

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.*



October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*
David Cahoon, *Deacon*
Rev. Msgr. John Macfarlane, *Weekend Asst.*
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Faith Formation*
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*
Denise Crawford, *Secretary, Notary*
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*
Joy McCartin, *Sodality*
Tom McCartin, *Knights of Columbus*

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am
Sunday Mass: Saturday @ 5 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am
First Friday: Adoration 9:30 am - Noon
First Saturday: 9:00 am with Devotions
Confession: Saturday @ 4:15 pm
Baptism: by appointment
Wedding: by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact
Rel. Ed.: September - May
School: Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

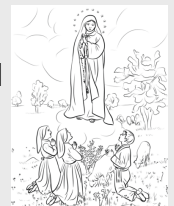


The joyous ministry of sharing God's Word with the youngest of our parish, ages 3 years old to 2nd Grade, is returning next Sunday during the 8:30 am Mass. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this ministry. The obligation is one Sunday a month. During Children's Liturgy of the Word, young children leave the sanctuary during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp. Please contact Liz Smith at 301-651-3353 or smithstmarysb@gmail.com for more information. Training will be provided.



First Friday Adoration Join us in prayer this Friday, October 6 for 9:00 am mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon in the church.

First Saturday Devotions Join us this Saturday, October 7 for 9:00 am mass followed by devotions to Our Lady of Fatima.





Please Pray For..... James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Nancy Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Dylan Captain, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Alex Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Bridget Curan, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Andrew & Nicholas Diaz, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Steve Drescher, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Jennifer Gilbert, Zachery Gorouch, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Larry Horton, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Loveless, Donald & Betty MacDonald, Sylvia Marshall, Karla Linn Merrifield, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Joy McCartin, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Jane Parsley, Bob & Donna Pavlick, Frank Pena, Gene Post, Lauren Prete, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Misty Runyon, Tom Schwanbeck, Teresa Silverman, Cynthia Slatum, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Colleen Thomas, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Rex & Trisha Tully, Vicki Tosques, Michael Zahn.

Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends... Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

Dear Parishioners, *"What is your opinion?"*

In today's Gospel, Jesus states the very question posed in this article's title. Amazingly enough, he seems to want feedback! Jesus wants to know, not just what the leaders of the temple thought back then, but what you and I think right now.

So, what is your opinion? What do you think of this story that he proceeds to tell about the two sons who are sent out to work in a vineyard?

Here's my opinion: You and I are both of these sons. At times we're people who say all the right things, follow all the right rules, profess a belief in all the most important ideas about God and church, and present ourselves as upstanding citizens for all to see. At other times, we change our minds and find ourselves slipping into behaviors that imply a denial of all that we profess to believe. In other words, we're the "Yes, sir" people who then "did not go" in today's Gospel.

Sometimes. At other times, we're the people who resist what we know to be the right thing to do. We're the "I will not" person of today's Gospel who "afterwards changed his mind and went."

So, we're a mix. Sometimes we say one thing and do another. Other times, we refuse to do the right thing, but then repent and seek forgiveness.

Here's another opinion of mine: Where you and I stumble the most is precisely in the area that Jesus keeps emphasizing over and over — our attitudes and behaviors toward the very people Jesus claims will be first in the kingdom of God — the people the Jewish leaders at that time considered unclean; the people they believed should be avoided at all costs, ignored, dismissed from the temple, and viewed as impure.

Two millennia later from the time in which this Gospel was written, these very same people are the ones we still tend to designate to be "impure": the homeless, the mentally ill, the imprisoned, the immigrants.

And yet, these are precisely the ones Jesus embraced; the ones he allowed to wash his feet with their tears and dry them with their hair; the ones he told us would be first in the kingdom of God.

How can this be? Why would Jesus choose them?

Most of us, after all, would have the opinion that we're the hard-working ones; we're the ones who have demonstrated will power and obedience and strength of character — and all those other qualities that make for good citizens and loyal churchgoers.

