

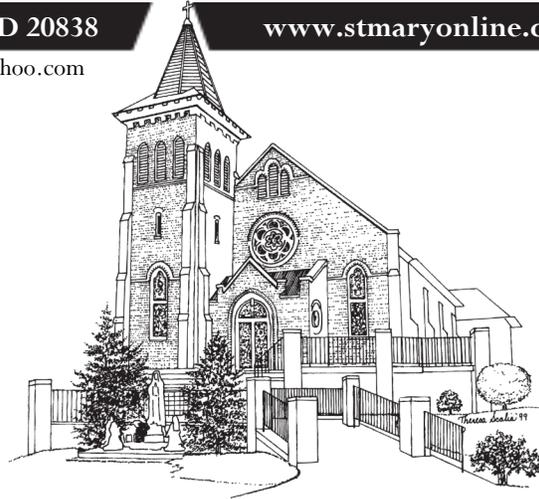
St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

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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.

August 20, 2017
20th 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



Applications for our School of Religion are in the vestibule of the church and will be available online. Please complete your child's application for this year's program as soon as possible. Classes will begin on September 13, 2017 for Grades K - 8.

If your child attends Parochial School or is Home Schooled and receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please complete an application. You need only pay the sacrament fee and not the tuition. We need to be aware that your child is preparing for a sacrament.

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 Teacher Assistants in grades 3 and 4. We are also looking for Co-teachers in grades 6,7, and 8. 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.

RCIA - Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or do you wish you knew more about the Catholic faith? Our Rite of Christian Initiation will begin shortly. We warmly welcome those who are seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. Please speak with Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave for more information.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 20 10 am - 4 pm - Retreat
Tue., 22 9 am - Exercise
8 pm - Knights of Columbus
Wed., 23 6 pm - Religious Ed. Dinner
& Teachers Meeting
Thu., 24 9 am - Exercise
8 pm - 4th Degree Knights
Sat., 26 4 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass



Please Pray For...

Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, 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, Mike Sutherland, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel presents a Jesus we might not recognize, who says "No," is dismissive to the point of being rude, and who totally ignores obvious suffering.

How can this be? After feeding hungry multitudes and reaching out in compassion to all those in pain, how can it be that Jesus would refuse this woman who is experiencing terrible anguish because her daughter is being tormented by a demon? And yet, that's what Jesus does. Not once, but twice he refuses the woman's plea for mercy. He even goes so far as to dismissively say to her: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." So, what's really going on here?

The Gospel of Matthew was written some 50-60 years after the death of Jesus. It emerged from a community of believers struggling to deal with two major concerns: First, the role of "gentiles" or "foreigners," people of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. What should we do with these people? How should we behave towards them? Second, the role of women in the early church community. Sound familiar? We Christian people, we followers of Jesus are still grappling with both issues to this day.

The matter of how to treat people who are not "one of our own" — immigrants or those racially different — is ever present in our news cycle. Historically, this issue alone is still causing controversies within the church and in countries around the world as well. Who is to be accepted? Who is to be rejected? Who is to be relegated to the back of the bus?

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus himself struggling with these very questions through an encounter with a woman — a very persistent woman, who refuses to take "no" for an answer. At first, Jesus demonstrates how uncomfortable he is with her because she is not Jewish. She is part of another culture, another country, another religion. And so initially, Jesus stays with his "own kind," and states: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Most everyone can identify with this point of view. We are uncomfortable, at least initially, with anyone who is "different." Jesus is depicted in today's Gospel reading in much the same way. But, notice one huge distinction: It is the woman's faith that make all of the difference and changes Jesus. Ultimately, it's not her persistence that transforms Jesus. Instead, it's his amazement at the depth of her love for her daughter and her recognition of the breadth of God's love for all humans. It's her belief that God loves all people and will heal all people.

The other major issue, that of women, is presented in a subtle, yet equally significant way. Women had no rights at that time — legally nor religiously. Yet, again and again, Jesus broke the rules of his religion and culture, by listening to women, conversing with them, healing them, and including them among his primary followers. Jesus even went so far as to use women as examples for us all, such as the woman in today's Gospel who is given the ultimate compliment of teaching Jesus.

