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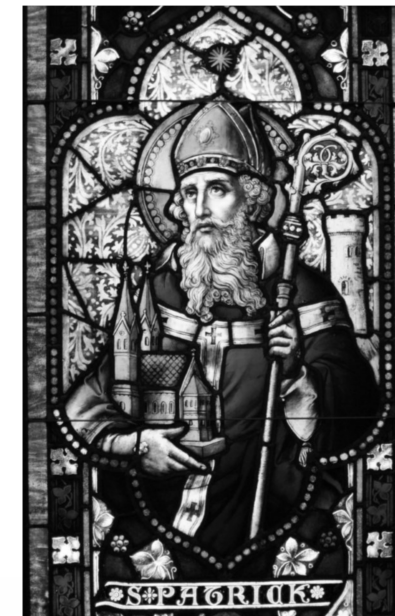
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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



St. Mary Parish
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Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851
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, March 16 (St. Mary) Liz Deegan By Monica Bobal	8:00 AM
Tuesday, March 17 (Assumption) Tony Petraitis By Louise Castiglione	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 18 No Mass	
Thursday, March 19 (Assumption) Philomena (Annie) Sonnie By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sonnie	9:00 AM
Stations of the Cross (St. Mary)	7:00 PM
Friday, March 20 (St. Mary) John Webb Family By Maxine Nava Estate	8:00 AM
Saturday, March 21 (Assumption) Catherine Rosana By Mr. & Mrs. Fran Rosana	4:30 PM
Sunday, March 22 (Assumption) All Parishioners of both Parishes	8:30 AM
Sunday, March 22 (St. Mary) Anthony August By Joyce Snyder	10:30 AM

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

<u>Mar. 1</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$3,422.00	\$1,853.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 400.00	\$ 64.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		

CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Goal for 2020	\$19,613	\$19,327
Pledged	\$21,230	\$20,176

Thank you for your generosity!

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of:

Carmelita Foley	By: Margaret Foley Brown
Esther Torrell	By: Margaret Foley
Bernard P. Snyder	By: Joyce Snyder

Special Intention By: Pat Gordon

Ministers Schedule for March 21-22, 2020

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			O. Mullins S. Mullins
Lector	B. Sonnie	P. Roman	D. Bowley
Eucharistic Ministers		A. Bonavita	C. Hannah
Samaritan Outreach		A. Bonavita	

Office Information

Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752
Assumption 661-3894

Hospital Visits:

Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028

Blue Army Prayer Cell: Tuesday 3:00pm
Madelyn Tomasura's home

Office Hours: (located at St. Mary Church)

Monday 7:00AM—2:00 PM
Tuesday 7:00AM—2:30 PM
Wednesday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Thursday 8:00AM—2:30 PM
Friday—Closed

Bingo: Sunday at 6:00pm at St. Mary

The Parish Spotlight ~ Saints Patrick and Joseph

St. Patrick's Day:

It seems everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. In most dioceses of the United States, St. Patrick is celebrated as an Optional Memorial, The priest continues to wear violet or purple vestments and the Mass readings of the day are for Lent, unless St. Patrick is the patron of the local diocese, cathedral, parish, or religious community. (Note that green is never the vestment color for St. Patrick's Day.) St. Patrick is known as the "Apostle to Ireland", converting the population to Catholicism in his 33 years of work there. He died around 461 A.D., and he has left a continuing legacy. Because the Irish have spread all over the world, they have brought a bit of their homeland and their patron saint to the places they have settled. Have you ever wondered why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 specifically? As it turns out, Ireland's national holiday, St. Patrick's Day, is celebrated on March 17 because that is the day Saint Patrick himself died. The man who brought Christianity to Ireland is believed to have died in the small village of Saul not far from the town of Downpatrick in Co. Down where he is reportedly buried.

St. Joseph's Day:

The Feast of Saint Joseph, is a religious observance known as a feast day, celebrated every year on March 19. It commemorates Saint Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary and Jesus's Stepfather. This day is thought to have been his birthday. Observance has been established in calendars since the 10th century, however, it wasn't adopted by the Roman church until the 15th century when Pope Pius V added the custom to the liturgical rite. Saint Joseph's Day was established as a feast day in the 19th century.

