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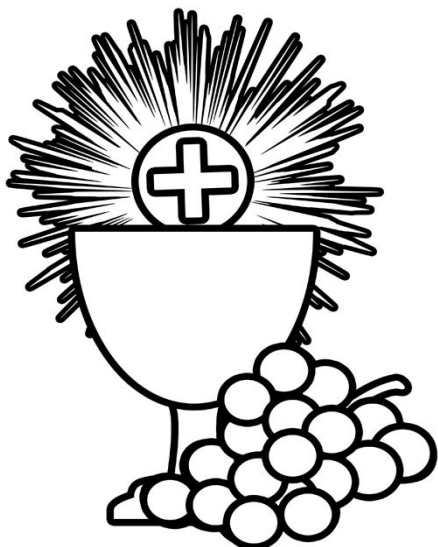
*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



May 7, 2023
5th 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, *Sodaliry*
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



Congratulations

To Our Young People Who Received Their First Holy Communion

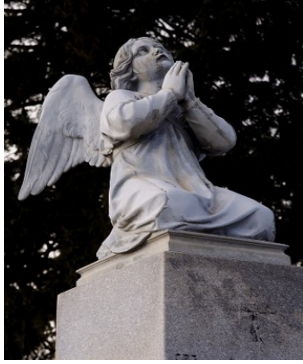
Nicolas Jung, Kate Miller, George Miller,

Chloe Casella, Natalie Kavanagh,

Leroy Simmons, Harrison Jamison, Jude Wright,

Lily Weyrauch, Taylor Kravitz

**May they always rejoice and be glad in the great gift of
Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!**



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, 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,

Amen I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these. (John 14:12)

I was reading recently about how a group of Christian university students some 46 years ago decided to find every verse of scripture that spoke of the "works" that God called us to do. It turned out to their great surprise that they all related directly to issues of justice: care for the poor, the abandoned and the neglected. To their further astonishment they found over 2,000 texts about this call, which they then cut out of an old Bible. Their discovery came to be called the "Bible full of holes." This "holy" Bible is still in existence.

The "works that I do" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel are precisely the very ones he did: healing the sick, washing the feet of others, feeding the multitudes, throwing arms of forgiveness around prodigal sons and daughters, challenging the powers that be.

Robert F. Kennedy wrote about these kinds of "works," and the ones that represent the "greater ones than these" that you and I can actually do, in this way: "It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. Crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples will build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to heal sick people in the same way Jesus did, but we can certainly attend to them. You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to raise anyone from the dead as Jesus did, but we can grieve with those who have lost a loved one. You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to stop the horrific spread of human trafficking that is a blight on humanity; we're probably not going to end the terrible rise in heroin addiction, or put an end to the income inequity so many people are struggling with, or end the curse of pornography that is corrupting so many lives, or end abortion.

But what we can do is "diverse acts of courage" that will enable us to stand up, to speak out, to demand an accounting. What we can do is become a "tiny ripple of hope" that, joined with others, can become a "current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

How can we do this? We can begin by listening to how today's second reading reminds us of who we are. We're not just anybody, it tells us. We're "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own ... who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

"A people of his own" is the way scripture describes us. We're different from everyone else. We belong to God. We are his presence in this world. We are his face, his voice, his hands, his feet, his heart.

And how will people know this? By doing the "works" that mimic the very ones Jesus does.

Perhaps if each one of us asked ourselves this one question, it would help us know what the "works" are that we can do:

What in the world today most breaks your heart, most offends your sense of justice, most inspires passion within you?

Do that.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



“Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Phillip?”

- John 14: 9

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 6** 5 pm - Roy Bohr
Sun., 7 8:30 am - Gladys Stewart
10:30 am - Parishioners
Mon., 8 9 am - Sophie Hoover (L)
Tue., 9 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Wed., 10 9 am - Mary Martin
Thu., 11 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 12 9 am -

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.



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.

Little Sisters We welcome the Sisters this weekend as they come and share their mission with our parish family.

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 today, May 7.

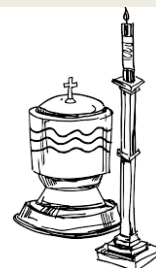
Mother's Day Donuts Next Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day we will have Donuts and coffee and Flowers for all our Mothers.



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.

Congratulations



to
Beatrice Emilia
child of
John & Anne
Stohlman

who received the
Sacrament of
Baptism this past weekend.