

# 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.*

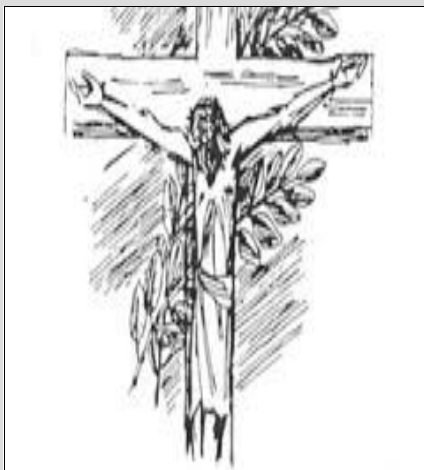


March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

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*  
Denise Crawford, *Secretary, Notary*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*  
Joy McCartin, *Sodality*  
Tom McCartin, *Knights of Columbus*

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday:** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Mass:** Saturday @ 5 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am  
**First Friday:** Adoration 9:30 am - Noon  
**First Saturday:** 9:00 am with Devotions  
**Confession:** Saturday @ 4:15 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



## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

7:30 pm - Mass

8:30 pm to 11:00 pm - Adoration

### **Good Friday, March 29**

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

11:00 am - Confessions

7:30 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

6:30 am Sunrise Mass, 8:30, 10:30 am - Mass



***Please Pray For.....*** James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Nancy Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, 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, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, Gail Hahn, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Louise Jones, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., Betty Kutts, John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Loveless, Diane Lynch, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, 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, 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,**

In the early 1940s, a Catholic laywoman, Caryll Houselander, published a book titled "This War is the Passion". The author was referring to the Second World War, which was consuming much of the globe at that time.

"This War is the Passion." What, exactly, did Houselander mean by that? World War II was 20 centuries removed from the passion of Jesus Christ.

As we heard in today's Gospel, Jesus' passion was a long series of painful events. We read of Jesus' betrayal by his friend Judas; his agony in the garden; his arrest and imprisonment; his betrayal by Peter; the flight of all but one of his apostles; his trial, the mocking and scourging; his rejection by the people followed by his condemnation to death; his carrying of the cross — his own death instrument; and, finally, his execution and death.

Yet, Houselander writes this book with this extraordinarily provocative title in 1941. What does she mean? I think the answer lies in understanding a spiritual experience that the author had in her mid-20s. One day as she was traveling in the London subway, she became aware of the presence of Christ in every person around her. That experience convinced her that Christ was to be found in everyone.

Let us consider Houselander's insight in light of the theology of the Incarnation and the mystical body of Christ. If we understand her correctly, what she is saying is that Christ identifies with each person, and conversely, each person is identified with Christ.

Today's second reading from Paul to the Philippians clearly states that Christ became one of us. Christ "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness." We also know that in baptism, each person "puts on Christ."

So, for Houselander's "this war," whatever that is in our lives, is the passion of Jesus Christ in us — right now. For Jesus, the passion was that totality of physical and interior suffering he endured in his life on this earth, especially in his last days. For Jesus, the passion is that set of physical and interior sufferings that we ourselves undergo.

This "war" for some might literally be the state of war experienced in Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Central America or on the streets of our cities. For others, this war might be the war between workers and employers, the war between parents and children or between spouses. This war can be the conflict between citizens and government for the rights that belong to the people. This war can point to the struggle within ourselves — trying to get control of our own lives.

The wars that we find ourselves in are the passion — they are our passion; they are Christ's passion in us.

Jesus' passion was excruciating, but it ended not in death but life. While he was enduring his passion, it was struggle, rejection, pain and death. But because Jesus endured to the end, he was transformed into glory in the resurrection. As members of the body of Christ, our passion will also end in glory with Christ.

Caryll Houselander had moments of enlightenment: She saw through the difficulties, pain and confusion of the present to the eternal reality of the unity of humanity and divinity. We may also have opportunities of enlightenment, of seeing through our passion, if we open ourselves to God in Christ living in us.

This War is the Passion. This Holy Week is the passion of Jesus Christ. This week, we include our own passion, too, in Christ. Next week, we share in the glory of Christ's resurrection.

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*

## WORSHIP



"I am troubled now,  
Yet what should I say?  
'Father, save me from  
this hour'? But it was  
for this purpose that I  
came to this hour"  
- John 12:27

### Mass Intentions

**Sat., 23** 5 pm - Lloyd & Eleanor Jones  
**Sun., 24** 8:30 am- Parishioners  
 10:30 am - Josef Rizk  
**Mon., 25** 9 am - Joe Luny  
**Tue., 26** 9 am - Kaleel Rizk  
**Wed., 27** 9 am - Betty Martin  
**Thu., 28** 7:30pm - Celebrant's Intention  
**Fri., 29** 7:30pm - Service of the Lord's  
 Passion

**Baby Bottle Campaign** Shady Grove Pregnancy Center helps pregnant women facing difficult choices with options counseling, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material aid (diapers, cribs, infant car seats, and baby clothes). Your donation enables us to provide these services free of charge to women who desperately need to hear about alternatives to abortion. Pick up and fill a baby bottle with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Put "St. Mary's BBC" in the memo. Please return all bottles by today, March 24. To give online, use the link to get to your church's unique giving page: <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=16092&n=77071>

**Bible Study** is Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Rectory. Join Fr. Kevin as we look at the Scriptures for the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday.

**Keep Praying for our Seminarians** Thanks to all who picked a card from the "Vocations Tree." Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent—and beyond, if you wish.

**Easter We need Egg your help!** It will be next Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass. If you would like to help out hiding the eggs, and watching over the event, please call or email Fr. Kevin in the parish office.



**Vacation Bible School** Plan ahead for this summer's VBS which will be July 8 - 12. The theme is Desert Bible Stories. For more information contact Terri Phipps at [ok-oni.tp@gmail.com](mailto:ok-oni.tp@gmail.com). Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

**Second Collection** today is for Catholic Relief Services.

**Beallsville Firehouse Bunny breakfast** Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, Fruit & Drinks.



Date: Saturday, March 30th, Time: 07:30 - 11:30 AM. Information: (301) 972-8719.



*"To Jesus Through Mary"*

### Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Scholarship Members of St. Mary's Parish, Barnesville are invited to apply: Applicants must have received the Sacraments through Confirmation; and are currently graduating high school or continuing attendance in a trade school or 2-4 year college.

Application deadline is May 19, 2024. Complete the following and email to Alice Tung, Sodality Chair for Scholarships: [alicetungviola@gmail.com](mailto:alicetungviola@gmail.com) Name / Address / Phone Number / Email / Trade school or college intended for the upcoming semester / List of activities in church, community, and school / and a typed 500+ word essay on the following topic: "How will I apply what I learn through my college education, to spread my faith and to help others?" Winners will be notified in early June 2024 and will receive funds by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sodality Invitation** Join the ladies at the First Saturday Mass on April 6 at 9:00 am when they will remember and honor deceased Sodality members. Light Breakfast fare and coffee will be offered after Devotions and the Rosary. All are welcome.

