

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.*



May 14, 2023

6th 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

Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.



Please Pray For.... Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna Brashears, 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, 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, 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,

Fiddler on the Roof gives us one of the most realistic, tender moments of cinema when Tevya asks his wife, "Golde, do you love me?" The whole musical poses this question in a variety of ways. It portrays an arranged marriage of 25 years, young people with far more romance than prospects, and the question of how parents must juggle their love for children whose commitments clash with their elders' beliefs and traditions — all in the midst of persecution. After considering her 25 years of washing, cooking, bearing children and laboring beside her husband, Golde answered Tevya, "I suppose I do." It was a well-thought-out response. With no stars in her eyes, Golde's graying hair and calloused hands, her constant awareness of him and their children served as the evidence that verified her answer.

One of the unique features of today's Gospel is that Jesus speaks for the first time of the disciples' love for him. Previously he's told his disciples that he is the way, the bread of life, the light of the world — all descriptions of himself that speak of what he wants to offer them. Jesus often called his disciples to believe in him and to trust him, but now he gets to the deep, interpersonal level of loving him for who he is. The only other time in the Gospels that Jesus speaks of disciples' love for him is after the resurrection when he asks Peter if he loves him (John 21:15-16).

Jesus says his disciples demonstrate their love for him by keeping his commandments. On first blush, that hardly sounds like the Jesus who talks about mercy rather than sacrifice, who worried far less about the letter of the law than the spirit. But, we need to remember the context: This conversation began with matters of the heart not the law.

When Jesus talks to his disciples, to us, about loving him, he's talking about something more than ordinary friendship, even more than familial commitment or love between spouses. When we pay attention to the broader context we realize that he's talking about our loving him the same way he loves the Father. The love between Jesus and the Father is a mutual devotion born of their identification with one another. In Jesus' relationship with the Father, obedience has nothing to do with rules. It's about loving one another and sharing the same desire.

An intense feeling of grace is usually as fleeting as it is real but as Andrew Lloyd Weber's song explains, "Love changes everything." That's what Jesus is talking about in this reading. He's not telling the disciples to obey rules, he's inviting them to share his heart. The opening line of today's Gospel is, "If you love me, you will keep my commands." That's a request for love. All that Jesus did in his life was aimed at that one thing: to entice humanity into falling in love with God, and the way to do that is through loving him.

Today we might picture Jesus singing Tevya's words and asking us, "Do you love me?" For Jesus, love is the only thing that matters. Loving him includes accepting him for who he is and what he offers. As he says in this reading, loving him brings us into the realm of his Spirit and allows us to share his own perspective and desire. In the opening line of this reading Jesus could just as well have said, "If you love me you will love what I love and want what I want." Keeping his commandments is a matter of the heart, a heart willingly invaded by God.

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

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Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

- John 14: 15

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 13** 5 pm - Lucie Walker
Sun., 14 8:30 am - Mothers
10:30 am - Parishioners
Mon., 15 9 am - Fr. Don Brice
Tue., 16 9 am -
Wed., 17 9 am - Fr. Fred MacIntyre
Thu., 18 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 19 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones

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: alacetungviola@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.



A special thank you to our Catechists who have taught in our School of Religion Program. Sharing the gift of your faith and time is greatly appreciated by everyone in our parish.

We are truly blessed to be part of St. Mary's Parish, a faith community where our pastor, Fr. Kevin, recognizes the significance of successful Faith Formation program. The children's future in the Catholic faith is nurtured in our classrooms.

Please when you see the following parishioners in church or the community, thank them for their dedication to our children:

Faith Formation: Diane Yendrey, Brenda Murtha, Sheila Colihan, Aurelie Eggert, Leslie Poe, Kathleen Opincar, Angela Smith, Susan Ferrara, Jill Conley, Tom and Lucy Ehart, and Kristine Kingery. We thank our Parish secretaries Brenda Evans and Denise Crawford, for creating our Sacrament Programs, certificates, and the many other tasks we assigned to them.

Volunteers are an essential component of the success of Faith Formation, whether you are a catechist, substitute catechist, before care helper, or preparing children for Liturgy. We encourage parishioners, parents, and high school students to share your faith with the youth in our parish.

Please contact Liz Smith, if you are interested in assisting next year.



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.

Refugee Meal Packing St. Mary's Parish in Rockville is hosting this **Event on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Meal kits packed will be delivered quickly to Poland for Ukrainian Refugees and to Turkey and Syria for earthquake victims. Please consider donating to support the purchase of food to be distributed. A goal of \$21,000.00 raised to package 60,000 meals is desired. Donations will be gratefully accepted thru PayPal: <https://bit.ly/3ww14n1>. **Checks payable to: The Outreach Program** may be mailed to St. Mary's Parish 520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852. Many volunteers are also needed on June 24th. Signup via <https://bit.ly/3MUhVhV> Any questions, contact Mary McCormick at mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com.

Gold Mass for Faith and Science Are you seeking truth through Faith and Science? Join Fr. Justin Huber, NIST scientists, and other people of faith, engaged in the sciences as we celebrate a Gold Mass on World Metrology Day 2023, **Saturday May 20 at 10:00 am** at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church in Poolesville, Maryland, 17220 Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837 (<https://www.olpresentationmd.org/>). The Gold Mass will be followed by a reception and talk by Fr. Justin, "What metrology teaches about God" Questions? Contact Joe Rice (joericemail@gmail.com).