

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 12, 2024
Ascension of Our Lord

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*
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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



PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true Disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Pray this prayer for all the days leading to Pentecost as a Novena to the Holy Spirit.



Please Pray For..... James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Maddie Catic, 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, 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, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure you've heard the story about Jesus checking with St. Peter as he was tending the pearly gates. Peter looked a little bummed, so Jesus asked what's wrong. Peter said, "I try to do my job. If people show up and want in but don't look ready, I tell them to get a little more purified, then come back. I close the gate behind them." Jesus asked, "So what's the problem?" Peter responded, "I hate to tell you this, but some of them sneak around to the back door and your mother lets them in."

This story conveys a truth: Mary is eager for us to join the heavenly banquet. Otherwise, if it wasn't a joke it has an enormous theological problem: Peter cannot open or close any gate, pearly or otherwise, because that requires hands. Peter's body is not in heaven; the resurrection of the body has not happened. Yet. But we believe in the resurrection of the mortal body — the moment that an old spiritual refers to as, "That Great Gettin' Up Morning," the second coming of Christ.

In spite of being a solemnity, the feast of the Ascension doesn't get the attention it deserves. Did you put up Ascension decorations this year? Send Ascension cards? Color Ascension eggs? Didn't think so. There's no support from the culture for the Ascension.

Which brings us to: What is the meaning of the Ascension? What insight can we draw from it that affects how we live this coming week or later today? The human Jesus, our Lord and Master, lived — not exactly in luxury — worked hard, made friends, made enemies, suffered, died, rose and later ascended to heaven. His human flesh didn't evaporate. His body — somehow changed but nonetheless still a real body — lives in glory. One continuing element of Jesus' teaching while on Earth is that what happens to him will and must happen to us.

Here's the dark side, which comes in varying degrees of intensity. We have to work. We fail often even when it's not our fault. We suffer physical and emotional pain, loss, grief and injustice. We shed tears. We get exhausted. Just ... like ... Jesus. But there is where the dark side flips and becomes stunningly bright. Because after Jesus accomplished all those things, he ascended in bodily form to eternal glory!

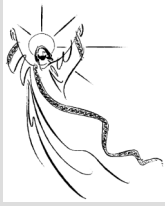
And therefore, so will we. As Paul wrote to the Romans, we are "joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (8:17). Some people aren't especially enthusiastic about spending eternity in heaven. "Won't it be kind of boring? What will we do? Eternity? Forever? What does that mean?"

We continue to think like humans on Earth: "How can you play golf or go out with friends if you don't have a body?" Ah, but we will. Golf? Maybe, maybe not. If not, something better. But a body? Oh, yes. And we will have friends. We probably won't go out with them; we'll want to stay right there in heaven with them — drawn together and joined as members of the body of Christ.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

Spring Pictures taken by our photographer Maggie Bartlett are available online at Pictures and are posted on our smugmug pages. Simply go to <https://stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com/>. The password is StMarysBarnesville.

WORSHIP



Mass Intentions

- Sat., 11** 5 pm - Fr. Jim Lockman
Sun., 12 8:30 am - Parishioners
10:30 am - Edwin Dupre
Mon., 13 9 am - Pete Brunner
Tue., 14 9 am -
Wed., 15 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
Thu., 16 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 17 9 am -



Congratulations To Our Young People Who Re- ceived Their First Holy Communion

Mackenna Colihan, Theodore Davis
Charles deMessieres, Ivy Driscoll
John Grein, Vera Hanna
Emily Henderson, Hallie Horan
Callie Litzenberger,
Anthony AJ & Wesley Lueddeke
Chase Murray, Marta Stohlman
Lorelei Taylor, Mara Trainor
Brayden Ward, Gabriela Zwolak

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.

A special thank you to our Catechists who have taught in our School of Religion Program. Sharing the gift of your faith and time is greatly appreciated by everyone in our parish.

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.

Please when you see the following parishioners in church or the community, thank them for their dedication to our children:

Faith Formation: Diane Yendrey, Brenda Murtha, Sheila Colihan, Aurelie Eggert, Leslie Poe, Kathleen Opincar, Susan Ferrara, Jill Conley, Marie Gillespi, Tom and Lucy Ehart, Barbara Butz, Kristine Kingery, Janet Waters, Matthew Poe and Katie Masser. We thank our Parish secretary Denise Crawford, for creating our Sacrament Programs, certificates, and the many other tasks we assigned to here.

We especially recognize our graduating High School Senior, Natalie Opincar. Natalie has volunteered every Wednesday since her freshman year with the younger children in our program. We appreciate her help and wish her well at Salisbury University.

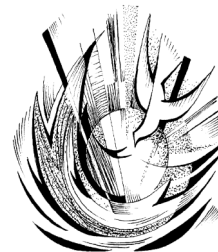
Volunteers are an essential component of the success of Faith Formation, whether you are a catechist, substitute catechist, before care helper, or preparing children for Liturgy. We encourage parishioners, parents, and high school students to share your faith with the youth in our parish.

Please contact Liz Smith, if you are interested in assisting next year.



"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.



Congratulations To Our Young People Who were Confirmed last Saturday

Isabella Rosalina Abernethy
Ellen Hadley Elyard
Mackenzie Anne Kavanagh
Cara Leigh Neubeiser
James Thomas Parsley
Regan Sarah Trainor
Robert Thomas Wright