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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 7, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary Parish
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Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851
814-653-8586
Email: stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865
814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981
Email: abvmchurch20@gmail.com

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, February 8 — St. Mary's Samuel Earley By Kathy & Kevin Crooks	5:00pm
Tuesday, February 9 — Assumption Mel Beimel By Rick & Elaine	5:00pm
Wednesday, February 10 - Assumption Joseph & Evelyn Simbeck By Tim, Mary & Autumn	5:00pm
Thursday, February 11- St. Mary's Tecla C. Pierro By Joyce & Family	5:00pm
Friday, February 12 - St. Mary's	No Mass
Saturday, February 13- Assumption Claire & Dorothy Withrow By Russ, Mary & Family	4:30pm
Sunday, February 14 — Assumption All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30am
Sunday, February 14 — St. Mary's Geraldine (Gerry) Varhol By Joe & Mary McCluskey	10:30am

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Jan. 31</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,824.00	\$2,419.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 305.00	\$ 296.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
2021 CSA Goal	\$20,301	\$19,312

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:
Bill & Helen Pegnetter
By: Barb

Pegnetter Family
By: Barb

Ministers Schedule for February 13-14, 2021

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. King
Lector	F. Rosana	P. Roman	C. Hannah

Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight ~ ABVM 30th Annual Fish Dinners

The 2021 season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th, which is the first of seven days that we are required to abstain from eating meat. Abstinence is the act of “doing without” or avoiding something. The days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).

At the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, this will our 30th year serving our fish dinners! Since the inception of our fish dinners, there have been countless parish volunteers who have worked together to make the last 28 of 29 years a huge success for our parish. Due to unfortunate circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of our 2020 fish dinners were cancelled.

Please join us between 4:00-6:00pm or until we are sold out, on the following Fridays: February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26. This year our fish dinner procedure will look quite a bit different due to the COVID-19 viral pandemic and state restrictions. We will be offering our dinner as TAKE-OUT ONLY and MASKS ARE REQUIRED. We will be taking all COVID-19 precautions to allow ample room in line for social distancing.

Our menu is also going to look a little different this year:

Meals include:

Your choice of Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner.

Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake.

Adults: \$10.00; Children 12 & Under: \$4.00.

50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.

Our volunteers spend many hours preparing for Friday evenings. They begin by transforming heads of cabbage into delicious, home-made coleslaw and haluski (cabbage and noodles), then they create creamy home-made macaroni and cheese from pounds of elbow macaroni, cheese and milk, and the star of the show – home-made stewed tomatoes. These delicious home-made side dishes are paired with your choice of entrees from deep-fried breaded fish, potato crusted baked fish or deep-fried butterflied shrimp along with a baked potato, and a dinner roll. We will not be offering French fries this year.

As if that wasn't enough for dinner, wait, there's more! Our parishioners volunteer to bake a variety of delicious cakes for dessert! The desserts change from week to week, so you never know what treasures the dessert container will hold.

We look forward to seeing you at our 30th annual fish dinners. Thank you for your continued support of our annual fundraising events. See you there!

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: I ask for this year that you sit along the middle aisles for Stations to keep social distance from the minister as he walks. I am pleased to have the assistance of Deacon Dan Satterlee in leading Stations of the Cross for Lent 2021. Stations will take place as typical on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Here are the dates and locations:

Thursday, 2/18 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 2/25 – Assumption; Thursday, 3/4 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/11 – Assumption;
Thursday, 3/18 - St. Mary's; Thursday, 3/25 - Assumption

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES I would anticipate the scheduling of some type of communal penance service towards the end of Lent in late March. However, this is scheduled by the Dean, Msgr. Riccardo, and not myself, and so I will notify you when dates are confirmed. Fr. Barron

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: St. Mary's Religious Education Program will be returning to in person religious education classes on Sunday, Feb. 21st. Sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

