

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

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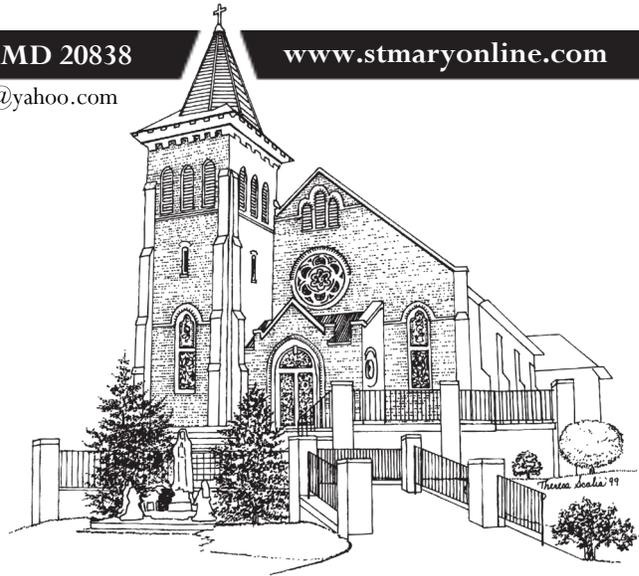
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit
-filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*

March 18, 2018
5th Sunday of Lent



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

Lent 2018 - Come be a part of it!

- **Stations of the Cross** is Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church.
- **The Light is On for You!** This Friday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 4:00 pm come and experience the simple generosity of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Penance Services are this Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 & 7:30 pm. To find Confession times at other parishes and for additional resources visit: TheLightisOn.org
- **Faith Study** Join other parishioners as they hold a series of discussions based on Mark's Gospel on Sunday evening at 7 pm in the Parish House.
- **Bible Study** Join Fr. Kevin on Tuesday at 10 am in the Rectory for Bible Study.
- **Lenten Reminders** Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence. All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Good Friday will be a day of Fast.
- **Pray for your Seminarians** each day during Lent.
- **Baby Bottles** You may return filled ones to the basket in church. There are still more if you need more at home.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 18 Noon - Choristers
7 pm - Bible Study

Mon., 19 7:30 pm - RCIA

Tue., 20 9 am - Exercise Class
10 am - Bible Study

Wed., 21 4 pm & 7:30 pm - Rel. Ed.
4:30 & 7:30 pm - Penance
Services with Confession

Thu., 22 9 am - Exercise Class
7:30 pm - Choir

Fri., 23 5:30 - 8 pm - Fish Dinner
7 pm - Confession
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat., 24 4:15 pm - Confession

Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sallie Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Camahan, 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, Tom & Lucy Ehart, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Doris Jeffers, 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, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, 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, Lin Selby, 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.

Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends... 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,

The story is told of a blind merchant selling his wares in the middle of a busy train station, when a group of children bump into the table and knock much of his nicely stacked merchandise to the floor. As the story goes, the merchant gets down on his hands and knees in an attempt to retrieve his scattered goods. Another man, clearly in a hurry, rounds the corner to see the sight-impaired merchant on the floor.

The man stops for a moment, looks at his watch, his expression indicating his dilemma: If he takes the time to help this young man, he will likely miss his train. With only a moment's hesitation, he drops his briefcase, gets down on the floor, and helps the merchant gather and re-stack his goods. When all is in order, and the man walks away, the merchant calls out after him: "Hey Mister, are you Jesus?"

Now chances are this story is not actually true. But true or not, this story could well be a modern-day parable. It comes to my mind each time I hear the Greeks say to Philip, as we hear in today's Gospel, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

What was it about the man that caused the merchant to ask him if he was Jesus? Was it the fact that he died to himself in order to help a man he did not know and who would never be able to repay him? Might it have been that this busy man loved the merchant more, in those few moments, than he loved his own life, sacrificing his travel plans for another? Surely anyone who has traveled by train or air knows the inconvenience, not to mention the cost in time and dollars, of rebooking a trip or a ticket. Could it have been because the man got down on the floor and chose to serve the merchant in the same way Jesus served the poor, the marginalized, the outcast and disciples whose feet he washed?

In today's Gospel, Jesus responded with similar words when told that the Greeks wished to see him. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies," Jesus says, "it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Jesus continued, "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." And finally, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

Jesus' response to Philip and Andrew almost seems like a non-sequitur. What does any of that have to do with the Greeks' desire to see Jesus? And yet, as I think of the merchant's question, "Hey Mister, are you Jesus?" it seems to me that Jesus' answer to Philip and Andrew has everything to do with the question.

