

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 30, 2023

4th 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 new Confirmandi

Confirmed today 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,

The famous comedian George Carlin used to do a routine called “stuff” — referring to all the possessions we accumulate and cling to so dearly. Here are some things he said about “stuff”:

“The whole meaning of life is trying to find a place for our stuff. That's what your house is — a place to put all your stuff. Your house is really just a pile of stuff with a cover on it. It's a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff. You then have to buy a bigger house because you've run out of room for all your stuff, and you have to have more space for more stuff.”

He pointed out how addicted we can become to our possessions, leading to the simple yet profound question: “Do you own your stuff or does your stuff own you?”

In contrast to all this fascination with “stuff,” today's Gospel of John ends with these striking, hope-filled words: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” But what does Jesus mean by the word “abundantly”? Is he referring to the acquisition of more stuff, more possessions, more things, more gadgets?

Quite the contrary. What Jesus is really talking about is our openness to receiving a gift, a grace. It is the grace we find when we believe that only God can fill the hole in our soul. And, it comes precisely when we abandon the incessant acquisition of more and more stuff.

Jesus is talking today about that down-deep emptiness in our lives — an emptiness that all the “stuff” in the world just doesn't seem to fill up. He's talking about our most fundamental need to feel that our lives are ultimately about something far richer and deeper than the stuff we so crave.

Ultimately, Jesus is talking about developing an “abundance mentality,” a way of thinking and acting that says: “There is enough for everyone, more than enough food, love ... everything!” When we live with this mind-set, we begin to see the miracle of what we give away multiplying to the point of having plenty left over.

“Abundance mentality” is the opposite of a “scarcity mentality” that wants to hold back, refuse to share, and keep only for ourselves.

Almost one in six people in the United States live in poverty. Experts say that social service agencies, such as food banks and organizations that assist with housing, utilities and transportation costs, report an increasing need for assistance from people who made donations in the past but now come seeking aid for themselves!

Globally, the numbers are even more alarming: Nearly half of all children live in poverty and far too many die of easily preventable diseases. It's estimated that 80 percent of all people on the planet live on less than ten dollars a day; even worse, many work in abysmal conditions for almost no pay. Abundance is a word most people throughout the world wouldn't even understand or comprehend. Yet, we do — because material abundance is all around us.

The problem for many of us, is that too often we think it refers only to the garnering of more stuff. Jesus is trying to help us understand in today's Gospel, and throughout his whole ministry, that true abundance comes not from what we possess, but from how deeply we love, and how generously we share.

Jesus sends each of us an invitation: Spend less time acquiring more stuff and more time developing a mind-set of abundance, an abundance mentality.

“I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

- Luke 10:3

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 29 5 pm - Mary Lillian Hewitt (L)
- Sun., 30 8:30 am - Parishioners
11 am - Confirmandi
- Mon., 1 9 am - Hazel Finney (L)
- Tue., 2 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
- Wed., 3 9 am - Sophie Hoover (L)
- Thu., 4 9 am - Eucharistic Service
- Fri., 5 9 am - Sophie Hoover (L)
- Sat., 6 11 am- First Communicants

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: alictungviola@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.



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.



"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 Legionaries 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.

Seton Shrine Events Academy Alive Tickets are available. Hundreds visit the Shrine each Spring for this immersive Living History event! Mother Seton's historic 19th century boarding school come to life. You'll meet young women who portray real students of Mother Seton and her Sisters. Jump back in time with stories, music and more. Visit seton-shrine.org/academy-alive or call 301-447-6606 to reserve tickets. The event happens on May 4 - 6 and 11 - 12.

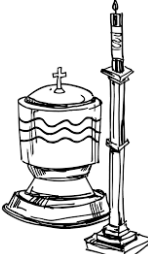
First Saturday There is no First Saturday Mass this week due to First Communion at 11:00 am.

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.

Pray for our First Communicants Our young people will receive their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday, May 6. Keep them in prayer this week: Nicolas Jung, Kate Miller, George Miller, Chloe Casella, Natalie Kavanagh, Leroy Simmons, Harrison Jamison, Jude Wright, Lily Weyrauch, Taylor Kravitz.

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.



Congratulations

to
Joseph Connor Grein
child of
Jeremy & Krista Grein

who received the
Sacrament of
Baptism this weekend.