

# St. Mary of the Assumption

## Parish Office

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Finance - Tuesday and Thursday 12:30PM to 4PM  
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## Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM  
*St. Joseph*  
Saturday 5 PM Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

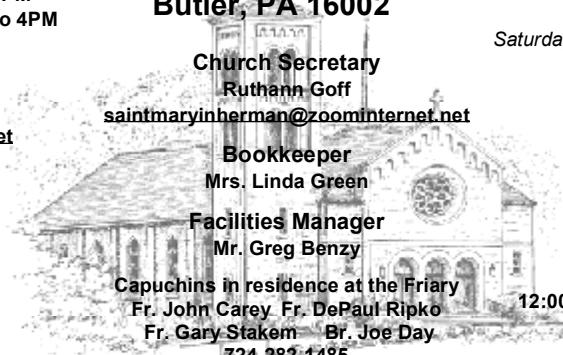
## Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday 8 AM  
*St. Joseph*  
Monday - Saturday 9 AM

**Holy Day Masses**  
9 AM & 7 PM

## Saturday Confessions

12:00 - 1:00 PM 3:45 - 4:15 PM  
*St. Joseph*  
Saturday 11 AM - Noon



# From Easter Into the Future

(Continuation of the Reflections on)  
Six Ways I can Make My Parish Better

Fr. Ward

The **six points** as presented in a pamphlet from **Our Sunday Visitor** are:

1. Think of yourself as part of a parish family.
2. Be welcoming.
3. Use your gifts and talents for the good of the parish.
4. **Attend parish events.**
5. **Support your parish financially.**
6. Pray for your parish.

The fourth in the list of ways:

### **Attend parish events.**

The major event or central focus of any parish is the celebration of the Eucharist. Here, with our fellow parishioners, we experience and celebrate the presence of Jesus, our nourishment for the journey.

Other parish activities of a spiritual and social nature also help to build community as well. All of these activities help us to grow in our faith and to meet new people and strengthen our life as a faith community. Sharing aspects of our lives with others of like convictions and values helps us to live out our Gospel commitment. Invite others to join you, especially those who may have stopped practicing their faith. Research has shown that the majority of Catholics who no longer practice their faith have simply “drifted” away from the Church. There is no outstanding reason for their absence. Maybe your presence and invitation will help them to return. One thing we do know - no harm can come to them from their presence.



**Come,  
Return to the Lord.**



The fifth in the list of ways:

### **Support your parish financially.**

**Yes.** It takes money to run a parish. And the parish depends on parishioners to help meet the expenses involved in running the parish. Do you increase your contributions as the cost of living rises?

Can you see that giving to the Church is more than just a financial obligation? Once you recognize that **everything you have is a gift from God**, you see that **giving generously to continue God’s work in the parish is an essential part of your spirituality.**

We make a living by what we get;  
We make a life but what we give.

Winston Churchill



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL**

Bill Gibson, Vivian McDevitt, Sister Mary Kriley, Amy Gallagher, Jane “Michel” Thiry, John Spinneweber, Sharon Rosenbauer, Rita Wagner, Maxwell and Tobias MacDonald-Mingo, Patty Fair, and Martha Oesterling.

### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Matthew Pegan, Nicholas Cottage, Nicholas Cypher, Steven Karenbauer, Katherine Konyha, Dustin Michel, Karen Michel, Anthony Reott, Ashley Selfridge and Sarah Schiebel.



**St Mary of the Assumption Parish  
is a Welcoming Faith Community  
Dedicated to Building God’s Kingdom  
by Worship and  
through Education, Love, and Service  
to All.**



## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

OF ALL THE  
RIGHTS  
OF WOMEN,  
THE GREATEST IS  
TO BE A MOTHER.  
LYNN YUTANG



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY** **MAY 09**

8 AM DIANE WARREN  
by Mary Ellen

4:30 PM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

### **SUNDAY** 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER **MAY 10**

8 AM TOM COLLINS  
by Family

11 AM ROSE MALIS  
by Donna Gallagher

### **MONDAY** **MAY 11**

8 AM DOLORES HALM  
by Brothers & Sisters

### **TUESDAY** **MAY 12**

8 AM WALTER MORAN  
by Children

### **WEDNESDAY** OUR LADY OF FATIMA **MAY 13**

8 AM JUNE HORSTMAN  
by Ross & Eileen Martin & Family

### **THURSDAY** ST. MATTHIAS **MAY 14**

8 AM ARTHUR OSCHÉ  
By Josephine & George Ball

### **FRIDAY** **MAY 15**

8 AM DOROTHY INDOVINA  
by Bea Monza

### **SATURDAY** **MAY 16**

8 AM BARBARA GREEN STEUER  
by Tony & Rose

4:30 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
PETER KRILEY FAMILY  
by Mae Bowser

