

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.*



July 14, 2019

15th 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
144th Annual Chicken Dinner: Saturday, July 27

Dear Parishioners,

When we tell fables and stories, we often include lots of dialogue and details that give us insight into the interior motivations of the central characters. Think about the classic fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare," which gives us the hare's internal monologue to clue us in to his arrogance, narcissism and complacency. The details serve as signposts that guide us to the storyteller's ultimate purpose.

Many of the tales told in the Bible don't include this level of detail. They share only the most relevant of details — this man was a priest, that man was a Samaritan — and they focus on the actions that move the story along, leaving us to fill in the rest.

The story of the good Samaritan is a famous example of this. We don't know a lot about the main characters — only their status in society and the fact that they were all traveling down the same road in Judea on the same day. So we tend to imagine the priest and the Levite as if they were like the hare — smug and arrogant, obviously villains.

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WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Tue., 16 9:00 - Exercise
Thu., 18 9:00 - Exercise
Sat., 20 4:15 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass
6 pm - Knights of Columbus
Installation



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, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Kyle Casillo, Joe & Pat Chmelik, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Julian Douchard, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, Jo Evans, Susan Ferrara, Tim Flynn, Sandy Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Martha Anne Gehring, Ron Gorbe, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Billy Hewitt, Marie Horton, Joanne Howard, Jean Hyatt, 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, Anne McManus-Rice, Theresa Morace, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Fr. O'Connell, 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, Fr. Vincent Rigdon, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Misty Runyon, Lucille Schultz, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, 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.

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But the absence of any other character details means that it is just as possible that the priest was overworked and emotionally exhausted when he came upon the man. And perhaps the Levite was responding to an urgent summons from his pregnant daughter and was preoccupied by his worry and haste.

What then? If the priest and the Levite are decent humans just like us, then what was the Samaritan's super-power? Let's return to the details Jesus gives us and fill in a little bit of what we know about human nature.

The priest and the Levite travel along the road to Jericho, which is dangerous, but their social status provides some assurance, and they are in their own land. They come upon the beaten man, and they likely feel a twinge of sympathy, but they also think something along the lines of "too bad for him" and feel mild gratification that this person's plight is not their own. Each crosses the road and returns to his own worries and concerns.

The Samaritan comes along. He is cautious, very aware of his vulnerability as a despised outsider. He has avoided making eye contact with people on the road so far, not wanting to draw attention. To distract himself, he thinks about how much he is looking forward to celebrating the holiday with his cousins in Jericho before returning home to Samaria.

Then, he comes upon the half-dead man on the side of the road, and he sees the same fears he has been trying to contain in himself come to life in painful and explicit detail. "But for the grace of God go I," you might imagine him whispering.

He gets to work, pulling oil and wine out of his bag and dressing the man's wounds. He tends each one as if it was his own, knowing that tomorrow it very well could be.

When Jesus says that the Samaritan was "moved" with compassion to treat the neighbor as himself, he implicitly suggests that many of us may feel compassion without being moved to action by it, as the priest and the Levite likely were. We feel compassion from a distance, with our social status, privileges, self-concern and platitudes serving as buffers that protect our pain from other people's pain.

But the Samaritan was so present to his own vulnerability, his own limitations, his own deep dependence on the mercy and goodwill of others that he was able to feel the victim's pain as his own, and his feeling of compassion became a radical act of solidarity and kinship.

The Scriptures tell us time and again that we must love our neighbor as ourselves, and in this Gospel story Jesus suggests to us that in order to do this, we must be willing to look past our titles, uniforms, masks and responsibilities to see ourselves in our neighbors.

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"And who is my neighbor?"

- Luke 10:29

Mass Intentions

Sat., 13 5 pm - Nick Carberry
Sun., 14 8 am - Parishioners
9:30 am - Fr. Lockman
11 am - Elizabeth Tralka
Mon., 15 9 am - Jean Moore
Tue., 16 9 am - Joanne Howard (L)
Wed., 17 9 am - Frank Colella
Thu., 18 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 19 9 am - Bunny & Webster Russell

Quo Vadis Camp The office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary July 28 - 31. For four days young men who desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for mass, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at DCpriest.org.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat July 19 - 20 at Our Lady of Bethesda. Retreat covers many of the topics facing couples today, communication, intimacy and forgiveness. \$300 per couple. This is a commuter program, you do not spend the night. For information or to register go to ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.



Altar Flowers

are in Memory
of
Nick Carberry

Help Wanted Laura Stohlman, a parishioner, is hosting two girls from Caracas, Venezuela from July 15 - August 15. They are willing to help out babysitting or as a momma's helper, even as an elder helper. Isabel is 16 and Sophia is 19. They come from a large family and have worked with younger children. Both know English. Please call Laura Stohlman @ 240-793-2718 with questions or interest in assisting these young women.

Right to Life of Montgomery County will again be having a booth at the County Fair, August 9 - 17. They are seeking volunteers to help at the booth. Please call Mr. Tharpa Roberts at 301-962-5611 or email rtlomc@snkmail.com. if you can assist in any way.

Retrouvaille Help Our Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30 - September 1, 2019, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email. Bringing them needed items such as diapers, clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project. Please check out our website at gpmoco.org. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber @ 240-882-9893.



Saturday, July 27th

Pat Rosser is accepting your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner today.

Sign-up sheets are available outside after Mass. Choose your favorite spot and time early!

Cake and Pie Boxes are in the vestibule of Church. Help yourselves.

Posters are available after Mass today.

White Elephant Please place your slightly used items in the center under the open pavilion. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. No clothing, or electronics please.

Crafts Wanted Before you know it the Chicken Dinner will be here. Please consider making or donating crafts for the craft table. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, summer decorations, baby blankets and baby items, are some ideas. Maybe you have some new ones. For more information contact Joy McCartin at joymccartin@comcast.net.