It was the Greeks who asked to see Jesus, Greeks who did not look or worship like the Jews. And I wonder, who are "the Greeks" who want to see Jesus today?

Might they be living in the cellblock of a crowded prison?

Perhaps they are a single-parent family receiving government aid or a drug addict living on the street?

Might they be a family trying to find water and food on a dark night in San Juan, Puerto Rico?

Are they refugees from a Muslim country, undocumented people from Mexico, a couple in an unconventional marriage?

And I wonder, if we responded to these people today like the man responded to the blind merchant in our modern-day parable, if we, too, would come to see, like Jesus came to see in today's Gospel that "it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." And, perhaps we, too, would hear a voice come from heaven saying, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"I am troubled now,
Yet what should I say?
'Father, save me from
this hour'? But it was
for this purpose that I
came to this hour"
- John 12:27

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 17** 5 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 18 8 am - Mike Sutherland
 9:30 am - Reed Cantler
 11am - Gertrude White
Mon., 19 9 am - Rose Regii
Tue., 20 9 am - Gerise Carter
Wed., 21 9 am - Dorothy Elston
Thu., 22 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 23 9 am - Vincent O'Reilly

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 19

- Mon** 2Sm 7:4-16; Rm 4:13-22; Mt 1:16-24
Feast of St. Joseph
Tue Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30
Wed Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thu Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59
Fri Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42
Sat Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus and especially John Phipps and Dave Horton for the marvelous St. Patrick's party last weekend. We had over 200 people attend and had to turn a few away at the door. It was a wonderful night of food, music and fun for all.

Haiti Festival Save the date of Saturday, April 14 for our 10th annual festival to aid our twinning parish of St. Joseph in Carcasse. Donations of items are needed for the silent auction. Reservations will be taken starting this weekend after mass. For more information or to make a donation for the auction or sponsorship, contact Diana Snouffer at snouffer65@comcast.net.



Lenten Meals **Join Us** this Friday from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. The menu includes Fish, Crab Cakes, pasta, salad bar and more. The cost is \$9 per person and \$25 for a family. The crab cake is an extra charge.

Bible Study Join Fr. Kevin on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Rectory for a look into the coming Sunday's Scriptures.

Faith Study Join Deacon Dave as he leads a discussion series based on the Gospel of Mark, Sunday evenings at 7 pm in the parish house.

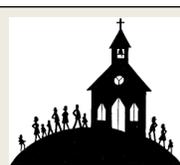
2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass The annual celebration of Marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held on Sunday, June 17 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please call the parish office to sign up no later than Monday, April 16.

Confession Our Lenten penance services with extra priests to hear your confession will be this Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm in the church. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for a joyous Easter with a clean heart.

Grounds Cleanup! We need volunteers on Saturday, March 24 at 8 am to help clear the grounds of winter debris and branches in preparation for spring. All are welcome, young, old, male, female. Come on out and spend an hour or two making our 12 acres beautiful for Easter. For more information call the parish office.

DC Catholic invites all young adults (20s & 30s) to the 15th Annual Seven Church Walk on Saturday, March 24! Join hundreds of young adults for our annual Lenten pilgrimage as we continue a tradition in D.C. We will walk to seven churches in downtown, praying together at each station, and conclude with a 4:30 pm mass and Dinner with Bishop Dorsonville at Holy Rosary Church. Meet at 10 am at Immaculate Conception Church in Shaw. Register at dccatholic.eventbrite.org or for questions email dccatholic@adw.org.

Haiti Youth Mission Our youth trip to Carcasse is planned for July. We have almost enough youth to make it work, but we have room for a few more. Please contact Chris Miller at cmillerusn@gmail.com or 202-507-3961, if you have interest in going or know someone who does. Our trip is planned to support the school and community with a sustainable garden project, and the interaction with the youth of St. Joseph's parish in Carcasse should be a rewarding experience.



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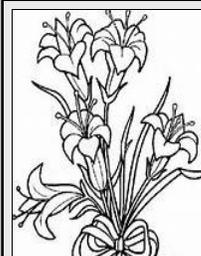
to

Nicholas Jr, Nancy
and Nicholas III Tucci of New Market

and

Kevin, Jennifer, Ciaran & Aisline
Moroney of Poolesville

who have joined our parish family



Easter Flower

envelopes are in the back of church and in your packets. Please use them to donate in memory or celebration of a loved one and return them to the Office by March 25. You may place them in any collection as well.