

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.*



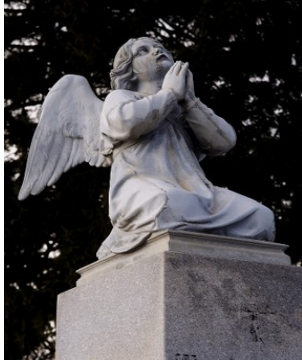
January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*
Terry Crawford, *Sodality*
David Bivens, *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 18	Teaching Benediction @ 4:15 & 7:30 pm
January 28	Confirmation Retreat in Church and Pavilion
February 4	Mass for Deceased Sodalists
February 5	Donuts & Youth Sunday
February 18	First Penance
February 21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 24	Lenten Dinner
March 3	Lenten Dinner
March 5	Donuts & Youth Sunday with Lenten & Easter Crafts



Please Pray For..... Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna Brashears, Suzanne Brodt, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Alex Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Bridget Curan, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Robert Evans, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Kimberly Harris, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Sophie Hoover, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Patrick Ambrose O'Grady, 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, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Jerry Stafford, Colleen Thomas, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Vicki Tosques, 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,

As a young man, I spent a lot of my time in and around the church. My grandparents helped build the local German church and took care of the nuns. My other grandmother walked to the Irish church for mass every day. I would wait with her on Fridays for my uncle, a priest, to come home for the day. Another uncle is a Christian Brother. From time to time we would travel to the schools he was involved in for shows he was involved in. So as I grew it seemed natural to gravitate to the church. I would not say I had a dramatic, "call" but it seemed to be the vocation I was led to.

The Scriptures on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time are a reminder of how frequently it is family, friends or mentors who will recognize our latent gifts and offer us a glimpse of where we will be called to serve. Our often-foggy vision gains a bit of clarity when others – through their confident words and actions – empower us to claim our gifts, to take on new responsibilities, and to accept that we, indeed, are being called by God.

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist boldly and confidently proclaim Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." These powerful titles lent the weight of authority and credibility to Jesus as he begins his public ministry. Not only did he establish Jesus' solid credentials, John stated that Jesus "ranks ahead" of him. If Jesus ever struggled with discouragement in his calling because of the incessant attacks by religious leaders, or if the frustrations of not being understood by his closest friends and relatives wore him down at times, it must have been a source of strength to recall the words of the Baptist in this encounter, and the assurance that John saw the "Spirit descend and remain" on him.

As Jesus lived out his call as the "Lamb of God" and "Son of God," he witnessed that God's love, mercy and compassion knows no boundaries. While John the Baptist initially recognized that Jesus "might be made known to Israel," the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading attest that God desires salvation for all peoples and nations. This passage underscoring the servant's awareness that his call had a wider scope than originally anticipated may have been in Jesus' mind and heart as he brought God's tender love and compassionate care to the outcasts, the unclean and the Gentiles. Jesus responded to a "call within a call" – the phrase St. Teresa of Calcutta used to explain how her unique vocation unfolded – as a "light to the nations," as Isaiah foretold, his call extending far beyond Israel.

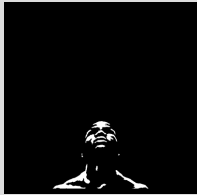
The Scriptures this Sunday hint that our calls from God are dynamic, and that they often come through the words of others, inviting, encouraging and challenging us to claim our gifts with confidence.

The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect: What directions are within our power to give to others, encouraging their calls to be a source of nourishment? Like John the Baptist, can we endorse and lift up the gifts of others, knowing that their light may eclipse our own?

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

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"On whomever you see the Spirit come down upon and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

- John 1:33

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 14** 4 pm - Jane Daly (L)
Sun., 15 8:30 am - Parishioners
10:30am - Linda Hoffman
Mon., 16 9 am - Mary Moss and Family
Tue., 17 9 am - Marilyn Green
Wed., 18 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Thu., 19 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 20 9 am - Harry Ganjian

Tax Statements for 2022 are available from the parish office. Please call or email us and we can email them to you.



Fr. Kevin, Deacon Dave and all the Staff thank you for your kind thoughts and gifts during the Holiday Season. May God Bless us all for the New Year!

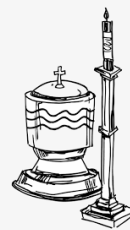
2023 Calendars are in the church vestibule, courtesy of The Hilton Funeral Home. Please help yourselves.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School An open house will be held on Sunday, January 29 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.

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.

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. During the past 6 months, 181 mothers have requested assistance. Please help us provide maternity clothes and winter clothing for newborns and older children of our client families. **We especially need girl/boy 0 -3 months, girls' size 6 everything, long-sleeve boys' size 5-16.** New or gently used clothing is greatly appreciated, or go to our Website, www.gpmoco.org. Click on our Amazon *wishlist* and choose from any number of items. We also need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. Please pray about joining our team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client mothers during their pregnancies. **We especially need bi-lingual women to serve as Angel Friends.** A volunteer photographer is also needed. Questions? Contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society
The 19th Annual Day of Recollection will take place on January 21, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. You do not have to be a member to attend. Bring your family and friends. Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, will present a reflection, "Spending Time with God, How to Pray before the Eucharist." The morning will begin with the celebration of Mass at 9:00 AM. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Ivany's reflection will follow Mass. Jim Towey will be our keynote speaker. His presentation is on "Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Secrets for a Happy Life and Peaceful Death." Mr. Towey is the author of the biography, "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa." Mr. Towey was an advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa for twelve years. His book is an inspiration and it will be a delight to hear his stories in person. Lunch will be served. There is no charge for the day. Fr. Ivany will end the day with an update on vocations in our Archdiocese and a final blessing. May you continue to have a Blessed Christmas season filled with joy and peace.



Congratulations

to

Jameson Patrick
McGeehan

child of

Patrick McGeehan

and

Jennifer Farrell

On the occasion his Baptism

December 31, 2022