

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.*

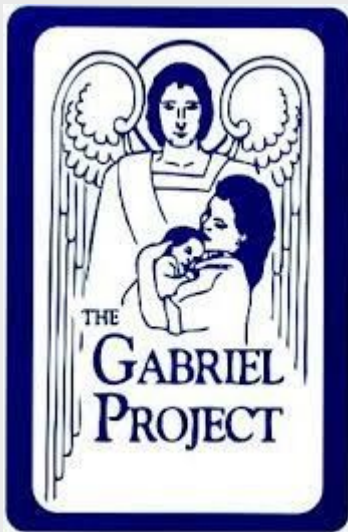


July 9, 2023

14th 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, *Sodality*
Tom McCartin, *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



Gabriel Project of Montgomery County

Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Leroy Carhart has died but the facility where he performed late term abortions is still open for business. Women need to know, before they get pregnant, about the help that the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery provides. You can help a pregnant mother in several ways. Women volunteers (especially bilingual English and Spanish speaking women) are needed to assist client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Donations of diapers, formula, baby clothes, children's clothes, and maternity clothes are also appreciated. Please visit our Website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact: Brenda Stohlman at stohlman-brendagp@outlook.com.



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, Steve Drescher, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Battles over elections happen in all countries. Elections are peaceful where the transition of power can be seamless. In some countries, there is so much unrest it doesn't feel like anything can be accomplished. Riots in the streets, children fearing their parents may be deported, and so much more. Even attending peaceful protests, do you wonder when the next battle will erupt? Is there really a chance for peace?

The first reading says, "The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." We need peace more than ever. It seems like the warrior's bow has been extended beyond our borders. A life of following Jesus means wars will cease if we listen. But, how do we listen? Are we listening with our hearts or listening with conditions? Will we only follow if it happens this way or that? We need to listen like the little children in the Gospel today.

"See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he." How do we transform our lives in a way that models this king, who is meek and banishes the warrior's bow? "He shall declare peace to the nations." Is our world so wrapped up in fighting the powers that be that we are completely missing the one true king just as was mentioned in Scripture? Sometimes it seems as if this just savior cannot come fast enough. Being surrounded by unrest can be wearisome for our souls.

We each have bows and swords that can hurt our neighbors. Swords come in the form of words and actions. What swords do we brandish? Are you holding the sword of discrimination? Of bitterness? Without these swords, we are free to live as the king who declares peace to his people.

How frustrating it must have been for Jesus. He was sent by God to bring people to God. Yet, some of those considered wise in the day had no understanding, constantly questioning Jesus. Trying to trip him up with responses to all of the laws they created, they seemed to want Jesus to fail. Perhaps the mercy offered by Jesus was a much greater threat.

In today's Gospel Jesus gives thanks that the little ones understand. They learn with their heart. Many of the Pharisees and others are so bogged down in the rules and regulations that they can hardly grasp what Jesus is telling them.

The only way to learn about God is through Jesus because Jesus is the way to the Father. Jesus wants to reveal the Father to all, but perhaps it is only the young that are open to knowing the God of compassion and understanding.

Jesus offers something that the laws cannot. He offers an easing of burdens to the people. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. We are not alone in our burdens.

How can we prepare our hearts and minds to understand what Jesus is asking? How can we bury our own swords and unstring our harmful bows? Can we string our bows with loving kindness? Can we string our bows with compassion for those struggling to get by with little?

Children don't need manifestos on the merits of law. They understand through simple ways. Don't you find it easier to learn the importance of loving your neighbor through a parable? It's both memorable and manageable.

Aren't children often less encumbered by worries sometimes listening with their hearts to God's word.

How will you open your heart to hear God's word today?

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Matthew 11:28

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 8 5 pm - Eleanor Moore
Sun., 9 8:30 am - Parishioners
10:30 am - Harry Ganjian
Mon., 10 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Tue., 11 9 am - Sr. Barbara Murtha
Wed., 12 9 am - James Lester
Thu., 13 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 14 9 am - Mary Reid



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 ok-oni.tp@gmail.com. Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Annual Benefit Banquet with Keynote speaker, Abby Johnson. Help them celebrate 40 years of service with a gourmet dinner & dessert, games, and an inspiring message on Thursday, October 26 at the Rockville Hilton. Reservations are required to attend. Please call 301-963-6223 to RSVP by October 13.

"The Blue Army" In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Brown Scapular enrollment, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers on Thursday, July 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. For more information call 301-5951770.

Fathers Day Remembrance Additional remembrances came in late for Edward Moore, Jeffrey & Chad Bartlett from Maggie Bartlett, and for the father of Kim Carpentier from Kim Carpentier.



Chicken Dinner, Saturday, July 29, 2023 This weekend we continue accepting your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner.

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 joy-mccartin@comcast.net.

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.**

Sign-up sheets are available outside after Mass. Choose your favorite spot and time early!

Cake and Pie Boxes are available after mass. Help yourselves.

Posters are available after Mass today.



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Sodality Scholarship News Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship recipients! Announcing awards as follows, First place winners: Ainsley Mate, Anna Porch. Runners up: Claire Chmelik, Gabrielle Jacobs, Erin Souder. Scholarship funds are made possible by yearly fundraising efforts by Our Lady of Fatima Sodality. Awards will go to recipients by August 1st.