

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.*



September 3, 2023

22nd 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 5th 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 7th or 8th 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 4th and 6th 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..... James Abernethy, 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, Jennifer Gilbert, 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 Lovelless, Sylvia Marshall, Karla Linn Merrifield, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, 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 Slatum, 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,

Many years ago, I visited the ancient city of Rome. There, for the first time in my life, I saw the great Basilica of St. Peter's. A spectacular creation! Perhaps the greatest masterpiece of Renaissance architecture ever created.

I still remember looking up — way up! — at this magnificent church and reading those dramatic words, written in Latin, around the top of the famous cupola: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church ... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19)

Why have these words been so important historically to the church? Because they were the words used to demonstrate that Peter, and, by extension, the church, was given the power to bind and loose, not just on earth, but in heaven as well.

These words, then, were ones that represented unique authority. Sadly, taken alone, they were also words that could easily lead to an abuse of power and a sense of domination and triumphalism.

Yet, these were the only words that were so proudly and grandly presented in the famed cupola of Rome's most majestic church.

Today's Gospel, however, features the rest of the words that Jesus spoke to Peter on the occasion on which he was re-named. Emphatically, Jesus proclaims: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (16:23)

These words are not found surrounding the cupola. Yet, they are clearly words that Jesus saw as every bit as important — maybe even more so. Because they are the ones that warn Peter — and all of us — of the tantalizing seduction of power and domination.

In fact, these words are strikingly reminiscent of the very ones Satan himself spoke to Jesus in the powerful temptation scene when he takes Jesus up the mountain and promises him all the glory and power that the world could possibly offer.

It's a shame the additional verse wasn't included on that cupola of St. Peter's. Reflection on the words might have helped spare the church many historic failures.

In contrast to last Sunday, today's Gospel is about the cross, not about worldly power. It's about denial, not self-indulgence. It's about losing, not gaining. It's about subtraction, not addition. It's about less, not more. It's about transformation, not glorification.

Jesus' conviction is clear: We cannot be transformed if we're awash in all the grandiose matters encouraged by the spirit of this world — the spirit Jesus refers to as Satan.

Jesus himself refuses any titles of glory or grandiosity. He never once tells his disciples: "Worship me. Adore me. Glorify me. Praise me." Instead, he asks only one thing: "Follow me."

And, that's precisely what he does in today's Gospel. Again, he summons us to follow him — follow him in refusing to make wealth and power the ultimate meaning of life; follow him in dying to our own egos so that we can fall, with full trust, into the arms of God.

The cross, and only the cross, Jesus insists, will free us of our vanity and generate within us a readiness to create a new world — one in which God reigns supreme in our hearts; one in which we open ourselves up to new ways of thinking, seeing and valuing.

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Let us pray that each of us will imprint those very words on the cupola surrounding our hearts.

Fr. Kevin

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- Matthew 16:23

Mass Intentions

Sat., 2	5 pm - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Sun., 3	8:30 am - Parishioners 10:30 am - Patricia Royals (L)
Mon., 4	9 am - Labor Day
Tue., 5	9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones
Wed., 6	9 am - Fr. Jerry Trancone
Thu., 7	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 8	9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk

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.

Church Picnic



Outdoor Mass & Pot Luck

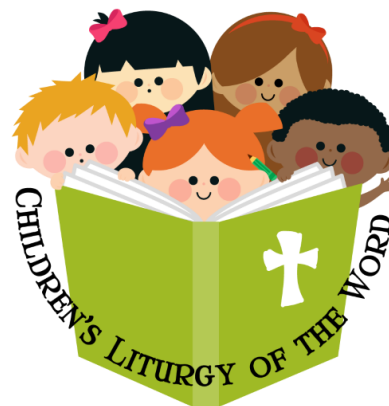
St. Mary's Parishioners and their families and friends are invited to join together for an outdoor Mass on **Sunday, September 17, at 11 am**. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for the Mass. We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Please bring 8-10 servings of YOUR FAVORITE DISH to share with your fellow parishioners. Meats, drinks and paper goods will be provided. There will be live music and fun for all.

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>

Second Collection next weekend is the annual offering for the support of the Catholic University of America. We thank you for your support.

Labor Day is tomorrow, September 4. Mass will be at 9:00 am and the parish office will be closed.

Young Family Life Ministry join us for a great start of the year! Save the date for Saturday September 30, 10 am. Weather permitting, we will hike together Sugarloaf Mountain with our children. Pack your lunch and be ready for some singing at the top of the mountain. In case of rain, we will get together in the Pavilion for some story time, games, crafts and songs. Hope to meet you and see you soon! Details on meeting point at Sugarloaf to be determined soon. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, please email us at blinibrenda@gmail.com



Join Us for Donuts and fellowship today, September 3. Haiti Coffee will be for sale.

The joyous ministry of sharing God's Word with the youngest of our parish, ages 3 years old to 2nd Grade, is returning in September. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this ministry. The obligation is one Sunday a month. During Children's Liturgy of The Word, young children leave the sanctuary during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp. Please contact Liz Smith at 301-651-3353 or smithstmarysb@gmail.com for more information. Training will be provided.



“To Jesus Through Mary”
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

We're launching exciting plans for the coming year in St. Mary's Sodality! We meet today after 10:30 Mass. Get your coffee and donut in the Pavilion, and meet us in the Sunroom for all the details. All parish ladies are welcome.