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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of May 11, 2025, Calendar of Events
Monday May 12:
Tuesday, May 13: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday May 14: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday, May 15: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli
In Good Shepherd Social Hall
ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM-- COME JOIN US
Friday, May 16 :
Saturday, May 17: 4:00 Mass

COLLECTION 05/03/2025	
# of Registered Families	395
# of Envelopes Used	110
Offertory Collection	\$2468.00
Loose Offertory	\$160.00

**Altar Candles the week of
MAY 11 thru MAY 17, 2025**

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CATHERINE IACINO
From LuAnn Iacino
MARY CHERVINKO
From Fran Chervinko

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
HELEN “TOOTS” SCARMACK
From Daughters
CARL & VERA PICCIOTTO
From Wally& Judy Carpenter & Family

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
FRANK & AGNES AIELLO
From The Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week were donated in memory of
Rose Lombardi
From The Family

Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, May 10 at 4:00 pm	Robert Ost Christine Incerto	Wife, Mary & Family Anita, Tessa Michael & Ryan Incerto
Monday, May 12 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, May 16 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	The Napolitan Family
Saturday, May 17 at 4:00 pm	Sebastiano Grasso Marie Capson	Vincenzia Grasso Carol & Gary

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Dolly Szugye	Bette Green Jean Burke	Joe Perrico J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
MAY 17				

- Bulletin Expansion – There has been positive feedback from the parishioners about the parish bulletin. Linda Klenke volunteered to contact local businesses to put an ad on the back cover to help defray the cost of printing.

- Removal of back pews – Father Whitman stated at this time the removal of the back pews is on hold.

- Social Gatherings – There were between 75 to 100 parishioners that attended the social gatherings after the Anointing of the Sick/Ash Wednesday Masses. There will be coffee/donuts after Easter Sunday Mass.

New Topics:

- Joe Perrico distributed the original Pieta Prayer Book to all Council Members.
- Father Whitman shared with the Council that The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Tour is scheduled for the Erie Diocese from May 1 to May 8, 2025. Father Whitman distributed a schedule of events for Our Lady of Fatima Parish that will be held on May 8, 2025.
- Joanne Horner requested an approved budget for Easter flowers and outdoor planting. Joanne submitted an itemized price list for the plants and mulch needed for the church and cemetery. In addition to the flower budget, Joanne submitted an itemized list for cleaning of the church and office. Father Whitman thanked Joanne for the information and suggested that she meet with him to discuss the details of each list after the Council meeting. Father Whitman asked her to bring a copy of the itemized list of the church cleaning.
- Jerry Miller requested the possibility of having a Sunday mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Father Whitman explained to the Council that due to the shortage of priests for weekend coverage, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will continue to only have a Saturday Mass.
- Education/Information – Our Lady of Fatima Parish now has a website that includes our weekly bulletin. (fatimafarrell.org) Father Whitman invited Our Lady of Fatima parishioners to share the educational website (formed.org) that is currently used by Good Shepard Parish. Additional information about the website will be included in an upcoming bulletin.

The next Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm with Father Glen Whitman leading the closing meeting prayer.

Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Council Meeting
March 31, 2025 – 5:30pm

In Attendance: Father Glenn Whitman, Debra Andrusky, Elizabeth Green, Joann Horner, Linda Klenke, Jerry Miller, Joe Perrico. Pam Rabold

Father Glen Whitman called the meeting to order and lead the opening prayer.

The council read the minutes from the January 27, 2025, meeting. After reviewing the minutes, no corrections were noted, and the minutes were approved by the council members.

Election of Officers

- Debbie Andrusky nominated Joe Perrico for president of the council and was seconded by Jerry Miller. The council voted and unanimously elected Joe Perrico as President of the Parish Council.
- Linda Klenke nominated Bette Green for secretary of the council and was seconded by Debbie Andrusky. The council voted and unanimously elected Bette Green as Secretary of the Parish Council.

Parish Updates:

- Cemetery Report – An estimate to repair the roof and windows of the chapel will be scheduled. The estimate will be scheduled by Tom Cimoric with an Amish builder (Levi) who has done previous work for the church.
- Eucharistic Minister Training – The training was held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 9:30am. The installation of all Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the 4:00pm mass.
- Parish Council Constitution – Father Whitman suggested that a committee needed to be set up to revise the Parish Council Constitution. Bette Green nominated Linda Klenke and Jerry Miller to the committee and was seconded by Debbie Andrusky. The council voted and unanimously elected Linda Klenke and Jerry Miller to serve on the committee. Father Whitman told Linda and Jerry that he would schedule a meeting with them after the council meeting concluded.

