

# 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.*



October 6, 2019

27th 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*  
Denise Crawford, *Secretary*  
Terry Crawford, *Sodality*  
Steve Corbeille, *Holy Name*  
James Abernethy, *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  
**Ham & Turkey Dinner:** Saturday, October 26, 2019



**RCIA - Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Or do you wish you knew more about the Catholic faith? Our RCIA will begin shortly. We warmly welcome those who are seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. Please speak with Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave for more information.



**A new class for Servers** is about to begin. Any children grades 3 and up are welcome and encouraged to become ministers in our Sanctuary. It is a special ministry to assist the priest with the mass. Training takes place on Sunday afternoons for an hour, but can be at other times if necessary. Please talk to Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave if you want to become a server, or call the parish office @ 301-972-8660.

**Ladies,** please stop by the Sodality table today, October 6th and learn how members work to uphold the Sodality motto, "To Jesus through Mary." Activities are numerous and varied and again this year there will be no dues.

## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 6	<b>Donuts &amp; Ministry Fair</b>
Tue., 8	9 am - Exercise 8 pm - Knights of Columbus
Wed., 9	No Religious Education 5 pm - Baptism 6:30 pm - Confession & Healing Mass
Thu., 10	9 am - Exercise 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 12	2 pm - Wedding 4:15 pm - Confession 5:00 pm - Mass



### *Please Pray For....*

Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Fred Brashears, Herbert Brown, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Aaron Cantler, Eric Carpentier, Joe & Pat Chmelik, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Julian Douchard, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Jo Evans, Sandy Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Martha Anne Gehring, Ron Gorbe, Kate Gowans, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Billy Hewitt, Marie Horton, Nancy Johnson, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Carol Lawson, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Diane Lynch, Carolann Mannix, Anna Lozada Martinez, Anna Rita McGlynn, Joy McIntyre, Theresa Morace, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Patrick Ambrose O'Grady, Maggie Poole, Frank Pena, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Misty Runyon, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Jerry Stafford, Dave Staten, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Steve Utrecht, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Michael Zahn.

*Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...* Richard Alford, 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.

## Dear Parishioners,

Growing up, we each had chores so that we might contribute toward the family's well-being and learn responsibility. One of mine, not my favorite, was to keep the fire going when my dad set up the grill for a cookout. After the charcoal was lit, it was my job to keep fanning the embers so they'd glow with heat until all the food was cooked. All that required was constancy, a steady hand, a good stiff fan (one from the local funeral parlor served the purpose well), and knowing how to shift the embers and add new coals when needed. Depending on the amount of food and the number of people, fanning duty might take one to two hours. However, if we wanted marshmallows or s'mores for dessert, it might take a little longer.

Because of this small aspect of my history, Paul's words to Timothy (second reading) about stirring into a flame the gift of God he had received always resound in my soul.

Faith is the motif in each of today's sacred texts. The seldom-referenced prophet Habakkuk had grown frustrated with the lack of faith evidenced in his people's behavior and responsiveness to God. He was assured, however, that God hears prayers and never disappoints; he also learned that while rash people have no integrity, the just, because of their faith, shall live.

When the disciples en route to Jerusalem with Jesus learned more of the challenges of discipleship, they feared they did not have the faith to meet those challenges. To that end, they begged, "Increase our faith." Faith is not quantifiable in terms of pounds or kilos. Nevertheless, it is the power that inspires us, helps us to persevere, enables us to struggle and not lose heart, and keeps us ever mindful of God's abiding presence.

Jesus' images of the mustard seed and the mulberry tree graphically illustrate the power of faith to move the unmovable and accomplish what appears to be impossible. Jesus' parable about the servant seems to say that faith is not a reward for those who have reached the higher echelons; rather, faith is the requisite for every disciple. When we believe, when we have faith, we are merely doing our job as disciples and should seek no reward. We are to keep on keeping the faith.

