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- Saint Teresa of Avila



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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:
Pam Rabold

Organist :
Maureen Murray

Choir Director:
Christina Russo

Liturgical/Maintenance
Joann Horner

Catholic Cemetery Association:
Foreman - Thomas Cimoric

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Marty and Debbie Andrusky

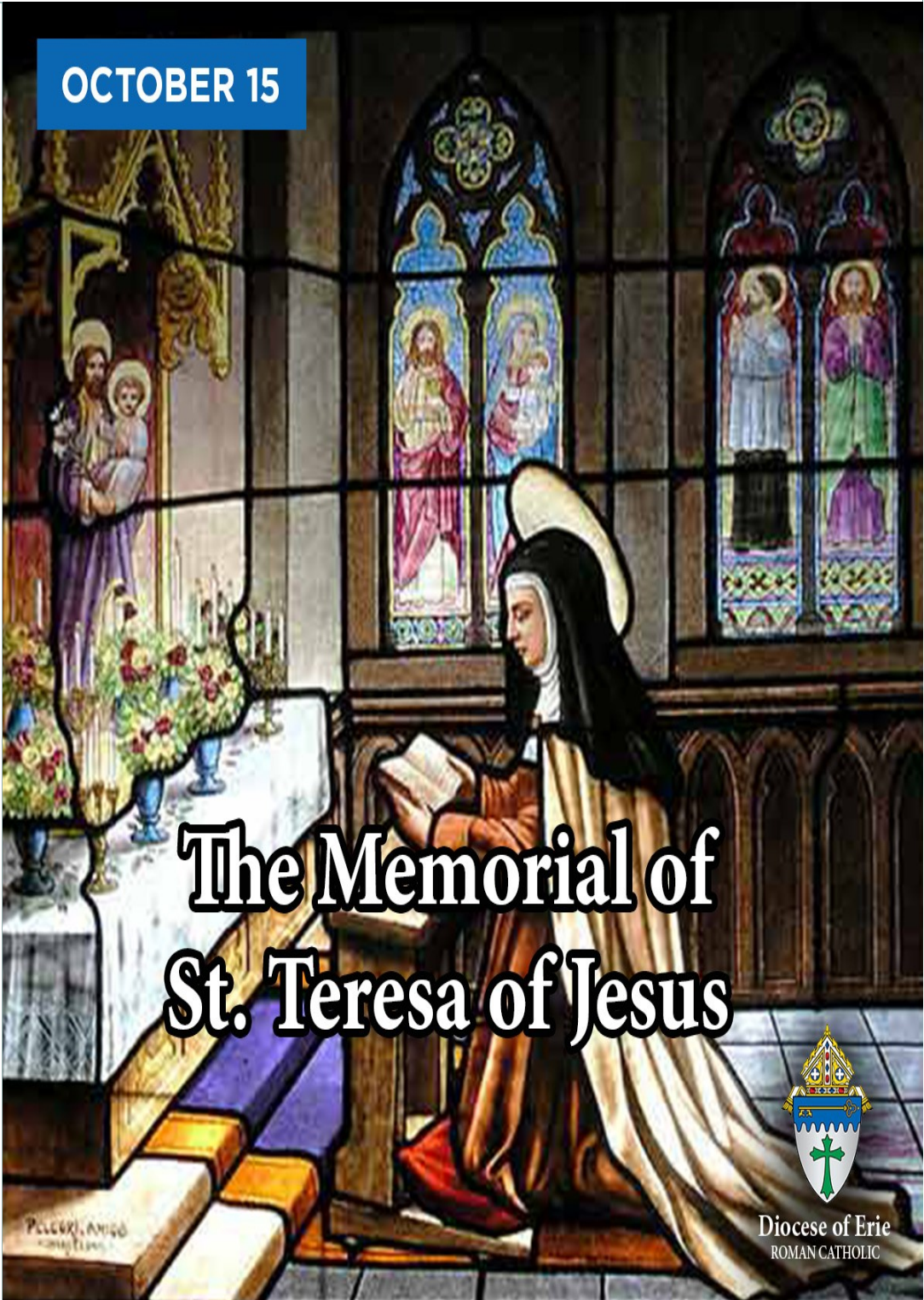
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BAPTISMS:
Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:
Arrangements six months
in advance. Call Parish office.

