

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

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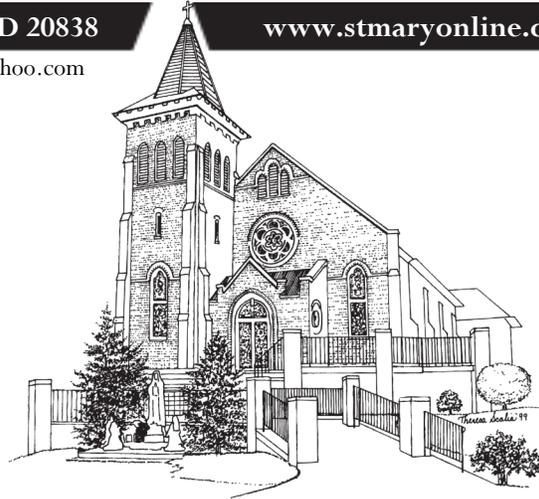
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.*

*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.*



September 10, 2017  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*  
David Cahoon, *Deacon*  
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Rel. Ed.*  
Leslie Poe, *Adm. Asst. Rel. Ed.*  
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*  
Kimball Carpentier, *Organist*  
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Diane Lynch, *Secretary*  
Becky Chmelik, *Sodality*  
Steve Corbeille, *Holy Name*  
Steve Waechter, *Knights of Columbus*

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 9am**

**Sunday Mass:** Saturday Vigil 5pm, Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11am

**First Friday:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30am to Noon

**First Saturday:** Rosary & Our Lady of Fatima Devotions, follow 9am Mass

**Confession:** Saturday at 4:00 pm and by request

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Wedding:** by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact

**Rel. Ed.:** Wednesdays Fall to Spring: **K-5**, 4-5:15pm; **6-8**, 7:30-8:30pm

**H. S. Youth Group** Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm

**School:** Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

**Ham & Turkey Dinner:** Saturday, October 28



**Choristers** are children in grades 3 - 6 who sing for the 11 am Mass twice a month (2nd & 4th Sundays). First rehearsal is Sunday, September 17 at Noon in the rehearsal room in the Parish House. Newcomers are welcome! Parents, please email Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com or call 301-529-3070. Choristers are fully compatible with religious ed. and altar server programs.

**Guitar Students** - grades 6 - 12 who can tune their instrument, and strum basic chords: come and learn how to play for mass once a month, with rehearsals. Watch for rehearsal times soon.

**HS Contemporary Ensemble** - singers and instrumental students in grades 6 - 12, play and sing for mass once a month. Orchestral and band students welcome! Singers do not need prior experience - come and sing the mass with us! We need your help to be our best!

**Adult Choir** is eager for new recruits: rehearsals Thursday 7:30 - 9 pm in the choir loft. Adult choir sings for the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. For all music ministry needs or information contact Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com or call 301-529-3070.

## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 10 11 am - Outdoor Mass  
Pig Roast

Tue., 12 9 am - Exercise  
8 pm - Knights of Columbus

Wed., 13 4:00 - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5  
7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8

Thu., 14 9 am - Exercise  
7:30 pm - Holy Name  
Officers Meeting

Sat., 16 4 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass



*Please Pray For...* Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, John Buckley, Reese

Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, John Curry, A. & V. D'Amore, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Marie Horton, Doris Jeffers, Steve Jones, Michael Kelley, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Jim Lambert, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Carolann Mannix, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Bea Nastacio, Dennis O'Fallan, Joseph Parascondola, Mary Whelan Porter, Stephen Preffitt, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Mary Kate Schneider, Lucille Schultz, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Jerry Stafford, Mike Sutherland, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins, Gertrude White, Donald Williams, Michael Yin, Michael Zahn.

*Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...* Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Dennis Davio, Chase Garrett, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua & Noah Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Kyle Twitchell, Michael Weigand.

