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St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

February 2, 2020 ~ The Presentation of the Lord



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Deacon – Daniel Satterlee

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Fax number: 814-653-2769

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3 (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Jack Carlson By Cricket Kaizer	
Tuesday, February 4 (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Larry Serafin By Anita Serafin	
Wednesday, February 5 (Assumption)	9:00 AM
Vocations for Priests By Rosary Society	
Thursday, February 6 (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Deceased Members of the Cuba Family By Susan Hartzfeld & Roseann Gesell	
Friday, February 7 (St. Mary)	8:00 AM
Elizabeth Bobal By Bobal Family	
Saturday, February 8 (Assumption)	4:30 PM
Mel Beimel By John & Marlene Boboige	
Sunday, February 9 (Assumption)	8:30 AM
All Parishioners of both Parishes	
Sunday, February 9 (St. Mary)	10:30 AM
William J Satterlee By K of C #935	

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>Jan. 26</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,842.00	\$1,747.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 60.00	\$ 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

In Memory of:	
Dr. Daniel Gordon	By Pat
Teena McDonald	By Madeline & Marc

Ministers Schedule for February 1-2, 2020

	4:30pm (ABVM)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Servers			M. Hannah C. Uhl
Lector	B. Sonnie	S. Jovenitti	M. Pothoven
Eucharistic Ministers	F. Enseki D. Slawson	D. Laukitis B. Cook A. Bonavita	D. Dennison C. Hannah C. McGranor
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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 ~ Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day - Groundhog Day

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day,

On February 2nd a quaint tradition unfolds, known well to children and adults alike. The fate of Spring hangs in the balance as a burrowing animal looks for its shadow. But where did this tradition come from?

For centuries, February 2nd has been celebrated as Candlemas, a Christian Feast Day. Candlemas is also called the Feast of the Presentation, because it honors the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple. In bringing their child to the Temple and offering a sacrifice, Jesus' parents were following the Mosaic law (specifically Leviticus 12:6). As the Gospel of Luke recounts:

“And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22)

The date of Candlemas is always February 2nd because it is exactly 40 days after Christmas on December 25th. The Mosaic law stated that 40 days was the period of purification after the birth of a child, and so the presentation took place 40 days after Jesus was born. Incidentally, February 2nd is also halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so the date has always had significance for ancient people.

Candlemas became linked to weather predictions about the end of winter because of an old English poem:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come winter, have another flight.
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,
Go winter, and come not again.*

It makes sense that early February was a good time to prognosticate about the weather, especially as February 2nd marks the midpoint between Winter and Spring. And the English poem appears to be the source of the shadow connection: “fair and bright” = sun = shadows = more winter, while “clouds and rain” = no sun = no shadows = spring arriving soon. This is the exact pattern that Groundhog Day follows.

This “interpretation” of Candlemas Day became the norm for most of Europe. As you can read, there is no mention of an animal of any kind in the preceding poem. It wasn't until this traditional belief was introduced to Germany that an animal was introduced into the lore, hence another evolution of February 2nd. If, according to German lore, the hedgehog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day there would be a “Second Winter” or 6 more weeks of bad weather. As German settlers came to what is now the United States, so too came their traditions and folklore. With the absence of hedgehogs in the United States, a similar hibernating animal was chosen. This leads us to yet another evolution in the legend and to present day Punxsutawney.

- Mary Carlson

ST. MARY'S / ASSUMPTION'S NEWSLETTER, February 2, 2020

PARTNER PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom. All members are urged to attend.

FRIDAY IS THE FIRST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY. Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion that is not already on the list, please call Father Bill at 653-8586.

EMERGENCY PARKING AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH: New signs have been installed in Mary's Way indicating that this is a fire lane only. Only police, fire, and ambulance should be parking in the Mary's Way. Please do not park your vehicle there. Thanks, Fr. Barron

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.

ST. MARY'S NEWS

BINGO: Wear your favorite football team's shirt tonight and you will have free early birds!!!

7TH, 8TH, 9TH, & 10TH GRADE CCD CLASSES are once again collecting food for the “Helping Hands Food Pantry” and they need your help! Please bring any non-perishable items to any Mass until February 2nd. This is a slow time for the food bank after the holidays and they appreciate everything we donate. **Please make sure the items are not out of date as they cannot accept them!** This is a very good service project for our students to help those in need!

***** REMINER - PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER** will be held on Monday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.