

# 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.*



June 4, 2023

Feast of the Holy Trinity

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*  
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*  
Terry Crawford, *Sodality*  
David Bivens, *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



## A Blessing Prayer for All Our Graduates

Lord God, we ask for your almighty hand to be upon all those who graduate this year.

Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and love. Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love.

May God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel.

May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams.

May his gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow.

May your hearts and lives always reflect his love and truth, And may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day.



***Please Pray For.....*** Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Stanton Boteler, Jim Bowie, Donna 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, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Hazel Finney, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Kimberly Harris, Bridget Hart, 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, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Anthony Murdock, Sr. Barbara Murtha, 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, Lin Selby, 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,**

If you ever take a class on comedy, you'll learn about a concept of which comedians regularly make use. It's called the "rule of three." An example of the rule is a comedian who pretends to be a waiter in a seafood restaurant and says, "I'd like to introduce you to today's *fresh fish* specials. We are serving salmon, halibut and *canned tuna*."

The principle behind the rule is simple. First, the comedian steers the audience by influencing the listener's thoughts to flow as if they were on a set of established train tracks. The first two examples serve to "set up" the track, but then a third example intentionally derails the metaphorical train, and the resulting jolt comes as a surprise and (hopefully) is something at which we will chuckle. It is the thrill of "the expected meeting the unexpected" that brings such delight.

Today is the church's celebration of the "rule of three" — the dogma of the Holy Trinity. It is so important to our faith tradition that the Trinity is our acclamation whenever we begin or end anything we do. From our baptism to our daily prayers to our final farewell at a funeral, we do these things "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Where in these relatively short readings do we see God named as "the Trinity?" In the first reading, we hear that God appears to Moses with all of the clarity of a cloud. In the Gospel John tells us how God loves the world with such enthusiasm that he sent the Son to redeem us. Paul comes a little nearer to revealing to us God's trinitarian nature when he voices the greeting that regularly intones the beginning of Mass. Paul writes, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

But why doesn't God just come out and say "Hey? Believe in me! I'm the Trinity?" Why not use Moses, or the writers John or Paul to tell us, "Look, I'm really one God, but you'll experience me in three different personas which will be like a Father at some points, a Son at others and then another concept all together which is like a 'spirit' but you should know that this 'spirit' will exceed any temporal dimension and will be with you forever. So just trust in any of these three phenomena because really, it's just me and I'm just one."

The mystery of the Trinity is vast, rich, deep and wondrous. Saints, poets and artists have exhausted countless efforts to explain and illustrate this mystery. Each attempt to describe this fundamental tenet within our faith both inches us closer to understanding the nature of God while at the same time pushes our understanding farther away. The Trinity is something to ponder more fully, in the same way we learn to deeply value a good movie, a good book or a good friendship. The more we explore it, the more we value it.

Just like a comedian's finely tuned set-up to a joke, there are some things we know certainly about God. God is absolute and dependable. God is the expected constant. We can ground ourselves in God. And just like a comedian's unforeseen wrinkle, God is also the unexpected, the surprising, and the ever-new. We can rest assured in knowing that God is one, but we should also be astounded by the unexpected twist in knowing that God's oneness is three. This mystery is God's delight and with a smile, we are invited to enter into his ever-unfolding revelation as we do everything in God's "rule of three."

***Peace, Fr. Kevin***

## WORSHIP



For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

- John 3:17

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 3** 5 pm - Parishioners
- Sun., 4** 8:30 am - Dave Liska Sr.  
10:30 am - Fr. Patrick Hrycenko (L)
- Mon., 5** 9 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
- Tue., 6** 9 am - Fr. Fred MacIntyre
- Wed., 7** 9 am - Tom Schwanbeck (L)
- Thu., 8** 9 am - Eucharistic Service
- Fri., 9** 9 am - Pat Ferris

**Father's Day Remembrance** We are offering mass cards for Fathers on Father's Day. Intention envelopes are in the back of church. Please take a card to send to those living. Fill out the intention envelope and return it to the office by June 11. The names will be printed on Father's Day, June 18.



### Welcome

John, Pam  
& Brayden  
Ward

of Frederick

Who have joined our parish family

**Spring Cleaning? White Elephant** time is upon us. The Chicken Dinner will be here before we know it. Please place your slightly used items in the storage room under the sun room. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. **No tires, clothing, or electronics please.**

**Young Family Ministry** All families with young children are invited to spend a morning together on Saturday, June 10th, from 10am-12pm in the Parish Pavilion. This event is designed to help parents and children ages 2nd grade and younger live the season of Ordinary Time together. We will have children's songs, stories, and games. We may have water games, weather permitting. Coffee and bagels will be provided in the morning. Please pack a lunch. To RSVP or learn more, contact Brenda Stohman at [blinibrenda@gmail.com](mailto:blinibrenda@gmail.com)

**40 Hours Devotion-** In honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi, St. Mary's Church 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD has scheduled a 40 Hours Devotion in Our Lady's Chapel. Spread across 4 ten-hour periods, the devotion will commence at **10:00am on Thursday, June 8th** and carry on on for four consecutive days into the evening of the Feast of Corpus Christi on **Sunday, June 11th**. During these four consecutive days, the **Blessed Sacrament will be exposed daily from 10:00 am thru 8:00pm each night**. In preparation for celebrating the precious gift of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we invite you to spend some quality time with the Lord. Come, give thanks to God, and rest in His Love. Adorers are needed for each hour. For more information and to sign up please visit: <https://stmarysrockville.org/40hours-devotion>. Drop ins are welcome at any time.



**Vacation Bible School** Save the date! July 10 - 14 for Bible River Adventures! This is a fun, faith filled time for all. For more information contact Terri Phipps at [okoni@hotmail.com](mailto:okoni@hotmail.com). Teen and Adult volunteers are needed.

**Refugee Meal Packing** St. Mary's Parish in Rockville is hosting this **Event on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Meal kits packed will be delivered quickly to Poland for Ukrainian Refugees and to Turkey and Syria for earthquake victims. Please consider donating to support the purchase of food to be distributed. A goal of \$21,000.00 raised to package 60,000 meals is desired. Donations will be gratefully accepted thru PayPal: <https://bit.ly/3ww14n1>. **Checks payable to: The Outreach Program** may be mailed to St. Mary's Parish 520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852. Many volunteers are also needed on June 24th. Signup via <https://bit.ly/3MUhVHv> Any questions, contact Mary McCormick at [mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com](mailto:mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com).

**Event Photos** Pictures from the Communion Breakfast, Easter Vigil, and the Little Sisters of the Poor visit are posted on our smugmug pages. Simply go to <https://stmarysbarnesville.smugmug.com/>. The password is StMarysBarnesville.



### Welcome

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Child of

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& Quynh-Thu Doan

Baptized on May 27th