

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.*



September 23, 2018
25th 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
Ham & Turkey Dinner: October 27, 2018



Choristers are children in grades 3 - 6 who sing for the 11 am Mass twice a month (2nd & 4th Sundays). There will be an interest meeting today, September 23 at Noon in the rehearsal room in the Parish House. Newcomers are welcome! Parents, please email Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com. Choristers are fully compatible with religious ed. and altar server programs.

Guitar Students - grades 6 - 12 who can tune their instrument, and strum basic chords: come and learn how to play for mass once a month, with rehearsals. Please email Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com.

HS Contemporary Ensemble - singers and instrumental students in grades 6 - 12, play and sing for mass once a month. Orchestral and band students welcome! Singers do not need prior experience - come and sing the mass with us! We need your help to be our best!

Adult Choir is eager for new recruits: rehearsals Thursday 7:30 - 9 pm in the choir loft. Adult choir sings for the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. For all music ministry needs or information contact Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 23 Noon - Choristers Meeting
Noon - Haiti Meeting
Mon., 24 7 pm - Lion's Club
Tue., 25 9:00 am - Exercise
8 pm - Knights of Columbus
Wed., 26 4:00 - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5
7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8
7:30 pm - Confirmation
Parent Meeting
Thu., 27 9:00 am - Exercise
10:30 am - Wedding
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Sat., 29 4:15 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass



Please Pray For....

Frank & Louise Austin,
Christopher Barlow, Lori
Bauer, Pattie Bittner,
Jim Bowie, Donna
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, Nancy
Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dil-
lon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre,
Dennis Edward, Gary Evans, Nancy
Gallo, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Go-
wans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton,
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, Anthony
Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Con-
nell, 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,
Steve Utrecht, Rich Volpe, Darlene Wat-
son, Wilbur Watkins, Michael Zahn.

Dear Parishioners,

Most average people in the U.S. don't think of themselves as having servants. That's because it's so easy to forget about the grocery store clerks and the janitors, not to mention the workers who harvest our strawberries and fill the potholes on our roads. We have lots of servants, but since we don't usually hire them directly, we rarely take note of them the way the lords of Downton Abbey did of Mr. Carson, their butler. But from what we've heard for the past couple of weeks, Jesus thought a fair amount about servants and how he was called to be one.

In today's Gospel story, Jesus made a point of walking the road with just his disciples so that he could have an intimate conversation with them. Knowing their expectations for greatness, he explained for a second time that he was going to be betrayed, killed and then rise to new life. His companions responded with blessed silence. No questions, no sympathy, no protest. Perhaps they were just shaking their heads in hopes that he'd come to his senses when they finally sat down in the shade. Once he was out of hearing distance, they got into a lively discussion of their own.

The scene when they arrived at their destination must have been interesting. When Jesus asked what they had been arguing about along the way, they again took refuge in silence. So once more, Jesus tried to explain himself.

When he had told them that he would be taken by force but would not respond in kind, they were reduced to silence. He tried to explain his reasoning. Everything he did was part of his project of making God's kingdom of justice, peace and well-being present among them. None of it was for his own glory, but rather for the good of everyone concerned. (That is one reason for telling them not to talk about it.) If he had wanted fame and fortune, wouldn't he have been better off catering to the powerful? Instead, the powerful were precisely the ones who were threatened by him and his attention to the outcasts and unnoticed.

Jesus was telling the disciples: "If you want to be great, look to God who has handed creation over to mere human beings. Think about it! Who is most important in society? Do emperors, generals and religious leaders surpass the importance of mothers? Whose role is truly indispensable — not to mention life-giving?"

Jesus' disciples loved him, but they didn't understand him. His way of thinking was just too different. So, when words didn't suffice, he picked up a child to show his argumentative disciples what it looks like to be in first place in the reign of God.

What was he trying to teach them as he put his arms around the child? Perhaps that like the child, they had been chosen not for their importance or even their potential, but because they were loved. Their mission was not to perform mighty works, but to receive the little ones, the needy, the forgotten and the rejected. Their mission was to share the love they had been given so freely. They were called to the humble, humbling service of embracing the little people just as Jesus did.

