

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

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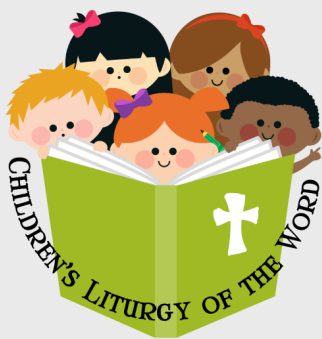
*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*



September 10, 2023
23rd 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



The joyous ministry of sharing God's Word with the youngest of our parish, ages 3 years old to 2nd Grade, is returning in September. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this ministry. The obligation is one Sunday a month. During Children's Liturgy of The Word, young children leave the sanctuary during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. These sessions are not faith formation classes, arts-and-crafts activities, or babysitting during Mass. Rather, the children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp. Please contact Liz Smith at 301-651-3353 or smithstmarysb@gmail.com for more information. Training will be provided.

It's not too late to Register for our School of Religion. Classes began Wednesday, September 6 for Grades K – 8. We are blessed to have catechists for all grades. It is never too late to register your children. Please contact Liz Smith, with any questions at 301-972-8576 or 301-651-3353.

RCIA Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith or want to consider joining the Catholic Church. Our RCIA program will begin soon, If interested contact Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave.



Please Pray For.....James Abernethy, Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Nancy Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Stanton Boteler, Jim Bowie, Donna & Fred Brashears, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Catic, 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 Lovelless, 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, Cynthia Slatum, 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 Wei-

Dear Parishioners,

"It takes one to know one." So goes the old saying. Many times in life, it's true. The kind of person we know best is typically the kind of person who we are ourselves. A young girl can't identify with her parents because, well, she's never been a parent. A teacher may not be able to identify with a construction worker because that teacher has never worked in construction.

This is true in almost every area of life. For someone who's never experienced poverty, truly empathizing with the poor is extremely difficult to do. Or, for someone who's always had access to food and drink, knowing what it's like to experience hunger is, likewise, very difficult. We could go on with examples, but the point remains the same: Those we truly know best are those who have walked a similar path as we have.

There is one thing, though, that we all know and experience. We've all been there before, and in many cases, in similar kinds of ways. That thing is sin. We've tasted it today and yesterday. And, we'll probably taste it tomorrow.

In today's Gospel reading, it's easy — perhaps tempting — to hear Jesus telling us to be sin-finders: Call out the one who sins against you. If they don't listen, then go and get one or two more to help you call the sinner out so they will get the picture. And, if that doesn't work, bring the whole village in. If that still doesn't do the trick, be gone with them. Sounds pretty harsh, doesn't it? If we are a habitual sin-finder, maybe it even sounds enjoyable! In any case, we should pause before jumping to the "Jesus is being harsh" conclusion. Because for those of us who know sin's impact (hint: that's all of us), this passage today has a lot of healing power.

Jesus knows we need each other. He knows those who attempt the journey on their own would be lost — even with a compass and a map. Paul tells the Romans in today's reading that whatever other commandment there may be is summed in this saying: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Even though they never met, Paul and Jesus were on exactly the same page. As a Christian, there just isn't much difference between me and my sisters and brothers. What we do to others, we do to ourselves and vice versa. Jesus knows we need to heal and restore relationships to be a loving community.

People in the Western world might have a hard time with that approach. We like to keep things private. In the case of wrongdoing, that may mean sweeping the issue under the rug. So we're challenged when Jesus steps in and says, "Not so fast folks. You've got some cleanup to do." Our gut instinct is to pretend that Jesus isn't talking to us. He must mean someone else or some other group of people. But what if we genuinely took the last words of this Gospel to heart, and let them frame our whole way of thinking about the matter. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Do you think, with that phrase, that Jesus is interested in punishing us wrongdoers? No way. What he's interested in is restoration, in bringing us to a place of spiritual health. So, for those who are inclined to say nothing to a wayward sister or brother, and for those who are inclined to say everything, just remember: We are a part of them, too. If we took Jesus' words seriously, maybe we would see the beauty in that. More importantly, maybe we would taste the medicine of healing restoration.

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

- Matthew 18:15

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 9 5 pm - Delores Ganjian (L)
Sun., 10 8:30 am - Parishioners
10:30 am -
Mon., 11 9 am-Virginia & Lawrence Fisk
Tue., 12 9 am - Deacon Robert Price
Wed., 13 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
Thu., 14 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 15 9 am - George Brings

Church Picnic



Outdoor Mass & Pot Luck

St. Mary's Parishioners and their families and friends are invited to join together for an outdoor Mass next **Sunday, September 17, at 11 am**. Bring your lawn chairs for the Mass. There will be tables, chairs and a tent for seating. We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Please bring 8-10 servings of YOUR FAVORITE DISH to share with your fellow parishioners. Meats, drinks and paper goods will be provided. There will be live music and fun for all.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic Young Family Life Ministry Join us for a great start of the year! Save the date for Saturday September 30, 10 am. Weather permitting, we will hike together Sugarloaf Mountain with our children. Pack your lunch and be ready for some singing at the top of the mountain. In case of rain, we will get together in the Pavilion for some story time, games, crafts and songs. Hope to meet you and see you soon! Details on meeting point at Sugarloaf to be determined soon. If you have any questions or want to RSVP, please email us at blinibrenda@gmail.com

Second Collection today is the annual offering for the support of the Catholic University of America. We thank you for your support.

Haiti Festival Our Haiti Committee will host a Saturday evening Food Truck Festival, with live music on Saturday, October 7 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. There will be raffles, games and more. Free admission. Proceeds support our twinning ministry at St. Joseph's Parish in Carcasse.

All Souls Cemetery will celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows Mass and Rosary this Friday, September 15 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact All Souls at 301-428-1995.

Knights of Columbus Our Council 6901 recently celebrated the end of the Fraternal year with an appreciation cook-out at the home of the immediate Past Grand Knight Dave & Lady Laura Bivans. Many Brother Knights and spouses were honored for their contributions and support to the Council and Grand Knight over the past 2 1/2 years. Additionally on August 8, 2023, the Council welcomed four new members and advanced three Brothers in the Order's principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. New Knights are welcome! Please visit <http://www.kofc.org> or call GK Tom McCartin at 301- 758-7557 for further information.

Gabriel Project Cluster: Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Women need to know, before they get pregnant, about the help that the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery provides. You can help a pregnant mother in several ways. Clothes gently used or new are needed, especially fall and winter items. Maternity clothes, infant clothes, children's clothes, children's shoes, etc., are all appreciated. Women volunteers (especially bilingual English and Spanish speaking women) are needed to assist client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, formula, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Please visit our Website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact: Brenda Stohlman at stohlman-brendagp@outlook.com