

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

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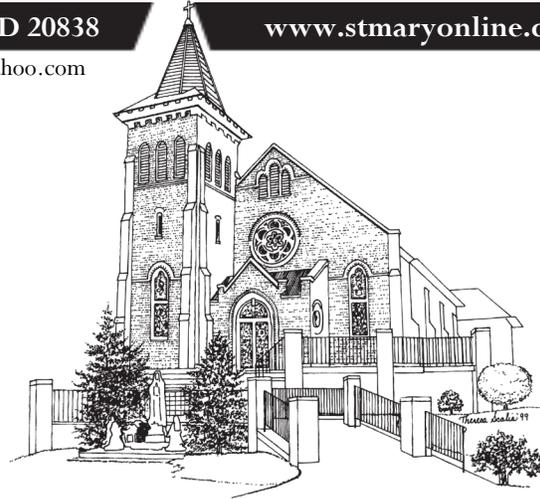
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.*

*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.*

July 2, 2017  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*  
David Cahoon, *Deacon*  
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Rel. Ed.*  
Leslie Poe, *Adm. Asst. Rel. Ed.*  
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*  
Kimball Carpentier, *Organist*  
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Diane Lynch, *Secretary*  
Becky Chmelik, *Sodality*  
Steve Corbeille, *Holy Name*

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9am**

**Sunday Mass:** Saturday Vigil 5pm, Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11am

**First Friday:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30am to Noon

**First Saturday:** Rosary & Our Lady of Fatima Devotions, follow 9am Mass

**Confession:** Saturday at 4:00 pm and by request

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Wedding:** by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact

**Rel. Ed.:** Wednesdays Fall to Spring: **K-5**, 4-5:15pm; **6-8**, 7:30-8:30pm

**H. S. Youth Group** Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm

**School:** Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

**Chicken Dinner & Jousting:** Saturday, July 29

## Dear Parishioners,

"Get over yourself!" Nobody has probably said that more radically than Jesus in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me ... whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Is Jesus anti-family? On one hand we can understand this as part of Jesus' commissioning of the preachers he was sending on the road, those who were called to leave everything behind and be as free as he was. They were the distinct minority among his faithful followers, the ones biblical scholar Sr. Sandra Schneiders would talk about as the equivalent of today's apostolic religious women and men whose entire life revolves around their ministerial identity with Christ. Although these sayings of Jesus are applicable to women and men religious, the rest of the world doesn't get off the hook. Every disciple is called to find the meaning of their life in Christ.

In Jesus' world, family was the core of one's identity and future prospects. When Jesus spoke of loving father and mother, his audience heard a reference to their entire heritage as children of Abraham, their religious and social identity. So, when Jesus talked about loving parents more than him, he was saying, "If you so cherish what you know, what society has given you, that it gets in the way of following me, you aren't capable of being a disciple." In the same vein, one's children were one's future in a very concrete and practical way. Children were the investment that promised not just social security, but would prolong people's influence beyond their lifetime. When Jesus demanded that his followers love him over children, he was saying

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## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Mon., 3	Office Closed
Tue., 4	10 am - Mass Office Closed
Thu., 6	9 am - Exercise Class
Fri., 7	5 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
Sat., 8	2 pm - Wedding 4 pm - Confession 5 pm - Mass



*Please Pray For...* Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, John Buckley, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, John Curry, A. & V. D'Amore, Dana DeLauter, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Gary Evans, Harry Ganjian, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Marie Horton, Doris Jeffers, Steve Jones, Michael Kelley, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Jim Lambert, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Harriet Magaha, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Bea Nastacio, Dennis O'Fallan, Joseph Parascondola, Mary Whelan Porter, Stephen Preffitt, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Lucille Schultz, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Jerry Stafford, Dolores Suit, Mike Sutherland, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins, Gertrude White, Donald Williams, Michael Yin, Michael Zahn.



*Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...* Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Dennis Davio, Chase Garrett, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua & Noah Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Kyle Twitchell, Michael Weigand.

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that all their hopes had to be pinned on him rather than on their own projects and progeny.

What we hear today in Paul's message to the Romans could almost be a commentary on this Gospel. Writing to people who have chosen to be baptized, Paul asks them why they did it. Although most of us were carried unwittingly to the font, the question still holds for us. What difference does it make in our lives that we have been given the name Christian? Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we walk into church? How differently would we live if we counted ourselves among the "nones" who claim no religious identity, or among the Buddhists, agnostics or even the atheists?