OCTOBER 15



**The Memorial of
St. Teresa of Jesus**



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“WORLD MISSION SUNDAY”, OCT 18, 2026

Week of Oct 18, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Oct 19:

Tuesday: Oct 20: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Oct 21:

Thursday Oct 22: 9:00A 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 Oct 23:
Saturday, Oct 24: MASS 4:00PM

10/10/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	98
Offertory Collection	\$1905.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 195.00

Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY OCT 17 4:00PM MASS	Sebastian Grasso Andrew Frank	Wife, Vincenzina & Family Bob & Jane Hudak
Monday, Oct 19 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Oct 20 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday Oct 21 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday Oct 22 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday Oct 23 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday Oct 24 at 4:00pm MASS	Catherine Bauer Mark Szugye	Salli L. Tatusko Jerry & Ginny Viselli

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Christine Oberman	Debbie Andrusky Marsha Petrillo	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki
Oct 24, 2026				VOLUNTEER

Altar Candles the Week of
OCT 18th through OCT 24th, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
JERRY, MARY, ED & ROSE O’KORN
From Scarmack Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
ED PERDIAN
From His Family

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
LEROY DEBRAKELEER
From Joe Ference

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week Flowers were donated for
LEROY DEBRAKELEER
Given by his Family

St. Anthony Church

TURKEY

BINGO

St. Anthony Antonium, Sherman Ave. entrance

BINGO

The big winner of each of the 20 regular games wins a \$25 giftcard for a turkey

Hall is handicap accessible

COST:
\$30 / 1 pack
\$35 / 2 packs
\$40 / 3 packs

Cost Includes:
20 games of regular bingo
5 special games

NOVEMBER

Doors Open: Noon

Bingo: 1:00PM

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IN ADDITION

Delicious Food & Desserts For Sale

50/50 ~ Raffle Baskets
Turkey Lottery Tree

Raffle:
1st \$500 / 2nd \$250 / 3rd \$100



St. Ignatius of Antioch

(died c. 110, Rome; Western feast day October 17; Eastern feast day December 20) was the third **bishop** of **Antioch**, Syria (now in Turkey), known mainly from seven highly regarded letters that he wrote during a trip to **Rome** as a prisoner **condemned** to be executed for his **Christian** beliefs. He was apparently eager to counteract the teachings of two groups—the Judaizers, who did not accept the authority of the **New Testament**, and the **duettists**, who held that **Christ’s** sufferings and death were apparent but not real. The letters have often been cited as a source of knowledge of the Christian church at the beginning of the 2nd century. He is venerated as a **patron saint** of **North Africa**, the church in the eastern **Mediterranean**, and throat disease.

ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

Date: Sunday, October 25th

Time: 12:00-3:00pm

Place: Good Shepherd Parish
Church Social Hall
3613 Sharon Rd
West Middlesex, PA 16159

Hosted by: Church of the Good Shepherd PPC

Menu: Roasted chicken, baby potatoes, haluski, vegetable medley, bread, dessert, and drinks
*Takeouts will be available

Presale tickets will be available at all Masses and at the parish office (during business hours) until Friday, October 23rd. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

Presale Ticket Price

At the Door Ticket Price

Adults \$15.00

Adults \$18.00

Children \$5.00

Children \$6.00

All proceeds will benefit the following local nonprofit organizations:
AWARE, Joshua’s Haven/Women’s Shelter, Hunters Sharing the Harvest

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please sign up in the back of the church to help on the day of the event. A few volunteers are needed to help with table settings and put out decorations at 9am on Saturday, October 24th in the Social Hall.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!!
Parishioners are being asked to make a dessert for the Charity Dinner on October 25th. We are requesting pies and cakes for this event. Good Shepherd has some wonderful bakers, and we hope you will make our dessert table the best one yet!

**PARISH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

We are now looking for new council members. This year, during the month of October, we are looking for a few good men or women to help serve on this committee. Elections will take place in November, and the new members will take office in January 2027.

We have meetings every other month or as needed for special gatherings.

We will be working on various ideas this coming year to reach out to our fellow parishioners and to our Catholic community, to bring our Faith to those who are in need of US, in a variety of ways.

We are open to your ideas, so please share them with us!!!!

**With everyone's help,
we will keep our parish
strong.**

If you would like to run OR if you know someone who would like to run, please call the office at 724-346-3359.



**ATTENTION
PLEASE:**

If you are having a mass said for a loved one or family friend and you would like to take the gifts up during mass, please call the office the week before to let us know. Bringing up the gifts in honor of your loved one is so very special. If you cannot or choose not to bring them up, please let us know so that our Eucharistic Ministers will handle this for you.

RESPECT LIFE

ABOROTION HEALING

"While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin. Here are a few ways that Catholics of different backgrounds can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves." Learn how you can become an instrument of God's mercy at usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,

"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion," usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



**FROM PASTORS
DESK**

"The Pharisees and Herodians plotted how they might entrap Jesus in his speech..."

If we thought last week that Isaiah wrote/proclaimed something that was beyond belief for the Jewish people of his time ("God will gather ALL nations onto his holy mountain."), this week he calls Cyrus the pagan king of Persia a "liberator of God's chosen people." YIKES! In our first installment of Paul's initial letter to the Thessalonians, he is planting the initial seeds of his preaching after Jewish citizens there tried to force him out of town. No bosom friends of Christ, the Pharisees and Herodians try to spring a trap that could have led to Jesus' arrest. When we step back from these troublesome issues, we can rightly wonder what exactly God's intent was and how did these three experiences fit in God's larger plan. I'd like to think that we have a God who is still active in the world today.

