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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT
INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

Weekend Assistance :
Fr. Frank DiCristina

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
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Maureen Murray

Choir Director:
Christina Russo

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She is clothed
with strength
and dignity.
— PROVERBS 31:25 —
**Happy
Mother's
Day**

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
"SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER", MAY 10, 2026**

Week of May 10, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: May 11:
Tuesday: May 12: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday May 13: 12:00 NOON-- MAY CROWNING
6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
 Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday May 14: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00 PM Followed by
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM to 7:00PM
Friday May 15:
Saturday, May 16: MASS 4:00PM

**Altar Candles the Week of
MAY 10 thru MAY 16, 2026**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

ROSARIA & FRANK DONATELLI
 From AnnMarie Donatelli

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

HELEN "TOOTS" SCARMACK
 From Her Daughters
MARY CHERVINKO
 From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

FRANK & AGNES AIELLO
 From Their Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week Flowers were donated for
Mary Louise Grajcar, Bertha Toskin &
Esther Bartholomew
 From Darlene Bartholomew

05/02/2026

# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	123
Good Shepherd Collection	\$ 400. 00
Offertory Collection	\$ 2871 00
Loose Offertory	\$ 174 .00

	Intentions	Requested By
SATURDAY MAY 9 4:00PM MASS	Mark Szugye Ray & Joann Giardina	Jerry & Ginny Viselli Renee Kocis
Monday, May 11 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday May 13 12:00 Noon	Blue Army May Crowning	
Thursday May 14 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday May 15 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday May 16 at 4:00pm MASS	Sebastian Grasso Brian Anthony Novak	Wife, Vincenzina & Family Gina Fromm, Geri Warchol, Gayle Orrico

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM MAY 16, 2026	Marsha Pettillo	Debbie Andrusky Jean Burke	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke

A mother is she who can
 take the place of all
 others but whose place
 no one else can take.

Happy
 Mother's
 Day





Villa Maria-thon 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center will sponsor its 16th annual Villa Maria-thon 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 9 am at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, PA. The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to vmesc.org for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the center's youth and adult programs.



Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday May 17, 2026

8am – 1pm

Saint John Paul II Elementary Multipurpose Room
Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, and Drinks!

**LET'S SUPPORT OUR
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



MAY CROWNING MAY 13, 2026, NOON

The Blue Army of Our Lady will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with an hour of prayer on Wednesday, May 13 at noon at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Devotions will include the Rosary and May Crowning of the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

All are welcome to join us!!!

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this beautiful service.



FROM PASTORS DESK

"I will not leave you orphans...but in a little while the world will not see me, but you will!"

Talk about speaking in riddles – Why would Jesus be preparing to leave his disciples again after just reuniting with them after the Resurrection? Perhaps because things couldn't be the same between them after the unimaginable truth of his divinity was revealed to their limited imaginations. What they had before couldn't happen again. The OT prophets wrote that no one could see God and live, so once they were quite clear about who their friend was, Jesus must vanish from their sight.

A pastor from this area, a friend of mine, has a simpler explanation born of his own experience of embracing and surrendering parishes. "After a while, the same inspiration that enables you to lead a community in the first place, gets in the way of them being able to move forward themselves. So, you have to step aside, for their sake. They have to let you go to come into their own."

That theory dovetails with Jesus' own observation that if he did not leave, the Advocate (Paraclete) would not come. The plan was never to abandon the infant church or let the disciples fend for themselves as sheep among wolves. The plan was for the disciples to become an army of good shepherds, to lead more sheep into the safety of the fold. The only weakness in this arrangement, is that no disciple is fit to assume the place of Jesus. Even Peter, the worthiest character of the bunch, is a far cry from the close

communion Jesus had with his Father. How to bridge that gap?

If we look at the span of salvation history altogether, the problem with humanity has always been the wedge that sin drove between us and God. So, the Incarnation (God becoming flesh) covered the distance, bringing the substance of God's divinity near us again. But with the Risen Lord ascending to the Father, that closeness (or immanence) would be lost if it weren't for the coming of the Advocate. If Jesus provided the ultimate bridge between humanity and divinity, the Spirit provided what the Brits and French call "the Chunnel." [*the tunnel beneath the English Channel*].

Some theologians argued that the glorified Christ is not the same as Jesus, friend and teacher. So, it was the sacramental unity of the Holy Eucharist that would provide the Real Presence, but a relationship with a sacrament is not identical with a relationship with a person. That's why in today's first reading Peter and John must visit the Samaritans with prayer for the Spirit even after Philip brought them what we might call the "trifecta" of gospel, healing and Baptism. Without the Spirit (Advocate) to lead it forward, a community might endlessly spin its wheels or continue on a circular track of "navel gazing." In this church, movement is everything. You can't follow if you're standing still.

**Remember, the Spirit is
a-movin'!**

Father Frank and Father Glenn

Please Pray
For

Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands, Judy Bianco, Jim Ost, Diane McDougal, John Horvath
PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call
LuAnn @ 724-347-1748 or
Bette @ 724-877-4027

READINGS FOR THE
WEEK OF
May 3 thru May 9

Sunday	Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12 (52)
Monday	Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26 (285)
Tuesday	Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)
Wednesday	Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8 (287)
Thursday	Acts 15: 9-11 Jn 15: 9-11 (288)
Friday	Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17 (289)
Saturday	Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21 (290)



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KEEP THOSE TOTES FULL.
WE ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.
LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

Mark your Calendar –August 23,2026
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Picnic

Our Parish Council is planning our picnic at Leon's Den behind our St. Elizabeth Cemetery. The building has been totally remodeled and has bocce courts and horseshoe courts and lots of seating. They are working the menu now but as you all know our parish runs on its stomach!!!!!! More info to follow!!

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL
2026

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Service Appeal.

GOOD SHEPHERD TOTALS

Diocesan Assessment	\$52,074.00
Total Pledged as of 05/06/26:	\$101,660.00
Total Paid as of 05/06/26:	\$73,889.00
Surplus after Assessment:	\$21,815.00
Parish Project Goal:	\$90,500.00
Surplus form 2025:	\$37,419.24
Remains at Good Shepherd to be used toward roof replacement on Social Center / HVAC	

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOTALS

Diocesan Assessment	\$21,724.00
Total Pledged as of 05/06/26	\$36,471.00
Total Paid as of 05/06/26	\$31,796.00
Surplus after Assessment	\$10,072.00
Remains at Our Lady of Fatima to complete the restoration of our Rectory and Office after our winter water disaster.	



Marriage Moment

Maybe you hated it when your parent made you say “I’m sorry” when you were a kid. No one’s making you say it now, but in marriage there are plenty of times to practice.

Parenting Pointers

It’s planting season in most of the northern hemisphere. Plant something with your child this week. Watch it grow. Watch your son or daughter grow. Do you mark their height each year on their birthday? If, not, start a custom.

A Family Perspective

In today’s gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for this departure. Family life is filled with departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older, we constantly move from the familiar to the unknown. Today, Jesus assures us that we are not alone in these transitions: “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”

Child Protection

Your child’s personal info online is easy to track-and hard to erase. Protect them with these simple steps: Never share personal details like full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on social media. Keep passwords private-never give them to anyone. Check privacy settings on games, apps, social media, and devices. Turn off GPS sharing to prevent location leaks. Avoid public WI-FI when sharing person info.