration will be held on Saturday, February 22nd following the 4:30pm Mass at Assumption Parish in Sykesville. Authentic Mardi Gras foods, King Cake, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or snacks to share. Following our meal, we will be playing Bunco, a family friendly game for all ages to enjoy! Please sign up at either parish, all are welcome! Hope to see you there.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY’S / ASSUMPTION’S NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Sisters of Mercy from the Rural House of Mercy invite anyone who desires to explore and enter into the Scriptures, particularly the Gospels, to gather with them in the St. Mary’s Religious Ed building on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:15 am for an hour of Scripture Sharing. The reading for this month’s gathering on Wednesday, February 12 will be Matthew 4:1-11. Anyone is welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE- FEBRUARY 26TH - Mass at Assumption Church at 7 A.M.
Mass at St. Mary's Church at 7 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE - THURSDAYS 7 P.M.

FEBRUARY 27 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MARCH 5 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 12 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MARCH 19 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 26 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

APRIL 2 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

SPAGHETTI DINNER, St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, is on Sunday, February 16, from 11am until 1:30pm or until sold out. Take-outs are available; please bring your own container.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GRADES 5-8: in McGivney Hall Feb 28- 6-8pm, March 6-6-8pm, April 3-6-8pm.

SEMINARY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: Any young man who is a high school junior or older and is seriously considering applying to seminary is encouraged to attend the Seminary Discernment Weekend [April 4-5](#) at St. Mark Seminary in Erie. The weekend is designed to assist young men to discern whether they might be called to diocesan priesthood, to familiarize them with the basic goals of seminary formation, and to help each individual determine whether he is ready to move forward with the application process. There will be presentations by seminary faculty and seminarians, informal interaction with seminarians, a tour of Gannon University in Erie, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, confession and Palm Sunday Mass. Accommodations and all meals are at no cost. For further information and/or to register for the weekend, contact Father Mike Polinek, vocations director, at [814-824-1202](tel:814-824-1202) or at mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN RETREAT:The Office of Young Adult and Youth Ministry is offering a free, eight-week Lenten retreat [Feb. 20 to April 9](#). This retreat will be offered in an online, small-group option, or in person or via Skype/Facetime individually. Registration can be found at: www.ErieRCD.org/youth/. For more information, contact Jillian Zaczyk, director of the Office of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, at jzaczyk@eriercd.org. Feel free to use the attached flier to advertise this opportunity at your school or parish.

DCC STUDENTS LEAP FROG FOR LEAP YEAR. Leap Year 2020 is a special year. As we begin a new decade *please help us to build our tuition assistance account. All funds raised will be distributed to children enrolled at DCC in the School Year 2020-2021.* Your donation of \$29.00 on February 29th will help a child receive an education in a Christ-centered learning environment. Students are encouraged to develop their God-given talents in preparation for making their unique contributions to the world. Please visit our website to donate: www.duboiscatholic.com. Click on the donate button, fill out the form, and submit. You can also mail your donation to the school at PO Box 567, DuBois, Pa. 15801. The students will play leap frog for every \$100.00 donated. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MADRI GRAS PARTY– The Annual Mardi Gras Party and Family Game Night will take place on Saturday, February 22nd immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass in Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville. All parishioners from both parishes are welcome to attend!! Come and join us for traditional “Madri Gras” food, King Cake and a great game of Bunco. Please bring a covered dish to share. A Sign-up sheet will be posted in February to attend the party! Hope to see you there!!

MEN’S CONFERENCE: The 7th Annual 2232 Men’s Conference will be held at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie on Saturday, February 29th. There are posters in each parish containing more details or you can go the website www.2232Men.com. There are reduced rates available for 8 or more participants. The Knights of Columbus will facilitate registration if you choose to register as a group. Paper copies of the registration form are in each parish. Complete the registration form and place it and your payment (make check payable to K of C 935) in an envelope labeled 2232 Men’s Conference. Place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass on or before February 16th. The registration forms and payment will be mailed on February 17th. If we meet the number of registrations for the reduced rate, then each adult will be reimbursed the difference.

6TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie with check in beginning at 8 a.m. Registration is \$40 per person, \$35 for senior citizens or groups of 8, \$25 for college students, \$10 for high school students, and free for religious sisters. This includes lunch and free parking. The theme of the conference this year is “Bee the Attitude” relating to Matthew 5:12 --- “Rejoice and be glad.” There are registration forms and more info on the bulletin board in the church. Any questions, call Betsy at the office, 653-8586.

5 WEEK COURSE ON THE NEW TESTAMENT. In March, St. Catherine’s Church, through the Diocese of Erie and the University of Dayton, will offer a 5 week course on the New Testament. Classes are offered through the internet, in the comfort of your home and are available on your home computer. The cost is \$25 plus the cost of the book. For further information, contact St. Catherine’s at 371-8556.

PENN HIGHLANDS, DUBOIS is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to provide communion to our Catholic patients. Time commitment is just a couple hours each month. There will be an orientation session in the PH Dubois West Chapel (on the 2nd floor) on Tuesday, February 11th from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for anyone interested. Contact Pastor Kevin Bockus, Director of Pastoral Care, with any questions (375-3426).

ST. MARY’S NEWS

FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR are in memory of Sonya Renee’ Baranick by Mom & Dad.

ASSUMPTION’S NEWS

A.B.V.M. ANNUAL FISH DINNERS will take place the first six Fridays of Lent, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3rd.from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Sykesville will hold a Children’s Carnival on Saturday, February 29th from 1 – 3 pm. Bring the kids to play games! Free Admission!