

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.*



April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

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 @ 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



Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

Who will be Confirmed next Sunday by Bishop Esposito

Jacinta Chmelik, Connor Jacobs

Lia Jung, John Cameron Lasheski

Shane Lawler, Celia Sheehan, Adam Singh

Keegan Slonski, Brogan Thom, Alina Vicinelly

Stella Volpe, Emma Weyrauch



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, Dylan Captain, 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, Hazel Finney, 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, Sr. Barbara Murtha, 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, 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,

Have you ever had an experience so traumatic it challenged your world view and everything you'd ever believed in? That's what happened to Cleopas and the other disciple whom we meet in today's Gospel. We encounter them walking towards Emmaus and away from Jerusalem, away from the place of suffering and lost hopes. In their confusion, they tried to make sense of what happened there three days earlier. A stranger quietly joins them and asks, "What are you discussing as you walk along the road?"

They're incredulous and think "Doesn't everyone know what happened?" So, they tell him the awful story, how the one in whom they had placed all their hopes was crucified like a common criminal! They tell him about the women who'd gone to the tomb only to find it empty, and how they'd told the ridiculous story that angels had appeared to them and said Jesus was alive. "Then some of us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see."

Seeing is believing. The disciples were not about to buy into this obvious hoax. They weren't going to open their hearts and risk being hurt all over again. That's when Jesus, the stranger they still don't recognize, steps in. He explains all the Scriptures that point to him, and emphasizes that suffering is part of the plan. "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Later they recognize him during the meal, but then he vanishes! "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" As they encountered the risen Christ, their despondence turned into elation. They could hope again, believe again, trust and love again.

Encounters with the risen Christ still happen to ordinary people like us. Think about it. Have you ever struggled with an issue when all of a sudden you meet a stranger who teaches you something important or simply consoles you? Has Jesus ever turned up in your life, perhaps in a "distressing disguise," as St. Teresa of Calcutta puts it?

Once ministering as a chaplain in a hospital, while walking through the lobby on my way to visit patients on my referral list, I noticed a young, very thin, African-American man who appeared to be homeless. He was dozing on a bench with his bag of belongings at his feet.

"Hello," I said, startling him. I introduced myself and asked how he was doing. I soon learned that he was homeless, that he'd moved to Maryland from California because he'd fallen on hard times and wanted to make a new start. He pointed to the bandage on his lower leg. He'd just been treated for a dog bite in the emergency department, and now was trying to decide where to go and what to do next. I listened to his story and was amazed that he was so articulate, so wise and mature.

Soon my heart began to burn within me. I asked if I could pray with him, and he eagerly took my hand. My "Amen" did not end our exchange. He turned things upside down and began praying and ministering to me, calling me by name. He became *my* chaplain. I was a little shaken when I opened my eyes and met his unflinching loving gaze.

This was no stranger. Jesus can hide in anyone when he wants to teach, enlighten, explain, comfort, console, heal and love.

So when your heart begins to burn within you, pay attention, listen and give thanks.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

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Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

- Luke 24:35

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 22 5 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 23 8:30 am - Carl Holland
10:30 am - Ida Lou Brown
Mon., 24 9 am - Hazel Finney (L)
Tue., 25 9 am - The Cook Family
Wed., 26 9 am - Eleanor & Lloyd Jones
Thu., 27 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 28 9 am - Sophie Hoover (L)



Vacation Bible School Save the date! July 10 - 14 for Bible River Adventures! This is a fun, faith filled time for all. For more information contact Terri Phipps at okoni@hotmail.com. Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

Grass Cutting Reservations are now being taken. An opportunity awaits you to enjoy the fresh country air at St. Mary's while helping the parish as a grass cutter. Reservations are currently being accepted for the season. Reserve the weeks of your choice by calling the parish office or emailing us at stmarysb@yahoo.com; anyone above the age of 16 is welcome.

Second Collection today is for the Church Missions within the United States.

Blessed Easter Water is available in the Sanctuary in bottles bearing the image of our Shrine Church.

Mother's Day Remembrance We are offering mass cards for Mothers on Mother's Day. Intention envelopes are in the back of church. Fill one out and return it, quickly, so you have time to send the card to your mother, grandmother, etc. The names will be printed on Mother's Day and you will be given a special mass card to give to a loved one. Deadline for turning in envelopes is Sunday, May 7.

Mark your Calendars The annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament will be Saturday, July 29, 2023. We will hold White Elephant, Games, Crafts, Baked Goods, Jousting and more.

Student Applications for the 2023 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.

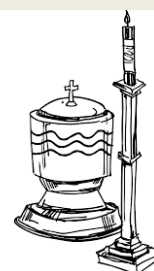
Application deadline is May 21, 2023. Complete the following and email to Alice Tung, Sodality Chair for Scholarships: alicetungviola@gmail.com Name/Address/Phone Number/ Email / Trade school or college intended for the upcoming semester / List of activities in church, community, and school; and a typed 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 2023 and receive funds by August 1st.



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Communion Breakfast is on May 7 after the 8:30 am Mass in the Father Reid Pavilion. All are invited. First Communicants will be honored and are invited for free, accompanied by one parent. The guest speaker will be Fr. John Sweeney from the Legionaires of Christ. The cost is \$15.00 per person Sign up outside after mass today. For more information contact Terry Crawford at terryc1026@gmail.com.

Congratulations



to
Violet Marie Driscoll
child of
Peter & Martha
Driscoll

who received the
Sacrament of
Baptism this weekend.

