

# 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 14, 2018

28th 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*  
Diane Lynch, *Bookkeeper*  
Becky Chmelik, *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:** October 27, 2018

**Picture Gallery** Maggie Bartlett, the parish photographer, has placed pictures from parish events on a secure website for parishioners to share. Only those with access instructions that are included in today's bulletin can access the photos. Please enjoy them using the instructions on the flyer in this bulletin.

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive** Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>, after each Holy Mass, the Knights of Columbus Council 6901 will be collecting donations for their own local Charities for People with Intellectual Disabilities, also known as "The Tootsie Roll Drive". Please consider making a donation to this wonderful Campaign.

**Eagle Scout Thank You** A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to my Eagle Scout Project. Special thanks to Fr. Kevin, Deacon Dave, the Knights of Columbus, Oliver Weigand, and the Mate and O'Brien families.

**Announcing Talent Search** We welcome new members to: Cherub Choir - Grades 1 - 3 / Choristers - Grades 4 - 7\*\* Youth Chorale - Grades 8 - 12, Jr. College / Sanctuary Choir - College, Adults / Instrumental Ensemble & Cantor Ministry. It's simple to join! Call the office at 301-972-8660. State the group you wish to learn about and give us a daytime telephone number. Or email the director: Diane Yendrey, dyendrey98@gmail.com

Now is the time to step up the stairs to lofty new heights: to sing, or play and to be a part of our joyful, worshipping music ministry. We need your \*\*participation, and we would love to have you join us.

## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 14 9:00 am - Holy Name  
Noon - 2 pm - Living Rosary

Tue., 16 9:00 am - Exercise

Wed., 17 4:00 - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5  
7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8  
7 pm - Youth Group

Thu., 18 9:00 am - Exercise  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Sat., 20 4:15 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass



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

Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Donna Brashears, Herbert Brown, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Aaron Cantler, Eric Carpentier, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Ellen Daniels, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Gary Evans, Nancy Gallo, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, 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, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Maggie Poole, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Fr. Vincent Rigdon, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Justin Rosner, 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, Steve Utrecht, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins, Michael Zahn.

## *Dear Parishioners,*

At a Napa Valley winery in California, there stands a life-sized statue of a camel contemplating an enormously over-sized needle. Even though the needle is so scaled up that the camel has to stretch to see through its eye, the eye is still much too small for the camel to even stick its head through. Yet if the camel's resolute expression is any indication, it's convinced it will eventually find a way.

This piece of artwork naturally calls to mind today's Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his disciples it is easier for a camel to fit through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. It seems an odd choice for a winery frequented by its many wealthy patrons. Aren't they disturbed by the apparent reminder that their passage into heaven would be impossibly small even if it were hundreds of times wider?

But why should I expect them to be alarmed? Church-goers hear this Gospel over and over again without being compelled to sell our possessions. Like the camel statue, even when the evidence to the contrary stares us in the face, we still believe we can find a way through without really changing.

In homilies and reflection groups, I have always been given abundant excuses to hold on to my possessions, rarely hearing anyone argue that Jesus meant what he said literally. People bring up alternate translations, Jesus' penchant for hyperbole, or his assurance that all things are possible with God. Others suggest that it is simply necessary to be detached from worldly goods, not to actually give them up. Some even hedge by pointing out that Jesus' advice might not be universally applicable.

But if we look at the Gospel and today's other readings, the question becomes not, "Can we hold onto our possessions and still get into heaven?" but, "Why would we want to hang on to our possessions?"

The young man who leaves (to return to his riches, we assume) is the only sad person in any of today's readings. Others are enriched, joyful or astonished and impressed by God's ways.

The first reading tells us that the spirit of wisdom is preferable to riches, health, beauty and light and is the source of all good things. Meanwhile, the psalmist sings for joy at God's love and kindness, even celebrating past suffering because of its resulting reunion with God.

In the reading from Hebrews, Paul tells us that the word of God is "living and effective ... penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." Are any of our possessions that powerful? Do they know us so intimately as the word of God?

Finally, Jesus tells us that the way to gain eternal life and treasure in heaven is to give up what we have for his sake and the sake of the Gospel.

It is certainly legitimate to consider the background of Jesus' call to renounce possessions or to take other responsibilities into account when discerning what and how to give. But, we should also consider that Jesus meant what he said and knew what he was talking about when he said that riches keep us apart from God. Having more than we need can be a sign that we haven't loved our suffering neighbors enough to use our gifts to help them. The pursuit and enjoyment of material comfort can obscure our dependence on God or distract us from following God's will.

While we are assured that there is still hope when we fall short — with God all things are possible, Jesus reminds us — that is no reason to ignore Jesus' call. When we make excuses for hanging onto wealth, it not only deprives us of the opportunity to serve others who might benefit from what we could give, but also robs us of the opportunity to pursue what is really valuable: wisdom, prudence, God's love and presence and eternal life in the kingdom of God.

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*

## WORSHIP



"At that statement his face fell, he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

- Mark 10:22

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 13 5 pm - Meghan Faith Massey  
Sun., 14 8 am - Kevin Rosner (L)  
9:30 am- Parishioners  
11 am - David Cahoon (L)  
Mon., 15 9 am -Bob & Linda Burrows(L)  
Tue., 16 9 am - Vince & Joan O'Reilly  
Wed., 17 9 am - Amy Deiure (L)  
Thu., 18 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
Fri., 19 9 am - Dennis Darricott

### Scripture Readings for the Week of October 15

- Mon., 15 Gal 4:22-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32  
St. Theresa of Jesus  
Tues., 16 Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41  
Wed., 17 Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46  
St. Ignatius of Antioch  
Thu., 18 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
St. Luke  
Fri., 19 Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7  
Sts. John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues  
Sat., 20 Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12  
St. Paul of the Cross

**Second Collection** Today 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.

*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.

**Holy Name Men** All men, young and not so young are welcome to attend the first monthly breakfast of this fall today at 9 am. No commitment is needed and the breakfast is free. This is a group of men who simply gather to share and pray for our parish and have meal once a month. Come and check it out. For more information contact Dave Lawrence at davidlawrence472@gmail.com.

**Brides for Haiti** needs your old king size sheets. Any condition. Please leave them in the parish house marked: Brides for Haiti. They will be used to wrap the dresses for shipping around the country.

**Walk in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict** Join Fr. Kevin on a journey to Krakow, Poland and Berlin, Germany next May 13 - 22, 2019. We stay in only 2 hotels and take day trips to these beautiful cities and the surrounding sights. For more information and a full color flyer just contact the parish office at 301-972-8660 or stmarysb@yahoo.com.

**CYO Basketball Registration** Tryout dates are October 14 & 21 from 1 - 5 pm. Please go to maryofnazareth.org/athletics/registration. For more information. All parish children are welcome to join.

**Faith Direct Annual Mailing** The annual mailing from Faith Direct will be coming soon. It offers those of you already using FD for your donations a chance to increase your giving and for those of you who do not use this service it offers a chance for you to think about it. It provides a steady stream of income for our parish. To enroll you can visit faithdirect.net and use our parish code MD137. You may always continue to give through the weekly collection basket.

## 89th Annual

### Ham & Turkey Dinner

October 27, 2018

Noon - 6:30 pm

**Sign-Up Sheets** are outside church. 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 27. 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 joy-mccartin@comcast.net. We should be blessed this fall to see the return of Buster Watkin's wood working. 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 outside church to help offset the costs related to the Dinner. Your generosity is appreciated.

