

ST MARY'S CHURCH & SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, BARNESVILLE, MD

APRIL 22, 2012

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 22 8:30-4pm - O.L.L. Retreat
Mon., 23 10 am - Bulletin Deadline
Wed, 25 3:45-5 pm - Rel. Ed., K-5
4-5 pm - 1st Communion Reh.
7 pm - Youth Group
7:30-8:30 pm - Rel. Ed., 6-7
7:30-8:30 pm - Confirmation Reh.
Thu., 26 9-3pm - 8th Grade MoN Retreat
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 28 9:30 am - Confessions
Cleaning Team #4
4:30 pm - Vigil Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory \$ 3,033.00
Other Income \$ 4,014.00

Many thanks for your generosity throughout the year!

Please Pray

For... Louise

Austin, Mary
Louise Baker,
Mike Beckham,
Pauline Brandt,
Linda Burke, Mike Burke, Rosalie Cabrera,
Robert Carhart, Leon Carlin, Donna Cartwright,
Kitty Cooley, Pat Donnelly, Bob Dorough,
Florence Duffin, Judy Gallagher, Helen Gawlik,
Barbara German, Kate Gowans, Gene Hanlon,
Francis Hewitt, Judy Johnson, Patty Kelly,
Carol Lawson, John Linthicum, Colleen Loss,
Dorothy Masino, Jack McCabe, Sr. Jeanne McGlone,
John McManus, Becky Menser, Catherine Miller,
Sam Moore, John Morris, Gina Pellak, Elizabeth Petersen,
Kay Poch, Teresa Preffitt, Marshie Roberts,
Paul Rourke, Kevin Slattery, Nancy Slattery,
Judy Smallwood, Mary Lou Smith, Jerry Stafford,
Goodie Taylor, Joseph Trombetta, Tom Trudeau,
Chris Vita, Barbara Ward, Richard Weller,
Gertrude White, Sarah Jane Zimmerman.

Please Pray for Our Military

Family & Friends... Michael Breslin,
Dennis Davio, Jenny Davis, Erich Lloyd,
John Marion, Andrew Murtha, Elvin Rivera,
David Tadlock, Wayne Tadlock, Chris Watkins,
Karin Wittig.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Those disciples – they're so slow to catch on to what the risen Jesus is saying. Time after time, their faith is shaken. Their certainty fades. They second-guess themselves. Even when Jesus appears before their very eyes, they are confused or afraid or overwhelmed.

We can understand their reaction. In some ways, we are like they are. At times our faith seems strong as an oak tree, with deep roots and filled with energy and life. But then life gets a little unpredictable. All of a sudden we lose our bearings and the doubts creep in. Where is God in these moments? We feel so alone. What if we have to face the world all by ourselves?

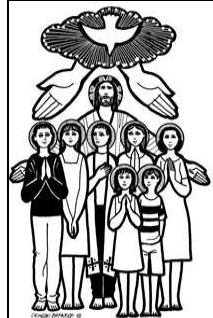
To help the disciples find the strength and courage they need to carry on, Jesus relies on ordinary things. Food. Touch. Conversation. Telling the story of why he lived and died. And reminding them about the role they are to play in all that is taking place. "You are witnesses of these things," he says.

Too often today we hear of "witnesses" who are afraid to testify, or to come forward. We may even know someone who just doesn't want to be bothered. But witnesses are more than passive bystanders. They are the people who tell others what has happened and what it all means. The disciples' mission is to keep the faith alive and growing so that, all these centuries later, we who hear the story of Christ's suffering and resurrection become witnesses to these things, too. Faith only continues with our courage and willingness to come forward.

This weekend we begin signing the Petition to repeal the State's Marriage Bill. Trained volunteers will be outside after Mass. Remember your name must be signed as it is recorded with the Board of Elections. Also, included in this week's bulletin is a fact sheet from the USCCB providing a history of religious infringement during the last several years.

In peace,

Fr. Kevin



Calendar Reminders

April 25	3:45 pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
April 29	11 am	Confirmation
May 2	3:45 pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal
May 5	11 am	First Holy Communion
May 6	All Masses	May Crowning
May 9		Last Class for School of Religion

WORSHIP



"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?"