Saint Joseph was a carpenter. He married the Virgin Mary and became the stepfather of Jesus Christ. Together, the three are known as the Holy Family. Accounts of Joseph are noticeably absent from reports of Jesus's days as a preacher; thus, it is believed that he may have died before this. In 1870, Pope Pius IX named Saint Joseph as the protector of the Catholic Church. He is also the patron saint of unborn children, fathers, immigrants and workers. Saint Joseph is regarded as a model for fathers everywhere, and some Catholic countries celebrate Father's Day on March 19.

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations in the United States: During a period of famine in Sicily, where crops weren't prospering, Italians prayed to St. Joseph for successful harvests. These prayers were answered, and with enough yields, the famine ended for the poor people. To give thanks, Italians began giving annual offerings of food for the saint, these were placed in altars known as Saint Joseph's Tables. In the United States, this tradition is still observed in New Orleans, where there is a large Sicilian community. Saint Joseph's Day is an event that is celebrated across the whole city, with public and private altars being built filled with food such as pasta, fish, bread, cakes, pastries and fava beans. The food must be meatless, as March 19 happens during lent. These altars are blessed by a priest and hold a statue of St. Joseph. Afterwards, the food is donated to charities. New Orleans also hosts big Saint Joseph Day parades, similar to the ones of Mardi Gras. Some people believe that burying a Saint Joseph statue upside down will help them sell their house. Saint Joseph's Day is also celebrated in other parts of the United States where there are big Italian communities, such as New York, Chicago, Kansas and Rhode Island. In these places, people observe the day by following the tradition of wearing red.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, March 15, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER, St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, is on Sunday, March 15, from 10:30am (please note **new starting time**) until 1:30pm or **until sold out**. Take-outs are available; please bring your own container.

C D OF A will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 16th at St. Mary's Church social hall at 6:30 p.m.

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

MARCH 19 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MARCH 26 - ASSUMPTION CHURCH

APRIL 2 - ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY AT ASSUMPTION PARISH - 7 P.M. ADORATION UNTIL 10 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY AT ST. MARY'S PARISH - 1 P.M.

EASTER VIGIL AT ASSUMPTION PARISH - 8:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY – 8:30 A.M. ASSUMPTION; 10:30 A.M. ST. MARY'S

LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

MONDAY, MARCH 30TH AT ST. MARY'S PARISH - 7 P.M.

2020 DUBOIS CENTRAL PLAYERS proudly presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's **Cinderella** at DCC March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 22, 28 at 2 p.m. All seats reserved by calling 371-3060 or visiting DCC Main Office. Adults: \$12, Students/Seniors: \$8, Children 11 & Under: \$5. Many fun and wonderful things 'are happening everyday'. The Café Royale is the location of the La La Salon where your little princess will be pampered at no charge. Please plan to experience the magic!

EFFECTIVE March 1, 2020, the Sunday Mass at St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, will be at 9am. This is a permanent change from the old time of 10am.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

FLOWER MEMORIALS: In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an offering envelope for Easter Flowers. Please use this envelope for your deceased loved ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass now through April 5th. The names of your loved ones will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12th.

*****HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY** is in real need of canned goods, fruit, vegetables, and soup. This is a very slow time for them, so please bring canned goods and place them on the table in the back of the church. Please remember to make sure the items are not out of date because they cannot use them. Thank you for helping those in need!

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

A.B.V.M. ANNUAL FISH DINNERS will take place the first six Fridays of Lent, March 20, 27 & April 3rd.from 4:00 – 6:30 pm in Assumption Social Hall in Sykesville.

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes for March you will find an envelope designed for Easter Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Easter Remembrances of Deceased Loved ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass now through April 5th. Names of Memorialized Loved Ones will be published in the Parish bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12th.

PARISH SEDER MEAL – Our Parish Seder Meal will take place on Wednesday, April 8th in the church Social Hall. The Seder Meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. A Sign-up sheet is now posted at the entrance of the church and also by the door entrance at the ramp door. The parish will provide meat, rolls and beverages. Please bring a covered dish for this Religious Event. In the Christian Tradition of the Passover Seder is believed to be when Jesus instituted the Eucharist.

MARIANNA HOAGIE SALE – The Rosary Society is now doing their annual hoagie sale starting this weekend, March 14/15th. If you are able, please support this annual sale to our Society! Their profit always goes back into the church for maintenance and other church projects. **Your support is much appreciated!** You can place an order in the collection basket at any weekend mass now through April 3rd, Delivery date is Wednesday, April 15th.