

# 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 29, 2023

30th 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. Next 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.

**Altar Flowers  
This Weekend  
are in Memory of  
Eric Daniel  
By his Mother, Marsha**





***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,**

How do I love me? Let me count the ways. That's right, you heard me: "How do I love *me*."

Our world is fraught with fear, isolation, injustice and violence. What might be at root? Certainly, unbridled ego and arrogance, unrestrained anger and resentment, untethered pain and desperation play crucial roles in the escalation of the destruction of civility, acceptance and promise.

In the Gospel, we hear again the greatest of commandments: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... Love your neighbor as yourself."

Love your neighbor as yourself. How do you love *you*? How do I love *me*? What is at root? I wonder.

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians provides assurance that their faith is solid, real, dynamic and gives witness to the resurrected Son of God. In faith, they received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit. In doing so, the word *sounds forth* from their lips in every place. Am I — are you — truly a person of faith serving God? Do I receive and do I embody this gift? How do I love me; perhaps by receiving God's gift of faith?

The Exodus reading provides assurance to the people of Israel that God is their hope. If those outside of the community are oppressed or harmed, God hears their cry. If the marginalized of the community — the widow, orphan, the poorest and most vulnerable — are wronged, God hears their cry. God responds to everyone with an all-encompassing compassion which lifts and heals, which is our hope. Thus, Exodus affirms the witness of a God of compassion, a God who is our hope. Do we truly hope in God alone? Do I receive and do I embody this gift? How do I love me; perhaps by receiving God's gift of hope?

Finally, the Gospel provides assurance to the Matthean community that God is their love. They are given the commands: Love the Lord, your God. Love your neighbor as yourself. But, what is the source of that love? It is the love of God which *sounds forth* to our hearts and mind. It is a love which transforms our selfish and self-centered ways of being and moves us to love anew our God, others and ourselves. Thus, the Gospel affirms the witness of a God of love. Do we truly love? Do I receive and embody this gift? How do I love me; perhaps by receiving God's gift of love?

I wonder. If I accept and embody the gifts of faith, hope and love — God's free offering to all humanity — might I begin to truly understand what it means to love me? Might I accept God's virtue of love to quell my unbridled ego and arrogance? Receive God's virtue of faith to temper my unrestrained anger and resentment?

Assent to God's virtue of hope to heal my pain and desperation and in turn, make a turn in my daily living to civility, acceptance and promise.

I wonder, what is at root? If we accept and embody the gifts of faith, hope and love, might we turn together toward the One who offers us the true root of our being — the one True Vine?

***Fr. Kevin***

**Retired Priests Collection** The second collection for November 4-5 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese or the special collection envelopes that are available at mass for the weekend of November 5. You can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A link will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

## Worship



“When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’”

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 28** 5 pm - Lloyd & Anna Jones  
**Sun., 29** 8:30 am - Parishioners  
10:30 am - Eric Daniel  
**Mon., 30** 9 am - Lloyd & Anna Jones  
**Tue., 31** 9 am - Virginia & Lawrence Fisk  
**Wed., 1** 9 am - Mary Hebb  
7 pm - Parishioners  
**Thu., 2** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 3** 9 am - All Souls  
**Sat., 4** 9 am - All Souls

### You know about the critical shortage of priests, sisters and brothers. Here's the rest of the story...

Every year, thousands of priestly and religious vocations are unable to answer God's call for one simple reason: outstanding student loans. It may come as a surprise, but nearly half of the estimated 10,000 individuals discerning a vocation in the US each year are prevented from entering seminaries and religious institutions for financial reasons. Most people today graduate from college carrying heavy fiscal burdens; unfortunately, dioceses and orders, desperately in need of new vocations but already stretched to the limit, are unable to assume their debt.

Our own Reid Robilotto is one such vocation working to continue formation unencumbered by student loans. To overcome this obstacle, together the diocese and Reid, have partnered with the Labouré Society, a Catholic 501c3 nonprofit. To find out how you can help deliver this next generation of future priests, sisters, brothers and help Reid answer God's call please contact Reid by email: [reid@rescuevocations.org](mailto:reid@rescuevocations.org) or by phone (240-374-9622). Thank you and God Bless.

### Young Family Life Ministry

Come & join us! A group of families with young children who want to share life and faith. Hikes, music, games and crafts...activities for young children ages 0-8. If you are interested in joining us for our next gathering on November 18, which will be a hike, please contact [blini-brenda@gmail.com](mailto:blini-brenda@gmail.com) or [gaillard-teagues@gmail.com](mailto:gaillard-teagues@gmail.com).

**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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mjames@saintjohnsprep.org).”



“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.

**All Saints Day** is November 1, a Holy Day. Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm..

**Donuts, Fellowship and Eucharistic Miracles Display** Next Sunday, November 5 we will have donuts, coffee, juice and fellowship in the Pavilion. The Sodality will be presenting their display of Eucharistic Miracles from Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man on his way to sainthood.

**First Week Events** Join us first Friday for Adoration after the 9 am Mass until Noon. Saturday we will have a 9 am Mass followed by our Fatima Devotions.



### In Celebration

of  
the Baptism of  
Ariana Pardo  
Child of

Robert & Linda Pardo

Baptized on October 21