

St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*
David Cahoon, *Deacon*
Rev. Msgr. John Macfarlane, *Weekend Asst.*
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Faith Formation*
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*
Denise Crawford, *Secretary, Notary*
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*
Joy McCartin, *Sodality*
Tom McCartin, *Knights of Columbus*

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am
Sunday Mass: Saturday @ 4 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am
First Friday: Adoration 9:30 am - Noon
First Saturday: 9:00 am with Devotions
Confession: Saturday @ 3:15 pm
Baptism: by appointment
Wedding: by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact
Rel. Ed.: September - May
School: Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

Calendar of Events

January 17	Teaching Benediction @ 4:15 & 7:30 pm
January 27	Confirmation Retreat in Church and Pavilion
February 4	Donuts & Youth Sunday
February 10	First Penance / Super Bowl Subs
February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 18	Sodality Tea Party
February 23	Lenten Dinner
March 1	Lenten Dinner
March 3	Donuts & Youth Sunday with Lenten & Easter Crafts



Please Pray For.....James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Nancy Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Bridget Curan, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Andrew & Nicholas Diaz, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Steve Drescher, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Larry Horton, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., Betty Kutts, John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Loveless, Betty MacDonald, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Jane Parsley, Bob & Donna Pavlick, Frank Pena, Gene Post, Lauren Prete, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Misty Runyon, Tom Schwanbeck, Teresa Silverman, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Rani Taylor, Colleen Thomas, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Rex & Trisha Tully, Vicki Tosques, Pam Verrity, Michael Zahn.

Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends... Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

Dear Parishioners,

I once read a very provocative article written by a Catholic priest in which he said that a lot of church-going people never really get baptized.

What he was proposing was that we Catholics, we Christians in general, are seldom truly baptized people. Yes, he admits, we've all gone through the ceremony. We've had the water poured over our heads. But, then, he insists, way too many of us have gone on living our lives pretty much like everyone else. No real difference can be observed.

He said, in his article, that true baptism is the moment when you understand what your life's purpose really is. When you understand the meaning of life, you wake up one morning and say to yourself: I get it. You have come to a deeper understanding of life.

He goes on to say that true baptism is different from living life on "cruise control." It's different than just going through the motions of living: growing up, going to school, getting married, having children, getting a job. These are very important moments and valuable achievements in a person's life.

But often they are just door openers to life's next stage of "cruise control" living.

His point is that often people never allow themselves to fall into that surrender that creates a different set of eyes through which they can see a deeper meaning to "what it's all about."

The kind of baptism that he's talking about does not often come in moments of achieving greatness. It usually happens when we are faced with experiences of failure, of abandonment, of betrayal, of deep hurt, of sin.

The good news is that this kind of pain can bring gain — if we allow ourselves to be taught by it; if we allow ourselves to enter into a deeper experience of God.

When that happens, we are in effect joining Jesus in his plunge into the river Jordan, or, like St. Paul, stricken from our life of power and self-sufficiency on our own road to Damascus.

The point this priest was suggesting stresses that true baptism involves much more than a ceremony of pouring water. It's when you discover your soul and begin living out of that experience. It's when you surrender finally to the magnitude of God's love and allow it to be the deepest meaning of your life.

That's when you're baptized. That's also exactly what happened to the man named Jesus. He was 30 years old at the time. He had lived a bit, perhaps failed a bit. And then "it" happened.

Each of the Gospel writers tried to communicate this major transformation within Jesus by telling of the opening of the heavens and the overshadowing by a dove. The words: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" rang from the clouds.

In today's reading, though, the Gospel of John adds something very different. He tells of John the Baptist giving Jesus a title not found anywhere else in the Gospels: The Lamb of God.

This signature tells us about the kind of God with whom Jesus has become fully united. He is a God not to be viewed in terms of spectacular power and majesty. Instead, he is to be seen as a lamb: gentle, meek, tender — a lamb who opposes the misuse of power, a lamb who joins us in our agonies and terrors.

Jesus is calling us today to immerse ourselves again in the water that will allow us to be truly baptized and will re-make us into gentle followers of the Lamb of God.

Peace, Fr. Kevin



WORSHIP

“He said to them, come and you will see.”

- John 1:39

Mass Intentions

- Sat.,13 4 pm - George Brings
- Sun.,14 8:30 am - Parishioners
10:30 am - Irene Gallagher
- Mon.,15 9 am - Nancy Slattery
- Tue., 16 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
- Wed.,17 9 am -
- Thu.,18 9 am - Eucharistic Service
- Fri., 19 9 am - Harry Ganjian



Benediction Join with our Religious Education students as they celebrate Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this week on Wednesday, January 17 at 4:20 & 7:30 pm in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to come and venerate the precious gift of Jesus in the Eucharist and experience his grace.

Tax Statements for 2023 are available from the parish office. Please call or email us and we can email them to you.

Weather Policy If Montgomery County schools close or delay then there is no morning Mass and our offices may close. If they are closed, then all activities for that day are cancelled. Our lots are not always plowed right away. We must wait on the kindness of our parishioners.

Gabriel Project Cluster (founded in 1996 to help struggling pregnant mothers in Montgomery County)

Urgent: Men volunteers are needed. Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? You can join one of four men's teams. (Some men volunteers serve on more than one team.)

Crib Team: Men volunteers meet an Angel Friend woman volunteer at the client mother's home and assemble a new crib. **Transport Team:** Items needed by Angel Friend volunteers are transported between the north and south parts of Montgomery County.

Shed Team: Donated items are picked up usually on Tuesday and Friday mornings and brought to a shed in Silver Spring. **Money-Counting Team:** Change for Life Baby Bottle collections are held at various parishes. A team of men coordinate counting and depositing the collected funds into the Cluster bank account. Please contact: Brenda Stohlman at stohlmanbrendagp@outlook.com or visit our website for more information at www.gpmoco.org.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School An open house will be held on Sunday, January 28 between 1 - 3 pm. Children and parents are welcome to join our classrooms, meet our talented faculty, and tour our beautiful campus. RSVP at maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/ to attend open house or to schedule a tour. For additional information, please call 301-869-0940.

February 10, 2024 Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

On February 10 at 10:00am Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. To register, please contact the parish office. Registration deadline to attend the Mass and/or to receive a certificate is January 27, 2024.



Donuts Join us today, Sunday for donuts and fellowship. Haiti coffee will be available.

Welcome
to
Tarah Lynn Schloss
&
Alexander Miller
of Poolesville
Who have joined our parish

