

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.*



April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 4:15 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

Important dates to look forward to for this year include:

Confirmation at 5 pm with Bishop Bevard, April 28
Last Day of Religious Education, May 2nd
First Holy Communion 11 am, May 5th
Communion Breakfast & May Crowning, May 6th
Mother's Day Remembrance & Donuts, May 13th
Vacation Bible School, July 9 - 13
Annual Chicken Dinner & Jousting Tournament, July 28th

Dear Parishioners,

When we were children, one single proclamation was all that was needed to bring a definitive end to any debate about what should be done or to answer any child's whining question, "Why?" That statement was simply: "Because I am Mother." Mom's declaration communicated a degree of authority that required no further explanation.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven famous statements beginning with the words "I am." Each of them reflects something said about God in the Hebrew Scriptures. Yet, of them all, Jesus' statement "I am the good shepherd" is the only one in which he describes himself with a human role. When Jesus spoke of himself as bread, light, resurrection, etc., those descriptions indicated what he offers humankind. When he said, "I am the good shepherd," he moved into the realm of his own costly freedom and his mutual relationships with his Father and his followers. *(continues on page 2)*

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 22 Noon - Choristers
1 pm - Communion
& Liberation gathering

Mon., 23 7 pm - Lions club

Tue., 24 9 am - Exercise Class
8 pm - Knights of Columbus

Wed., 25 4 - 5:15 pm - Rel. Ed. K - 5
4 pm - 1st Communion Reh.
7 pm - Youth group
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Grs. 6 - 8

Thu., 26 9 am - Exercise Class
7:30 pm - Choir

Sat., 28 5 pm - Confirmation
6:15 pm - Reception



Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sallie Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, A. & V. D'Amore, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Carma Eggers, Tom & Lucy Ehart, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Doris Jeffers, Nancy Johnson, Steve Jones, Michael Kelley, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Jim Lambert, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Carolann Mannix, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Theresa Morace, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Beaumont Ross, Misty Runyon, Lucille Schultz, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Kyra Sosna, Jerry Stafford, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Mary Kate Truesdale, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins.

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

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When Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd he is telling us a lot more than the typical picture that we might perceive of him amid the flock or with a lamb on his shoulders. First of all, in today's selection we hear Jesus repeat five times that he lays down his life for his sheep. Each time this is stated, he emphasizes the fact that it is his choice to do so. He doesn't just risk his life or even lose his life, he says he lays it down: His entire life is for them. Except for blessing the bread as his body given for his own, Jesus never explained his dedication to his flock more clearly. In this, he is not only the model shepherd, but the model human being who has discovered the purpose of his life and chooses to fulfill it without reservation.

Sandwiched in the midst of his five statements in which he offers his life for his own, Jesus describes the heart of his relationship with them saying, "I know mine and mine know me." Explaining the depth of what he means, Jesus compares his relationship with his own to his relationship with his Father. That sort of knowing involves an intimate sharing of life and of such love that the parties come to understand each other from the inside, becoming freely and inextricably bound to one another. Jesus explains that he has chosen to have an insider's knowledge of his own and offers the same to them.

Before anyone makes a claim to the exclusivity of their tribe or flock's participation in God's love, Jesus says that he has other sheep in other folds who share the same relationship with him. When he says that they will follow and all will become one flock, he is giving a subtle but pointed warning to any who would try to set the boundary lines. He tells people who pride themselves on being his own — both in his day and in ours — that he is the shepherd. Membership in his flock depends only on hearing and following his voice; it can't be defined by rituals or formal membership in any special group.

When Jesus said "I am the good shepherd," he used the language of his tradition to proclaim not only that he had freely chosen the course of his life, but also that he was a faithful reflection of God, the Father of all. His self-description as the good shepherd summarizes Christian theology; it tells us the purpose of creation and the Incarnation was to bring all into one in God.

Where does this leave us? How are we to determine which voices speak for the shepherd? How are we to discern who is leading us toward God? That's where Jesus' description of mercenaries and wolves comes in. The hired herder's first concern is personal comfort and safety — we might see prestige and profit as additional expressions of that. Mercenaries consistently choose themselves and their own kind, seemingly unwilling or unable to accept or comprehend the concept of one flock composed of diverse folds.