BINGO: St. Mary's Bingo will continue to be cancelled for the month of February. We are seriously considering a return of Bingo for the month of March and ongoing from there, but that is dependent on the number of COVID cases continuing to decline in the area. Fr. Barron

A BOOK STUDY WITH FR. BARRON FOR LENT: Fr. Dan Hoffman and Fr. Bill Barron will be hosting a book study via Zoom of Ralph Martin's new book, *A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward*. The book study will be held on **Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. beginning Feb. 22nd and ending Monday, April 26th**. In his book, Martin addresses long-standing controversies in the church and presents solutions that can be found in God's Holy Word. Martin discusses at length how we can find what we need to receive salvation in Jesus Christ, despite the struggles of our institutional parishes and schools. He encourages repentance and return to God's Word as a standard for living. Participants will need to be able to discuss controversial and sensitive topics with charity and reason. If you are interested in registering for the book club, all you need to do at this time is email Fr. Bill Barron at fatherbarron@gmail.com. This will begin the facilitation of purchasing your book and signing you up for Zoom. **Please contact him before Friday, February 19th.**

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS - February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Month: Over one quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year say they'd been the victim of **digital dating abuse** according to *Psychology Today*. Digital dating abuse is physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence that occurs between romantic partners through the use of texting, social media and related online mediums. 81% of youth who had been the target of digital dating abuse had also been the target of off-line dating abuse. So what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their kids about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask kids what they are doing online and then really *listen* to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great parenting and online dating tips can be found in at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

REGISTRATION for new students of DuBois Central Catholic, grades preschool through 5 for the school year 2021-2022 will begin on Monday, February 1st. Tuition assistance applications are also available. Please call the school at 371-2570 or stop in the elementary office for forms.,

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year's Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, February 17th. We will have masses at 7 a.m. (Assumption) and 7 p.m. (St. Mary's). Distribution of Ashes will take place in a different format than you are used to - the ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head. This is the predominant way that ashes are distributed in Europe, as opposed to the American custom of a cross on the forehead. This will eliminate personal contact during Ash distribution. All will wear masks as they come forward to receive ashes this year. Fr. Barron

HOLY TRIDUUM 2021: We will observe the regular order for the sharing of the Triduum services between St. Mary's and Assumption. This means that, in 2021, it will be St. Mary's turn to host Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil, and Assumption's turn to host Good Friday services.

2021 MEN'S CONFERENCE: Gentlemen, important information regarding this year's conference. Conference will be streamed Live. Please save the date: Date: Feb 27th 2021. Time: 9:00a-12:00 Noon. Place: St. Mary's Reynoldsville Social Hall. Event coordinators are Ron Hannah from St. Mary's & Tim Carlson from ABVM. Light Breakfast /coffee and snacks as well as a light lunch will be included. More information forthcoming.

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 Assumption after Saturday 4:30 Mass and Sunday 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's, 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 Parishioner's Aid 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.

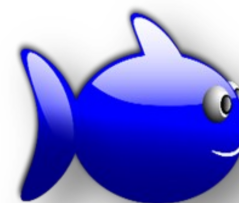
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ST. MARY'S NEWS

BAKED STEAK TAKEOUT DINNER will take place here at St. Mary's on Thursday, February 11th from 4-6 p.m. Dinner includes Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Roll, and Cookie! Only 125 meals will be sold. Call Mike Fye at 590-4637 to reserve your dinner. Cost is \$10 per dinner. Pick up dinners in the parking lot beside the church.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS



30th ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNERS will take place in the Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville on the first six Fridays of Lent: February 19, 26 March 5, 12, 19 & 26th. **TAKE-OUT ONLY! MASK REQUIRED.** The dinners will be available from 4 – to 6:00 p.m. or Sold Out! Social Distancing will also be used in line. **Menu:** Breaded or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinner. **Meals include:** Homemade Macaroni & Cheese or Haluski, Baked Potato, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter & Cake. **Adults:** \$10.00; **Children** 12 & Under: \$4.00. 50/50 Drawing each week. Ample Parking – Handicapped Accessible.