

# 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.*



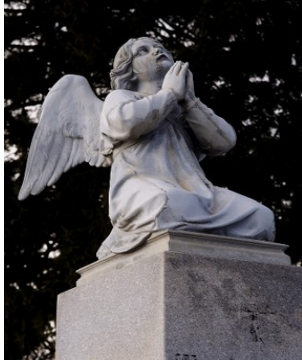
**January 22, 2023**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 28	Confirmation Retreat in Church and Pavilion
February 4	Mass for Deceased Sodalists
February 5	Donuts & Youth Sunday
February 12	Super Bowl Subs
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 & Woodcarvers



***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,**

Today's readings are filled with contrasts: rich and poor, darkness and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership. Speaking to us today, Isaiah offers the image of rich nations being humbled. He foretells the coming of a savior from the poor, lowly land of Galilee. The second reading revealed the division in the early church as the newly baptized searched for their identity, aligning themselves to the one who baptized them. Paul had to remind them that the fledgling church had only one leader, Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ. Paul boldly challenged the people of Corinth, and challenges us today, to be "perfectly united in mind and thought." In our Gospel, we hear that Jesus (who was, indeed, perfectly united in mind and thought with God) withdrew after hearing of John's imprisonment, moved to Capernaum, and from there began calling forth those who would be his disciples. Finally, Psalm 27 proclaims "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?" We can imagine David, and even Jesus, calling out to the Lord in their darkness and fear. Two millennia later, we continue to call upon God to lead us out of our darkness.

In our human experience, it is difficult to truly know the strength of the light unless we have experienced some form of physical, emotional or spiritual darkness. We can't know the peace of unity without experiencing the pain of division. We can't know the impact we can have on one person or on our world without seeing the emptiness caused by solitude and scarcity. Historically, division has had disastrous results. In the United States, divisive elections fractured a country that now struggles to unify. Following in the footsteps of Isaiah and Paul, luminaries such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and today, Pope Francis have shown us that we can live lives of peace and unity. Our challenge is to find methods to apply them in our country, in our communities, in our workplaces, in our homes, in our places of worship, and most importantly, within ourselves.

When we truly examine our hearts, where do we dwell? Do we dwell in the darkness that is ignorance and self-righteousness? Do we go through our days with an "us vs. them," or "mine vs. yours" mentality? Do we withdraw and hoard our God-given gifts and treasures from those who truly need them? While we are dualistic by nature, God is not an either/or God. God is a both/and God.

In today's readings, God meets and walks with us in the darkness, in the division and in the solitude, calling us to light, unity and action. In the busyness of our days, how often do we ignore God, who is constantly and lovingly calling us to this wholeness?

Throughout our lives, the tension between dark and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership is one way God draws us into a deeper relationship. As we go forth this week, let us look at our lives and contemplate how God is calling us from our own physical, mental or spiritual darkness into light, from our unthinking words and actions that divide to words of peace that have the power to heal and mend relationships. And let us to consider the gifts and talents we can share with others who are struggling.

*How many of us can honestly say we are "perfectly united in mind and thought" with one another and with God? That is today's challenge.*

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*

## WORSHIP



“When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee...from that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- Matthew 4:12,17

### Mass Intentions

**Sat., 21** 4 pm - Dorothy & Leroy Elston  
**Sun., 22** 8:30 am - Parishioners  
10:30am - Michael DuHonick  
**Mon., 23** 9 am - Teddy & Chet Sabotka  
**Tue., 24** 9 am -  
**Wed., 25** 9 am - Loretta Oehler  
**Thu., 26** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 27** 9 am - George Brings

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

**Mass for Deceased Sodalists** The 9:00 am First Saturday Mass on February 4 will be for deceased members of our Ladies Sodality. Fatima Devotions and the Rosary will follow. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish House. Every parishioner is invited.

**Bible Study** has returned on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Rectory. Come for refreshments and a look at the following Sunday's Sacred Scriptures.

**St. Mary's Choristers: Grades 5-8** Start the new year in music with us! Sunday, Jan. 22 & Jan. 29, meet in the choir loft immediately after 10:30 Mass. New students invited. Email [dyendrey98@gmail.com](mailto:dyendrey98@gmail.com) for details.

**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 [maryof-nazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/](http://maryof-nazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/) to attend open house or to schedule a tour. For additional information, please call 301-869-0940.

**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](http://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](mailto:natalieanneray@gmail.com).

**Knights of Columbus Scholarships** The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. *(continues in next column)*

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Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. Additional opportunities are available through the Supreme Council Scholarship Programs at: [Scholarships for College Students | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://Scholarships for College Students | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)) The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Below is the complete information on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. Application period ends February 1, 2023. All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2023. Scholarship information and application information is included below (preferred) or write to: Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 1468, Bowie, MD 20717.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship. Three (3) grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. Eligibility for a grant under this program is open to Catholic students who are residents of the State of Maryland. Affiliation with the Knights of Columbus is not required. However, children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland are also eligible. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. Continued support after the first year is contingent on continued academic success. Funds are applicable to tuition only. Applications and requirements are available at the following link: [William J \(kofc-md.org\)](http://William J (kofc-md.org))