

# 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.*



November 5, 2023

31st 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. Today at the 4:00 pm Mass we will read the names of our Knights of Columbus who passed in the last year and on Sunday, 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.

**Retired Priests Collection** The second collection for today 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 this weekend. 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.



***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,**

There used to be a billboard on an Interstate that said: "Don't make me come down there!" It was signed, "God." That just might sum up the first reading and Gospel we hear this week.

This is a four aces Sunday for everybody who thrives on criticizing the hierarchy and clergy. Malachi lambasts corrupt priests, and Jesus is on a roll as he goes after the hypocritical religious leaders of his day. That can make us, the people in the pews, feel nice and comfy until we remember that the Gospel is designed to call us to conversion, not to reinforce our self-righteousness.

Remember how at the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus told Peter that he was going to be led where he didn't want to go? Squirming Peter responded by pointing to the beloved disciple and asking, "What about him?" Jesus answered, "What concern is it of yours? You follow me." If we take that advice, we will look to what these readings call us to do, and pray that others do the same.

Today's Gospel brings us into the core of Jesus' moral teaching. What Jesus demands of the people of the covenant is integrity, being who you say you are, and making all your behavior an expression of your beliefs, no matter the cost.

Jesus' integrity allowed him to heal on the Sabbath. He knew that God's will was for the well-being of people, no matter the cult restrictions. Integrity led Jesus to the cross because his life meant nothing if he was not faithful to his Father. Integrity means that you have learned what life means and you live your life like you mean it.

What made Jesus both popular and frightening was that he never stopped talking about the real meaning of life. "You are worth more than many sparrows"; "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul"; "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" the law and the prophets.

Jesus censured the scribes and Pharisees because they said all the right words while they used their position to their own advantage, wasting little concern on God's people. They loved to expound on God's law, but were adroit at avoiding its requirements in their personal life. They could tell others what they should do, but did nothing to help them accomplish it. Displaying their religious regalia and making public displays of their piety, they had fallen into a trap of seeking attention and admiration rather than cultivating a relationship with God.

Their teaching was empty. That was bad for them, but worse, it endangered the vitality of the word of God. Hypocritical preaching is far more grievous than no preaching at all. It is destructive, which is another way of saying that it's diabolical.

So, back to us in the pews. What did Jesus want the ordinary folk in his audience to hear when he went after the scribes and Pharisees? He made one thing crystal clear: "Do not follow their example." He went on to tell them, call no one your teacher, father or master, but look for the ones who serve. They are the ones showing the way to God.

There are many kinds of service today, but one we may be short on is the service of being willing to talk about the core questions of life. Polite people have been taught to avoid conversations about religion and politics because some people don't want to be confrontational. Talk about your football team, the weather, even the hierarchy, but don't risk being offensive by saying what you really believe is right or meaningful. Keep your integrity hidden under a bushel basket.

A couple of years ago, columnist David Brooks lamented that public discourse has become "undermoralized and overpoliticized." He said, "We have many shows where people argue about fiscal policy but not so many on how to find a vocation or how to measure the worth of your life" (*The New York Times*). If we want to avoid the superficiality Jesus criticized, we will begin to engage in meaningful discussions.

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## Worship



“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Matthew 23:12

### Mass Intentions

Sat., 4	5 pm - Deceased Knights
Sun., 5	8:30 am - Parishioners 10:30 am - All Souls
Mon., 6	9 am - All Souls
Tue., 7	9 am - All Souls
Wed., 8	9 am - All Souls
Thu., 9	9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 10	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.

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The clergy are not the only ones called to proclaim the Word. We are all baptized to be a priestly, prophetic people.

The billboard message made a point, but also missed a point. God has come down here and has given us the mission to make that obvious in word and deed.

**Fr. Kevin**

**Young Family Life Ministry Donuts, Fellowship and Eucharistic Miracles Display** 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). Today, Sunday, November 5 we are having donuts, coffee, juice and fellowship in the Pavilion. The Sodality is presenting their display of Eucharistic Miracles from Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man on his way to sainthood.

**St. John's Catholic Prep** You are invited to attend an open house at Saint John's Catholic Prep located in historic Buckeystown, MD today, 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).

**Mass Schedule Change** Beginning this Saturday, November 11 the Saturday Vigil Mass moves to its winter time of 4:00 pm. Confessions will be heard at 3:15 pm.. This coincides with the first Saturday after Daylight Savings time ends.



### Veteran's Prayer

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the U. S. Armed Forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan & Syria. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts.

May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways. Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

Bring Peace to current violent conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and elsewhere.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. Jesus, I trust in You!