

St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

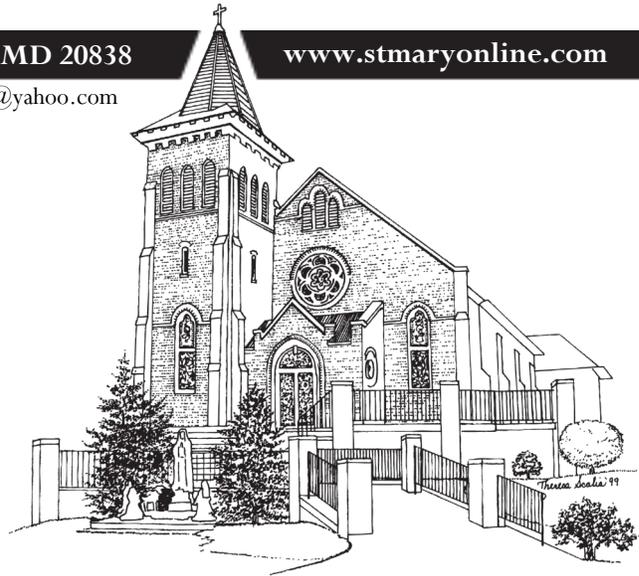
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit
-filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



January 28, 2018
4th 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*
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

2018 Cardinal's Appeal Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in early January. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. As in past years, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please, prayerfully, consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. We will hold our in-pew campaign next weekend at all the masses. See the brochure in this bulletin for more information.

Antique Donations Sought Our Knights of Columbus are seeking donations of antiques for our annual St. Mary's Antique Show and Sale being held on the weekend of February 17/18. Last year, your local Knights Council donated nearly \$14,000 to the church and community via money raised, in part, by the antique show. If you have an antique to donate, please contact the Knights Antique Show Committee at info@saintmarysantiques.com.

First Friday Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church from 9:30 am - Noon.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Tue., 30 9 am - Exercise Class
Wed., 31 4 pm & 7:30 pm - Religious Education
7 pm - Youth Group
Thu., 1 9 am - Exercise Class
7:30 pm - Choir
Fri., 2 9:30 - Noon - Adoration
6 pm - Bingo
Sat., 3 9:30 am - Devotions
4:15 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass

Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sallie Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Pete Bruner, 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, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Carma Eggers, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, 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, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Bea Nastacio, 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, 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, Harold Watson, 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,

Today's readings invite us to reflect on several themes: consider the words of prophets; listen with open hearts to the true voice of the Lord; and hear the authority in the teachings of Jesus.

In the first reading, we find Moses reassuring the people that someone will come after him to continue to reveal the message of God. Moses would not be with them forever and the people needed to know someone would continue to share the messages.

He reminds the people that a prophet is what they asked for during their days at Horeb. They said, "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die." Moses reveals what the Lord has said about the prophet he will raise up. The Lord will raise someone in their midst that will speak his words, but if someone does not listen to the words the prophet speaks, the Lord himself will make them answer for it. On the other hand, a prophet who speaks falsely or presumes what the Lord says will pay with his life.

As we see in the first reading, prophets are called to speak for God and were a gift that allowed those in the time of Moses to hear the word of God in a way that would not overwhelm them.

Yet, how are the people to know which prophet is truly called by God? The world is full of false prophets. There are televangelists interested only in money for their pockets despite their claims of more worthy causes. There are the street corner preachers who scream of the end times and the fiery wrath of an angry God.

Who do you see as modern-day prophets?

The responsorial psalm reminds us to always praise God. It begins with an invitation to sing joyfully about the rock of our salvation, and to kneel and bow in worship. Yet, in the second half, we are warned not to tempt the Lord as their fathers and ancestors had done in the desert. We are to keep our hearts open to the word of God. How are you tempted to harden your heart?

Watching the news sometimes, it may seem there is an abundance of hardened hearts in the world, though witnessing the people that have pitched in to help the victims of recent hurricanes and disasters certainly shows the opposite. We need to remain open and not ask God for things in a way that is tempting and manipulative.

While Paul in the second reading may seem to be expressing the benefits of unmarried life for Christians, the truth of his words is deeper than that. Paul and his followers expected the second coming of Jesus to happen at anytime. Paul wanted to stress to his listeners that all followers of Christ needed to avoid the trappings of the temporary and earth-bound life. He was reminding everyone in the community to dedicate themselves completely to God. We need to give God our undivided attention.

