

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

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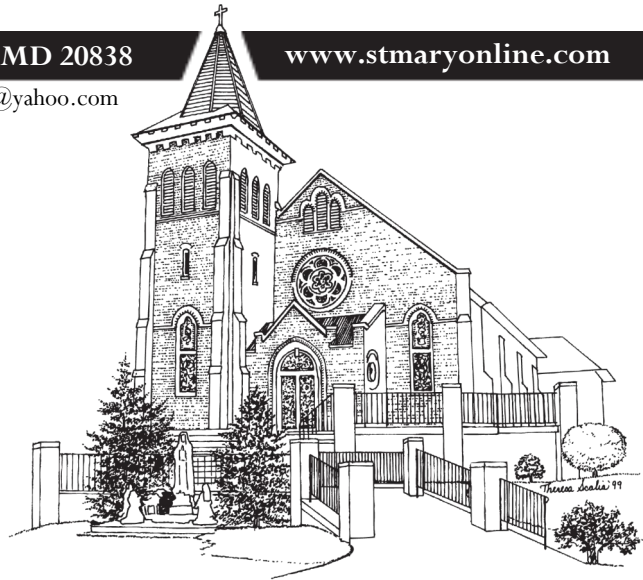
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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit
-filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to
share God's blessings.*

February 11, 2018
6th 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 4:15 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

Ash Wednesday is this week, February 14. Masses with the distribution of Ashes will be at 9 am, 4:15 pm and 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Baby Bottles for Life As part of our Lenten offerings we will offer baby bottles for you to collect loose change during Lent and donate them to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center at Easter. Perhaps you could offer up money you are saving from giving something up. Bottles are in the church this weekend.

Pray for our Seminarians and Those in Consecrated Life Please take a moment today to stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the Sanctuary. This year's tree has cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of the Church.

Lenten materials for Children and Adults, including the **Little Purple Books** for kids and the **Little Black Books** for adults, **The Word Among Us** for Lent, and more helpful calendars and readings materials for young and old are available in the church this morning.

WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 11 9 am - Holy Name
Noon - Choristers

Mon., 12 7:30 pm - RCIA

Tue., 13 9 am - Exercise Class
6 - 8 pm - Pancake Supper

Wed., 14 9 am - Mass
4 pm & 7:30 pm - Rel. Ed.
4:20 pm - Mass
7:30 pm - Mass

Thu., 15 9 am - Exercise Class

Fri., 16 5:30 - 8 pm - Fish Dinner
7 pm - Confession
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat., 17 4:15 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass

Please Pray For... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, Sallie Benson, Pattie Bittner, Jim Bowie, 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, Dennis Edward, Carma Eggers, Lucy Ehart, Gary Evans, Martha Anne Gehring, Kate Gowans, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Marie Horton, Doris Jeffers, Nancy Johnson, Steve Jones, Michael Kelley, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Jim Lambert, Bernice Lewandowski, David Liska Sr., Mary White Lok, Colleen Loss, Carolann Mannix, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Gary Mann, Gaile McBride, Theresa Morace, Bea Nastacio, Dennis O'Fallan, Lauren Prete, Trevor Pu, Brooke Randle, Rex Reed, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Salvatore Romano, Beaumont Ross, Misty Runyon, 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, 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,

Moved with anger. Feeling sorry for him. His heart melted with compassion — these are some of the various Scripture translations describing Jesus's response of being "moved with pity" when encountering the leper.

Yet the term, *splagchinizomai*, a Greek word for compassion describing Jesus' reaction, best translates as having one's intestines or insides poured out in response. Jesus responded to the leper from deep within himself.

In the time of Jesus, leprosy referred to a variety of skin conditions including scales or distorted skin growth. Considered repulsive, impure and something to be avoided, it was believed that those who developed leprosy were sinners being punished by God. They violated the law which said the body should be whole and holy like God's. So, as we hear in Leviticus, lepers were ostracized and separated from the community so as not to contaminate others.

No one was allowed to touch a leper for fear that they, too, could become unclean. So that no one would inadvertently do this, lepers were required to alert people of their approach by their appearance and warning cries of "Unclean! unclean!" The Mediterranean culture in which Jesus lived was group-oriented where people were connected to one another and lived communally. Yet, lepers became isolated outcasts, cut off from their physical and spiritual community.

Jesus touches the leper. He does the unthinkable, exposing himself to impurity as defined by his culture. Mark tells us Jesus reacts with compassion from deep within himself. The fear of ritual impurity does not stop him. The barriers and divisions do not hold for Jesus. His touch heals. He touches those who seem beyond hope: outcasts, the sick, women, the poor, sinners. Even though his culture banished or separated people to protect the society, he is not deterred. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the typical barriers and distinctions the community erected are not hurdles for Jesus; God's reign is beyond human boundaries.

