

# 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 13, 2023

19th 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



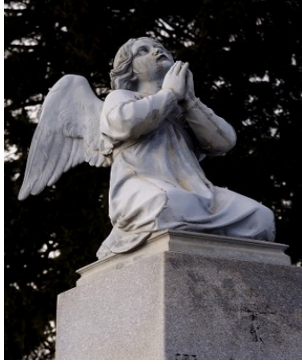
We are getting ready for another Faith filled year at St. Mary's. We hope you are having a spectacular summer. We are beginning registration and encourage you to complete your family's registration promptly. The registration for the School of Religion is in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Web site.

Our classes begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> meet at 4:00pm- 5:00pm. Our Middle School program for Grades 6-8 will meet from 7:30 to 8:30pm. All classes are held on the Parish grounds.

**Home School and Parochial School** students are to complete a registration form for children receiving the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion. The preparation for Confirmation is a two-year program. Please complete a registration for you to receive information regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation, if the student is in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. The tuition need not be paid, only the \$25.00 Sacrament fee. Your student will only join us for activities pertaining to the requirements of the Sacrament, Retreats, Parent Meetings, and rehearsals. They will receive their instruction through their schools.

We are a Parish supported by volunteers! The last section on the application regarding volunteering, *is not optional*. In order to offer our children every opportunity for growth in their faith and enhance their experience, we need volunteers to help.

We are in need of staff for 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. Please consider accepting one of these positions. All lesson plans and teaching materials will be provided. We have a wonderful group of young people in our Parish. Call Liz Smith, 301-651-3353 for more information.



***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,**

Was it part of a plan? Jesus had ordered the disciples to head out right away on the boat, while he went to the mountain to pray. Why worry? The group included some professional fishermen; what could go wrong? Did he have any idea that there was a gale in the offing? Carpenters weren't famous for their nautical knowledge. So, Jesus went off to pray.

While he was at prayer, the storm went to sea and Jesus knew how that tended to terrify his group of followers. When he thought about his frightened friends, what did he do? He headed out to help them the only way he could. Now, as if the storm weren't enough to overwhelm them, they saw him actually walking on the waves. Of course, they thought he was a ghost! There was no other sensible explanation.

As usual, only more so, the disciples didn't recognize Jesus for who he was: healer, bread-maker, lawbreaker, apparition ... none of the above, some of them all. Neither the disciples nor the religious leaders had the categories from which to understand him. All he could do for them was shout out "Take courage, it is I." His greeting said "I'm here for you."

This took place long before the Transfiguration. It was probably the first spectacular manifestation of Jesus as more than just one of the guys or rabbis. His sudden appearance right at the time of their greatest need was a prayer answered. It might have seemed as if the script came straight from the psalms that use drowning as the symbol for our need of God. The scene has overtones of the kind of appearances of God we hear about in Scripture: "Through the sea was your way. Your path, through the mighty waters" (Psalm 77:20) and "He alone ... treads upon the back of the sea" (Job 9:8). At some point the disciples began to get the idea that Jesus had come as God for them.

So how did Peter respond? "If it's you, let me do it too!" For a very brief instant he understood two dimensions of Jesus' mission. In one lightening flash of insight, he realized that in all his greatness Jesus not only came from God, but also revealed humanity's potential. Jesus hadn't come to dazzle them, but to teach them that trusting in God would carry them where they never dreamed they could go.

When Jesus said "Come," Peter took the invitation and did the impossible. Momentarily, he overcame his fear and his sure knowledge of how everything works. To the astonishment of his companions, and probably even himself, he went overboard. This was his second step in discipleship, a continuance of what he started the day that he left his own boat on the beach to walk with Jesus through the land.

But nobody becomes a saint — or even a disciple — with just one step. Too soon, Peter reasoned that he couldn't do it. Nobody can walk on water — especially with such a headwind! Practicality took its toll and Peter began to sink. Suddenly, he was back to shouting with his psalm-singing ancestors "Lord save me!"

Jesus, taking hold of him, was likely thinking: "Why did you waver?" Peter had taken his second step, but he couldn't quite hold to it. He had just seen thousands eat their fill from a little store of bread. He had just seen Jesus advance calmly over the chaos of gale and surf. But, only for the briefest of moments did he believe in Jesus more than in gravity.

Jesus got Peter safely back on board and didn't start tutoring him in treading on water. Jesus never again invited him to embark on the sea without a boat. Not literally. But, Jesus' call to give witness to his faith didn't end with the calming of the winds.

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## WORSHIP



"O you of little faith, why did you doubt"

- Matthew 14:31

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 12** 5 pm - Pete Brunner (L)  
**Sun., 13** 8:30 am - Clara & Don Dupre  
 10:30 am - Parishioners  
**Mon., 14** 9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones  
**Tue., 15** 9 am - Nancy Slattery  
 7 pm - Parishioners  
**Wed., 16** 9 am - Josef Rizk  
**Thu., 17** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 18** 9 am - Felicity Macfarlane

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Our world is in desperate need of witnesses to the possibility of living Gospel values. Much of our world is drowning in overconsumption and media distraction. Our brothers and sisters are perishing from irrational violence and intolerable poverty, all in the shadow of scandalous wealth. Too many human beings, each of whom has a name and face cherished by God, languish on the margins of a busy world without anyone to gaze on them with the tenderness that alleviates loneliness, even if it cannot cure their ills or relieve the pains of aging.

We aren't being asked to walk on water, but to act like we believe that God's love for us and in us is more powerful than chaos, evil and apathy. The Gospel challenges us to take on the storms of our day with a love and hope that will risk going overboard. The headwinds are fierce, but the force of God's Spirit is greater still.

**Fr. Kevin**



**The Feast of the Assumption of Mary** is this Tuesday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 9 am & 7 pm.

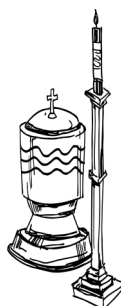
### "Unplanned" Movie Showing

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.

**Event Photos** Pictures from the the Chicken Dinner are posted on our smugmug pages. Simply go to [https:// stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com/](https://stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com/). The password is StMarysBarnesville.

### Mary of Nazareth Catholic

School offers an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace training for eighth-grade boys and girls. Students enjoy the opportunity to learn basic dance steps and etiquette skills from professional instructors. For more information, dates and registration, please go to <https://irp.cdn-website.com/bf0619bf/files/uploaded/MON%20Cotillion%20Flyer%20Update.png>



### Welcome to

Madeline Rose  
Schneeberger

child of

Joseph & Ann-Marie Chmelik  
Schneeberger

Baptized on August 5



## 148th Barnesville Picnic

**Thank You! Thank You!**

Here are some current totals:

Dinner - Carry Out	\$11,933.00
Credit Cards Sales	4,985.20
Games	413.00
Arts & Crafts	658.00
Country Store	620.25
Dime Pitch	32.50
Baked Goods	2,631.00
Cake Wheel	549.00
Raffle	9,483.00
Snack Bar	945.75
White Elephant	3,467.57
Pre-Donations	4,075.00
Jousting	545.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40,338.27</b>

Expenses yet to be finalized.

### St. Mary's Congratulates

#### Our Winners

Kristine Kingery - Raffle (\$500)  
of North Potomac, MD

Karl Scherer - Raffle (\$200)  
of Mechanicsville, MD

### The Sodality Congratulates

Bill Lynch

For winning the Wine Basket