Luke 24:38

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., 22 8 am -
9:30 am - Parishioners
11 am -
Mon., 23 9 am -
Tue., 24 9 am -
Wed., 25 9 am -
Thu., 26 9 am - John & Louise Cook
Fri., 27 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Sat., 28 9 am -
4:30pm -

Mass Intentions are always welcomed

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22

Sun Acts 3:13-15,17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5 / Lk 24:35-48
Mon Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tue Acts 7:51-8:1 / Jn 6:30-35
Wed Acts 1 Pt 5:5-14 / Mk 16:15-20
Thu Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
Fri Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
Sat Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

Special Mass Schedule Next Weekend

Sat., April 28 at 4:30 pm - Vigil
Sun., April 29 at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

Note: 11 am Mass will feature Bishop Gonzalez Confirming our young people.

Petition Drive to Preserve Marriage in Maryland

The Catholic Church in Maryland is working with the Maryland Marriage Alliance to repeal legislation passed by the General Assembly to drastically redefine marriage in Maryland. Petition drives will be held in our parish today and May 6. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ORDER TO SIGN THE PETITION.** You also must print your name as it appears on your voter registration. Plan to bring your voter registration card with you to the petition drive, or visit www.mdelections.umd.edu/voter-registration/status/ to see how you registered.

"A Knight of Enlightenment"

sponsored by our Knights Council 6901 will be held Sunday, April 29 from 5-7pm in the Pavilion. All are invited to come and listen as two financial planners address "The Peace of Mind and Lifestyle I want for my Retirement". Refreshments will be served at 5 pm and the Speakers begin at 5:45 pm.

Sodality Communion Breakfast & COOKBOOKS

The Breakfast for all ladies of the parish is coming up on Sunday, May 6 at 9 am in the Pavilion. Tickets are available after Mass. The speaker for this years event is Fr. Andrew Royals from St. Elizabeth's in Rockville. Brand new Cookbooks are also on sale outside of church.

A College Scholarship - Each year our Sodality provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating High School senior from our parish who is continuing their education at a college or trade school. Applications are available in the back of church, the parish office, or email Brenda Murtha at breezegs@verizon.net.

Youth Group Our High School ministry meets this Wed. April 25 at 7pm.

VBS - Save the week of July 9-13 for a week of Fun and Faith at our Vacation Bible School "Adventures on Promise Island, Where Kids discover God's life-saving Love!" Look for online registration info coming soon. Contact Brenda Murtha breezegs@verizon.net or 301-349-4312.

Open House St. John's Prep will host its annual Spring Open House for prospective parents and students on Wednesday, May 2 from 6-7:30 pm. St. John's is on Butterfly Lane in Frederick and is fully accredited. For more information call 301-602-4210.

Husbands and Wives! The CHERISH evening Retreat is on Thursday, May 3 at the Knights of Columbus in Hagerstown from 7-9:30 pm. The evening includes Mass, a reflection for married couples from Fr. Leo Patalinghug, light dinner buffet and more. RSVP by April 30 at cherishcouples.org or by calling 301-797-6493.

Open House - St. Thomas More Academy grades K-8. Come see our new campus and view artistic renderings of the completed renovation project while enjoying Wine & Cheese. Tuesday, April 24 from 6:30-8 pm at 3619 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, MD. www.stmamd.org or 301-874-9014.

Do You Know a Grieving Child ?

Camp Caring (ages 8-12) is a carefully supervised, warm and friendly environment where children feel safe about sharing their thoughts and feelings about the loss of their loved one. Each child has a "Big Buddy." Free through Hospice Caring. Contact Penny Gladhill at 301-990-8904 or pennyng@hospicecaring.org.

Haiti Festival - Saturday, May 12 at 5 pm in the Pavilion

Come and enjoy a tropical evening with friends. Delicious Haitian food, Live Music, and Silent Auction. Festival to benefit our twinning parish of St. Joseph's in Carcasse. Tickets are \$15, 5 and under are free. Please buy your tickets early.

Volunteers Needed

Friday, May 11 from 4-7 pm - Food Preparation
Saturday from 5-8 pm - Food Preparation, Youth Servers, Host/Hostess
Contact Jack Reid at jcr@aol.com or Liz Smith at liz1949@aol.com if you can help in any area. School service hours approved!