Cyrus, also known as Cyrus the Great, extended his rule to a large section of the Near East during the sixth century before Christ. He was known to respect the traditions of the regions that were under his control and after his conquest of Babylonia, he allowed the Jews who had been defeated and exiled into the heartland of Babylonia to pack up and return to the Promised Land. Though never embracing Judaism himself, Cyrus played a significant role in the preservation of the Jewish culture and religion.

The town of Thessalonica was a settlement where Paul made some important inroads despite initial opposition. And with Paul's energetic fervor it is hard to conclude that Christianity would have grown or flourished as it did. Paul, like Cyrus, was part of the bigger plan. In today's gospel passage, Jesus is given a question, the answer to which can only bring him trouble. In being asked if it is right to pay taxes to a repressive government, he has been set up to antagonize one group or another. He clearly expresses his frustration with those asking the question, aware that the trap is almost sprung. He gives a wise response that allows for giving the government what is due, while subjugating that to the service of God's plan.

I'd like to think our grandmothers were all raised in a post-WWI world, refined by the Depression and instilled with the deep belief that everything happened for a reason. In the 21st century world, not everyone buys into the idea of a bigger plan. We would like our world to thrive, but there are violent acts, injustices and natural disasters. Many individuals argue that who and what we are today is the result of chance and random events. In 2017, the year I arrived at West Middlesex, one of the Nobel prize winners (can't recall who) said that not only consciousness which includes my experience of being a person and all that entails, but also our sense of the transcendent (God) are the results of natural selection. Is your sense of beauty, your impression of love, your feelings of

empathy which can be observed, signs of a plan in which God has a role? Over seven decades there were times when things felt clear and comfortable. Those were the moments when I could point to God's presence and God's plan in the world. Then the tide shifted in my 20s and 30s and I felt lost and discouraged. Paul and Jesus' frustrations made sense to me. But in hindsight I could also imagine the moments they felt satisfaction. As part of the broader plan, I could understand how the infidel Cyrus could be seen as a messiah by the Jewish people. When I was younger, I felt that I knew it all – sound familiar??? For me it took sweeping change and personal failure to recognize the gifts that had been visible before. Moments of hurt, the loss of family members, friends too young to die, all helped me be aware of the love that had been there. I've learned to see myself in a world that had a purpose, a world that embraces the goodness of a divine plan. I've come to a recognition that the times of challenge and sorrow were a reminder that there were even more moments of peace and joy. A clarity surrounded me that taught me to seek out the directions in which my time is spent as it should be – as part of God's larger plan.

Encircle the broader plan – we're all part of it!
Father Frank and Father Glenn

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE



PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY



**Please help those who need our help!!!!
Fatima has been doing really well, last month collected 35 bottles of Syrup and 45 boxes of pancake mix for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.
We need to keep up the good work**

Prayer List
Please pray for:
Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Koxen-Rowlands, Jim Ost, Diane McDougle, John Horvath, Cathy Baxer, Mark Palumbo, Ellisyn Chelius and also please add our POPE LEO as he goes through his recovery

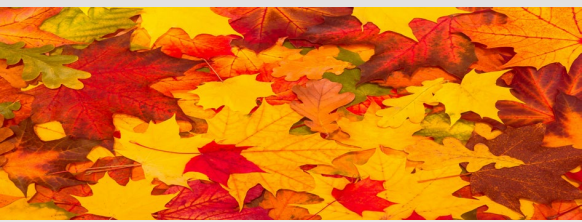


We need more Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

The groups that we have now are doing GREAT, but we would like to have more to help with the holidays coming up. If you have any questions or would like to join, please call the office. We are hoping to have enough that you would only have to serve once a month. Come join the group and help keep OUR FATIMA, STRONG

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month
Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility – it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately. Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ .

FALL IS HERE



Marriage Moment

“Marriage is not a ritual or an end. It is a long, intricate, intimate dance together and nothing matters more than your own sense of balance and your choice of partner.” (Amy Bloom) You've chosen each other as life partners, dance tonig.

Parenting Pointers

Let the quiet in: Part 2

Have you ever heard of a “technology fast?” It's another way of creating a little quieter life and that of your child. It might mean one day of no internet (or at least Facebook perusing) or one day of no TV, or no cell phone use unless it's a true emergency. Or it may just mean not double tasking by using media while you're in the presence of another human being. If a day is too long, try an evening. Do it yourself, then challenge your child to join you.

A Family Perspective

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded, "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test their parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules, and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel: firm, honest, and direct.