

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.*



June 10, 2018

10th 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, *Bookkeeper*
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
143rd Annual Chicken Dinner -July 28, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Life is filled with challenges and often consumed with activities, whether at work or school. Many struggle to find time to even share a meal with their families. Time is at such a premium that often the important relationships in our lives take a back seat to the pressures of the day. If a crisis should appear — an illness in the family, loss of a job, a struggling marriage — the challenge can become unbearable, straining already tenuous relationships.

It was no different for Jesus and his followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus' young ministry is faced with many of the same challenges that face us. Jesus has just appointed his apostles, 12 men of varying backgrounds and life experiences — men who will soon understand the demands of discipleship, the sacrifices they will be called to make. Eager to learn from Jesus, they must have wondered what they had gotten themselves into in those early days.

Jesus and his apostles are challenged with a growing group of people putting great demands on their time. They are confronted by the non-believers, the naysayers, those who fear Jesus. And, they are challenged by what the demands of discipleship will do to their personal relationships, their relationships with family and friends.

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WEEK-at-a-GLANCE

Sun., 10 9 am - Holy Name
12:30 pm - Server Training
Tue., 12 9 am - Exercise Class
4 pm - Deanery Cook Out
8 pm - Knights of Columbus
Thu., 14 9 am - Exercise Class
Sat., 16 4:15 pm - Confession
5:30 - Haiti Chicken Dinner



Please Pray For.... Frank & Louise Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Robert Baumler, 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, Michael Dillon, Kevin Dorsey, Bro. Edwin Dupre, Dennis Edward, 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, Christine O'Connell, 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, Lin Selby, 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, Sue Wells, Michael Zahn.

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

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The scene in today's Gospel is one of chaos, of crowds so demanding the disciples find it impossible "even to eat." Jesus' family, concerned with how his actions reflect on them, claim he is out of his mind. The scribes, fearful of the growing crowd, say Jesus himself is possessed.

And how does Jesus respond? As he so often does, with a parable; with a story meant to guide the listener to look at life from another perspective. To look at life's challenges, not from society's norms, but from the perspective of the Father's love, one that calls us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be his children.

Jesus says "if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand" (Mark 3:25). How do we act when faced with challenge or stress in our life? How do we treat others, especially when our own belief system is questioned? Sometimes when challenged, our actions are self-centered, borne out of stubbornness, selfishness, hurt or fear. We fail to act with compassion. It is at these times that we feel our "house" begin to collapse, to fall around us.

If we are to live as Christ taught us, to love one another, to help each other journey together, our house must be built with Christ at the center — built with humility, forgiveness, understanding, love. To build our lives, our house with anything less, is to invite disaster. To live our lives with these virtues is to invite others to participate in the saving grace of God's love. It allows God to transform others by opening our hearts to the Spirit. By living our lives with love, we invite others to become our brothers and sisters, our family.

"Family" was everything during Jesus' time, defining status, wealth, security. Without family, a person was lost and without any support. Yet Jesus redefines what family is, who family is. In the closing verses of today's Gospel, Jesus presents the greatest challenge to his followers then and to us: "Who are my mother and my brothers? And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'" (Mark 3:33-35).

Jesus reminds us of this as he hung upon the cross. Looking down from the cross, he said, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother" (John 19:26-27).

A friend of mine once remarked that being a Christian is not an insurance policy against anything bad happening. What it does mean is that Jesus will always be with us. Challenges, too, will always be with us. But those challenges help us grow in our faith, give us strength for the journey, help us grow closer to our Lord.

Peace, Fr. Kevin

Congratulations Sodality Winners St. Mary's Sodality has awarded the scholarship winners for 2018. In first place is Dillyn Payne for \$700. In second place is Taylor Bird for \$500. In third place is Cecillia Stohlman for \$300. These entrants submitted written essays to answer the question of how they will spread their faith in college. Each year we receive wonderful entries, and this year was no different. Congratulations to the winners!

WORSHIP



"Who are my mother
and my brothers?"
- Mark 3:33

Mass Intentions

- Sat., 9 5 pm - Parishioners
 Sun., 10 8 am - John Slattery (L)
 9:30 am - Edwin Stengard
 11 am -
 Mon., 11 9 am - Joseph Elston (L)
 Tue., 12 9 am - Josefina Asoy Co
 Wed., 13 9 am - Lloyd & Louise Jones
 Thu., 14 9 am - Eucharistic Service
 Fri., 15 9 am - Bart Green

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 11

- Mon., 11 2 Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
 St. Barnabas, Apostle
 Tues., 12 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
 Wed., 13 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
 St. Anthony of Padua
 Thu., 14 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
 Fri., 15 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
 Sat., 16 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37

Cardinal's Annual Appeal Thank you! We have reached 97% of our goal to the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal. We have pledges of \$39,736 out of our goal of \$40,946. It is not too late to help St. Mary's exceed our goal by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate!

College Cantor Program Attention college students home for the summer, St. Mary's Director of Music offers a training program with stipend. Audition required. Email now for more information: dyendrey98@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School:

Save the date of July 9 - 13 for a fun-filled VBS. The theme is "Rise Up - Called in Your Dreams". This is always an exciting week of fun-filled prayer experiences. God called many famous people in the Bible through their dreams. He continues to call us today. Sign-ups have begun. Adults (Virtus trained) and young people willing to help should contact Brenda Murtha at breezegs@verizon.net.

Spring Cleaning? White Elephant time is upon us. The Chicken Dinner will be here before we know it. Please place your slightly used items in the storage room under the sun room. Please donate items that you would want to buy if you needed them. We always need decent donations. No clothing, or electronics please.

Our Sanctuary Choir If you sing or play an instrument, please consider offering your time and talent. Contact our Director of Music and Liturgy, Diane Yendrey at dyendrey98@gmail.com



Bill Lynch's Famous Fried Chicken for Haiti

Come to a wonderful dinner in the country featuring Bill's famous fried chicken to benefit our twinning parish of St. Joseph in Carcasse, Haiti. It is this Saturday, June 16 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm in the Pavilion. Reservations are \$20 in advance only. Today is the last day to make a reservation. No walk-ins allowed.

Religious Education Needs

Even though classes have ended for the spring, there always remains a need for more volunteer help. Volunteers are an essential component of faith formation, whether you are a catechist, substitute catechist, before care helper, or preparing children for Liturgy, or helping with Liturgy of the Word for children on Sundays. We encourage parishioners, parents, high school students to share your faith with our youth. Please contact Liz Smith our Director of Faith Formation at 301-972-8576 or liz1949@aol.com.

Natural Family Planning More effective than IVF, as effective as the Pill, "drug free, device free, effective family planning". Natural family planning networked with women's health: free consults, one on one and Online options: www.metroDCfertilitycareRN.com to register for free Intro Sessions at Holy Cross Hospital locations, and find a list of doctors who collaborate. Call Therese Rodriguez, RN for more information at 301-512-7451. Next session is June 26 at Holy Cross Silver Spring from 7 - 9 pm.

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center

Saving Lives - Supporting Families. Want to be involved in pro-life work? Consider volunteering at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as a volunteer counselor. Training consists of 8 classes held Mon./Thurs. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates are July 19,23,26,30, Aug. 2,6,9,13. For details, call Jackie Stippich at 301-963-6223.



Summer Food Drive Non-perishable groceries are needed for children in D.C. Please bring bags of food to donate to church over the next two weekends, June 17 - 24. The food is to help Catholic agencies feed the District's children who are normally fed at school during the school year. God bless you for your generosity. Please, no outdated food.