

# 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.*

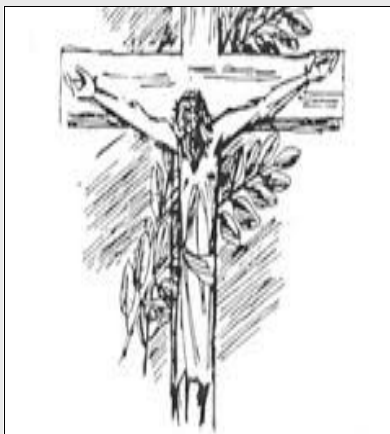


**April 2, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*  
David Cahoon, *Deacon*  
Rev. Msgr. John Macfarlane, *Weekend Asst.*  
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Faith Formation*  
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*  
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Denise Crawford, *Secretary*  
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*  
Terry Crawford, *Sodality*  
David Bivens, *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



## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

### **Holy Thursday, April 6**

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
7:30 pm - Mass & Procession  
8:30 pm to 11:00 pm - Adoration at the Repository

### **Good Friday, April 7**

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
Noon - Confession  
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:30 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

Noon - Blessing of the Easter Food  
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

6:30 am Sunrise Mass, 8:30, 10:30 am - Mass, 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt



***Please Pray For....*** Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna Brashears, Suzanne Brodt, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Alex Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Bridget Curan, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Kimberly Harris, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Sophie Hoover, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Anthony Murdock, Sr. Barbara Murtha, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Patrick Ambrose O'Grady, Jane Parsley, Bob & Donna Pavlick, Frank Pena, Gene Post, Lauren Prete, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Misty Runyon, Tom Schwanbeck, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Colleen Thomas, Christy Thomsen, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Vicki Tosques, 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,**

“Who is God? What is it that he wants?”

These questions seem particularly appropriate as we begin Holy Week.

Passion (Palm) Sunday presents us with a very unusual version of a deity. In the words of St. Paul in our second reading, he's a God who “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” — the form of the lowest element of society.

Palm Sunday attempts to answer this question of who our God is by establishing from the beginning that the God of Jesus is like no other. He is unique in all human history.

Notice, for example, that as Jesus enters Jerusalem there are no trumpets blaring, no resplendent carriages proudly acclaiming royalty, no horses bedecked with finery of any kind — nothing that demonstrates power or majesty.

Then remember what Paul told us in today's second reading: He is a God who *emptied* himself.

God sits on a donkey. This same God who marches into Jerusalem will encounter a “coronation” ceremony of whips and lashes. His royal “throne” will be a cross. His “glory” will be death.

Why does Jesus do this? Because that is the kind of God Jesus preaches and imitates.

The reason Jesus willingly embraces all of this is for one purpose: to demonstrate visibly that God is the one who identifies with and enters the experience of the people with whom he is madly in love.

Our God is sending a message through Jesus in this Palm Sunday celebration that he wants everyone to hear with utter clarity: “Nothing human is abhorrent to me.” All of life — even the most horrible kind of suffering, even death — is something so precious that God wants to be in solidarity with it. God wants to embrace it and transform it.

That's who our God is.

So, what is it that this same God wants from us? Jesus wants us to die with him. Only the death he's talking about is not the one when our earthly time is over. The death in which our God is interested is the death of our egos. He wants us to die to that part of us that wishes to enthrone our own selves, that part of us that dreams of being adored, worshiped, acclaimed, glorified.

God wants us to “die *before* we die,” as theologian Richard Rohr so aptly puts it in many of his writings.

So, again: Who is our God? What is it that he wants? These two questions sometimes haunt us and are the same ones that have confused modern-day and ancient philosophers alike. In the end, the lessons of Palm Sunday give us the answers to both questions.

Perhaps the apostle Paul sums it up as well as anyone could: “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.”

Our God wants us to embody the humble actions of Jesus: the God who “emptied himself” — the God who sat on a donkey.

***Fr. Kevin***

## WORSHIP



“And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this”.

- Matthew 21:10

### Mass Intentions

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| Sat., 1 | 5 pm - Jean McManus                               |
| Sun., 2 | 8:30 am - Parishioners<br>10:30 am - Bobby Polski |
| Mon., 3 | 9 am - Mike Maddocks (L)                          |
| Tue., 4 | 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk                     |
| Wed., 5 | 9 am - Kathleen Royals                            |
| Thu., 6 | 7:30 pm -   |
| Sat., 8 | 8:00 pm - Ashley Drake (L)                        |

### Student Applications for the 2023

**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 21, 2023. Complete the following and email to Alice Tung, Sodality Chair for Scholarships: [alicetungviola@gmail.com](mailto: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 2023 and receive funds by August 1st.

**Blessing of Easter Foods** Please join us in church on Holy Saturday at noon and bring some of the food that will fill your Easter tables for a special blessing.

**The Good Friday Collection** is a national collection for the maintenance of the Shrines in the Holy Land. We thank you for your generosity.

**Both Species Returns** Cardinal Gregory is asking parishes to resume the practice of Holy Communion under both species, the Body and the Blood. We will offer them on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday.

**Vacation Bible School** Save the date! July 10 - 14. This is a fun, faith filled time for all. For more information contact Terri Phipps at [okoni@hotmail.com](mailto:okoni@hotmail.com). Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

**Young Family Ministry** All families with young children are invited to spend a morning together on Saturday, April 15th, from 10am-12pm in the Parish Pavilion. This event is designed to help parents and children ages 2nd grade and younger live the season of Easter together. We will have a children's songs, stories, and games with an Easter center. Coffee and bagels will be provided in the morning. Please pack a lunch. To RSVP or learn more, contact Brenda Stohlman at [blinibrenda@gmail.com](mailto:blinibrenda@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 the season. Reserve the weeks of your choice by calling the parish office or emailing us at [stmarysb@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysb@yahoo.com); anyone above the age of 16 is welcome.

**Baby Bottle Campaign** Please return all bottles by April 9. To give virtually, use the link to get to your church's unique giving page: <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15687>



next Sunday!

All children are welcome to the Prayer Garden after the 8:30 am Mass to hunt for eggs

**Easter Flower** envelopes are in the back of church. Please return them to the parish office today.



**Way of the Cross** On Good Friday, April 7th, 2023, the ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross through downtown Washington, D.C. Participants will gather for the first station at St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church (2436 Pennsylvania Ave. NW) at 9:45am. The procession will follow the cross to stations at Farragut Square, Franklin Square, and Freedom Plaza and will end with a final station at St. Patrick's Catholic Church (619 10th St. NW), which will begin around 1:45pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Gospels, meditations, reflections and hymns. All are welcome! For more information, please visit [www.wayofthecrossdc.com](http://www.wayofthecrossdc.com).



“To Jesus Through Mary”

Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

All ladies of the parish are welcome as our Sodality meets today in the Fr. Reid Pavilion after the 10:30 am Mass. Elections will be held.