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November 21, 2021 - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22 –St. Marys In Thanksgiving for Rosamund By Lindemuth Family	5:00pm
Tuesday, November 23—Assumption Pam Kos By Family	5:00pm
Wednesday, November 24-St. Marys Katie Barilar Wall By Marie & Charles Hamaker	7:00pm
Thursday, November 25—Assumption Rita Geist By Mary Ann Nitsche	9:00am
Friday, November 26—No Mass	
Saturday, November 27- St. Marys Tom & Betty Moslak By Mary Beth & Tom Stojek	4:30pm
Sunday, November 28- Assumption Albert Patt By Antoinette	8:30am
Sunday, November 28- St. Marys All Parishioners of both Parishes	10:30am

Ministers Schedule for November 27-28, 2021

	4:30pm (St. Mary)	8:30am (ABVM)	10:30am (St Mary)
Altar Server	R. Whipple		
Eucharist Minister	B. Murray	M. Carlson	C. Hannah
	B. Stover		C. McGranor
Lector	L. Shadduck	P. Roman	D. Dennison



Sacrificial Giving

<u>Nov. 14</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$2,150.00	\$2,346.00
Electronic Giving	217.00	282.00

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	\$20,305.84	\$16,612.22
Thank you for your continued support.		

Sanctuary Candles

<u>In Memory of:</u>	
Edna Rafferty	By: Mary & Joe McCluskey
Bernie Snyder	By: Bernie, Kristy, Jake & Brady
Jospeh Adamski	By: Frank & Kathy
Liz Deegan	By: Betsy, Jeff, & Jessica
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In Thanksgiving	By: Smelko's

Information

Prayer Chain St Mary 653-2752 Assumption 661-3894	Anointing of the Sick : Call Fr. Barron 814-503-0028
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Parish Spotlight ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It is sometimes called American Thanksgiving (outside the United States) to distinguish it from the Canadian holiday of the same name and related celebrations in other regions. It originated as a harvest festival, and the centerpiece of Thanksgiving celebrations remains Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner traditionally consists of foods and dishes indigenous to the Americas, namely turkey, potatoes, stuffing, squash, corn, green beans, cranberries, and pumpkin pie. Other Thanksgiving customs include charitable organizations offering Thanksgiving dinner for the poor, attending religious services, watching parades, and view-ing football games. In American culture Thanksgiving is regarded as the beginning of the fall–winter holiday season, which includes Christmas and the New Year.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," days of pray-er thanking God for blessings such as a military victory or the end of a drought. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow—was attended by 90 Wampanoag and 53 Pilgrims.

Thanksgiving was founded as a religious observance for all the members of the community to give thanks to God for a common purpose. A 1541 thanksgiving mass was held by the Spanish explorer Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and his expedition of 1,500 men at Palo Duro Canyon in what is today the Texas Panhandle. A thanksgiving took place after the victory in the 1777 Battle of Saratoga during the Revolutionary War. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a procla-mation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. On June 28, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law the *Holidays Act* that made Thanksgiving a yearly appointed federal holiday in Washington D.C. On January 6, 1885, an act by Congress made Thanksgiving, and other federal holi-days, a paid holiday for all federal workers throughout the United States. Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the date was moved to one week earlier, observed between 1939 and 1941 amid significant controversy. From 1942 onwards, Thanksgiving, by an act of Congress, signed into law by FDR, received a permanent observation date, the fourth Thursday in November, no longer at the discretion of the Presi-dent.

The tradition of giving thanks to God is continued today in many forms, most notably the attendance of religious services, as well as the saying of a mealtime prayer before Thanksgiving dinner. Many houses of worship offer worship services and events on Thanksgiving themes the weekend before, the day of, or the weekend after Thanksgiving. At home, it is a holiday tradition in many families to begin the Thanksgiv-ing dinner by saying grace (a prayer before or after a meal). The custom is portrayed in the photograph "Family Holding Hands and Praying Before a Thanksgiving Meal". Before praying, it is a common prac-tice at the dining table for "each person to tell one specific reason they're thankful to God that year". While grace is said, some families hold hands until the prayer concludes, often indicated with an "Amen".



PARTNER PARISH NEWS NOVEMBER 21,2021

THANKSGIVING MASSES: We will be holding Thanksgiving Masses at both parishes- St. Mary's on Wednesday, November 24th at 7 p.m., and Assumption Parish on Thursday, November 25th at 9 a.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: **St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner will be on Sunday, November 21, from 10am-1pm or until sold out. Dinners are dine in or take out; please bring your own container for take outs.**

BART & CHARLIE IN CONCERT: Come and join us for an evening of Inspirational Music on Sunday November 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Bernards Church in Falls Creek PA. Bart Foradora and Charlie Prescott in concert. All are welcome.

