

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

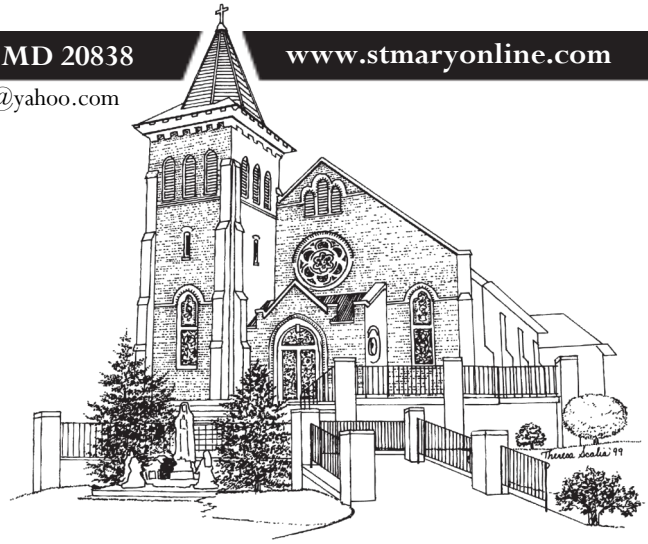
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



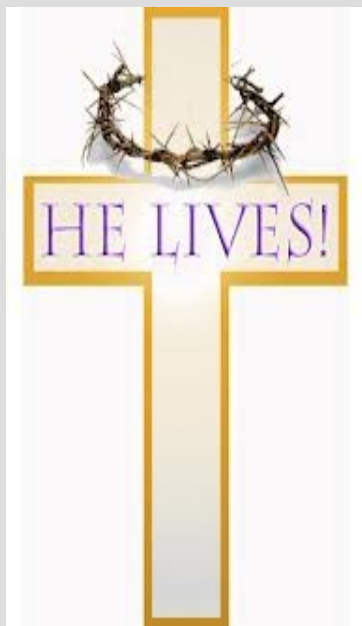
March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

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*
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*
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

Happy Easter



Welcome to all, especially our visitors, and family visiting for the Holiday, and all who have found themselves here with us in prayer today! Easter is a time that brings many people to church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and we're glad you're here! We hope you will come back to visit again.

St Mary's is an active, warm parish, dedicated to following the path of Christ and reaching out to those in need and to one another. We gather regularly for many activities and are always centered around the Eucharist, our ultimate prayer.

Important dates to remember for this year include: First Holy Communion & Confirmation on May 4. Communion Breakfast & May Crowning on May 5. Vacation Bible School the week of July 8 - 12. The Annual Chicken Dinner & Jousting Tournament on July 27. Come and share in all of it.

Check us out on Facebook and our website stmaryonline.com. New members are always welcome. Welcome folders are available in the vestibule of church.



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 Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, 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, 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 Loveless, Diane Lynch, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, 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, Vicki Tosques, Bob White, 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,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

These are the victorious words we shout with gusto on this greatest of all feast days. And yet, curiously, the Gospel reading heard on Easter from Mark does not mention these triumphant, victorious words. Instead, as three women — Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome — approach the tomb in order to anoint Jesus, they are astonished to find the stone rolled back and a “young man ... wearing a long, white robe” telling them: “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. ... But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”

The sentence that follows the appointed pericope from Mark's Gospel tells us that these women said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” No victory laps. No hosannas. No shouts of joy. Instead, fear. That was their reaction. Why fear? Why no alleluias? Perhaps the answer lies in the words spoken by the angelic figure in the tomb: Jesus “is going before you ... there you will see him.” In other words, Jesus is not a static figure who wants us to remain in the tomb worshipping his presence. Nor is Jesus just a memory, a transient presence — however enthralling.

Instead, Jesus is alive! Not only is he alive, Jesus has already gone ahead of us summoning us to follow. Jesus is relentlessly urging us to plunge into the tasks of doing as he did: healing, caring, raising up, telling the message of a God who has fallen recklessly in love with all of creation. Jesus “is going before you to Galilee” — into the place where he first called his disciples, the place where he first healed the sick, where he first forgave the sinners, calmed the seas, cured the lepers, gave sight to the blind, reassured the demoniac.

Mark's Jesus acts as though there's no time to waste contemplating the wonders of his resurrection. There's no time to waste singing “alleluias” and exulting over this miraculous experience. Instead, Jesus is hurriedly running ahead and calling us — just as he did his early disciples — to continue his ministry of healing and feeding and giving hope to the oppressed.

Jesus, so free of all human restrictions, reassures us that he is still alive and still dwelling among us. Whenever we repeat the mighty deeds he performed in Galilee: “There you will see him.” It is there — fully involved in doing what he has done — that we will see him. It is there — fully caught up in loving who he loved — that we will find him. It is there — fully immersed in trusting in the Father — that we will experience him. Perhaps that is why the women at the tomb — the women who first witnessed this never-before-heard-of experience — were afraid.

Perhaps at some deep level, they knew what this phenomenon ultimately would mean, what it would eventually cost all of Jesus' followers then and now. You and I — called to live as Jesus did. You and I — beckoned to shed our complacency. You and I — summoned to enter into the messy mix of people's pain and heartache. You and I — bidden to abandon our immersion into the quicksand of our own everyday worries and regrets.

Jesus' resurrection changes everything. No wonder it inspired fear. Perhaps even revulsion. You and I are asked to assume the role of Jesus. We are invited to a higher calling, and a much more risky one. It will cost us dearly. But it will also transform us amazingly.

Christ is risen! Christ is “going before” us! Alleluia!

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning."
- John 20:1

Mass Intentions

Sat., 30	8 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 31	6:30 am - The O'Reilly Family
	8:30 am - Peter Flaherty
	10:30 am - Pete Brunner
Mon., 1	9 am - Rizk Family
Tue., 2	9 am - Fr. Jim Downs
Wed., 3	9 am - Lloyd & Eleanor Jones
Thu., 4	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 5	9 am - Joe Luny
Sat., 6	9 am - Deceased Sodalists

Mark your Calendars The annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament will be Saturday, July 27, 2024. We will serve the chicken dinners and have all the other popular events. We will hold White Elephant, Games, etc.



Thank you to Thomas McGlynn and Gene Gallery for their donations toward our Paschal Candle.

Welcome New Members

who entered the Church at the Easter Vigil

Homayoun Esfandiary & William VanCise
who were Baptized, Confirmed and given Holy Eucharist

and

James Garruto

who was given Holy Eucharist
and Confirmed.



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

Grass Cutting Reservations are now being taken. An opportunity awaits you to enjoy the fresh country air at St. Mary's while helping the parish as a grass cutter. Reservations are currently being accepted for the season. Reserve the weeks of your choice by calling the parish office or emailing us at stmarysb@yahoo.com; anyone above the age of 16 is welcome.

Blessed Easter Water is available in the Sanctuary in bottles bearing the image of our Shrine Church, or you may bring in your old bottles and fill them from our font.

Firehouse Bingo All are invited to Bingo at the Fire House on April 12 & May 3. Admission is \$20. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 7:30. For more information call (301)972-8719.



"To Jesus Through Mary"

Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Scholarship Members of St. Mary's Parish, Barnesville are invited to apply: 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 May 19, 2024. Complete the following and email to Alice Tung, Sodality Chair for Scholarships: alicetungviola@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 Join the ladies at the First Saturday Mass on April 6 at 9:00 am when they will remember and honor deceased Sodality members. Light Breakfast fare and coffee will be offered after Devotions and the Rosary. All are welcome.

