

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.*



June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Notary*
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*
Joy McCartin, *Sodalitty*
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

Dear Parishioners,

Poor Jeremiah, born into a family of priests and called to be a prophet. When Jeremiah heard God say that he had been called for this from the womb, it was like being told that his birth certificate named him "Renegade-for-Life". Nothing was ever going to be easy for this man.

What is a prophet? A prophet is someone called by God to read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel. A prophet is someone deeply in touch with contemporary reality, one who is loving and courageous enough to expose what is contrary to the will of God as well as galvanize others to believe in and work to create a gospel alternative. Now that's a job description set up to antagonize just about everybody.

All those who benefit from the status quo — authorities, clergy, the dominant race, the highly educated, the wealthy, etc. — know that prophets question their privilege, privilege which they generally believe they have earned. The privileged among us recognize prophetic words as a threat to our complacency and our comfort.

Do we wonder why people rejected Jeremiah and plotted against him? The prophetic message is just too demanding! We've seen it time and again. Jeremiah's case presents what could almost be a cartoon caricature. When a scroll of Jeremiah's prophecy was presented to the king, the king listened to it section by section, and as each segment came to an end he borrowed a knife, cut off the part just read and threw it into the fire (Jeremiah 36). Of course, it didn't take long for even Jeremiah's friends to understand that their relationship with him might not be worth the price.

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Please Pray For..... Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Stanton Boteler, 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, Andrew & Nicholas Diaz, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, 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, Harvey Loveless, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Anthony Murdock, 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, 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.

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If you're not sure about the cost of listening to prophecy, look up some of the quotes from Pope Francis available on the U. S. bishops' website: www.usccb.org. Just for starters listen to Pope Francis quoting St. John Chrysostom: "Not to share one's goods with the poor is to rob them and to deprive them of life. It is not our goods that we possess, but theirs." That's a prophetic statement that lets nobody with two coats off the hook. It says that when you encounter the poor you either robe them or you rob them.

The second dimension of prophecy is the too often forgotten task of promoting real alternatives. This dimension of the prophetic vocation offers an interpretation of the charge Jesus gives us in today's Gospel: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." How often do we hear a nearly inaudible voice prod us with some version of those most disturbing questions: "Isn't there another possibility? Does it always have to be this way?" These are quite often the questions of young people whose experience has not yet taught them to capitulate to "the way things really work" and who have not yet accumulated so much that they feel they must protect it. The moment we find ourselves resisting such questions we need to ask ourselves what we fear, what have we allowed to come into our lives and fetter our hopes?

More importantly, we need to ask ourselves what we honestly believe about "the way things really work." That's Paul's subject in today's selection from Romans. He begins by talking about "the way it is" — sin and death seem to rule our world. Then he challenges his people to ask themselves if they believe that Christ has really made a difference. Paul admits that the contagion of evil has infected everyone, but he asserts that the grace of God, the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, has more than overcome the way of the world.

In today's Gospel Jesus sends the apostles out to preach the coming of the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. He knows they will encounter resistance and even life-threatening opposition. Thus, he starts and finishes the core of his instructions by saying "do not be afraid."

Halfway in between those two statements he explains that those who kill the body have very limited power; the real danger comes from those who can suffocate the human spirit. The latter are the ones the prophets rail against, even at the cost of their lives.

Today's readings call us to reconsider our Christian vocation. Each of us was baptized to share in Christ's prophetic ministry. That means we need to stop and ask ourselves if we are willing to step into the space where the way of the world contradicts the Gospel and say, "It doesn't have to be this way." It means we must love our world enough to be part of making it what God created it to be. Accepting the call to prophecy means that, like Jeremiah, we are accepting the role of speaking and acting as renegades for life.

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



What I say to you in darkness, speak in the light; what you here whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul.

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 24 5 pm - Michael Duttonick
- Sun., 25 8:30 am - Janet Ryan
10:30 am - Anthony Hobbs
- Mon., 26 9 am - Carol Breeden (L)
- Tue., 27 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
- Wed., 28 9 am - Debbie Schwnbeck
- Thu., 29 9 am - Eucharistic Service
- Fri., 30 9 am - Pat Ferris
- Sat., 1 9 am - Gertrude White



Vacation Bible School Sign up now! July 10 - 14 for Bible River Adventures! Sign up forms are on our website and in the church vestibule. This is a fun, faith filled time for all. For more information contact Terri Phipps at okoni.tp@gmail.com. Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.



Chicken Dinner, Saturday, July 29, 2023 We will begin accepting your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner soon. Sign-up sheets to pick your favorite spot to help will be out in two weeks. Make plans to join us from Noon on July 29.



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Welcome Sodalists The new officers for our Sodality are: Joy McCartin, Prefect; Susan Jamison, Vice-Prefect; Anne Owen, Secretary; Andrea Williams, Correspondent Secretary; and Alice Tung, Treasurer.

Crafts Wanted Please consider making or donating crafts for the craft table, for our 148th annual event on July 29. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, summer decorations, baby blankets and baby items, are some ideas. Maybe you have some new ones. For more information contact Joy McCartin at joymccartin@comcast.net.

Event Photos Pictures from the Communion Breakfast, Easter Vigil, and the Little Sisters of the Poor visit are posted on our smugmug pages. Simply go to <https://stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com/>. The password is StMarysBarnesville.

Reverence Please remember as you pass the Precious Blood of Our Lord at mass to bow your head in reverence, whether or not you are receiving from the cup.

Second Collection today is for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and his charitable works around the world. This collection was formerly called Peter's Pence.

Welcome
FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

Jacob, Sarah & Cecilia Chase
of
Germantown

Who have joined our parish family

Summer Food Drive Non-perishable groceries are needed for children in D.C. Bring the food to donate to church by today, June 25.

Spring Cleaning? White Elephant time is upon us. The Chicken Dinner will be here before we know it. Please place your slightly used items in the storage room under the sun room. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. **No tires, clothing, or electronics please.**

Welcome
Matilda Shea
Godfrey
child of
Scott & Molly Godfrey
Baptized
June 25