

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

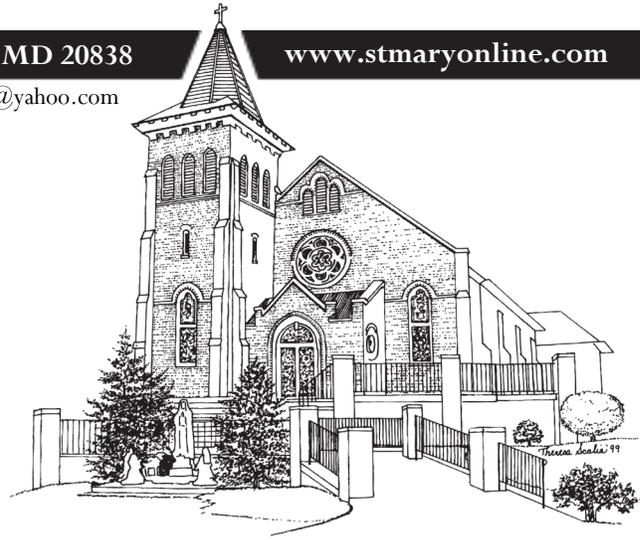
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



February 24, 2019

7th 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*
Deacon Frank Salatto, *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

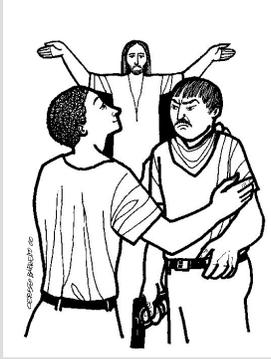
50th Anniversary of the Annual Appeal – A Time for Reflection The theme of the 2019 Appeal is "Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission," and is much different from a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, today, payable over ten months that will help support the ministries and mission of all our faith communities in the Church of Washington. Please find the Annual Appeal envelope in your pew today.

A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

This year, you can support the Annual Appeal in many different ways. Many of you may have received a mailing in January that you can respond to. You can also support the Appeal online at adw.org or text "Give" to (301) 231-1816. We will also be providing the opportunity to support the Appeal at Mass over the next couple of weekends.

As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



Please Pray For....



Anita Abbott, 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, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Ellen Daniels, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Julian Douchard, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Jo Evans, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Martha Anne Gehring, Ron Gorbe, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Nancy Johnson, Michael Kelley, 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, 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, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Fr. Vincent Rigdon, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Misty Runyon, Lucille Schultz, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Kyra Sosna, Jerry Stafford, 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,

When I was a high school sophomore, we had a teacher that some of us disliked. When I complained to my mom, she told me that I must pray for the teacher. When I repeated my grumbling days later, Mom asked if I had done what she said. I said, "Yes." In response to her raised eyebrows, I continued, "It was nearly impossible, but, yes, I am praying for her ... to have a happy death before the end of the semester." With a well-controlled facial expression, Mom told me that was not exactly what she had meant.

What is Jesus asking when he tells us to pray for those who mistreat us? It seems that when I pray for people with whom I disagree mightily, my best efforts lead me to pray that they will become better people. Ultimately, I often pray that they will learn to see things the way I do. Where does that leave me? I find myself standing solidly in the shoes of the Pharisee whom Jesus described as praying his own praises while a tax collector stood nearby asking for mercy (Luke 18:9-14).

Maybe the way around this trap is to learn the prayer of that tax collector. When I look at that parable together with what Jesus is teaching in today's reading, I come up with the following prayer of the tax collector: When someone mistreats you, pray, "O Lord, be merciful to me a sinner" (v. 13). If I do that, at the very least, I will be praying to become a bigger person.

If we think about it, everything Jesus said about dealing with adversaries comes down to nonviolent responses to aggression. Fleshing out the classic theory espoused centuries later by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesus suggests responses in which the person offended refuses to be a victim and simultaneously treats the aggressor with dignity.

Jesus does a fair amount of repetition in this segment of his sermon. He seems to be trying to get his point across to beginners, or maybe sophomore disciples. As a good teacher, he outlines specific steps to take. If you get slapped or someone steals the shirt off your back, he says, "Don't hit back, don't hold back." When you see the same beggar five days in a row, he says, "Go ahead and give her something — you don't have to buy designer coffee today." When you see a student at school flashing your favorite pen, just look at him and say "Great pen, I loved it when I got to use it! Enjoy it while you can." (That will keep the kid wondering...)

