

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

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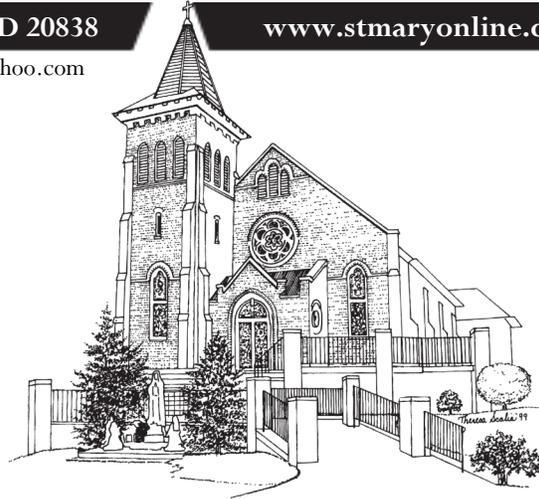
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We welcome you to our historic parish family.

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 15, 2017
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*
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 4:00 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 28

Dear Parishioners,

In ancient Peru, long before the days of the marauding Spaniards, the Inca's preferred method of conquest was to overcome people with kindness. Emissaries of the Inca would go to a place not yet in the empire with an overabundance of gifts, signs of what the people could expect if they would become part of the Inca realm. Those who refused the offer learned some hard lessons from the Inca armies. They became the unfortunate subjects of a policy of dividing and exiling rebellious people from their home territory, neutralizing their threat to the empire. Long before the days of the mafia, the Inca made offers nobody should refuse.

That history sounds like a replay of the offers we hear in today's readings, except for the fact that Isaiah and Jesus outdid the Inca. When Isaiah gives us a picture of God's feast on the peak, he wants our mouths to water. Picture chocolate cake, lemon meringue pie, creamy pastries, fresh fish, roasted lamb and beef on the spit, berries and cherries, milk and honey. The wine selection is like no other — aged to perfection.

This isn't just any celebration of a victory or national holiday. This is God's surprise party for humanity, specially planned for people who have been trapped in chaos and tragedy. Natural disasters and war have left them devastated. They've also failed to live their own ideals. According to Isaiah, they arrive veiled in mourning garb. This party is the last thing they expect.

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WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 15 Noon - **Fatima Luncheon**
Tue., 17 9 am - Exercise
Wed., 18 4:00 - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5
7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8
7:00 - HS Youth Group
Thu., 19 9 am - Exercise
7:30 - 9 pm - Choir Reh.
Sat., 21 Noon - Baptism
4 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass
6 - 10 pm - Knights Special
Olympics Halloween Party

Please Pray For... Frank & Louise



Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, David Bingaman, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, John Buckley, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, John Curry, A. & V. D'Amore, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, 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, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Bea Nastacio, Dennis O'Fallan, Joseph Parascondola, Mary Whelan Porter, Stephen Preffitt, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Mary Kate Schneider, Lucille Schultz, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Jerry Stafford, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, 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.

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Then they encounter God. Whatever their conception of the Almighty, they hardly expected God to hurry out like a mother and wipe the tears from their faces. They came, scarred from their battles, guilty of everything human beings could imagine, and God invited them in. When no penalty could compensate for their wrong, God made no reproach. The whole earth was coming under the judgement of love. Nothing less. That's Isaiah's story.

Jesus too talks about a party. He tells of a king (guess who?) who's prepared a wedding feast for his son. When everything is all set, the clergy, nobles and artists snub the servants bearing the invitation. Not to be dismayed, the king tries again. This time the fancy folk beat and kill the servants. So, the king sends them a marauding army. He sent more servants to find people worthy of his feast. This time they succeeded, and the banquet hall brimmed with a motley crowd gathered from the streets.

The simple folk in Jesus' audience surely got a good chuckle from the story. The chief priests and elders probably found it a bit less enjoyable. But Jesus hid a riddle in the middle. After a moment of consideration, the listeners start scratching their heads asking what counts as worthy? The feasters included bad and good alike. What was the entrance requirement?

