

SEVEN MOUNTAINS MEDIA
BIG FOOT COUNTRY
101.3 / 102.1
POP 93.1 / 95.9
900 WCPA

Spitzer Auto World
Chevrolet Cadillac GMC Buick
DuBois, PA
814 - 371- 4444
www.spitzerduboisgm.com

LEO NEDZA
FUNERAL HOME
212 East Main St., Sykesville, PA 15865
814 - 894- 2230
www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com

Please support our bulletin sponsors! Thank you!

Rathmel Auto Sales
80 Brick Road
Reynoldsville, PA 15851
Gary & Stella Klebacha
814-591-9201 or 814-612-2078

SUNRISE DRILLING
SUPPLY, INC.
814 - 894- 5005

SILVER FRONT
RESTAURANT AND TAVERN
Main Street, Sykesville 814 - 894-7879
Enjoy our daily specials!
Take outs available.

Baronick Funeral Home
& Crematorium, Inc.
Jeffery Baronick, Funeral Director
211 S. Main St. DuBois, PA 15801
814 - 371- 2040

O'BRYON
EYE ASSOCIATES, LLC.
O'BRYON
FAMILY MEDICINE, INC.
814 - 371- 3980

SYMMCO INCORPORATED
40 South Park Street
Sykesville, PA 15865
Phone: 814 - 894- 2461
www.symmco.com

Burke & Sons, Inc.
"The Window Specialists"
814-938-7303
www.burke-sons.com
Windows—Doors—Shade Products

Reynoldsville Hardware
349 E Main St.
814-653-8642
Friendly Service—Community Values—Small
Town Pride—39 years in the neighborhood
M-F 8AM—6PM Sat 9:30AM—5PM

FOX'S PIZZA DEN OF
SYKESVILLE
206 East Main Street Sykesville, PA 15865
814 - 894- 7777
Like us on Facebook

DETER'S BEAUTY SALON
360 East Main Street
Sykesville, PA
814 - 894- 2770

Our Hometown Restaurant
814-653-9690
Tues-Sat 8AM—7PM
Dine in or Call for Take out

CHRIST THE KING MANOR
"A Continuing Care Retirement Community"
1100 West Long Avenue
DuBois, PA 15801
814 - 371- 3180

Dr. Tom Petraitis
Quality Preventive Dentistry
101 Hospital Ave, DuBois
814-375-1023

CARPET SPA
Carpet Cleaning ★ Water Restoration
Upholstery Cleaning Etc.
Falls Creek, PA
814 - 371- 6708

ADVANCE DISPOSAL
Brockway, PA
814 - 265- 1975

FARMERS NATIONAL
BANK
Since 1893
814 - 653- 8232 814 - 894- 5033
www.cf-bank.com

SHANKEL'S
PHARMACY
"Caring for you is what we do"

241 W. Long Ave., DuBois, PA
814-371-9320

DUBOIS CENTRAL CATHOLIC
Learn Well...Live Well...Serve Well
High School: 371-3060
Middle School: 371-3060
Elementary: 371-2570
Pre-K: 371-2570

Snyder-d'Argy
Funeral Home
206 E Main St
Reynoldsville, PA 15851
814-653-8256

Please thank our sponsors when
you visit their establishments.

If you would like to join our
Church, please call the office at
(814) 653-8586 (SM) or
(814) 894-2772 (ABVM) and
request a registration form .

St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 5, 2021 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary Parish
607 East Main Street
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

Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

Shared contact information:

Web address: www.stmarysassumption.com

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

Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6 –No Mass

Tuesday, September 7—No Mass

Wednesday, September 8—Assumption 5:00pm
Michael Kokoska
By; Theresa Yanek

Thursday, September 9—St. Marys 8:00am
Mary A. Snyder
By; Joyce & Family

Friday, September 10 - No Mass

Saturday, September 11-St. Marys 4:30pm
Rose M. August
By Joyce & Family

Sunday, September 12- Assumption 8:30am
Rita Geist
By Barry & Darlene Swan

Sunday, September 12- St. Marys 10:30am
All Parishioners of both Parishes

Sacrificial Giving

<u>Aug 29</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,762.00	\$1,676.00
Electronic Giving	281.00	296.00

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	\$17,558.32	\$14,186.45
Thank you for your continued support.		

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Marie Dorwarth	By: Jim & Darla By: Mary & Joe McCluskey By: McGreevey Family
Karen Wells	By: Jim & Darla By: Mary & Joe McCluskey By: McGreevey Family
Burton Heise	By: Jim & Darla By: Class of 1961 “tTe last of the Bulldogs”
Betty Jane Snyder	By: Mary & Joe McCluskey By: Frank & Kathy
Dee Veitz	By: Toni, Larry, & Family
Cutty & Aloyse Fusco	By: Kathy & Lynn

Ministers Schedule for September 11-12, 2021

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	M. King		S. Mullins
Eucharist Minister	L. Shaddock B. Murray	Deacon Steve	C. Hannah
Lectors	B. Stover	P. Roman	D. Bowley



INCREASED
OFFERTORY
PROGRAM



Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Anointing of the Sick :

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Parish Spotlight—Labor Day

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly became the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it.

Labor Day honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the development, growth, prosperity, and well-being of the country. In our community, many of our ancestors worked in the area coal mines.

Helvetia was once a company town in Brady Township. The land was purchased by a wealthy banker from New York in the early 1890s. The town was made to house the 50+ workers in the nearby coal mines. The company town at one time had all the infrastructure of towns today including church, school, general store and power plant to generate electricity for the mines and the town.

Reynoldsville experienced great growth during the coal mining era, since it was in the center of the coal mining region of the county. In 1847, Woodward Reynolds opened the first coal mine in Jefferson County. The mine was in a little hollow south-west of where Reynoldsville Cemetery is and a short distance south of the Punxsutawney Road. It was closed in 1878.

The Diamond Coal Co. was the first to market coal mined from Jefferson County. In 1873, Diamond Mine was opened and was located on the south side of the Sandy Lick Creek north of Reynoldsville. In April 1874, the first shipment was sent by railroad and went out of Jefferson County, beginning coal shipments from this region to distant markets.

The Powers-Brown Coal Co. and the Hamilton Coal Co. were both organized in 1878. In 1885, the firm Bell, Lewis and Yates of Buffalo, NY bought the holdings of both of these companies. In 1887, this firm became a chartered corporation and was known as The Bell, Lewis and Yates Coal Mining Co.

The Big Soldier Run Mine, which belonged to this company, opened on October 1, 1889, and was, at one time, considered the largest bituminous coal mine in the world. Its output for years ranged from 500,000 to 2,000,000 tons of coal per year. The first coal mining machine put in this region was a Harrison, allowing coal to be taken out of the western openings of the mine by a system of wire rope. Before that time, they used mules. The first electric haulage in the mines in the township was in 1903.

The Cascade Coal and Coke Co. was on the edge of Sykesville in Jefferson County. It was Powhattan Coal and Coke Co. who originally constructed the mine in 1904. Some of the Lower Freeport coal mined here was coked in the company’s coke ovens across the road from the mine. Some of the ovens were beehive ovens and some were rectangular ovens. In 1911 an explosion at the mine claimed the lives of 21 men. The W. G. Wilkins Co consulting engineers prepared plans for the construction of 200 rectangular ovens of the pusher type in 1913. The mines closed in 1939, but the ruins of these mines still exist at the edge of town and the pond constructed above the coke works for quenching the coke is still there to this day.

- Mary Carlson

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

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, September 8 at 10:00 am. The reading for this month’s gathering will be Mark 9: 38-48. Printed copies of the reading will be available. Anyone is welcome!

THANK YOU: I thank Fr. Matias and Fr. Andy Boyd for covering the 1st Friday/1st Saturday devotions, as well as the weekend Masses. Fr. Bill

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.

4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING will be held at the Bellamuro beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$15. For reservations, call Joe McCluskey at 653-2589.

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. Luke and Kristin Renwick will also be available to answer questions at the August 22nd “Mass and Meal.”

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

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

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

NO BINGO TODAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY! BINGO WILL RETURN NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH.

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.