That brings us full circle back to Paul and the wisdom he shared with his younger friend and colleague Timothy. Paul's advice takes on increased significance if we know that he was in prison at the time and was intent upon helping Timothy as much as possible before he was silenced forever. Little did Paul know that his words and his wisdom would continue to teach believers for centuries. We who hear his voice today are reminded that our faith is God's gift to be tended, stirred and fed like a flame over which we have been put in charge. As stewards of this flame, we will know fear, but we cannot be cowardly, ashamed or weak, nor can we shrink from the suffering and struggles inherent in believing. Paul urged Timothy — and he urges each of us — to take his words as the norm by which we live and guard the rich trust of the faith. We do this with the help of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us all.

We are more than duly equipped for life in this world. How do we remain so? How do we fan into a flame God's gift of faith that has been kindled within us? One of the Lucan post-resurrection narratives comes to mind. When Jesus met two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus, he stayed with them. He cited and interpreted every passage of scripture that referred to him. He took bread, pronounced the blessing, broke the bread and began to share it with them. Their eyes were opened; the flame of faith within them was set afire. They testified,

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## WORSHIP



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted into the sea' and it would obey you."

- Luke 17:16

### Mass Intentions

**Sat., 5** 5 pm - Bob Wojciechowski  
**Sun., 6** 8 am - Eleanor Barry (L)  
 9:30 am - Joanne Howard  
 11 am - Parishioners  
**Mon., 7** 9 am - Maddy Wright (L)  
**Tue., 8** 9 am - Charles Breeden (L)  
**Wed., 9** 9 am - Meghan Massey  
**Thu., 10** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 11** 9 am - Nancy Slattery

**Mary of Nazareth School** Full Day PreK - 8 Open House. We invite you to attend our school's open house on Wednesday, October 9 from 9 am - 11 am. Visit our new STREAM lab, meet teachers, talk to current parents & students. Mary of Nazareth is a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and financial aid is available. Visit our website at [maryofnazareth.org](http://maryofnazareth.org). If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Ellen Wray at 301-869-0940 or [mwray@maryofnazareth.org](mailto:mwray@maryofnazareth.org). The school is in Darnestown on Seneca Road.

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"Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32).

These same resources, the bread of the sacred word and the living bread of Eucharist, remain available to each of us. These are the means whereby our faith is stirred and fanned into a flame. For that reason, we return again and again to Jesus' table, where we are fed, where faith burns, so that others may also see and believe. *Peace, Fr. Kevin*



### Blessing of Animals

Today, Sunday, near the Feast of Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Pets and livestock at 1:00 pm outside the Rectory.

All are welcome.

**Second Collection** Next Sunday we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Modeling our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we are called to keep the poor and those most in need close in mind and heart. Your offerings will help the Propagation of the Faith in outreach to over 1,150 mission dioceses around the globe.



### Thomas Walker Jamison

child of Charles & Lori

Baptized September 29

Welcome new members

Katherine, Paul, Johnny, Christopher & Hallie Horan

&

John, Diana, Callie, Graham, & John Litzenberger

of Poolesville

&

Martin, Piyo, Jennifer & Jessica Hum

of Gaithersburg

Who have joined our parish

### 90th Annual

### Ham & Turkey Dinner

October 26, 2019

Noon - 6:30 pm

**Sign-Up Sheets** are in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. Please volunteer for your favorite spot. Remember, it is only with all of us doing our part that we earn the money to keep our parish running well!

**Posters & Cake Boxes** are available in church today. Help yourself.

**Crafts Wanted** Our Fall Dinner is October 26. Please consider making and / or donating crafts for the craft table. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, winter wreaths, purses, baby blankets and baby items, etc. are needed. For more information contact Joy McCartin at [joymccartin@comcast.net](mailto:joymccartin@comcast.net). We should be blessed this fall to see more of Buster Watkin's woodworking. A friend of the parish has secured his uncompleted toys and is preparing them for future craft sales.

**Christmas Items Needed** for our Christmas booth at the October Dinner. If you have slightly used decorations or holiday items, please drop them off in the storage room under the Pavilion.

**Monetary Donations** are being accepted by Pat Rosser in the Pavilion to help offset the costs related to the Dinner. Your generosity is appreciated.

