

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 22, 2023

29th 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



All Souls Remembrance - In November we pray together for all our beloved dead. Please turn in your envelopes with the names of people you want remembered so they can be recorded to be read aloud at all Masses during the month. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule of church. Drop the envelopes in any collection in the coming weeks. On Sunday, November 5, at 8:30 am Mass we will read aloud all the names of those who have been buried from our Church this past year, lighting candles in their memory.

Food Drive Collection Our parish prepares 20 meals for local families from WUMCO for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We always welcome donations of cash to provide these meals. As we reach the Holiday season we ask for your help to provide food baskets to local needy families. Please place donations marked "food baskets" in any collection over the next month.



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, 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, 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,

Perhaps we can identify with the short Zacchaeus. Have you ever been on a crowded METRO platform underground and tried to search out a friend you became separated from? All you can see is a sea of people's backs, heads, bags, etc.

What struck me in this passage is how Jesus and Zacchaeus sought each other out. Zacchaeus climbed up a tree to get a better vantage point from which to see Jesus. Jesus called Zacchaeus forth by name, saying, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And the joy is palpable between them.

Jesus searches for us, too. He calls us by name and desires to come to our house. We should find great joy in that initiative!

Zacchaeus responded to Jesus' acceptance by giving away half his possessions to the poor and going above and beyond in repaying those he had extorted in his work as a tax collector. Do we do the same when we have been moved by God's love and mercy for us? Zacchaeus' generosity came from a sense of being accepted and forgiven. He received neither of those things from the crowd who murmured around him.

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem as he passed through Jericho. He was on his way to his crucifixion, yet he took every opportunity to save those entrusted to him, including Zacchaeus. As it says at the end of the Gospel, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what is lost."

We can easily be like the crowd around Jesus and Zacchaeus. We can be just as cynical as the ones asking why Jesus would spend time with this tax collector. But Jesus spent time with other despised sinners and tax collectors because he saw beyond their outward behavior and into their hearts, which were open to God's grace.

The first reading from Wisdom sums up the way Jesus would approach Zacchaeus: "But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." The people hated Zacchaeus because of his job as a tax collector and his extortion of others. But Jesus had mercy on him. Jesus saw past the sins of Zacchaeus and perceived a heart that was ready to change.

We see in the first reading that God does not judge. God loves all of us, even the ones whom many others condemn. Because we both experience and dole out judgments so often, it can be hard to remember how non-judgmental God is. We don't need to live our lives in fear of judgment from God.

Zacchaeus can teach us how to be persistent. He desired to see Jesus so much that he strove to overcome the obstacle of his low physical height. How motivated are we to change our own lives? Are there trees we are willing to climb in order to find a deeper relationship with God? How will we respond when we encounter God's love?

Fr. Kevin

Worship

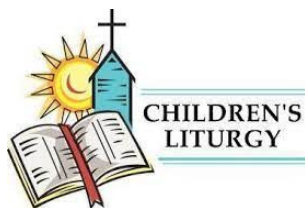


"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Matthew 22:21

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 21** 5 pm - Frank Salatto (L)
Sun., 22 8:30 am - Pete Brunner (L)
10:30 am - Parishioners
Mon., 23 9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones
Tue., 24 9 am - Lestor Haddad Jr.
Wed., 25 9 am - Mary Hebb
Thu., 26 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 27 9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones



Liturgy of the Word for Children

The joyous ministry of sharing God's Word with the youngest of our parish, ages 3 years old to 2nd Grade, returned on Sunday during the 8:30am 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.

St. John's Catholic Prep You are invited to attend an open house at Saint John's Catholic Prep located in historic Buckeystown, MD on Sunday, November 5th from 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM. The open house is a wonderful way for prospective students and their families to experience the school's community, meet students, faculty, and staff and learn more about a faith-based, college prep education. There will be tours of the campus as well as information about financial assistance. We will be offering Mass at 11:00 AM, before the program starts. Saint John's is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, Maryland. Prospective families can register at <https://www.saintjohnsprep.org/admissions/visit>

For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301-662-4210 or e-mail mjames@saintjohnsprep.org.

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World Mission Sunday Today, the second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Monies collected assist the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in its works around the globe.

Event Photos Pictures from parish events are posted on our smugmug pages. Simply go to <https://stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com>. The password is StMarysBarnesville.



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

The Sodality is having a winter coat drive for Father Michael's Mission which helps the poor in Southern Maryland. Pick ups/drop offs are welcome. Please text Susan Jamison at 301-525-1255 or leave your clean good condition coats, scarves, gloves, etc. in a bag and leave it in the container in the vestibule of the church by the end of October.

Veteran's Day Ceremony The Poolesville American Legion Post 247 will be conducting a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Whalen Commons on Saturday, November 11 at 10:50 am. All are welcome to attend and honor past and present Poolesville area residents, as well as all of our Country's men and women, who have served in one of the armed forces of the United States of America during peace time and war time.

Haiti Committee will meet on Sunday, October 29 at 11:30 am in the Rectory.



In Celebration

of
The Baptism of
Daniel Justyn Zwolak
child of

Michael & Justyna Zwolak

Baptized on October 14