Most of us know good people who do not profess a religious faith yet outshine plenty of so-called believers. What would change if you lost your faith? Would you drop your moral code? What would be harder about life? What would be easier? These questions are the inverse of Paul's approach in today's reading.

Paul is telling the Romans that everything, absolutely everything, is different for those who have been baptized. He believes that for those who do not know Christ, death is the measure of all things, and everything comes to naught: "Alike they lie down in the dust and worms cover them" (Job 21:26). But, those who have been baptized can "live in the newness of life."

If the language had been available to him, Paul might have talked about Christian life as a way of living in another dimension, a dimension without the limitations imposed by death. A deathless dimension implies a life without scarcity or inequality. It is one in which competition is meaningless and violence vacuous. It is the dimension in which the cross of Christ is not shameful, but a proclamation that evil has been overcome.

Hard as it is to imagine, Paul believes that deathless life is exactly what Christians have received in their baptism. Andrew Lloyd Weber's song "Love Changes Everything" offers a musical approximation of what Paul is getting at, all summed up in the line: "Nothing in the world will ever be the same."

We might imagine that Paul has stepped into the pulpit today and is looking at us and asking, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death ... so that we too ... might live in the newness of life?" Paul is asking us to think about that, to let our imaginations run wild through the possibilities of how much would change if we consciously stepped into the deathless dimension we have been offered as our living space. Jesus says that if we want to follow him we have to get beyond our commitments to social expectations symbolized by loyalty to previous generations and the personal plans and projects represented by offspring. Both Paul and Jesus are saying, "Get over yourselves so that you can lose the life you plan for and find fullness of life in Christ."

**Fr. Kevin**

**Vacation Bible School** begins in one week! Sign up now! Forms are in the vestibule and on the parish website for our annual summer program of faith and fun from July 10 - 14th. This year's theme is "God's Super Heros!" VBS is open to children of all faiths.



**Donuts** Come to the Pavilion today for donuts and fellowship.

## WORSHIP



“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink...he will surely not lose his reward.”

- Matthew 10:42

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 1 5 pm - Sodalists  
 Sun., 2 8 am - Martha Gene Lutyk  
 9:30 am - Parishioners  
 11 am - Mary Lillian Hewitt (L)  
 Mon., 3 9 am - Billy Guild  
 Tue., 4 10 am - Our Nation  
 Wed., 5 9 am - Jeff & Patty Gehring (L)  
 Thu., 6 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
 Fri., 7 9 am - Eleanor Moore

### Scripture Readings for the Week of July 3

- Mon., July 3 Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
 St. Thomas, apostle  
 Tues., July 4 Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
 Independence Day  
 Wed., July 5 Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34  
 Thurs., July 6 Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8  
 Fri., July 7 Gn 23:1-4; 24:1-8; Mt 9:9-13  
 Sat., July 8 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17



**Join Us in Prayer** on Tuesday, July 4th. Begin your Holiday praying for our Nation at a special 10 am Mass. All are welcome!

The parish office is closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4

**Flame of Love Rosary** join with other parishioners on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church as they pray the flame of love rosary.



### A Prayer for Independence Day

Thomas Jefferson  
 A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

--Washington D.C., March 4, 1801



## Chicken Barbecue

**Saturday, July 29th**  
 Gertrude or Pat Rosser is accepting

your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner today at Donuts in the Pavilion.

**Sign-up sheets** are now available outside after Mass. Choose your favorite spot and time early!

**Cake and Pie Boxes** are in the vestibule of Church. Help yourselves.

**Posters** are available after Mass today.

**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 center under the open pavilion. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. No clothing, or electronics please.

**Crafts Wanted** Before you know it the Chicken Dinner will be here. Please consider making or donating crafts for the craft table. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, summer decorations, baby blankets and baby items, are some ideas. Maybe you have some new ones. For more information contact Joy McCartin at [joymccartin@comcast.net](mailto:joymccartin@comcast.net).



### Altar Flowers

This weekend are in celebration of the wedding of Louis Gleason & Maria Ventimiglia  
 And in memory of Russell Ventimiglia, Sr.

### Stewardship

Offerory for June 25	\$4,202.00
Donations	\$2,019.50
Peter's Pence	\$942.00
Thank you for your on going support.	