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY: The Regional Pastoral Planning Committee is comprised of 3 members from each of the following parishes: Assumption, St. Bernard, St. Catherine, St. Mary, and St. Michael. The priests and deacons of these parishes also participate, along with the facilitator, Jenn Zaffuto. It has been charged by Bishop Persico to collect and disseminate information, assess strengths and weaknesses, and make recommendations for action plans for our 5 local parishes. All registered households of both Assumption and St. Mary's Parishes received a mailing from the committee with a survey. **Please return your survey to the parish office or collection basket by the weekend of December 4/5. Fr. Bill Barron**

POSTURE CHANGE AT MASS: As has been discussed over the past few weeks, beginning the weekend of Nov. 27/28, the people will kneel from the end of the Lamb of God until they come up to the Communion Procession Line. They will kneel (or if unable to kneel, be seated) when they return to their pew after receiving Holy Communion. They will stand when the priest says, "Let us pray". This is a liturgical change made by Bishop Persico.

MISSALS AND HYMNALS will be returned to the pews beginning the weekend of Nov. 27/28. You may discard the hymnals and missals that you currently have. Before the last weekend of the month, new hymnals and missals for 2022 will be placed in the pews.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Please note that it is changed from previous years
Friday, December 24th: 4 P.M. at St. Mary's Church; 6 P.M. at Assumption Church
Saturday, December 25th: 8:30 A.M. at St. Mary's Church. No 4:30 P.M. Mass will be offered.
Sunday, December 26th: 8:30 A.M. at Assumption Church; 10:30 A.M. at St. Mary's Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their Christmas party on Friday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Social Hall. For reservations, call Joe McCluskey at 653-2589 by December 10th.

A WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM: The Paradise Community United Church of Christ will be having their presentation of "A Walk Through Bethlehem" on Saturday, December 4th and Sunday, December 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. You are invited to begin your 2021 Christmas celebration with a journey to the little town of Bethlehem. It will be held at the Paradise Community United Church of Christ Youth Center, 4336 Big Run Prescottville Road, Reynoldsville, PA. For more information or directions, call 814-427-2701 or 814-653-2474.

PRAYER: In preparation for All Souls Day (November 2nd) Deacon Steve would like to share a prayer from St. Gertrude the Great. She had a vision of our Lord in which He promised her that each time this prayer was said, a thousand souls would enter heaven and end their time in purgatory. The promise encourages us, then, that our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed are effective.
"Eternal Father, I offer you the Most Precious Blood of your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen. We encourage to pray this prayer daily and fill heaven with the souls of the faithful departed!"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling Christmas candy. Order forms are available on the table as you enter the church.

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

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

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

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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

TREASURES FOR CHILDREN: We are once again having the tree at the entrance of the church with tags on it with the age of the child and some of their needs and wishes for Christmas. **You do not have to buy everything on the list, just do whatever you can! Please bring the gifts, not wrapped, with the tag to the church no later than Sunday, December 12th.** Please help if you can!!!

FOOD PANTRY: As in the past, please share your many blessings by bringing non-perishable items for the Food Pantry and place them on the table at the Masses on Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving weekend.

ROSARY & ALTAR SOCIETY will have their Christmas party on Monday, December 6th at 6 p.m. in our Social Hall. Choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop. Cost is \$10. Please call Peggy Pennington at 371-0928 for reservations by Monday, November 29th.

ASSUMPTION'S NEWS

A LARGE CORNUCOPIA now rests in front of the altar of sacrifice beginning the weekend of October 1/2nd. The Lord and his poor need our help! Please bring non-perishable food items to weekend Mass or drop item/items off during the week in the Parishioners Aid Center. This Zacchaeus Outreach Program will conclude the weekend before Thanksgiving. Please be generous!

MEMBERS IN NEED – Any Parishioner in need of food for Thanksgiving Dinner, or any parishioner who knows of a family member, friend or neighbor in need of Thanksgiving Dinner, please call the rectory office by November 19th. Thank You!

FLOWER MEMORIALS – In your packet of contribution envelopes you will find an envelope designated for Christmas Flowers. Please use this envelope for your Christmas remembrances of Deceased Loved Ones by writing their names on the envelope and dropping it in the collection basket or the mail slot at the rectory office now through December 19th. Your remembrances of your Loved Ones will be used as an insert in the bulletin for the weekend of December 26th.