

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

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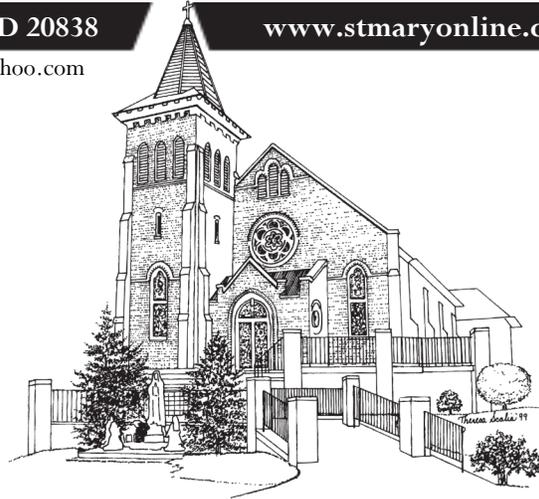
Mary of Nazareth School: 301.869.0940

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.

November 5, 2017
31st 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

All Souls Remembrance - In November we pray together for all our beloved dead. Please turn in your envelopes with the names of people you want remembered so they can be recorded to be read aloud at all Masses during the month. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule of church. Today at 11am Mass we will read aloud all the names of those who have been buried from our Church this past year, lighting candles in their memory.



Parish Library The Library has now expanded its children's selections to include the Holy Heroes CD set and EWTN's Saints DVDS set. Check them out every first Sunday at donuts.

Retired Priests Collection The annual collection for Retired Priests in the Archdiocese of Washington is today. Please use the second collection envelopes that have been mailed to you and/or the special envelopes that will be placed in the pews. There is currently a shortfall in funding priests' retirement, and the archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall. The priests of the archdiocese have been there for you and your families. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.

Dresses for Haiti Please donate your beautiful evening dresses and bridal gowns to help our twin parish in Carcasse. Tax exempt. Email Susanfo@msn.com. Find us on Facebook: Brides for Haiti.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 5	Donuts 10:30 am - Sodality
Mon., 6	7:30 pm - RCIA
Tue., 7	9 am - Exercise
Wed., 8	4 pm - Religious Ed. Grs.K-5 7:30 - Religious Ed. Grs.6-8
Thu., 9	9 am - Exercise 7:30 - 9 pm – Choir Reh.
Sat., 11	4:15 pm - Confession 5 pm - Mass



Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sally Benson, David Bingaman, Pattie Bittner, John Buckley, Reese Burdette, Linda Burke, Maddie Cabatic, Ada Candor, Brian Carnahan, Gloria Carrico, Donna Cartwright, Dot Crawford, John Curry, A. & V. D'Amore, Nancy Daughtry, Dana DeLauter, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, 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, Misty Runyon, Mary Kate Schneider, Lucille Schultz, Teresa Silverman, Jim Slagle, Nancy Slattery, Angela Smith, Mary Lou Smith, Kyra Sosna, Jerry Stafford, Hai Tran, Jean Trotter, Mary Kate Truesdale, Rich Volpe, Darlene Watson, Wilbur Watkins, Harold Watson, 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,

There used to be a billboard on Interstate 70 that said: "Don't make me come down there!" It was signed, "God." That just might sum up the first reading and Gospel we hear this week.

This is a four-aces Sunday for everybody who thrives on criticizing the hierarchy and clergy. Malachi lambasts corrupt priests, and Jesus is on a roll as he goes after the hypocritical religious leaders of his day. That can make us, the people in the pews, feel nice and comfy until we remember that the Gospel is designed to call us to conversion, not to reinforce our self-righteousness.

Remember how at the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus told Peter that he was going to be led where he didn't want to go? Squirming Peter responded by pointing to the beloved disciple and asking, "What about him?" Jesus answered, "What concern is it of yours? You follow me." If we take that advice, we will look to what these readings call us to do, and pray that others do the same.

Today's Gospel brings us into the core of Jesus' moral teaching. What Jesus demands of the people of the covenant is integrity, being who you say you are, and making all your behavior an expression of your beliefs, no matter the cost.

Jesus' integrity allowed him to heal on the Sabbath. He knew that God's will was for the well-being of people, no matter the cult restrictions. Integrity led Jesus to the cross because his life meant nothing if he was not faithful to his Father. Integrity means that you have learned what life means and you live your life like you mean it.

What made Jesus both popular and frightening was that he never stopped talking about the real meaning of life. "You are worth more than many sparrows," "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul," "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" the law and the prophets.