Jesus speaks with authority in today's Gospel. He heals a man possessed by demons. Yet the healing isn't what catches the attention of those in attendance. It is his teaching. Did they not listen to the words of the demon telling them exactly who was in their midst? Jesus rebukes the demon who asks him on behalf of the others: "Have you come to destroy us?" The demon does not let go very easily. What struggles in our lives do we hold on to despite our desire for freedom?

Jesus' reputation as a teacher grew through his teaching in Capernaum. He taught as someone learned. The crowd could not believe these words were coming from someone with his background as a carpenter's son. They expected a simpler teaching, not the way Jesus addressed the crowd.

Jesus' words drew even more followers. His words and deeds have the power to change us too, if we are open to hearing his words in our heart.

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



“What is this? A new teaching with authority.”

- Mark 1:27

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 27** 5 pm - Marie Kamachitus
Sun., 28 8 am - Parishioners
 9:30 am - Russell Ventimiglia
 11am - Anne Rizk
Mon., 29 9 am - Haiti Missionaries (L)
Tue., 30 9 am - Gertrude White (L)
Wed., 31 9 am - Buster Watkins (L)
Thu., 1 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 2 9 am - Bro. Edwin Dupre (L)
Sat., 3 9 am - Mary Lillian Hewitt (L)

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 29

- Mon** 2 Sm 15:13-14; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tue 2 Sm 18:9-30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wed 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Saint John Bosco, priest
Thu 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Presentation of the Lord
Sat Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
 Blasé, Martyr

Donuts, coffee, lending library, Haiti coffee and more will be available next Sunday, February 4 after all the masses. Join us in the Pavilion for fellowship.

Sodality ladies meet next Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 am in the sun room.

Tax Statements for 2017 are available from the parish office. Please call or email us and we can email or mail them to you.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School An open house will be held on today, January 28 between 1 - 3 pm. Children and parents are welcome to join our classrooms, meet our talented faculty, and tour our beautiful campus. RSVP at maryof-nazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/ to attend open house or to schedule a tour. For additional information, please call 301-869-0940.

Youth Trip to Haiti Our Haiti Committee is sponsoring this year's youth trip to Haiti in early July. Our youth will be teaming up with youth from St. Joseph's in Carcasse, Haiti to build a sustainable agriculture garden plot at the school and to participate in other projects. Interested youth or adult chaperones should contact Chris Miller (Cmillerusn@gmail.com) by January 31. We will schedule a planning meeting after hearing back from you. The trip will begin on or about July 5 and last about 8 days. The total cost including air fare for each participant is expected to be about \$1100. Last year's participants were able to fund about a quarter to a third of the cost through various donation sources. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider helping our brothers and sisters in Carcasse.

Pancake Supper Plan ahead for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper coming on Tuesday, February 13 from 6 - 8 pm. If you can help out, please call Bill McBride at the parish office.

Vocations Tree What's a "Vocations Tree?" Shortly before Ash Wednesday, you'll find a "tree" in the church covered with cards that each feature a seminarian of the Archdiocese. We invite you to choose a card (or more that one) and commit to praying a short prayer for the seminarian on that card each day during Lent as part of your Lenten activities.

Weather Policy If Montgomery County schools close or delay then there is no morning Mass and our office may close. If they are closed, then all activities for that day are cancelled. Our lots are not always plowed right away. We must wait on the kindness of our parishioners.

Haiti Wedding Dress Help Volunteers are needed to help at the Bridal Gown and Special Occasion Dress Sales to benefit our twin parish in Haiti on February 24th at the Sheraton in Alexandria and/or at our Pavilion on March 3rd. Advance preparation help is needed too! Email brides4haiti@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Healing Your Love A Christ-centered Marriage renewal Workshop for couples looking to reconnect, repair, and re-energize their marriage will be held at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, February 17 - 18. For more information call 301-602-8485. Call the parish office for a more detailed flyer.

Upcoming Events in 2018

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| February 4 | Super Bowl Subs |
| February 11 | Haiti Valentine Cookies |
| February 13 | Pancake Supper |
| February 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| February 17-18 | Knights of Columbus Antique Sale |
| February 22 | Lobby Night |
| February 24 | 1st Penance |
| March 3 | Haiti Wedding Dress Sale |
| March 4 | Donuts, Crafts, Olive Wood Carvers |
| March 10 | St. Patrick's Party |