

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.*



May 19, 2024

Pentecost

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*
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



Dear Parishioners,

We use many different languages to try to communicate with each other. Ethnologue, the catalogue of world languages, currently lists 6,909 living languages, yet experts tell us that our nonverbal body language conveys 93 percent of our message. In addition, there are books with titles such as, *The Five Love Languages* or *The Language of the Heart*. Even our computer programs are written in different languages.

Even with this wide array of language tools, we still struggle to really connect with each other in a world too often deeply divided by politics, religion, race, gender, etc. Our souls are hungry for a Spirit that can unite us on common ground and inspire us to work together for the common good. Instinctively, we know that together we are more. What does the Spirit of that first Christian Pentecost have to teach us about reaching across communication barriers to become the one body of Christ?

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Please Pray For..... James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpenter, Eric Carpenter, Pat Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, 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, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, Gail Hahn, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Larry & Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Louise Jones, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., Betty Kutts, John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Lovelless, Diane Lynch, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, Beverly McAleer, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, John Mulcare, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, 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, Rani Taylor, Colleen Thomas, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Rex & Trisha Tully, Annette Young, Michael Zahn.

Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends... Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Tristan Collier, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

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Before the Pentecost experience, for very good reasons, Jesus' disciples were imprisoned by fear. While fear can alert us to real danger, living in fear can paralyze us. Diplomatic harmony seldom begins from a defensive, anxious stance. Being filled with the Holy Spirit freed the disciples to fearlessly proclaim a message in which hope could be translated into any language. Likewise, an important first step toward unity is examining whether we are conveying suspicion or assurance in our exchanges.

Jesus' disciples had every right to be angry about his false conviction and tortuous murder. It was categorically unethical, immoral and unjust. However, when faced with the choice of perpetuating the cycle of violence through revenge, the Spirit stirred them to be messengers of Christ's peace instead. In that Spirit, people gathered together around them to live a new life-giving and nonviolent way of life. In the face of today's divisiveness, can we ask ourselves which has the greatest potential for inspiring fruitful community action — righteous indignation or constructive dialogue?

In the Jewish society at the time of Jesus, rank and position were strictly defined as a matter of honor. Even though Jesus' disciples had very little status, they spoke with an authority on that Pentecost. That got everyone's attention. Their authority did not come from searching out like-minded people and then demeaning those with differing values. They did not pass judgment on who was worthy or belittle those with conflicting perspectives. Respectfully accepting people as they were, the disciples let the message speak for itself, and because of their tolerance it could be heard across communication gaps. In our search for justice, have we confused values we hold sacred by pitting them against each other? How do we dig out from our inflammatory entrenchments to make room for richer and more holistic solutions through consensus?

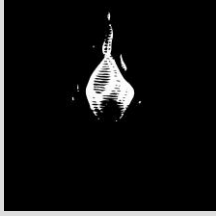
What is the Spirit calling us to in response to an environment of growing fear that paralyzes, anger that demeans and intolerance that isolates us? When we are willing to share our gifts rather than hoarding them in fear; to celebrate each other rather than competing for prestige; and to build bridges of understanding rather than needing to have the last word, then we are learning to speak the Spirit's language of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Speaking with one voice — the Spirit's voice, together we can create more light for our darkness, more courage for our fear, more hope for our despair, more wisdom for our confusion, more love for our hate, and more peace for our turmoil. When we communicate together on common ground, we can do more for the common good. Together we are more.

Peace, Fr. Kevin



Mother's Day Mass in honor of Tara Schloss was given by her son, Alex Miller. It arrived late for printed memorial.

WORSHIP



And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Acts 2:4

Mass Intentions

Sat., 18 5 pm - Kathleen Dupre
 Sun., 19 8:30 am - Rani Taylor (L)
 10:30 am - Parishioners
 Mon., 20 9 am - Roger Fournier
 Tue., 21 9 am - Bishop Gonzalez
 Wed., 22 9 am - Rose Mary Russ
 Thu., 23 9 am - Eucharistic Service
 Fri., 24 9 am -



Memorial Day Mass is May 27 at 9 am. Plan on joining us for this special Mass of remembrance for all our brave men and women. Any parishioner who is currently serving or retired from service in our military, who would like to volunteer to assist in lighting the memorial candle, please call Fr. Kevin.

PILGRIMAGE FOR PRAYERS! You are invited to join the first annual Our Lady of Visitation Parish (OLVP) Walking Pilgrimage! On Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day), pilgrims will journey together in prayer and fellowship as we walk from OLVP (Darnestown) to St. Mary's/Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima (Barnesville). This roughly 6-hour event will be filled with friendship and reflection, lunch provided, and is open to all, including families. Join us as we pray for the success of the Adoration Chapel and an outpouring of Adorers. For more information and to register visit the parish website www.olvp.org. Participation is limited to 50.




Vacation Bible School Plan ahead for this summer's VBS which will be July 8 - 12. The theme is Desert Bible Stories. For more information

contact Terri Phipps at okoni.tp@gmail.com. Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

Second Collection next weekend will be for Catholic Communications Campaign. Thank you for your donations.

Holy Hour for Vocations In preparation for the June Ordination of Priests for our Archdiocese we will host a Holy Hour on First Friday, June 7 as part of our First Friday Adorations. The exact time will be in next week's bulletin.

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.**



Congratulations

to

Abraham Bishop Isbell

child of

Casimir Kunts-Isbell

and

Edwine Jn Baptiste

Baptized on May 12, 2024



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Scholarship available to members of St. Mary's Parish, Barnesville. Applications are due today. Applicants must have received the Sacraments through Confirmation; and are currently graduating high school or continuing attendance in a trade school or 2-4 year college.

Application deadline is today, May 19, 2024. Complete the following and email to Alice Tung, Sodality Chair for Scholarships: alictungviola@gmail.com Name / Address / Phone Number / Email / Trade school or college intended for the upcoming semester / List of activities in church, community, and school / and a typed 500+ word essay on the following topic: "How will I apply what I learn through my college education, to spread my faith and to help others?" Winners will be notified in early June 2024 and will receive funds by August 1st.

Sodality Invitation Please join us for a Casual potluck dinner Sunday June 9 at 5:00 and a Sodality presentation of "The Divine Mercy Chaplet" The promises from Jesus for saying this Chaplet is a Great Gift from our Savior. Weather permitting, we will be enjoying the outside porch area for the potluck. We will have a video on The Divine Mercy Chaplet presented by Father Chris Alar inside the pavilion and a video for the children as well. **Bring a dish to share.**

Annual Memorial Day Mass ALL SOULS CEMETERY, Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Celebrant: The Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala. Inclement Weather: Mass will be held under a tent at All Souls Cemetery, all are welcome.