What Jesus finds remarkable is the woman's faith. That's our lesson from today's Gospel: It will be our faith that will lead us through all the heartaches and the demons that torment us. It will be our faith that will overcome all our many biases and prejudices and give us hearts large enough to welcome everyone. It will be our faith that will transform us.

Just as it did for Jesus.

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters"

- Matthew 15:27

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 19** 5 pm - Harry Ganjian
Sun., 20 8 am - Marie Dyson
9:30 am - Agnieszka Wnek (L)
11 am - Raul & Stella Lissabet
Mon., 21 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Tue., 22 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Wed., 23 9 am - Pierre Inabinet (L)
Thu., 24 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 25 9 am - Jim Suit

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 21

- Mon., Aug. 21 Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Pius X, pope
Tues., Aug. 22 Jgs 6:11-24A; Mt 19:23-30
Queenship of the Virgin Mary
Wed., Aug. 23 Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thurs., Aug. 24 Rv 21: 9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Bartholomew, apostle
Fri., Aug. 25 Ru 1:1-6, 14b-16; Mt 22:34-40
Sat., Aug. 26 Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Haiti Committee The group will be accepting donations after all the Masses the weekend of August 26 - 27th. The Committee will meet at Noon on Sunday, August 27th in the rectory.

New Parish Directory We want to see You in September! It's time for a new parish directory and we've booked the dates. Mark your calendars for photo appointments Thursday, Sept. 28 - Saturday, September 30 or Monday, October 2 - Tuesday, October 3. Online sign ups or in person after mass. Watch for more details to come.



Music Ministry When We Sing: we communicate, awaken the Spirit in one another, and find joy in relationship with God. St. Mary's is a singing parish! We are led at the 9:30 am Mass, by the Adult Choir (ages 17 and up). Rehearsals start on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7:30 pm in the choir loft. Seats in every section are open! Contact Diane Yendrey, Director of Music and Liturgy for more information: dyendrey98@gmail.com

Be the Song: High School Contemporary Ensemble leads the first Sunday of the month at the 11 am Mass starting this Labor Day weekend. Band instrumentalists, singers, and potential new members - contact Mrs. Yendrey now for rehearsal information at dyendrey98@gmail.com

Orchestral instrumentalists, especially students: you have a home in the choir loft, too. If you play at late beginner to early intermediate level or higher, and are able to read music, please consider offering your talents to our parish for an occasional mass during the year. I hope to hear from you soon! More information, dyendrey98@gmail.com

Rising 3rd to 5th graders: Let's start a new choir group this year! (all the others have grown up.) Updated start date is Sept. 17 & 24 after 11 am Mass, in the first floor of the parish house. This program for Choristers has been well-established for the 11 am mass, and I encourage families to try it out for a year. It's amazing what we can accomplish in the mass, in the music, and in the faith lives of our young people!

Annual Cotillion at Mary of Nazareth School The Mary of Nazareth School Cotillion Program is in its 16th year of offering an introduction to ballroom dancing and social grace for eighth grade girls and boys. Students enjoy the opportunity to learn basic dance steps and etiquette skills from professional instructors. The program consists of 5 Saturday sessions from 6:30 - 8:30 pm that include September 9, 23, 30 and October 14 and 21 and is held at the school at 14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown. The fee is \$200 and a standard of dress is required. For more information or to register, visit cotillion@maryofnazareth.org or call the development office at 301-869-0940, ext. 6. Registration deadline is September 2. Always visit their website for all news of our Catholic Elementary School.

Church Picnic



Outdoor Mass & Pot Luck

St. Mary's Parishioners and their families and friends are invited to join together for an outdoor Mass on **Sunday, September 10, at 11 am**. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for the Mass. We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday and remember 9/11. Please bring 8-10 servings of YOUR FAVORITE DISH to share with your fellow parishioners. Meats, drinks and paper goods will be provided. There will be live music and fun for all. And it wouldn't be complete without the moon bounce and games for all to enjoy! The only Masses that weekend will be at 5 pm Saturday and 8 am & 11 am Sunday.