

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

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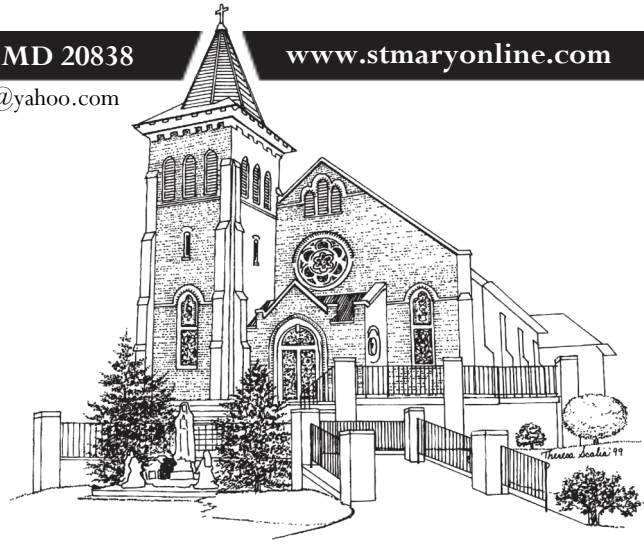
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*

November 12, 2023

32nd 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 @ 4 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am
First Friday: Adoration 9:30 am - Noon
First Saturday: 9:00 am with Devotions
Confession: Saturday @ 3:15 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.



"To Jesus Through Mary"
Our Lady of Fatima Sodality

Thank you! We are proud to have hosted the Carlo Acutis Exhibit. It was an inspirational exhibit. We had many parishes and fellow members view the posters and the history of our new young man on his way to Sainthood.

The Sodality wants to thank all who helped in making these two days successful. Our Knights of Columbus did a stellar job helping with set-up and helping everywhere. A special thank you to the Sodality that helped with planning, suggestions and participation. WE are blessed to have such wonderful parishioners at St. Mary's. Joy McCartin, Prefect



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,

When the emergency weather radio or app on our phone sounds the alarm, we prepare for the severe storm that is headed our way. We make sure the flashlight is at hand and that we have water, blankets or whatever else might be needed. We are ready to face the storm because at some earlier time we bought batteries and other emergency supplies. We chose at some point in the past to be prepared for storms that we know will come in the future.

Today's Gospel contrasts the five ill-prepared virgins with the five wise virgins. The wise virgins planned ahead and brought the flasks of oil necessary to fuel their lamps. The preparation of the wise virgins makes it possible for them to do what they set out to accomplish in a timely fashion, to light the way for the bridegroom. They are able to fulfill their duties and they enter the wedding feast with him.

Preceding this parable we hear Paul's comforting words to the grieving Thessalonians. He consoles them in their time of loss and encourages those who are mourning the death of a loved one with our hope in the resurrection. Together, these Scriptures direct our attention to moments that we know are coming, we just do not know when they will occur: our own death and Christ's triumphant return at the end of time.

How can we be like the wise virgins who did not know the exact hour for the bridegroom's return, yet were well-prepared for that eventuality when it occurred?

The key to understanding this parable is in the metaphor of the oil for the lamp. The oil represents the good that we do in the world. With every kind word, compassionate gesture, and selfless act offered in Christ's name we are lighting the way for the bridegroom. Today's parable calls to mind Jesus' earlier announcement to the disciples, "You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:14,16).

The wise virgins represent disciples who see every moment as a potential opportunity to be light in the world and act accordingly. This helps us understand why the wise virgins could not simply share their oil with the foolish ones. Each of us is gifted with unique opportunities to express God's love in the world. Each of us must choose to respond to the call to serve in Christ's name.

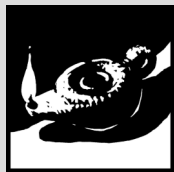
As we envision that long-ago scene where Jesus taught this parable, we can imagine how the disciples may have reflected on his message in their own lives. Some may have felt encouraged in their efforts to be like the wise virgins. They may have been grateful for the times they had experienced the joy of bringing love and goodness into the world. They may have looked forward to future blessed encounters where they could continue to fill their flask with oil.

For some of the disciples this parable may have been a wake-up call. The story may have served as an early warning that they needed to pay attention to opportunities to be light in the world. The image of being left outside of the wedding feast was a stark reminder that they needed to choose to change if they were to fill their flask with oil in advance of the bridegroom's arrival.

As we hear Jesus' message, we reflect on the unique opportunities we have to fill our flask with good works. We can be thankful for those blessed experiences of loving service that help us to be well-prepared for Christ's triumphant return.

Fr. Kevin

Worship



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- Matthew 25:13

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 11** 4 pm - Parishioners
Sun., 12 8:30 am - All Souls
10:30 am - Susan Rizk
Mon., 13 9 am - All Souls
Tue., 14 9 am - All Souls
Wed., 15 9 am - All Souls
Thu., 16 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 17 9 am - All Souls



Food Drive Collection

Our parish pledges 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.

Reverence Please remember as you receive Our Precious Lord in Holy Communion to hold your hands reverently and place Him gently on your tongue. If receiving Him on the tongue, please extend your tongue, so the minister may clearly know of your desire. Also, as you pass the Precious Blood of Our Lord at mass to bow your head in reverence, whether or not you are receiving from the cup.

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 this Saturday, November 18, which will be a hike, please contact blinibrenda@gmail.com or gaillard-teagues@gmail.com.

Mass Schedule Change

Beginning today, November 11 the Saturday Vigil Mass moves to its winter time of 4:00 pm. Confessions will be heard at 3:15 pm.

Christmas Dinner

The Order of Odd Fellows will host their annual Christmas Dinner for age 55 plus, widows and widowers on December 9 from 12:30 - 3:00 pm at Memorial UMC Fellowship Hall in Poolesville. Please RSVP by November 28 to Grace Sheppard 301-639-3638 or Charles Glass 240-447-3037.

"The Blue Army"

invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Brown Scapular enrollment and healing prayers on Monday, November 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. For more information call Mary Ann Hanson at 301-595-1770.



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 or by phone (240-374-9622). Thank you and God Bless.



Join us as we open Thanksgiving Day on

November 23 with Mass at 10:00am.

There will be beautiful music as we meet at our Lord's table to celebrate the great meal of Thanksgiving. Come as we pray too for our country and for peace in our world. We will take up an offering to assist with our Thanksgiving and Christmas food and gift baskets for needy families in our community.