Perhaps the opinion of St. Paul in the beautiful and poignant reading from Philippians we hear today will suggest a response to this statement: "Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus ... who ... emptied himself taking the form of a slave."

All the people listed in the Gospel by Jesus as being first are those who are powerless, "emptied" people. They are people who have been brought to their knees by terrible hardship even to the point of being forced to "take the form of a slave."

But, here's the surprise: What little they do have in their lives is the very thing Jesus is most looking for — room for God. They now have the space for the Spirit to become operative so that true transformation can take place.

This was the opinion of Jesus: The people most pre-disposed to radical change in their lives were those who had nothing to lose, people who were not just hungry, but starving for liberation and transformation.

So, in the end, my opinion is still the same as that of Paul: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus ... who ... emptied himself taking the form of a slave." What is your opinion?

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"Which of the two did his father's will?"

- Matthew 21:31

Mass Intentions

Sat., 30	5 pm - Thomas Ried
Sun., 1	8:30 am - Parishioners 10:30 am - Mike & Peggy Alley
Mon., 2	9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Tue., 3	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Wed., 4	9 am - Fr. Don Brice
Thu., 5	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 6	9 am - Fr. Jerry Trancone
Sat., 7	9 am - Parish Family

Ministry Fair - Donuts Join us today for Donuts and view our ministries and organizations. Haiti coffee will be available for sale. This is the best time of year to see if you would like to participate as a lector, server, sodality or Knights of Columbus member, or maybe to sing!



Haiti Festival Our Haiti Committee will host a Saturday evening Food Truck Festival, with live music on Saturday, October 7 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. There will be raffles, children's games, face painting and more. Free admission. Proceeds support our twinning ministry at St. Joseph's Parish in Carcasse. Saturday evening mass on October 7 will be at 4:00 pm.

New in 2024 for our children. Saint Mary's will be offering The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the three to six-year-old children of our parish beginning in the fall of 2024. The catechist who works with the children participated in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium. In order to do this, we need your help! If you are good with woodworking, sewing, painting or thrift shopping, please reach out to Brenda Stohlman at this email address: blinibrenda@gmail.com. Please join us in praying for those who are called to help with this ministry. To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd check out www.CGSUSA.org

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Annual Benefit Banquet with Keynote speaker, Abby Johnson. Help them celebrate 40 years of service with a gourmet dinner & dessert, games, and an inspiring message on Thursday, October 26 at the Rockville Hilton. Reservations are required to attend. Please call 301-963-6223 to RSVP by October 13.

Mary of Nazareth Golf Outing

Will be held on Monday, October 30 with a 9:00 am start Four Player Scramble, Best Ball Format. Registration is \$225 for individual / \$800 for foursome and includes lunch with 2 drink tickets, Green's fees and golf cart. Sponsorships are available. Registration deadline is October 16. Competitions include closest to the pin, and longest drive (men/women) For details, contact Alvin Duque at alvinduque@gmail.com.

Gabriel Project Cluster: Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Women need to know, before they get pregnant, about the help that the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery provides. You can help a pregnant mother in several ways. Clothes gently used or new are needed, especially fall and winter items. Maternity clothes, infant clothes, children's clothes, children's shoes, etc., are all appreciated. Women volunteers (especially bilingual English and Spanish speaking women) are needed to assist client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, formula, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Please visit our Website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact: Brenda Stohlman at blinibrenda@gmail.com.

New Cemetery Sections are now open starting at the top of the hill. If you wish to purchase graves, please contact All Souls Cemetery Office to arrange an appointment. Their number is 301-428-1995.

Haiti Bridal Shop Looking for a top designer wedding dress for \$499 or even less and help Haiti too? Try St. Mary's Brides for Haiti Bridal Shop. Many 5 star Google reviews. 5% discount with this bulletin. www.Brides4haiti.com.

New Handicapped Restroom is open in the Parish House. Follow the ramp to the side door to access.