

St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

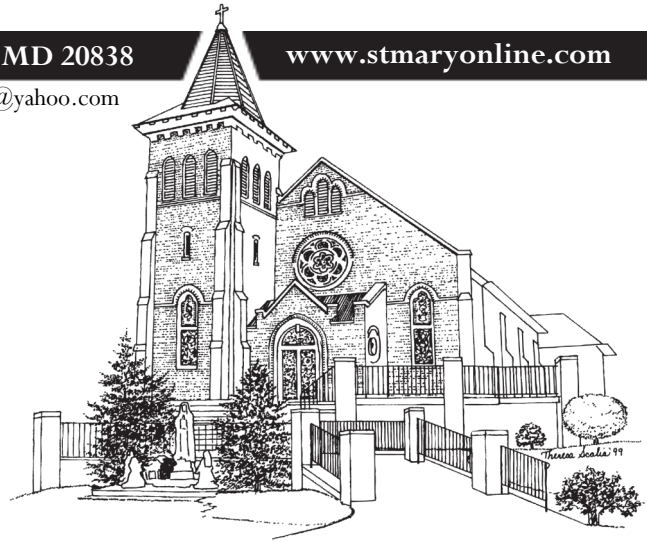
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration

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

Congratulations

To

Emmett Gray Bowen
child of
Cheyanne Marie Bowen

and to

Sophia Marie Chase
child of
Jacob Andrew Chase & Sarah Kathryn Papp Chase

Baptized Saturday, July 22





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, Larry Horton, 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, Karla Linn Merrifield, 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, Cynthia Slattum, 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,

In Scripture, astonishing things happen on mountains. When the Bible tells us that someone is going “up a mountain,” it’s time to fasten your seatbelt. Right away you know something completely out of the ordinary, something special and sacred is about to take place. And, that’s just what happens in today’s Gospel reading.

Until this mountaintop moment in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus is presented as someone who is exceptional, even remarkable. But, he is also seen as human — a man who amazed people with his miracles and his teachings, but was still in many ways just like you and me.

But then, out of nowhere, we are told that when Jesus reaches the top of the mountain with Peter, John and James, “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” And, we know now that we have left the humdrum ordinary and entered an experience that can only be described as transcendent. We have entered the realm of the holy.

On the mountaintop, we are introduced to two of the most eminent of all Hebrew Scripture heroes: Moses and Elijah. Until this experience, Jesus’ disciples treated him as an equal of these great prophets of the ages. But, then a cloud comes over the disciples and a “voice” from the cloud says: “This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.” What the disciples — and you and I — are being clearly told is that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a wonder worker, more than any other holy person who ever existed — more than even Moses and Elijah.

Jesus, we are told by this voice, is unique in all human history, transcending all those who have gone before. He alone is God’s Son! Then, out of the cloud, comes the only directive that the voice from heaven gives. Notice that it is not “worship him.” It is not “adore him.” It is not even “praise him.” Instead, it is a much more intimate, caring command: “Listen to him.”

Follow him and allow the experience to transform our hearts, to bring about a transplant of the Spirit. This heavenly voice isn’t just informing us that Jesus is God’s Son to give us information. The voice is encouraging us to understand and live out the message that we are all God’s sons and daughters. Despite some terrible sorrows and considerable pain that we may have to endure, we can now trust that, in the end, all will be well.

This experience is reminiscent of a 1970s movie, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” in which Richard Dreyfus plays an everyday man who becomes strangely attracted to an isolated area in the Wyoming wilderness. He is convinced that something spectacular is about to happen there. And, in the last 30 minutes of the movie, something truly spectacular does occur: An enormous space ship hovers over this region.

People witnessing it are dumbstruck and terrified, like the disciples in today’s Gospel.

Who’s in the spaceship? Are they beings who have come to destroy us? As the spaceship door opens, strange and elongated figures emerge, figures appearing to emanate benevolence and kindness. Dreyfus, in a sense, is “transfigured” by this experience. He is so captivated by it, in fact, that he abandons everything of which he is certain for something he knows nothing about. As the movie draws to a close, he runs to the light emanating from the spaceship. Can we do this when we hear today’s voice?

Listen. And then follow — into the Light. ***Fr. Kevin***

WORSHIP



Mass Intentions

Sat., 5	5 pm - The Reid Family
Sun., 6	8:30 am - Special Intention 10:30 am - Parishioners
Mon., 7	9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones
Tue., 8	9 am - Fr. Jerry Trancone
Wed., 9	9 am - Fr. Don Brice
Thu., 10	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 11	9 am - Kenneth Litkowski



The 148th Chicken Dinner

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Each of you deserves a huge pat on the back for helping before, during, and especially after our big day!

Details of the day will be in future bulletins.

“Unplanned” Movie Showing Join us to watch the inspiring story of how Abby Johnson went from a clinic director for Planned Parenthood to an avid pro-life activist! Free showing at Visitation Parish in Darnestown, Monday, August 21 at 7 pm.

VBS Thank You We were blessed in every way this year in VBS 2023! FIRST- Thank you Lord for the weather, the best of the summer so far! Praise God. We were most Blessed with the many professional people who stepped up to help! You are the best of the best!

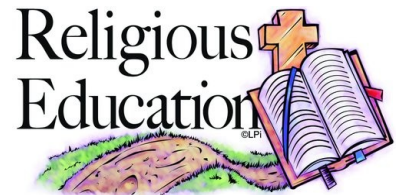
A WORLD of thanks to Brenda Murtha, who for the past 25-30 years, built the VBS foundation upon which we are standing!

Thanks to The TEACHERS: Becky Chmelik, Melissa Bennett, Cendy Cabrera & (mom) Norma Joval, Brenda Stohman & (mom) Laura Stohman, Barbara Dougherty, Rozelle O'Donnell, Allison Suarez, Alice Tung, Lori Thomas - our fix it/build it person, and to Diane Yendrey & Ryan Guerrero for the music & the spectacular program!

TEEN HELPERS: Julia Charboneau, Viola Guerrero, Alina Vicinelli, Anthony Vicinelli, Ben VanCise, Mike Bennett, Cecilia Tung, Chiara Favalli, Jacinta Chmelik, Claire, Jude & Ben Chmelik - set up for the program and their granddad, Elsbury Chappell who carried all the boxes to our cars in a thunder storm!

Thanks to the Knights for class set up, take down and our hot dog picnic: Fr Kevin, Joe Murtha, Dave Bivens, Timothy Flynn and Bill Lynch - pavilion manager.

AND THANKS to John Phipps for online registration design, scanning and the multitude of copying coloring pages! May GOD BLESS and Protect all of you and your families. Finally VBS 2023 would not have been possible without our Protestant brothers and sisters, United Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans and our Catholic family as well: St John Neumann, St Joseph's, St Mary's and Mary of Nazareth Catholic School Peace and Blessings, Terri Phipps



Faith Formation News 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.

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.

Our Religious Education program is welcoming new staff members for the coming year.

We have a wonderful series, *Christ in Us* by Sadlier, which helps the catechist share The Word with their students as they encounter Christ, accompany one another in faith, and live as missionary disciples in the world.

All lesson plans and instructional materials are provided for the teachers. You just need to add the desire to share your faith.

Please contact Liz Smith, 301-651-3353, if you are interested or just want more information in teaching 4th or 6th grade this fall.