Jesus restores those he touched to the community, to their rightful place among the people of God. All are gathered and embraced by the power of God's grace, healing and forgiveness. Jesus brings them home.

Redemptorist Fr. John F. Craghan says, "We are inclined to think that salvation is single file." We think it is our task to get ourselves to God and into heaven. But, Jesus did not walk single file. He made God's reign possible and present by gathering those who were banished and alienated, and by touching and healing those whom no one would touch. Jesus taught disciples to walk together side by side toward God's reign and salvation. As they walk, they gather into the reign of God those who are separated from the community, the ones lost on the path, cut off by fences or borders, those left alone in ditches or on death row. Disciples walk alongside those who are sick and dying from disease, poverty and loneliness. They companion the homeless, orphaned and undocumented while embracing those ostracized because of their religion, skin color, sexual orientation or immigration status.

Mark's Jesus is a messianic figure on the move. There is an urgency to his proclamation about the reign of God. Jesus went to neighboring towns to preach, wasting no time on theological development or long speeches. Instead, Jesus invited followers to "Come after me" and demonstrated the radical way they were to act. There is work to be done to preach the good news of God's coming reign. The leper understood; he could not stay quiet. After his healing, he went forth and told others.

There is work to be done, good news to proclaim, people to walk alongside. God's embrace is wider than we can imagine. Come and see, come follow me.

Peace,

Fr. Kevin

WORSHIP



"If you wish, you can make me clean."

- Mark 1:40

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 10** 5 pm - Irma Durgavich
Sun., 11 8 am - Parishioners
 9:30 am - Gertrude White
 11am - Fr. O'Grady (L)
Mon., 12 9 am - Ed Murray (L)
Tue., 13 9 am - Jean Murray (L)
Wed., 14 9 am -
 4:15 pm - Kaleel Rizk
 7:30 pm -
Thu., 15 9 am - Eucharistic Service
Fri., 16 9 am - Mary Ann Wilson

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 12

- Mon** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13
Tue Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21
Wed Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Fri Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Sat Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32



SHROVE TUESDAY

6 - 8 pm in the Pavilion. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, chocolate & white milk & coffee. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$20 for a family, up to six. Invite your friends and neighbors. We'll have plenty of Mardi Gras beads for the kids. Please call 301-972-8660 and give us a headcount for planning purposes. If you can help in the kitchen, call the parish office to volunteer.



Lenten Meals Join our Knights of Columbus

as they host Friday's dinner, February 16 from 5:30 - 8 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. Dinner will feature fish, baked ziti, salad bar, garlic bread, fries, fish sticks and more. The cost is \$8 per person and \$25 for a family.

Stations of the Cross are on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 pm in the Church.

The Light is On for You! This Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 4:15 pm, come and experience the simple generosity of God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Bible Study Join Fr. Kevin on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Rectory for a look into the coming Sunday's Scripture.



The St. Patrick's Party

is coming on Saturday, March 10 from 6 -10 pm in the Pavilion. Make plans to join us. The band, the food, the bread, the dancers: They'll all be back.

Antique Show & Sale, February 17 and 18

Take a step back in time at the Antique Show and Sale at historic St. Mary's Church in Barnesville, Maryland. Appraisals, antique insights, silent auction, fine food, antique raffle & antique sales by multiple dealers. Saturday 2/17 and Sunday 2/18 from 11 AM - 5 PM at 18230 Barnesville Road, Barnesville. Two for One admission with this bulletin. For more info contact info@saintmarysantiques.com.

Mother Teresa Vocation Society Morning of Recollection

Would you like to join members of the Mother Teresa Vocation Society in praying for an increase in vocations and for our current seminarians, priests, and religious? Father Aaron Qureshi will lead a Morning of Recollection on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at St. Peter's Parish in Olney (2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD 20832). The morning will include Mass, breakfast, a reflection, adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for confession. Mass will be offered at 8:30 a.m., and the rest of the program will run from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. You do not need to be a member of MTVS to attend - all are welcome! For more information, please visit www.dcpriest.org or contact Maris Moriarty at moriartym@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

Volunteers welcomed Mrs. Ryba's first grade class at Mary of Nazareth is in need of several people to volunteer an hour or so between 9 am - Noon on a Monday or Friday this month to have the children read to them. Call Fr. Kevin to schedule a visit.

Tax Statements for 2017 are available from the parish office. Please call or email us and we can email or mail them to you.



Welcomed in Baptism

Hadley Belle Normoyle
 child of Richard & Cody
 Normoyle

and

Cashel James Smith

child of Joshua & Laura Smith