Jesus censured the scribes and Pharisees because they said all the right words while they used their position to their own advantage, wasting little concern on God's people. They loved to expound on God's law, but were adroit at avoiding its requirements in their personal life. They could tell others what they should do, but did nothing to help them accomplish it. Displaying their religious regalia and making public displays of their piety, they had fallen into a trap of seeking attention and admiration rather than cultivating a relationship with God.

Their teaching was empty. That was bad for them, but worse, it endangered the vitality of the word of God. Hypocritical preaching is far more grievous than no preaching at all. It is destructive, which is another way of saying that it's diabolical.

So, back to us in the pews. What did Jesus want the ordinary folk in his audience to hear when he went after the scribes and Pharisees? He made one thing crystal clear: "Do not follow their example." He went on to tell them, call no one your teacher, father or master, but look for the ones who serve. They are the ones showing the way to God.

There are many kinds of service today, but one we may be short on is the service of being willing to talk about the core questions of life. Polite people have been taught to avoid conversations about religion and politics because some people don't want to be confrontational. Talk about your football team, the weather, even the hierarchy, but don't risk being offensive by saying what you really believe is right or meaningful. Keep your integrity hidden under a bushel basket.

A couple of years ago, columnist David Brooks lamented that public discourse has become "undermoralized and overpoliticized." He said, "We have many shows where people argue about fiscal policy but not so many on how to find a vocation or how to measure the worth of your life" (*The New York Times*, May 15, 2015). If we want to avoid the superficiality Jesus criticized, we will begin to engage in meaningful discussions.

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WORSHIP



“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Matthew 23:12

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 4 5 pm - Bart Green
 Sun., 5 8 am - Parishioners
 9:30 am - Lynn Dziwura
 11 am - Virginia & Irving Fisk
 Mon., 6 9 am - All Souls
 Tue., 7 9 am - All Souls
 Wed., 8 9 am - Eucharistic Service
 Thu., 9 9 am - Eucharistic Service
 Fri., 10 9 am - All Souls

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 6

- Mon., Nov. 6 | Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tues., Nov. 7 | Rom 12:5-15ab; Lk 14:15-24
 Wed., Nov. 8 | Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
 Thurs., Nov. 9 | Ez 47:1-12; 1 Cor 3:9-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 Fri., Nov. 10 | Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 Leo the Great, pope & doctor
 Sat., Nov. 11 | Rom 16:3-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Martin of Tours, bishop



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The clergy are not the only ones called to proclaim the Word. We are all baptized to be a priestly, prophetic people.

The billboard message made a point, but also missed a point. God has come down here and has given us the mission to make that obvious in word and deed.

Fr. Kevin



Food Drive We always welcome donations of non-perishable food items for WUMCO. As we reach the holiday season we ask for your help to provide food baskets to local needy families. We are pledged to feed 20 local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please leave donations in the entranceway of church.

Ushers Wanted for 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday. This mass is in need of at least 2 ushers who can cover one or two masses per month on a regular basis. Training will be provided. Please contact Roger Hayden, 301-325-4606 or rah22222@netscape.net.

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School invites you to attend open house on Thursday, November 9 between 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Children and parents are welcome to join our classrooms, meet our talented faculty, and tour our beautiful campus. RSVP at <https://www.maryofnazareth.org/admissions/visit-us/> to attend an open house or to schedule a tour. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram for a preview of the exciting things happening at our school!

Rosary Repair Jim Bowie, a parishioner repairs rosaries. If you have one in need of repair, place it in an envelope with your name and contact information and leave it in the container in the church vestibule. He will contact you when repairs are completed.

St. John's Prep You are invited to attend an open house at Saint John's Catholic Prep located in historic Buckeystown, MD today, November 5th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301-662-4210 or emailadmissions@saintjohnsprep.org.

HAM & TURKEY DINNER

REPORT

Dinners In	\$ 5,897.00
Carry-Outs	\$ 3,992.00
Credit Card Sales	\$ 4,806.17
Baked Goods	\$ 1,730.00
Christmas Stand	\$ 623.25
Cake Wheel	\$ 726.60
Cider & Pumpkins	\$ 396.00
Arts & Crafts	\$ 938.00
Country Store	\$ 548.20
Post Kitchen Sales	\$ 869.00
Pre-Donations	\$ 4,058.00
Total	\$ 24,584.72

What a glorious day we had! The Dining Room seemed light at Noon but picked up, and from 1:30pm on was filled. Many thanks to all who worked so hard, our youth and adults, to make our Dinner a success. You are truly faithful stewards of God's gifts! May God Bless you all!

Thank You!



Altar Flowers

This weekend are in Celebration of the wedding of

Matthew Jesse Sahadi

&

Valerie Lynn Hassler