

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.



August 6, 2017
Feast of the Transfiguration

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*
Steve Waechter, *Knights of Columbus*

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

Ham & Turkey Dinner: Saturday, October 28



Applications for our School of Religion are in the vestibule of the church and will be available on line. Please complete your child's application for this year's program as soon as possible. Classes will begin on September 13, 2017 for Grades K - 8.

If your child attends Parochial School or is Home Schooled and receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please complete an application. You need only pay the sacrament fee and not the tuition. We need to be aware that your child is preparing for a sacrament.

Our parish wishes to invite you to explore our faith formation ministry. Sharing our faith with the children of St. Mary's is a beautiful and rewarding experience. We are looking for Teacher Assistants in grades 3 and 4. We are also looking for Co-teachers in grades 6,7, and 8. We

presently have experienced staff in those grades, but support is always helpful. No experience is necessary, just a love of God and a desire to share.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to join this ministry in the fall. Please contact Liz Smith, Directory of Religious Education, with any questions at 301-972-8576 or 301-651-3353.

RCIA - Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or do you wish you knew more about the Catholic faith? Our Rite of Christian Initiation will begin shortly. We warmly welcome those who are seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. Please speak with Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave for more information.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 6 **Donuts**
Noon - Baptisms

Tue., 8 9 am - Exercise
8 pm - Knights of Columbus

Thu., 10 9 am - Exercise

Sat., 12 4 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass

Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Aus-



tin, 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, 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, Carolann Mannix, 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, Mary Kate Schneider, Lucille Schultz, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Jerry Stafford, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

In Scripture, astonishing things happen on mountains. When the Bible tells us that someone is going “up a mountain,” it’s time to fasten your seatbelt. Right away you know something completely out of the ordinary, something special and sacred is about to take place. And, that’s just what happens in today’s Gospel reading.

Until this mountaintop moment in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus is presented as someone who is exceptional, even remarkable. But, he is also seen as human — a man who amazed people with his miracles and his teachings, but was still in many ways just like you and me.

But then, out of nowhere, we are told that when Jesus reaches the top of the mountain with Peter, John and James, “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” And, we know now that we have left the humdrum ordinary and entered an experience that can only be described as transcendent. We have entered the realm of the holy.

On the mountaintop, we are introduced to two of the most eminent of all Hebrew Scripture heroes: Moses and Elijah. Until this experience, Jesus’ disciples treated him as an equal of these great prophets of the ages. But, then a cloud comes over the disciples and a “voice” from the cloud says: “This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.” What the disciples — and you and I — are being clearly told is that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a wonder worker, more than any other holy person who ever existed — more than even Moses and Elijah.

Jesus, we are told by this voice, is unique in all human history, transcending all those who have gone before. He alone is God’s Son! Then, out of the cloud, comes the only directive that the voice from heaven gives. Notice that it is not “worship him.” It is not “adore him.” It is not even “praise him.” Instead, it is a much more intimate, caring command: “Listen to him.”

Follow him and allow the experience to transform our hearts, to bring about a transplant of the Spirit. This heavenly voice isn’t just informing us that Jesus is God’s Son to give us information. The voice is encouraging us to understand and live out the message that we are all God’s sons and daughters. Despite some terrible sorrows and considerable pain that we may have to endure, we can now trust that, in the end, all will be well.

This experience is reminiscent of a 1970s movie, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” in which Richard Dreyfus plays an everyday man who becomes strangely attracted to an isolated area in the Wyoming wilderness. He is convinced that something spectacular is about to happen there. And, in the last 30 minutes of the movie, something truly spectacular does occur: An enormous space ship hovers over this region.

People witnessing it are dumbstruck and terrified, like the disciples in today’s Gospel.

Who’s in the spaceship? Are they beings who have come to destroy us? As the spaceship door opens, strange and elongated figures emerge, figures appearing to emanate benevolence and kindness. Dreyfus, in a sense, is “transfigured” by this experience. He is so captivated by it, in fact, that he abandons everything of which he is certain for something he knows nothing about. As the movie draws to a close, he runs to the light emanating from the spaceship. Can we do this when we hear today’s voice?

Listen. And then follow — into the Light.

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him"

- Matthew 17:5

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 5** 5 pm - Sodalists
Sun., 6 8 am - Harry Ganjian
 9:30 am - Harriet Magaha
 11 am - Parishioners
Mon., 7 9 am - Jim & Delores Suit
Tue., 8 9 am - Harriet Magaha
Wed., 9 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Thu., 10 9 am -
Fri., 11 9 am - Eucharistic Service

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 7

- Mon., Aug. 7 Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
 Tues., Aug. 8 Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
 Dominic, priest
 Wed., Aug. 9 Nm 13:15-14:1, Mt 15:21-28
 Thurs., Aug. 10 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Lawrence, deacon and martyr
 Fri., Aug. 11 Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
 Clare, religious
 Sat., Aug. 12 Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20



Wanted: Student guitarists, middle or high school. Beginners welcome! Knowledge of basic chords and strumming technique, and a desire to play for mass once a

month. Contact Diane Yendrey via email, dyendrey98@gmail.com.



Coming this September for rising 3rd to 5th graders who enjoy music: a new group is forming after Labor Day. "Teach them well, and they will lead the way!" Director of Music, Diane Yendrey, has taught students from elementary through college, to glorify God with sung prayer, and to understand the mass more fully through participation. Contact Diane via email, dyendrey98@gmail.com for more information. Watch for announcements later this summer.

Collection for Catholic Communications & Human Development is today. The collection helps the Church share the Good News through word and deed. This is a combined collection; both are vital to the outreach efforts of the Church. Please be generous according to your means.

Outdoor Mass and Parishioner Appreciation Pig Roast & Picnic is coming on Sunday, September 10. Masses will be Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 8 am and 11 am. Mark your calendars. This picnic will be at Noon, after 11 am Mass.



In remembrance

Of

Delores Suit

Who was laid to rest with her Husband, James, on July 25

142nd Barnesville Picnic

Thank You! Thank You!

Each of you deserves a huge pat on the back for helping before, during, and/or after our big day!

Here are some details, not all totals listed are finalized:

Dinner - Eat In	\$11,092.00
Dinner - Carry Out	4,552.00
Cake Wheel	655.60
Games	446.10
Arts & Crafts	808.25
Country Store	317.65
Dime Pitch	10.90
Baked Goods	1,686.00
Raffle	8,755.00
Snack Bar	715.25
White Elephant	3,526.78
Corn Truck	234.50
Pre-Donations	5,719.00
Candy Store	88.90
Books	269.30
After Chicken Sales	1,084.00
TOTAL INCOME	39,961.23

Expenses yet to be finalized and more income is coming in.

St. Mary's

Congratulates

Our Winners

Susie Ferris - Door Prize (Grill)

Fr. Joe Elston- Raffle (\$500)
of Pittston, PA

Chet Anderson - Raffle (\$200)
of Dickerson

We sold approximately 986 dinners this year, Great fun was had by all. May God Bless all of you for your hard work and constant support.