The wolves, too, are recognizable by their priorities. They specialize in fear and division. They possess the powers of strength and stealth and prey on the weak. While a relationship with the good shepherd is characterized by ever-increasing knowing and being known, wolves specialize in lies and disguise (as Little Red Riding Hood would tell us) all for the purpose of eating up their victims.

Many voices claim to tell us what should be done and why. Jesus claimed the authority of being the Good Shepherd who gave everything to bring humanity to the goal of sharing divine life.

We can always recognize his voice in those that call us into love and freedom and ever-broader solidarity. If we ask "Why?" his simple answer might be, "Because you are mine."

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me."

- John 10:14

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 21 5 pm - Wnek Family (L)
Sun., 22 8 am - Special Intention
9:30 am - Kim Carpentier (L)
11 am - Amy Deiore (L)
Mon., 23 9 am - Nancy Fauth
Tue., 24 9 am - Susan Rizk
Wed., 25 9 am - Msgr. Jim Beattie
Thu., 26 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 27 9 am - Confirmandi

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 23

- Mon., 23 Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10
Tues., 24 Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wed., 25 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
St. Mark, Evangelist
Thu., 26 Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
Fri., 27 Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6
Sat., 28 Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Flame of Love Rosary Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the church.

Mother's Day Remembrance We are offering mass cards for Mothers on Mother's Day. Intention envelopes are in the back of church. Fill one out and return it, quickly, so you have time to send the card. The names will be printed on Mother's Day and you will be given a special mass card to give to a loved one.

Together is a program working with couples to build strong families. The spring time is a beautiful reminder of re-growth and renewal. The Together Program is an opportunity for couples to re-grow their bond and appreciation for one another. For more information go to togethervtum@gmail.com.

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 mid-April through October. Reserve the week of your choice by calling the parish office or emailing us at stmarysb@yahoo.com; anyone above the age of 16 is welcome.

Vacation Bible School save the date of July 9 - 13 for a fun-filled VBS. The theme is "*Rise Up - Called in Your Dreams*".

Sodality Scholarship applications requested for the 2018 Sodality Scholarship up to \$1,500 Available!! Entrants must be a member of Saint Mary's Parish in Barnesville, received the Sacraments through Confirmation, and be a graduating High School Senior or currently enrolled in a trade school or 2-4 year college. Provide the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, Email, Trade School or College you plan to attend or are attending, and List of Activities in Church, Community, and School. Also, submit a typed, minimum 500-word essay on the following topic: "How I plan to apply what I learn through my college education to spread my faith and help others?" DEADLINE for submission is Monday, April 30, 2018. Please email applications to: astengard@me.com or send to: Adair Leach, PO Box 111, Barnesville, MD 20838. Winners will be notified by the end of May and receive their funds by August 1st. If you have any questions, please contact astengard@me.com, 301-605-1321.

Franciscan Monastery garden club presents their plant and herb sale on Saturday, April 28 from 9 am - 6 pm. and Sunday, April 29 from 8 am - 3 pm. The monastery is located in Washington, D.C. For more information call Joe Bozik 202-374-0541.

CYO Soccer Registration Fall soccer registration is now open to form teams for U10 - U14 youth from all the parishes served by our school, Mary of Nazareth. Assessments and practices will be held at the school in Darnestown. Registration: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/104443>. For more information, contact monsoccerteams@gmail.com. It is open to all our children, assessments will be in late April for boys and girls.

Spring Open House at St. John's Catholic Prep is Sunday, April 29 from 10 am until Noon. We will be holding Mass in our gym, offering tours throughout the two hours, and hosting a Learn-About-Us Lunch with our faculty and staff. St. John's is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school now located on Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown. You can also go online at www.saintjohnsprep.org. For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301-662-4210.

Pregnancy Center needs their baby bottles back. If you have any filled or not, please return them to church.

Welcome



Montgomery Shane & Marcia Louise
Canfield of Dickerson
who joined our parish
and

Jonathan Carlos Mitchell
Gavin Patrick Eimer
Maximiliano Michael McKenzie
Lucy Jacqueline Trumbull
Welcomed in Baptism