Jesus hid a couple of cryptic hints in the afterword to the story, the scene where the king caught sight of somebody who didn't dress for the party. The king went right to him to ask why. Obviously, if everybody from the streets had been able to present themselves appropriately, he could have done so as well. When the guy refused to respond, the king treated him like the folks who refused to come at all — he cast him out into the darkness. Then, as if a proverb would explain it all, Jesus says, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Who are the chosen? Like the people who accepted the Inca's invitation, they are the ones willing to receive God's surprising and free offers. Their religious role or social position means so little that the higher the rank, the less likely they are to be at the banquet. Moral standing is hardly a qualification as Jesus made quite clear with the words, "bad and good alike." (Oh, how that word "alike" can gall the ones who think they're good!) The only difference between the banqueters and those gnashing their teeth in the dark was the partygoers' whole-hearted acceptance of the invitation.

Jesus prefaced this parable saying that he was going to talk about the kingdom of heaven. As is obvious to anyone who has read Isaiah, Jesus used images from his tradition and gave them his own particular twist.

Today, we see the banquet as a symbol of Communion and our celebration of the Eucharist. This parable invites us to consider who God is inviting and with whom we are willing to share the communal bread and wine. At each Eucharist we pray, "Lord I am not worthy." That doesn't matter to God. All that counts is our willingness to receive what we don't deserve. It's a surprising offer nobody should refuse.

Fr. Kevin



In Remembrance

Of Michael Sutherland, Husband of Patricia Sutherland

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

WORSHIP



“The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”

- Matthew 22:10

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 14** 5 pm - Charlotte Shea (L)
Sun., 15 8 am - Mike Sutherland
9:30 am - Parishioners
11 am - Agnieszka Wnek (L)
Mon., 16 9 am - Vincent & Joan O'Reilly
Tue., 17 9 am - Bart & Marilyn Green
Wed., 18 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
Thu., 19 11 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 20 9 am - Bea Nastacio

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 16

- Mon., Oct. 16 Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tues., Oct. 17 Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Wed., Oct. 18 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Luke, evangelist
Thurs., Oct. 19 Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
priests and companions, martyrs
Fri., Oct. 20 Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Sat., Oct. 21 | Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

The Haiti Committee is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to collect donations of wedding gowns and ship them to consignment stores to raise money for Haiti. Costs of shipping etc. are paid by the sale proceeds. This is a very important fundraiser for our mission as it brings in funds from outside sources. Please contact Susan Jamison at susanjamison3@gmail.com or 301-525-1555 for more information.

Flame of Love Rosary is on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the home of Joy & Tom McCartin at 20100 Beallsville Road. All are welcome for rosary, prayers and coffee.

The Parish Library run by the Sodality is seeking donations of VHS or DVD players to loan out with our tapes, as well as donations of children's and adult's religious themed VHS tapes, DVDs, books, and CDs. Please leave donations in the parish house under the kitchen table marked "library" or bring them to the next Donut Sunday. Thank you.

Join the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Come hear Irina Grossu, Director of the Center for Human Dignity at the Family Research Council, speak at our annual benefit luncheon - Sunday, October 22 at 12:30 pm at the Rockville Hilton Hotel. Fr. Kevin will be giving the invocation. Reservations required; contact Susan Viers at 301-963-6223 or development@pregnancy-options.org.

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.

Basketball registration is open at Mary of Nazareth and assessment dates are set for the upcoming CYO basketball season. Please go to the following website: <https://maryofnazareth.org/athletics/registration/> for more information and to sign up. Our school's sports are open to all parish children.

88th Annual

Ham & Turkey Dinner

October 28, 2017

Noon - 6:30 pm

Sign-Up Sheets are outside of 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 28. 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.

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 Gertrude in front of church to help offset the costs related to the Dinner. Your generosity is appreciated.



Mary, Undoer of knots Our Lady of the Presentation is hosting a shrine to Mary, Undoer of knots this month. Feel free to write your intentions, your knots to be undone on a slip in the basket in the vestibule and it will be placed around Mary for the month.