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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 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

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 @ 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

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 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>



Lenten Food Drive for WUMCO Included in today's bulletin is a flyer listing items for our annual food drive run by Catholic Charities. The food we collect is donated to WUMCO in Poolesville for local needy families. Please consult the flyer and bring in suggested items on next weekend, March 9 & 10.



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,

The good shepherd, the hesitant but obedient son at Cana's wedding feast, the kind, gentle prophet who astonishes the woman at the well, the tender healer, the compassionate forgiver, the wonder worker who brings Lazarus back to life.

All customary, commonly-shared images of Jesus ... that is until we hear today's reading describing an event so important that all four Gospels include it. Here, we discover a portrait of Jesus we're not familiar with — a Jesus who "made a whip out of cords and drove them out of the temple area;" a Jesus who "spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;" a Jesus who loudly demands, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

This is a Jesus we don't recognize. Why the sudden personality change? Even more puzzling, why would Jesus intentionally do something he knew would ultimately lead to his arrest and execution?

In those times, the Temple in Jerusalem was the most sacred and hallowed of all places to the Jews. It was the ultimate symbol around which everything else revolved — the center not only of their religious life, but of their social and political lives as well.

The God of the Mosaic covenant lived within the Temple. So, only in this sacred building, could a pleasing sacrifice be offered to God. Only here, could one be forgiven, protected, assured of God's presence. Indeed, to attack the Temple was to do violence to the very heart of all Jewish people. However, there was also a dark side to this Temple.

The structure had been intended to be a singular place of worship and safety. Instead, it had gradually become, in Jesus' words, "a marketplace." What had been designed to be the house of God, had evolved into a refuge for thieves.

The Temple had given rise to an enormous organization whose members made their living from the temple taxes forced on the poorest, rural people. Once intended to be a sanctuary for worship and community enrichment, it had become a place noted for its unabashed idolization of wealth and greed, a building that now represented everything that oppressed people.

Jesus' act was symbolic. His timing was impeccable. Carefully choosing the occasion of the Passover event when pilgrims from all over the world annually gathered in this one place, Jesus' stunningly radical gesture had the single intent of waking up the Jewish leaders to see the emptiness of their sacrificial gestures — sacrifices made on the backs of those least able to endure them. But, Jesus doesn't just stop at tearing down. He offers a replacement, a new option — his very own self, the "temple of his body."

What Jesus exposes is that the systems of this world, so saturated with the power of money, need to be replaced with a new kind of life offered to all by the resurrection of Jesus. Instead of a religion co-opted by market forces, Jesus offers one in which a new set of values can become operative.

Jesus presents a value system that will deliver people from the bondage of greed and bottomless self-regard. In their place, Jesus wants to build a new kind of temple — in our hearts. A temple that idealizes and radiates compassion, embodies service and promotes the highest regard for those who cannot fend for themselves.

This new temple that Jesus proposes for all of us is centered in the Father, enriched by the power of the Spirit, and modeled on that of Jesus' own life. It is a new temple, fully dedicated to the God who, in St. Paul's words, is "wiser than human wisdom" and "stronger than human strength."

Peace, Fr. Kevin

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"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace..."

- John 2:16

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 2** 4 pm - Clara & Don Dupre
Sun., 3 8:30 am- Fr. Jim Lockman
10:30 am - Parishioners
Mon., 4 9 am - Joe Luny
Tue., 5 9 am - Lloyd & Eleanor Jones
Wed., 6 9 am - Pete Brunner
Thu., 7 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 8 9 am - Bishop Dorsonville



Lenten Meals

Join Us this Friday from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. The menu includes Salmon, Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Ziti, large Salad Bar and more. The cost is \$15 per person and \$50 for a family of over 4. The Crab Cake is an extra charge of \$7. The meal is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.



The St. Patrick's Party

is Saturday, March 16 from 6 - 9 pm in the Pavilion. The band, the food, the fun will all be back. The dinner is by reservation only this year, so call or email the parish office at stmarysb@yahoo.com. The cost is \$25 per person, \$75 for a family of four. No sales at the door.

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.

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 Children's Choir Attention children who are available to sing for Easter Sunday Mass @ 10:30 am. Students in Grades 2 - 8 and Choristers are invited to March rehearsals. Please email Director of Music, Mrs. Yendrey for more information: dyendrey98@gmail.com.



Easter We need Egg your help! Hunt

It will be on March 31 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.



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will take place next week, March 10 at the 10:30 am Mass. Anyone in serious illness or facing surgery or in physical or mental distress is welcome to come forward and receive the anointing after the homily.

Right to Life Speaker Series:

March 7: Our Lady of the Visitation Parish (OLVP) in Darnestown invites all to come learn more about what we believe as Catholics regarding Physician Assisted Suicide and Abortion. Andrew Rivas, Manager for Public Policy and Advocacy for the Archdiocese of Washington will be discussing the Maryland proposed legislation to make Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) legal, as well as the abortion amendment slated to be on the November 2024 election ballot. Thursday, March 7 at 7:00PM in Founders Hall.



Easter Flower envelopes are in the back of church and in your packets. Please use them to donate in memory or celebration of a loved one and return them to the Office by March 20. You may place them in any collection as well.

Crafts, Donuts, Olivewood Carvers

Today, March 3 we have donuts, coffee, juice. Our children will partake in Lent and Easter Crafts. Also the Bethlehem Carving group is here with their wares. These make good gifts for spring sacraments.

Bible Study Join Fr. Kevin on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Rectory for a look into the coming Sunday's Scripture.

Lenten Reminders Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence. All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Good Friday will be a day of Fast.

United in Purpose: The 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal.

We have been asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. Please complete or take a commitment form at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at give.adw.org. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal!*