So far, Jesus has been talking about what to do with people who are bullies or simply irritating. Then he goes for the gold, "Love your enemies and do good to them." That sounds like we are supposed to go out of our way to treat mean people with kindness. To explain this, Jesus says, "Stop judging ... stop condemning ... forgive."

We might understand this as a geography lesson. Jesus is telling us to stop standing on the heights, looking down at others. In order to deal with others in Jesus' terms, we have to move into their turf and see from their perspective. We have to become insiders to one another. We can't begin to "get it" about someone until we love them. The minute we call someone "enemy" or judge him or her, we are admitting our own unwillingness to love, our unwillingness to see beyond our own point of view.

The great twist in this teaching is that Jesus is not simply telling us how to build a better, peaceful world. This is more than a personal growth plan. In this teaching, Jesus is revealing the only path to salvation. Loving the enemy, doing good to those who harm us is the only way to share his mission and life. As he says, sinners do lots of good things and are quite pleased with themselves for it. But they are oblivious to Jesus' formula for blessedness.

This is a difficult lesson for the sophomore disciples that most of us are. Jesus is giving us a theory and some very concrete suggested practices to put it into action. But he wouldn't propose it if it were impossible.

Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. If we pray to see them as he does, that will give God enough to work with. Then with God's grace, and perhaps much to our surprise, we will find ourselves thinking and doing things we would have thought impossible. *Peace, Fr. Kevin*

WORSHIP



“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

- Luke 6:36

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 23 5 pm - Harry Ganjian
 Sun., 24 8 am - Parishioners
 9:30 am - Anne Duhonick Rizk
 11 am - Russell Ventemiglia
 Mon., 25 9 am - Joan Dodd Pool
 Tue., 26 9 am - Barbara Ward
 Wed., 27 9 am - Gertrude White
 Thu., 28 9 am - Eucharistic Service
 Fri., 1 9 am -
 Sat., 2 9 am - Peter Nastacio (L)

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 25

- Mon., 25 Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
 Tue., 26 Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
 Wed., 27 Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
 Thu., 28 Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
 Fri., 1 Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
 Sat., 2 Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

- Sun., 24 5 pm - Town Dinner
 Mon., 25 6 pm - Lions Dinner & Auction
 Tues., 26 9 am - Exercise
 8 pm - Knights of Columbus
 Wed., 27 4 pm - Religious Ed., K-5
 7 pm - Youth Group
 7:30 pm - Religious Ed., 6-8
 Thu., 28 9 am - 2 pm - MoN Retreat
 7:30 pm - Choir
 Fri., 1 11 am - Funeral
 Sat., 2 9:30 am - Devotions
 11 am - First Penance & Lunch
 4:15 pm - Confession
 5 pm - Mass

The Way As the church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring retreats for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat on April 5 - 7, 2019, and a women's retreat on April 12 - 14, 2019 for survivors. The retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/> or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.



First Reconciliation

will be this Saturday, March 2 at 11 am. Families are reminded to let Liz Smith know how many will be attending the feast of pardon, following the Sacrament.

Vacation Bible School will be July 8 - 12, 2019. Mark your calendars!

Palms Old palms may be returned next week in preparation for Ash Wednesday which is March 6.



The St. Patrick's Party

is coming on Saturday, March 9 from 6 - 9:30 pm in the Pavilion. See the flyer today for details.



Congratulations

to

Russell James Obendorfer
 child of Keith & Maggie
 Baptized on February 16
 and to
 Charlotte Rose Florczyk
 child of Ryan & Alexandra
 Baptized on February 17

Food Safety Certification Chef Robert will be holding our next ServSafe Manager's food safety class on Saturday, April 13 from 8 am - 3 or 5 pm. The certificate is recognized by the Montgomery County Health Department, and required in food service. He will also offer the AllerTrain Allergen Awareness class right after the ServSafe class. This is a discounted class, or at no cost to those who actively help in St. Mary's food events. Please email me at Chefrobert@FoodSafetyChef.com to register.

Married Couples Retreat 2 Retreats are available for couples looking for spiritual refreshment. They are March 29 - 31 or April 5 - 7 @ Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV. They are run by Fr. Pat Berquest from St. Francis in Baltimore. For more information call Elaine Galeone @ 410-252-5355.

Next Weekend

Come to the Fr. Reid Pavilion
 For
 Social / Donuts / Children's Lenten & Easter crafts / Olivewood Carvers and more
 After all the Masses



Welcome

to

Keith, Maggie & Russell
 Obendorfer
 of Brunswick
 and
 Kathleen, Molly & Katie Carter
 & Scott Godfrey
 of Germantown
 Who have recently joined our parish family.