### **SUNDAY** SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **MAY 17**

8 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S

11 AM JUNE HORSTMAN  
by Ken & Patti Orloski

## LITURGY

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday May 16 4:30 PM	1. Gina Stutz 2. Kathy Benkart B. Liz Spohn C. Mike Spohn	Cathy Green	Matthew Benkart Rachel Benkart Mark Benkart
Sunday May 17 8 AM	1. Tanya Collins 2. Mary Streitman B. Michael Weiland C. Pat Lorenz	Wendy Collins	Chalice Streitman Matthew Roth Gianna Collins
Sunday May 17 11 AM	1. Bob Ruediger 2. Joan Neigh B. Harold Neigh	Charlotte Ruediger	Sarah Marra Karley Gall Jimmy Adley

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

### FINANCES

#### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on May 03: \$4,967  
 May 3rd (weekend) Attendance: 507

#### COLLECTION COUNTERS

May 11 Tom & Linda Angert, Mary Carben,  
Bill Konya  
 May 18 Candy Williams, Betsy Bauer,  
Grace & Dick Leroy



Making a decision to have a  
child is momentous.

It is to decide forever  
to have your  
heart go walking around  
outside your body.

Elizabeth Stone



Anne Geddes



**ONE SUNDAY MASS  
AT 9:30 AM  
STARTING SUNDAY, MAY  
24TH**

As has been the practice the last few years, St. Mary of the Assumption will have only one Mass on Sundays throughout the summer season due to the number of people away on vacations.

**SUMMER PICNIC MEETING**

A meeting will be held Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in the upper meeting room to plan this year's picnic. All parishioners are invited to come to the meeting, lend your ideas and brainstorm.

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE MUNCHIES  
PARISH APPRECIATION NIGHT  
FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS ON MAY 16  
PARISH SCHOOL HALL**

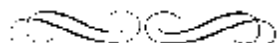
Come and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring finger foods and your favorite munchies!

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

On Friday evening, May 22, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The service will begin with Evening Vespers and end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:45 PM.

**NOTE OF INTEREST: ACCEPTING BIDS**

It has been determined that the special needs trailer which sits next to the school no longer serves a purpose for the parish. We will be accepting bids for the best offer on the sale of this trailer. It will be sold, **as is**, and must be removed by the purchaser. Contact the parish office to view the trailer. We will be accepting bids until the end of May. Thank you.



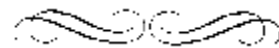
**TRAINING SESSION  
DEFIBRILLATOR**

The **Knights of Columbus** (St. Joseph Council in Cabot) recently made a generous donation to both parishes which allowed both St. Mary's and St. Joe's to purchase a defibrillator for their use. These devices will be placed in both churches for emergency purposes.

A **training session** will take place on **Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 PM** for ushers as well as other interested parishioners from both parishes. This training session will be conducted at **St. Joseph Hall at St. Joseph Parish in Cabot**. Please plan to attend this important training. A profound **THANK YOU** is in order to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET**

St. Mary's Women's Group will be sponsoring our Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet for all women this Wednesday evening, May 13th, at 6 PM in the school dining hall. Please bring a tureen dinner to be shared and enjoy an evening of fellowship with family and friends. Reservations should be made on the sign-up sheets at all church entrances so that we can prepare - or by calling Fran Beers (724) 283-1035. Hope to see you there.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
Rita Wagner**

There will be a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner (prepared by The Spaghetti Warehouse) for our parishioner, Rita Wagner, on Sunday, May 17th from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Summit Township Sportsman's Club. Our parish has been asked to help donate desserts for this dinner. They can be dropped off in the back of church at all weekend Masses.

Please note: no desserts needing refrigeration unless delivered on the day of the dinner.

Thank you !



## OUTSTANDING!

### Cassandra Cornelius

A recent article in the Pittsburgh Catholic recognized students from the various Catholic Schools in the diocese for their outstanding contribution to their school. Cassandra Cornelius, the daughter of Michael and Melinda Cornelius, a parishioner of St. Mary's is in the third grade at St. Wendelin School and was recognized in this article for her outstanding studies and her pleasant attitude in the classroom. We congratulate her and encourage her in her school participation.

## FOOD BASKETS

If you are a parishioner in need of assistance with food, please contact the Parish Office (724-285-3285). This matter will be handled with discretion and confidentiality.

The Outreach ladies will be packing baskets after the morning Holy Day Mass on May 21st. Packing is for 12 families and the pantry is in need of breakfast foods, rice or instant potatoes, baked beans, and condiments.

This ministry would not be possible without the generous donations from our Parish Family. For that, and especially for the recent, anonymous, generous gift, we say: **Thank You and God Bless!**

## CARD PARTIES

### St. Mary of the Assumption Card Party

A card party will be held Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 PM at the Herman Fire Hall. If you are interested in helping at this card party, please contact Rose Green at 724-283-6001. Thank you.

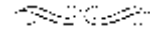
### St. Joe's in Cabot

The Christian Mothers of St. Joseph Church in Cabot will have their monthly card party on Monday, May 11. Lunch is served at noon with the card party following. Donation of \$5.00 includes both the lunch and card party.



## ATTENTION: GARDENERS!

As nature starts the rebirth this spring, the St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank asks each gardener in our parish family to plant one extra plant in their garden to donate its fruits to the Food Bank to help those in our community who are in need.



**A baby asked God,** "They tell me You are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."



God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to You?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment, there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked,

"God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, "MOM."

