

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.*



July 1, 2018

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*
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Brenda Evans, *Secretary*
Denise Crawford, *Secretary*
Diane Lynch, *Bookkeeper*
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
143rd Annual Chicken Dinner -July 28, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

In January 2018, David Brooks of The New York Times wrote a column entitled "Now Is the Time to Talk About the Power of Touch." In a wonderfully expressive phrase he spoke of the power of "disenchanted emotional touch," a touch not grounded in love or commitment which, when abusive, has the power to cripple if not destroy the immeasurably positive potential of loving touch. Brooks wrote: "Emotional touch alters the heart and soul in ways that are mostly unconscious. It can take a lifetime of analysis to get even a glimpse of understanding." There could hardly be a better introduction to today's Gospel.

So many times when we hear this Gospel, we focus on the woman's healing and the little girl's resuscitation, but as Mark tells the story, those are only the backdrop to the real action. In this account, Mark mentions touching seven times. The crowd "pressed" around Jesus. The woman believed that his touch would heal and she touched Jesus. Jesus asked twice who had touched him and finally, after the father had asked him to lay hands on her, Jesus took the little girl by the hand and raised her.

Both the woman and the girl's father believed in the power of Jesus' touch and both received its life-giving results. Certainly, many people touched Jesus with little effect — that's exactly what the disciples were trying to tell him when he asked who had touched him. But like a child who instinctively comprehends the emotional message of a touch, when that woman touched him, Jesus knew that someone had sought and found something desperately needed.

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WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 1 **Donuts**

Tue., 3 9 am - Exercise Class

Thu., 5 9 am - Exercise Class

Fri., 6 9:30 am - Adoration

Sat., 7 9:30 am - Devotions
4:15 pm - Confession



Please Pray For.... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Herbert

Brown, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, 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, Kay Novotny, 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, Sue Wells, Michael Zahn.

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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Jesus was never content to distribute miracles as if by magic wand or vending machine. The woman had started something when she touched him, but she had only just begun. She had used her initiative and obtained the result she sought without being aware of how small her expectations in the light of what Jesus had to offer.

The next step was for Jesus to seek her out. This may be the only time in the Gospels that Jesus sought someone he didn't know, whom he could not call by name. When she approached him face-to-face, like so many who encountered his power, she did so in fear and trembling. Mark says that "she told him the whole truth," implying that she explained her situation, her hope, her audacious, unlawful decision and the wondrous result it brought. For the moment that was her whole truth: She was suffering, she had hoped for a cure and received it.

Jesus' reply opened up a new horizon for her. As he had told others, he said that her faith had saved her and she was free to go in peace, cured of her illness. But Jesus said more — something utterly extraordinary. Jesus called her "daughter." This is the only time in Mark's Gospel that Jesus called someone "daughter." He had called others his mother, sisters and brothers (3:34), he addressed a paralytic as "child" (2:5) and he once called his followers "disciples" (14:14) but never before or after did he address a person as his daughter or son.

We are left to wonder what it was about her that led Jesus to call her his own in that unique way. It could have been her hope or her faith, perhaps her audacity. Each of those qualities opened her to receive life from him in what he recognized as an unprecedented way. She had started it by touching his garment in a way that touched him profoundly. He returned the gesture not by laying on hands, but by calling her "daughter," indicating that she was receiving life from him as he did from his Father.

We hear no more about her, and are never told her name. She may have been one of the women who continued to follow Jesus, who remained to witness the crucifixion and who, Luke tells us, supported Jesus from their own means. Whatever she did, she knew that she had received life from Jesus and became as closely bound to him as a child to her parents.

We find reflections of this Gospel woman in people like Pakistani Malala Yousafzai, an activist at the age of 11 who was one of two 2014 Nobel Peace laureates when she was 17. She is also well represented by the former slave and U.S. citizen, Sojourner Truth who proclaimed, "I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me."

The woman Jesus called his daughter is a representative of all people who reach out for Christ's help, trusting that their plea will touch God and open to how the touch of God can transform them.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"Do not be afraid; just have faith."
- Mark 5:36

Mass Intentions

Sat., 30	5 pm - All Souls
Sun., 1	8 am - All Souls 9:30 am - Elizabeth Tralka 11 am - Parishioners
Mon., 2	9 am - Fr. Arnold DePorter
Tue., 3	9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Wed., 4	10 am - Our Nation
Thu., 5	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 6	9 am -

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 2

Mon., 2	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22
Tues., 3	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29 St. Thomas, Apostle
Wed., 4	Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thu., 5	Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Fri., 6	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13 St. Maria Goretti
Sat., 7	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Music Ministry Our program provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies all year, through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of our members. Music ministry includes students—young and old, teachers, life long learners who are instrumentalists and singers of varying abilities. If you can play the piano, guitar, violin, flute or other instrument; If you want to learn, and have a desire to sing with us, email our director of music, Diane Yendrey: dyen-drey98@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School: Is July 9 - 13. The theme is "Rise Up - Called in Your Dreams". This is always an exciting week of fun-filled prayer experiences. God called many famous people in the Bible through their dreams. He continues to call us today. Sign up today. Adults (Virtus trained) and young people willing to help should contact Brenda Murtha at breezegs@verizon.net.

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



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

The parish office is closed Wednesday, July 4.

Pastoral Letters Both Cardinal Wuerl and Pope Francis have recently published a Pastoral Letter and an Encyclical. Copies of the Cardinal's *Pastoral Plan to Implement Amoris Laetitia* are in the back of church.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Gaudete et Exsultate* is available on line if you Google it. Reflection journals and study guides are available in the back of church as well for you to use in your home study.

Chicken Dinner Sign up's begin today after mass. Get your favorite spot or pick a new one. We need the support of all of us to make our 143rd Annual Chicken Dinner a success. The dinner is coming up fast on July 28, 2018.

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 storage room under the sun room. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. No clothing, or electronics please.

Chicken Dinner, Saturday, July 28, 2018 Pat Rosser will be accepting your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner next weekend.

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.