Good of the Order Updates:

- Communion Breakfast – Joanne Horner reopened the topic of having a communion breakfast in the summer with the possibility of Father David Foradori being the guest speaker. Father Whitman explained that he was the contact person to ask Father Foradori. Father Whitman also noted that due to the shortage of priests, a communion breakfast may not be feasible at this time.
- Parish Picnic – The possibility of having a parish picnic is on hold until next meeting. All council members were asked to bring their ideas to the meeting.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.”

In her book An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith, Barbara Brown Taylor writes about a woman who was not sure that she wanted to go on living.

“She was old. She lived alone. She was afraid to go to sleep at night for fear that she would not wake up in the morning, so she lay in bed waiting for the sun to come up before she dared to shut her eyes.

“Then someone who loved her suggested that as long as she was awake, she might as well start listening for the first bird that sang each morning. Before long, the sound of that bird became the bell that woke her heart to life again. She named the bird. She discovered what such birds like to eat and put feeders full of seed in her yard. Other birds came, and she learned their names as well. She began to collect birdhouses, which she hung from the rafters of her porch until she became the mayor of an entire bird village.”

The woman still does not sleep well, but she found reason to get out of bed every morning. In caring for the birds of the field, she rediscovered love and hope in her life.

Christ speaks to all of us, not in loud commanding voices but most often in the simplest and smallest of whispers. To really hear the Good Shepherd demands that we come out of the isolation of our own fears and interests and hear Christ speaking in the plight of the poor, the needs of the helpless, the cry of the persecuted. Easter faith calls us to put aside our own crosses when we hear the voice of Jesus in the struggle of those being crushed by the weight of their crosses, to rise above our own pain when we hear the voice of Jesus crying in the pain of others, to give from our treasure when we hear the voice of Jesus in the poverty of others.

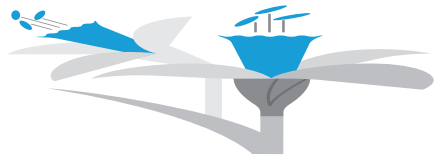
Listen for the voice of the shepherd.

Fr. Glenn/Fr. Frank



THANK YOU

A very special thank you goes out to our Altar and Rosary Society for their generous donation and distribution of our Mother's Day Flowers. Our Mothers are special to all of us. So let us celebrate ALL the women in our lives.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
2025
UPDATE:

So far, THANKS TO YOU, we've received pledges of \$24,280.00 toward our diocesan assessment of \$26,226.00. Once we reach our assessment, any funds contributed will be put toward our parish project of enhancements to the kitchen downstairs.

Thank you for your pledges and support thus far.

A Mass of Christian Burial

was held here at Fatima, on Saturday March 3rd at 1:00 pm for **Mary Conti**. She had been a very active member of our "Cavatelli Crew" for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this time of loss. May she rest in peace, in Gods' hands. She will be missed by many.

Marriage Moment

All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember the "lighting fair" rule: "Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are" (Marriage Encounter) Accept your spouse's feelings even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without anger.

Parenting Pointers

Today is Mother's Day! What does it mean to be a mother? It's more than just giving birth. That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does. Think of the mothers who preceded you. What were their motherly qualities?

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children, who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice," what message do they receive?

CAVATELLI

You are now able to purchase Our Famous Cavatelli, here at the Church.

BUT ONLY ON SATURDAY'S AFTER 4:00 MASS. \$15.00 for a 5 lb. bag

Marty Andrusky will be downstairs after mass to take your orders.

FATIMA WEBSITE NEWS
FLASH
FATIMA FARRELL.ORG

OUR NEW WEB SITE IS
NOW UP AND RUNNING...
OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN
IS ALSO AVAILABLE
WEEKLY ON THIS SITE

FATIMAFARRELL.ORG

FATIMA CAVATELLI FOR SALE
Our famous Fatima Cavatelli's are now for sale not only at our local grocery stores, (Farrell Golden Dawn and Donofrio's in Hermitage) but they can now be purchased directly from Our Church Hall in West Middlesex, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM for \$15.00 for a 5-pound bag. Let's support our parish with your purchase!!!!

BRIGHTEN UP THE CORNER

Two women were discussing the upcoming dance at the parish senior citizens club. "We're supposed to wear something that matches our husband's hair, so I'm wearing black," said one. "Oh, my," said the other, "I'd better not go."

BUS TRIP

Ordination to the Priesthood of
Michael Scanga & Brandon Feikles



Friday, May 23, 2025



7:00 p.m.

**Buffet Dinner
Included**

Reserve your spot early ONLY 50 SEATS Available!

A coach bus departs from St. Joseph Church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 10:45 p.m.

To avoid a late start, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.

To reserve your seat, please stop in St. Joseph Church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or call 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

\$45 fee is collected at time of reservation.