When Jesus picked up the child, he was performing a living parable, teaching that loving someone is the greatest service you can do them; everything else flows from that and nothing else is very valuable without it. Loving is also the greatest service we can do for the entire world because the more people are loved, the less they need to compete and use violence to make their mark.

Jesus' faith in the mission God gave him was what made him so different from the rest. It made him both incredibly attractive and impossible to understand in a theoretical way. Jesus knew in his bones that love is more powerful than violence. Thus, no matter how horrific the violence that would be done to him, he knew it would not overcome him. That's why Jesus never spoke of the passion without the resurrection: They were one and interwoven. The resurrection was the final defeat of oppression and violence. It was the victory of the little ones, the victory of the servant.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"Whoever receives such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me."

- Mark 9:37

Mass Intentions

Sat., 22	5 pm - Irma Jean-Baptiste
Sun., 23	8 am- David & Coleen Slattery (L) 9:30 am - Robert Wojciechowski 11 am - Parishioners
Mon., 24	9 am - Chuck Gowans
Tue., 25	9 am - Stephanie Stewart (L)
Wed., 26	9 am - Amy Dieure (L)
Thu., 27	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 28	9 am - Barry Barga (L)

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 24

Mon., 24	Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tues., 25	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wed., 26	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thu., 27	Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9 St. Vincent DePaul
Fri., 28	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Sat., 29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Crafts Wanted Our Fall Dinner is October 27. Please consider making and / or donating crafts for the craft table. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, winter wreaths, purses, baby blankets and baby items, etc. are needed. For more information contact Joy McCartin at joymccartin@comcast.net.

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.

It's not too late to Register for our School of Religion. Classes began two weeks ago for Grades K – 8. We do need help for our high school program, which begins later in the month. Please contact Liz Smith, with any questions at 301-972-8576 or 301-651-3353.

Haiti Meeting The Committee and any interested people are having a meeting today, September 23 at Noon in the Rectory. They are also at the door of Church today for any donations.

Movie Night Looking to make Saturday night family night but having trouble making it happen? Then come to "Faith, Family & Flix", a new event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that blends Saturday evening mass with dinner and a movie — all family-friendly. Our first "Faith, Family & Flix" night is Saturday, October 6th starting with the 5PM mass. After mass, we'll have dinner and our featured movie, "The Stray", the story of a stray dog who makes a big mark on his new family. All are welcome to attend. Bring blankets and lawn chairs — weather-permitting, we'll be outdoors under the stars. Poor weather and we'll hold in the pavilion. For more information, contact Don Patti at 866-478-8080 or nash Rambler@yahoo.com.

Good Counsel High School will hold a parent information night for interested parents of 6th, 7th & 8th graders on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 pm in the performing arts center. A formal presentation on the Admissions process, Good Counsel's Academic Programs and a Ryken Program Presentation will be given. For information call Good Counsel's Admissions Office at 240-283-3367 or visit the website at www.olgchs.org.

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. For more information and a full color flyer just contact the parish office at 301-972-8660 or stmarysb@yahoo.com.

Ministry Weekend is coming on October 6 - 7 in the Pavilion. All parish organizations and ministries will be represented. Donuts and refreshments will be served. Make plans to check out new opportunities to get involved.

High School Youth are invited to mass and dinner at St. Mary's Rectory next Sunday, September 30 at 5 pm. All teens from St. Mary's and Presentation and their friends are welcome as we discuss plans for youth ministry this fall.

Sodality - Dress Sale for Haiti, \$30 each. Displays of various sodality activities on ministry weekend, Oct. 6 - 7. Come try us out! NO DUES THIS YEAR. Just choose an activity and get to know someone better while you are the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out in love to others, and growing spiritually with your sisters in Christ.

Christmas Items Needed for our Christmas booth at the October Dinner. If you have slightly used decorations or holiday items, please drop them off in the storage room under the Pavilion.

Confirmation Parent Meeting Parents of young people in the final year of Confirmation Preparation are to attend a meeting this Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion.