

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

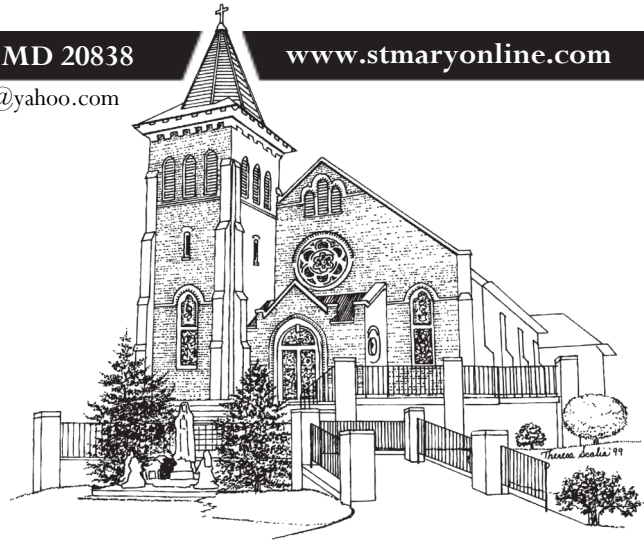
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



February 11, 2024
6th 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*
Denise Crawford, *Secretary, Notary*
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*
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

Gabriel Project Collections St Mary's will be supporting the Gabriel Project with your donations during the entire month of February. We are collecting baby items needed for mothers in crisis pregnancies and their families who have chosen LIFE. During the past year, the Montgomery County Gabriel Project has served several hundred families who requested assistance. Angel Friends accompany and provide for them during their pregnancy and after the baby's birth. Cash donations help with supplies and with medical assistance. Older siblings also receive needed items for families struggling to make ends meet while choosing Life.

Please generously support the unborn babies, their toddler siblings and their mothers and fathers in need who are current and future clients of the Gabriel Project. Place items in our sanctuary, near the baptismal font. Your donation of baby (diapers, formula (Similac Advance)) and toddler items, clothing, shoes, coats, small toys), grocery cards (from Giant supermarket), checks (Payable to Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County) will help so much. Especially requested are girl/ boy 0-3 months diapers and clothes (gently used clothing is greatly appreciated). A full list of items needed can be found on the list in the sanctuary. The list can may also be found at www.gpmoco.org (click the the Amazon wish list link). Contact Chris Miller (cmillerusn@gmail.com) of our parish with any questions.



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, Sonya Cortez, 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, Mark Fye, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Zachery Gorouch, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, Larry Horton, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Louise Jones, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., Betty Kutts, John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Harvey Loveless, Diane Lynch, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Edwin Mbanude, 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, Rani Taylor, 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,

Moved with anger. Feeling sorry for him. His heart melted with compassion — these are some of the various Scripture translations describing Jesus's response of being "moved with pity" when encountering the leper.

Yet the term, *splagchinizomai*, a Greek word for compassion describing Jesus' reaction, best translates as having one's intestines or insides poured out in response. Jesus responded to the leper from deep within himself.

In the time of Jesus, leprosy referred to a variety of skin conditions including scales or distorted skin growth. Considered repulsive, impure and something to be avoided, it was believed that those who developed leprosy were sinners being punished by God. They violated the law which said the body should be whole and holy like God's. So, as we hear in Leviticus, lepers were ostracized and separated from the community so as not to contaminate others.

No one was allowed to touch a leper for fear that they, too, could become unclean. So that no one would inadvertently do this, lepers were required to alert people of their approach by their appearance and warning cries of "Unclean! unclean!" The Mediterranean culture in which Jesus lived was group-oriented where people were connected to one another and lived communally. Yet, lepers became isolated outcasts, cut off from their physical and spiritual community.

Jesus touches the leper. He does the unthinkable, exposing himself to impurity as defined by his culture. Mark tells us Jesus reacts with compassion from deep within himself. The fear of ritual impurity does not stop him. The barriers and divisions do not hold for Jesus. His touch heals. He touches those who seem beyond hope: outcasts, the sick, women, the poor, sinners. Even though his culture banished or separated people to protect the society, he is not deterred. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the typical barriers and distinctions the community erected are not hurdles for Jesus; God's reign is beyond human boundaries.

Jesus restores those he touched to the community, to their rightful place among the people of God. All are gathered and embraced by the power of God's grace, healing and forgiveness. Jesus brings them home.

Redemptorist Fr. John F. Craghan says, "We are inclined to think that salvation is single file." We think it is our task to get ourselves to God and into heaven. But, Jesus did not walk single file. He made God's reign possible and present by gathering those who were banished and alienated, and by touching and healing those whom no one would touch. Jesus taught disciples to walk together side by side toward God's reign and salvation. As they walk, they gather into the reign of God those who are separated from the community, the ones lost on the path, cut off by fences or borders, those left alone in ditches or on death row. Disciples walk alongside those who are sick and dying from disease, poverty and loneliness. They companion the homeless, orphaned and undocumented while embracing those ostracized because of their religion, skin color, sexual orientation or immigration status.

Mark's Jesus is a messianic figure on the move. There is an urgency to his proclamation about the reign of God. Jesus went to neighboring towns to preach, wasting no time on theological development or long speeches. Instead, Jesus invited followers to "Come after me" and demonstrated the radical way they were to act. There is work to be done to preach the good news of God's coming reign. The leper understood; he could not stay quiet. After his healing, he went forth and told others.

There is work to be done, good news to proclaim, people to walk alongside. God's embrace is wider than we can imagine. Come and see, come follow me.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"If you wish, you can make me clean."

- Mark 1:40

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 10** 4 pm - Adele Moore
Sun., 11 8:30 am - Parishioners
 10:30 am - Jean Wilson
Mon., 12 9 am - George Brings
Tue., 13 9 am - Joe Luny
Wed., 14 9 am - Kaleel Rizk
 4:15pm - Diane Lynch (L)
 7:30 pm - Felicity Macfarlane
Thu., 15 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 16 9 am - Green Scapular Brethren



Tea Party

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The Sodality will be hosting a family Tea party in the Pavilion @

12:00 pm. Sunday Feb 18th. By reservations only! See the flyer in today's bulletin. We will be celebrating the conclusion of the Holy Family Prayer Week initiated by the Knights. The Knights will be handing out prayer cards to each family to pray together in honor of The Holy Family on Feb 10th and 11th after each Mass. Reservation must be made by email to joymccartin@comcast.net

Pray for our Seminarians

Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the sanctuary, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for your chosen seminarian(s) each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church.

United in Purpose: The 2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal.

We have been asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal*. Please complete or take a commitment form at Mass this weekend, or make your gift at give.adw.org. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the *2024 Annual Catholic Services Appeal!*



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

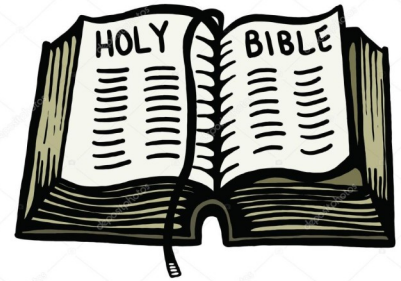
February 13, 6-8 pm
Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Milk - chocolate & white. No charge this year, just a donation. Call 301-972-8660 for more information or to save a spot for planning purposes.



Ash Wednesday

is this Wednesday, February 14. We will offer Masses with the distribution of Ashes at 9:00 am, 4:15 pm and 7:30 pm.

Lenten materials including the *The Word Among Us* for Lent, and *The Magnificat* are available in the church this morning.



Bible Study Join Fr. Kevin on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Rectory for a look into the coming Sunday's Scripture.

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Holy Water is removed from Church for Lent to remind us of our parallel journey with Jesus in the desert for these 40 days.

Holy Family Prayer Cards Our Knights of Columbus 6901 will be handing out these prayer cards at all the masses this weekend. The cards lead us into a week of devotion to live more like the Holy Family. The prayer time culminates in the family Tea next Sunday sponsored by our Sodality.