

# 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.*



October 1, 2017  
26th 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

**Ministry & Donut Sunday** is today after mass. Come visit all our organizations and ministries. Have some wine and cheese or donuts and chat with those involved. Consider volunteering for something new.



**The Ham & Turkey Dinner is coming on October 28, 2017.** Sign-ups begin today at Ministry Day in the Pavilion. Get your favorite spot early. Mark your calendars to help us with this second largest fundraiser of our year.



**Blessing of Animals** takes place today, October 1, near the Feast of Francis of Assisi, at 1:00 pm outside the Rectory. All are welcome.

**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.

## WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 1	<b>Donuts &amp; Ministry Day</b> Noon - 4 pm - Sugarloaf 400
Mon. 2	2 - 8:30 pm - Directory Pics.
Tue., 3	9 am - Exercise 2 - 8:30 pm - Directory Pics.
Wed., 4	4:00 - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5 7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8 7:00 - HS Youth Group
Thu., 5	9 am - Exercise 7:30 - 9 pm - Choir Reh.
Sat., 7	9 am - Mass & Devotions 4 pm - Confession 5 pm - Mass

### *Please Pray For...* Frank & Louise



Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, David Bingaman, 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,

"What is your opinion?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus states the very question posed in this article's title. Amazingly enough, he seems to want feedback! Jesus wants to know, not just what the leaders of the temple thought back then, but what you and I think right now.

So, what is your opinion? What do you think of this story that he proceeds to tell about the two sons who are sent out to work in a vineyard?

Here's my opinion: You and I are both of these sons. At times we're people who say all the right things, follow all the right rules, profess a belief in all the most important ideas about God and church, and present ourselves as upstanding citizens for all to see. At other times, we change our minds and find ourselves slipping into behaviors that imply a denial of all that we profess to believe. In other words, we're the "Yes, sir" people who then "did not go" in today's Gospel.

Sometimes. At other times, we're the people who resist what we know to be the right thing to do. We're the "I will not" person of today's Gospel who "afterwards changed his mind and went."

So, we're a mix. Sometimes we say one thing and do another. Other times, we refuse to do the right thing, but then repent and seek forgiveness.

Here's another opinion of mine: Where you and I stumble the most is precisely in the area that Jesus keeps emphasizing over and over — our attitudes and behaviors toward the very people Jesus claims will be first in the kingdom of God — the people the Jewish leaders at that time considered unclean; the people they believed should be avoided at all costs, ignored, dismissed from the temple, and viewed as impure.

Two millennia later from the time in which this Gospel was written, these very same people are the ones we still tend to designate to be "impure": the homeless, the mentally ill, the imprisoned, the immigrants.

And yet, these are precisely the ones Jesus embraced; the ones he allowed to wash his feet with their tears and dry them with their hair; the ones he told us would be first in the kingdom of God.

How can this be? Why would Jesus choose them?

Most of us, after all, would have the opinion that we're the hard-working ones; we're the ones who have demonstrated will power and obedience and strength of character — and all those other qualities that make for good citizens and loyal churchgoers.

Perhaps the opinion of St. Paul in the beautiful and poignant reading from Philippians we hear today will suggest a response to this statement: "Have in you the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus ... who ... emptied himself taking the form of a slave."

All the people listed in the Gospel by Jesus as being first are those who are powerless, "emptied" people. They are people who have been brought to their knees by terrible hardship even to the point of being forced to "take the form of a slave."

But, here's the surprise: What little they do have in their lives is the very thing Jesus is most looking for — room for God. They now have the space for the Spirit to become operative so that true transformation can take place.

This was the opinion of Jesus: The people most pre-disposed to radical change in their lives were those who had nothing to lose, people who were not just hungry, but starving for liberation and transformation.

So, in the end, my opinion is still the same as that of Paul: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus ... who ... emptied himself taking the form of a slave."

What is your opinion?

**Fr. Kevin**

## WORSHIP



"Which of the two did his father's will?"

- Matthew 21:31

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 30** 5 pm - Debbie Passarell (L)  
**Sun., 1** 8 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk  
 9:30 am - Jim Suit  
 11 am - Parishioners  
**Mon., 2** 9 am - Carmella Lee (L)  
**Tue., 3** 9 am - Jonathan Herran  
**Wed., 4** 9 am -  
**Thu., 5** 9 am - Agnes Burch (L)  
**Fri., 6** 9 am -

### Scripture Readings for the Week of October 2

- Mon., Oct 2 Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10  
Guardian Angels  
 Tues., Oct. 3 Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
 Wed., Oct. 4 Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
Francis of Assisi  
 Thurs., Oct. 5 Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12  
 Fri., Oct. 6 Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
 Sat., Oct. 7 Bar 4:5-29; Lk 10:17-24  
Our Lady of the Rosary

**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.

**Fatima Closing Lunch** Plan on joining us on Sunday, October 15 as we close the 100th year of Fatima at the 11 am Mass, followed by a catered lunch in the Pavilion. You must rsvp for the lunch planners. Call or email the parish office by October 9.

### New Parish Photo Directory

Picture appointments are early this week. Sign up for photo appointments Monday, October 2 - Tuesday, October 3. Online sign ups at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3r4jc2y/>

**Flame of Love Rosary** has moved to Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the home of Joy & Tom McCartin at 20100 Beallsville Road. All are welcome for rosary, prayers and coffee.

**Children's Liturgy** continues today during the 9:30 am Mass in the parish house. We now have 2 groups for 3 - 6 year olds and a group for older children from 7 - 10 year olds.

**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.

**Maryland Catholic Women's Conference** Join Archbishop Lori, Sr. Helena Burnes and Jonn Leonetti at "*Fire Within*" to be held October 6 - 8th at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. Join other women from around the state for prayer, praise and adoration. Cost for women 18+ is \$65. The cost for just Saturday is \$55. For more information see [marylandcatholicwomen.com](http://marylandcatholicwomen.com).

**The Ham & Turkey Dinner is coming on October 28th.** Sign-ups begin next weekend. Mark your calendars to help us with this second largest fundraiser of our year. Gertrude or Pat will be outside for your donations to help defray the cost.

**Crafts Wanted** Our Fall Dinner is October 28. Please consider making and / or donating crafts for the craft table. New ideas and neat things are always welcome. Wooden crafts, candles, soap, winter wreaths, purses, baby blankets and baby items, etc. are needed. For more information contact Joy McCartin at [joymccartin@comcast.net](mailto:joymccartin@comcast.net).

**Christmas Items Needed** for our Christmas booth at the October Dinner. If you have slightly used decorations or holiday items, please drop them off in the storage room under the Pavilion.

**Instrumentalists Wanted** students and adults, if you play an instrument and would consider playing for mass, please visit the music ministry table at the Fr. Reid Pavilion, while visiting with fellow parishioners at Donuts after mass today. You can also email the director of music, [dyendrey98@gmail.com](mailto:dyendrey98@gmail.com) for more information.

**No Eucharistic Devotion** on this first Friday, October 6. The pastoral team will all be in Fatima, Portugal.



**Altar Flowers**

this week

are in

Celebration of the Wedding of  
John Donovan and Charlotte Riggs