

# 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 15, 2018

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*

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

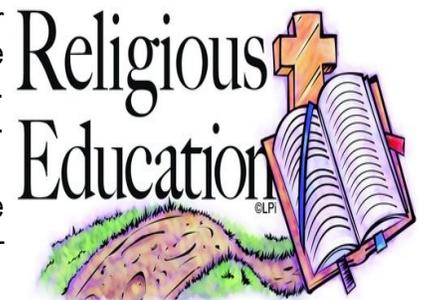
**H. S. Youth Group** Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm

**School:** Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

**143rd Annual Chicken Dinner** - July 28, 2018

Our parish wishes to invite you to explore our faith formation ministry. Sharing our faith with the children of St. Mary's is a beautiful and rewarding experience. We are looking for a 5th grade teacher and teacher assistants in grades 3, 4 and 5th. We presently have experienced staff in those grades, but support is always helpful. No experience is necessary, just a love of God and a desire to share.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to join this ministry in the fall. Please contact Liz Smith, Director of Religious Education, with any questions at 301-972-8576 or 301-651-3353.



**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. We visit Krakow, Wadowice, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora, the Black Madonna. Then off to Berlin for three more days exploring the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and more. The trip departs and returns from Washington, Dulles International. The cost includes flights, guided sightseeing, deluxe coach transportation, entrance fees, first class hotels, some meals and more. For more information and a full color flyer just contact the parish office at 301-972-8660 or stmarysb@yahoo.com.

## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Tue., 17 9:00 - Exercise  
Thu., 19 9:00 - Exercise  
Sat., 21 1 - 5 pm - Memorial  
4 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass  
6 pm - Knights of Columbus  
Installation & Dinner

### *Please Pray For....* Frank & Louise



Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, Herbert Brown, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Eric Carpentier, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, 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, Kay Novotny, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Fr. Vincent Rigdon, 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, Michael Zahn.

### *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,*

Even with all the available advice about finding your God-given vocation, it's hard to be absolutely certain you've gotten it right. Why can't God just directly and clearly tell us what to do?

Sometimes, I imagine what that would be like. The thrilling sense of purpose unmixed with any doubt that I'm making a mistake, the deep peace from knowing I'm doing God's will, the joy of doing whatever work is meant particularly for me.

Perhaps this is how the apostles feel in today's Gospel. Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits and sends them out in pairs with detailed instructions, even dictating their wardrobe and what they should bring. I envy them until I start to imagine their journey.

Picture two apostles entering a town, tired and hungry but with no means to purchase food or lodging. They are totally dependent on the hospitality of the people they meet, who they know may not welcome them. They are not sure exactly what to say, when to give up and shake the dust off their feet, or how they will survive if they do. And Jesus isn't there to answer their questions.

Or consider the prophet Amos in today's first reading. He has just delivered God's eloquent call for social justice, condemning those who try to please God with sacrifice and praise while their luxurious lifestyle is based on dishonesty and oppression of the poor. The high priest, used to prophets who make a living telling people what they want to hear, makes it clear that Amos isn't welcome and should take his message elsewhere. Amos replies that this isn't his day job or even his choice — he is responding to God's call to prophecy.

While Amos isn't silenced by this rejection, we don't learn what happens to him next. Does the high priest resort to more drastic measures to get rid of him? Is Amos imprisoned, deported or even killed?

When we read biblical stories like these, we realize how terrifying it could be not to have any excuse to "mishear" our call. We recognize what we might have to leave behind and that our safety and success aren't guaranteed. Maybe it's not the lack of clear instructions that stops us from following God's call, but the suspicion of what God might call us to do. It's easier to convince ourselves we're supposed take the comfortable and secure path.

Yet, as Paul reminds us in today's second reading, God's will for us is a mystery, but also a blessing. While God's plan may frighten us, it is still the source of our hope; God wants something better for us than we could ever plan for ourselves.

Through their trust in Jesus, the apostles were able to drive out demons and cure the sick. And while Amos' call to let "justice surge like waters, and righteousness like an unfailing stream" (5:24) was ignored by ancient Israel, it was heard thousands of years later when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quoted it in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

There are many times when we have to make hard choices and engage in discernment, but on a basic level, we know what we're called to do. The Bible and our faith tradition are full of guidance on what God asks of us. Like Amos, we're called to denounce injustice, even when it's unpopular. Like the apostles, we're called to offer healing to others, even if we may be rejected.

We can also hear God's call on a more personal level, when we are suddenly faced with a situation where our gifts and talents are needed, feel drawn to a particular cause, or receive an invitation or a cry for help from another person. And, of course, we can always strive to be more attuned to God's voice through prayer.

Whatever the means, God's call will come. We can choose to follow where it leads, knowing that ultimately, God's plan can only be for good.

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*

## WORSHIP



"So they went off and preached repentance."  
- Mark 6:12

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 14** 5 pm - Elizabeth Cahill Tralka  
**Sun., 15** 8 am - Mike Sutherland  
 9:30 am - Angelika Clark (L)  
 11 am - Parishioners  
**Mon., 16** 9 am - Melissa Davis (L)  
**Tue., 17** 9 am - Michelle Devlin (L)  
**Wed., 18** 9 am - Nancy DeWitt (L)  
**Thu., 19** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 20** 9 am - Mike Sutherland

### Scripture Readings for the Week of July 16

- Mon., 16** Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
**Tues., 17** Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wed., 18** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thu., 19** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30  
**Fri., 20** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8  
**Sat., 21** Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21



### Welcome

to  
Nerissa, Richard,  
Brandon & Joshua

Alford

of Beallsville

and

Justin, Hanne & Ellen Elyard

of Poolesville

Who recently joined our parish

**Right to Life** of Montgomery County will again be having a booth at the County Fair, August 10 - 18. They are seeking volunteers to help at the booth. Please call Mr. Tharpa Roberts at 301-962-5611 if you can assist in any way.

**Fiat Camp** for girls grades 9 - 12 who may interested in religious life will be July 27 - 29 at Mt. St. Mary's University. The camp will help girls focus on who they may be called to be and to embrace the unique gifts given them by God and to discover the great dignity of their vocation as a woman. For more information go to [www.quovadisfiat.org](http://www.quovadisfiat.org).

**The Gabriel Project** assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Woman volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, Etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber at 240-882-9893, or email Carmen Rojas at [gccthompson@juno.com](mailto:gccthompson@juno.com).

**Mark you Calendar!** To come and help set-up for the Chicken Dinner on Thursday, July 26 at 6 pm! Folks of all ages are needed!



**Saturday, July 28th** Pat Rosser is accepting your donations to help defray the cost of our dinner today at Donuts in the Pavilion.

**Sign-up sheets** are available outside after Mass. We need help in all areas - Dining Room, Chicken Rackers and Flickers, Carry Out and more!

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

**Posters** are available after Mass today.

**White Elephant** time is upon us. 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](mailto:joymccartin@comcast.net).

