

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.*



February 5, 2023

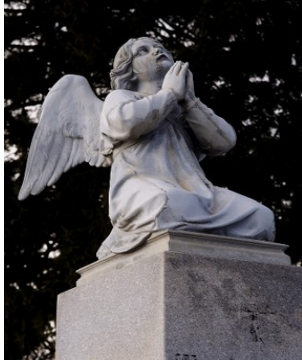
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

February 12	Super Bowl Subs / Haiti Valentines Cookies
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
March 18	St. Patrick's Party



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, 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, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Colleen Thomas, Christy Thomsen, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Vicki Tosques, Rosalie Weller, 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,

"Let there be light." The first words God ever spoke.

To this day, every major religion speaks a language of light. Jewish people use the menorah to celebrate the Hanukkah miracle of faith triumphing over evil. The Quakers have a famous expression: "I'll hold you in the light," instead of our common promise: "I'll pray for you."

Light illuminates. It warms. It destroys darkness. It lifts spirits.

The prophet Isaiah makes crystal clear that we are to become a people of light. As he challenges us so powerfully with his inspirational words found in today's first reading, our actions of "clothing the naked" are to be so far-reaching, our deeds of "bestowing bread on the hungry" are to be so radical, our cries of anguish over the need for "sheltering the oppressed and the homeless" so loud, that they will break forth through the darkness of greed and the idolization of fame and power that engulf us like a shroud of gloom and despair.

Many people speak these days of our culture of depression and anxiety. In the midst of possessing so much, in the midst of untold comfort the likes of which most of the world could never imagine, somehow we are sad and afraid. So much so, we have come to embrace darkness — the darkness of bullying, of pornography, of drugs, of violence, of cynicism, of cruelty, of the horror of human trafficking, of abortion.

Jesus challenges us to embrace the ultimate antidote to all of this darkness. He calls us to create lives of generosity, gratitude and selflessness. He shines a beacon of hope in the midst of this negativity that surrounds us, and tells us instead:

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

In our second reading today, the apostle Paul reminds us in very graphic terms that "You were once darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Jesus goes on to challenge us even further. We are also to be salt — the "salt of the earth." It's difficult for us today to understand how critically essential salt was to the ancient world. The great early civilizations first developed near deserts close not only to water, but to salt resources. The ability that salt provided to preserve food was a requirement for people of that time.

But beyond this, salt gave flavor to food. And that's what Jesus emphasizes. We are to become people who bring a whole new taste to the world we live in. We are to bring "the flavor of God" to all that we do and say. Light and salt are strongly connected. From Jesus' point of view, the more we create a "God flavor" to life, we become light. We dispel the darkness we find around us.

That new taste, that new "God flavor" becomes contagious. It spreads. It multiplies.

When you were baptized, a candle was lit, and the priest prayed over you: "This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly ... may you walk always as a child of the light."

God has passed the light of the heavens on to you and to me. Let each of us hold our lives "in the light" and illumine the world we live in by flavoring it with the taste of God.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"You are salt of the Earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

- Matthew 5:13

Mass Intentions

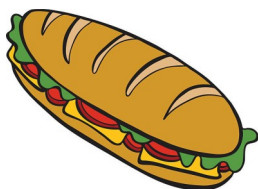
Sat., 4	4 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 5	8:30 am - Nancy Slattery 10:30am - Linda Hoffman
Mon., 6	9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
Tue., 7	9 am - Loretta Oehler
Wed., 8	9 am - Alberta Ochaul
Thu., 9	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 10	9 am - Adele Moore

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



Haiti Valentine Cookies are available after mass next weekend, while supplies last. The donation is \$15. All proceeds

benefit our twinning relationship with St. Joseph in Carcasse.



Super Bowl Subs

Make plans to pick up your Italian or Veggie Subs next weekend after mass in the Pavilion. Cost

is \$7.00. Orders are due in today, February 5. Call Joe Murtha @ 301-916-3638.

Dear Parish Family,

The turning of the calendar to February means the archdiocesan Annual Appeal is at hand. I am happy to share with you that the 2022 Annual Appeal attained its overall goal of \$11 million. On behalf of Cardinal Gregory, thank you to all our families who made a contribution in 2022 to help the archdiocese reach its goal. Furthermore, we reached 91% of our own parish goal, which is a testament to the incredible generosity of this parish of St. Mary's.

Now, I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. If you are not familiar with the Annual Appeal, you may wonder how it is different and separate from your offertory giving to the parish. First, the Annual Appeal unites us with our archbishop in serving the many, charitable needs of the Church of Washington. Second, the Annual Appeal funds ministries that our parish could not sustain on our own, such as seminarian formation, campus ministry programs and Deaf and disabilities ministries. Third, the Annual Appeal supports our parish ministerial life, from schools and catechesis, to family and pro-life ministries, to many more in between.

The Annual Appeal is a call to stewardship. It is not mandatory. This means that the many vibrant ministries we have in the archdiocese are the result of families such as your own who have responded generously each year with your free will offering. I am particularly grateful, as a priest of the archdiocese, for your contribution which helps to inspire new vocations and form our new generations of priests.

I am also asked to remind you that, as in every year, 100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal is restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and cannot be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. You can read more about the 2023 Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

Next weekend will be our commitment weekend. Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2023 Annual Appeal. Your steadfast generosity not only is a source of inspiration for me but a force for good in our Church today.

Blessings,

Fr. Kevin



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 22, 6-8 pm

Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Milk - chocolate & white. No charge this year, just a donation. Call 301-972-8660 for more information or to save a spot for planning purposes.