## 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 an 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 - Jim & Dolores Suit  
**Sun., 10** 8 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk  
11 am - Parishioners  
**Mon., 11** 9 am - Nancy Daughtry (L)  
**Tue., 12** 9 am - Francis DaVita  
**Wed., 13** 9 am - Irma Victims  
**Thu., 14** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 15** 9 am - Ruth Donahue

### Scripture Readings for the Week of September 11

- Mon., Sept. 11 Col 1:24 – 2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
Tues., Sept. 12 Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
Wed., Sept. 13 Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor  
Thurs., Sept. 14 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Fri., Sept. 15 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Jn 19:25-27  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Sat., Sept. 16 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian,  
bishop, martyrs

**Register today for our School of Religion** today. Classes begin this Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for Grades K – 8. We are looking for Teacher Assistants in grades 3 and 4. We are also looking for Co-teachers in grades 6,7, and 8, and we need help in our high school program. We presently have experienced staff in those grades, but support is always helpful. No experience is necessary, just a love of God and a desire to share. Please contact Liz Smith, with any questions at 301-972-8576 or 301-651-3353.

**New Parish Photo Directory coming soon!** Sign up today for your slot to have an individual, senior/grad, pet and/or family photo sessions. Sign up at the table in the pavilion today or next weekend at the parish picnic. Or beat the rush and get the time you want by going online to schedule now. We want everyone in the directory! No purchase necessary. To help or for more information call Jill at 301-642-9538. Anyone interested in helping is invited to a committee meeting, Wednesday, September 6 at 10:30 am in the parish office. Mark your calendars for photo appointments Thursday, Sept. 28 - Saturday, September 30 or Monday, October 2 - Tuesday, October 3. Online sign ups at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3r4jc2y/>

**Parish email list** If you would like to be included in parish emails, please make sure the best email(s) to reach you are on file with the office. An email was sent out last week regarding the photo directory. If you did not get it, then we do not have your correct email. Please help us help you. Send emails to [stmarysb@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysb@yahoo.com).

**The Annual Golf Tournament**, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus in memory of Michael Poe will be Friday, September 29. Fee is \$100. Teams are welcome. Contact Ben Snouffer at 301-972-8149 or [snouffer65@comcast.net](mailto:snouffer65@comcast.net) to sign up.

**RCIA - Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Or do you wish you knew more about the Catholic faith? Our Rite of Christian Initiation will begin shortly. We warmly welcome those who are seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. Please speak with Fr. Kevin or Deacon Dave for more information.

**The Haiti Committee** is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to collect donations of wedding gowns and ship them to consignment stores to raise money for Haiti. Costs of shipping etc. are paid by the sale proceeds. This is a very important fundraiser for our mission as it brings in funds from outside sources. Please contact Susan Jamison at [susanjamison3@gmail.com](mailto:susanjamison3@gmail.com) or 301-525-1555 for more information.

**The Parish Library** run by the Sodality is seeking donations of VHS or DVD players to loan out with our tapes, as well as donations of children's and adult's religious themed VHS tapes, DVDs, books, and CDs. Please leave donations in the parish house under the kitchen table marked "library" or bring them to the next Donut Sunday. Thank you.

**Prayer hotline** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer our parish has a text prayer group sponsored by the Sodality. Please text your prayer needs to Susan at 301-525-1555 for inclusion. If you would like to join the text prayer group, please let Susan know.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Mass** will be held at All Souls Cemetery this Friday, September 15 at 5 pm. Since the early days of the Church, believers have found consolation and hope in the companionship of Our Lady in prayer at the cemetery. Come join us.

**Defend Life - September Lecture** Come hear Terry Beatley share the story of the "abortion King" at St. Joseph's on Carrolton Manor Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. The talk is preceded by a free pasta dinner at 6:30 pm. RSVP to Jose Rector at 301-928-1083 or [RectorJKMM@comcast.net](mailto:RectorJKMM@comcast.net).