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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

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Jean Mabie

Cavatelli Crew Chair:

Flo Fusco

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MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 TO 2:00

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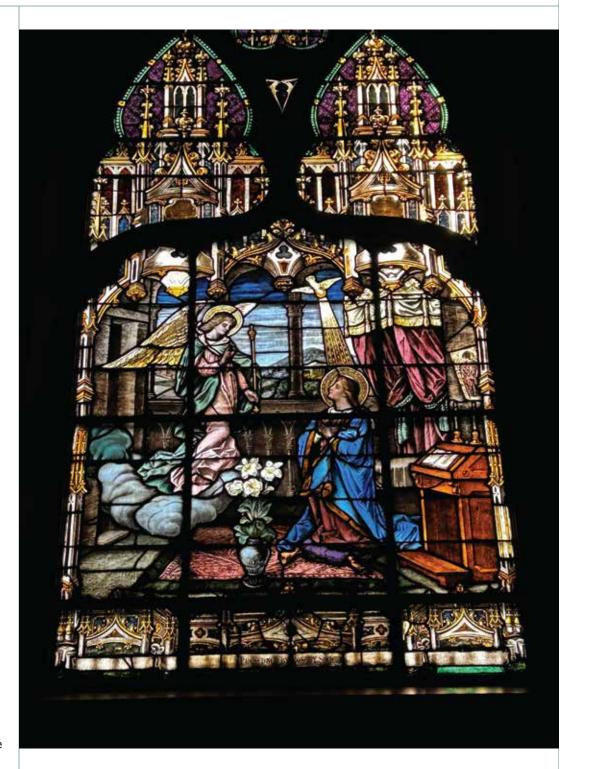
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BAPTISMS:

Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of August 17, 2025, Calendar of Events **Monday Aug 18:**

Tuesday, Aug 19: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Aug 20: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday, Aug 21: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli

In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM **HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM-- COME JOIN US**

Friday, Aug 22:

Saturday, Aug 23: 4:00PM MASS

08/09/2025		
# of Registered Families	393	
# of Envelopes Used	197	
Texas Flood Relief Collection	\$1095.00	
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Loose Offertory	\$283.00	

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		Intentions	Requested By	
SATURDAY, Aug 16 at 4:00 pm		Tommy Sharkin Marge Pacello	Bill & MaryBeth Schuster Bev Palermo	
Monday, Aug 18 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Tuesday, Aug19 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Wednesday, Aug 20 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Thursday, Aug 21 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Friday, Aug 22 at 12:15pm		Prayer Service		
Saturday, Aug 23 at 4:00 pm		Joshua Ost Toni Donatelli	Mom, Dad & Family Husband, Joe	y
MINISTRY	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC	ALTAR	GREETERS
SCHEDULE		MINISTERS	SERVERS	
SATURDAY	Christine	Debbie Andrusky	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki
4:00 PM	Oberman	John Jarocki	J.J. Ost	Jean Burke
AUG 23				

Altar Candles the week of AUGUST 17 thru AUGUST 23, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT

JOSHUS OST From Mom & Dad & J.J.

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

KAY ZUPO

From Virginia Careghini JURAJ MIJO ROZMAN

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ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

GINA PELINI-GETSIE From Billy Pelini

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of Deceased Members of the Fatima Family From Your Loyal Parishioners

ATTENTION!

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HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY FORMED. PLEASE USE OUR NEW NAME FOR ANY AND ALL DONATIONS TO OUR CEMETERIES— ST. ANTHONY-ST. ANN-ST. ELIZABETH **CEMETERIES.** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OUR RECTORY OFFICE **AT**

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PRAYER FOR BRAVERY

Dear God,

In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that your mission matters, and the You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

Amen



A very special THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our special

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Thanks to all of YOU we were able to send a check for \$3209.00

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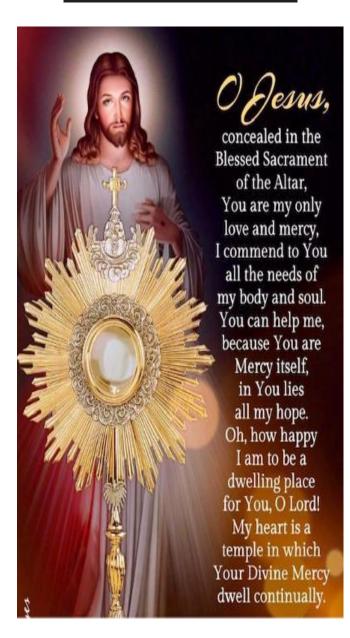
February 6-8, 2026.

Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or

visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeof fice/ for more details and to register. Remember,

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

COME AND JOIN US HERE AT FATIMA



ALL DAY ADORATION
EVERY THURSDAY FROM
7:00am TIL 7:00pm
(Our HOLY HOUR is from
6:00pm to 7:00

Villa Maria, PA 2067 Evergreen Road Villa Maria, PA 16155

will sponsor a special weekend retreat with Eric A. Clayton on September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life. The retreat is entitled "Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover our Deepest Selves." For more information, please call 724-964-8886 to speak with a member of our friendly staff.

UP COMING EVENTS:

September 20 Saturday 4:00pm we will be having our Mission Co-op speakers as part of our mass. They will be having a physical second collection.

October 25 Saturday 4:00pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
Followed by WINE AND CHEESE
gathering in our Social Hall
Downstairs.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS

"EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME" AUGUST 16, 2025 FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud."

Some folks dissolve in an emergency and are no good to anyone including themselves. But others shine in a crisis. They carry pianos out of burning buildings and lift tractor-trailers off trapped children. Later, perhaps, these same heroes come unglued and sob like babies. Doesn't matter, let them get it out! They saved the day.

Jeremiah is the anti-hero in the world of Old Testament prophecy. In each critical hour, he whines and complains, loses heart and focus. He's the first to accuse God when things aren't going well. As prophets go, Jeremiah's not the poster child for confidence in God's promise of rescue. Yet he is persistent. He receives his call before the age of 20 – the age of conscription in Israel's armies – which is why he informs God immediately that he's "too young" to be called up for duty. Nevertheless, he begins his truth-telling to the king well before Babylon's final assault on Jerusalem, and keeps on prophesying through the nations exile, up until he is kidnapped by his countrymen, hauled off to Egypt, and eventually murdered. What might attract us to his ministry is the mix of loyalty and imperfection we find in his character. Jeremiah isn't a paragon of virtue, grace or courage, yet God chooses

him, uses him and gets the job done all the

same.

Despite a tendency toward lamentation, he never tampers with the message to make it more palatable and popular. Like Moses, Amos and Isaiah before him, he never wanted the job. The son of a priest, he may have been looking forward to a routine life of ritual and sacrifice. Once summoned, however, he throws himself into the assignment even when it winds him up in the muddy pit.

That's why Jeremiah is considered a biblical "type" of Jesus: much like the suffering servant Isaiah writes about. Jesus too would appreciate that his mission wasn't to succeed in persuading his generation to repentance, to get everyone to see things his way. Peace on earth wouldn't arrive at the close of the Sermon on the Mount. Instead, the ministry of Jesus creates a similar turmoil to Jeremiah's most unwelcome words. The more Jesus tells the truth, the closer he gets to being crucified.

No surprise that households in 2025 continue to be divided by the gospel today. Parents may commit themselves, while children wander. One spouse embraces the way while the other is skeptical. The household of Church itself is a cornucopia of passionate faith, simple sincerity, hesitation and doubt and halfhearted membership. We're not all on the same page. In the matter of faith above all others, free will remains the trump card. The fire is blazing. Not all will choose to be kindled by it.

Have a blest week! Fr. Frank and Fr. Glenn

FATIMA CAVATELLI

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 Good Shepherd Church Hall in West Middlesex, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:00 for \$15.00 for a 5-pound bag.

Let's support OUR parish with your purchase!!!!

CAVATELLI can also be purchased here at the FATIMA after Saturday 4:00PM mass. Please see Marty or Deb Andrusky after mass to place and pick up your order!!!!!

<u>MARRIAGE MOMENT</u>

"Though I command languages both human and angelic – if I speak without love, I am no more than a booming gong." (1 Corinthians 13:1) In other words, love is about more than pretty selflessness today.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, Jesus warns us that His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society that promotes individualism and consumerism, parents must steadfastly teach and embody the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family

CHILD PROTECTION

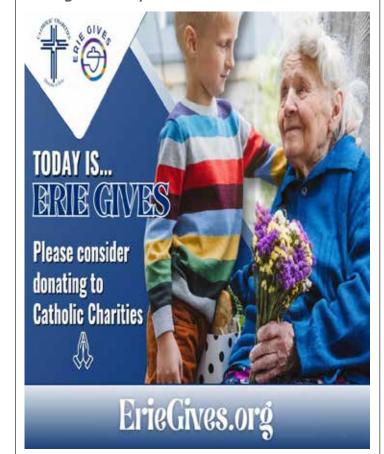
Child Protection and Creating Safe **Environments- Diocesan Requirements for** working with children: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforce the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and training before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

Today is Erie Gives!

Hello Farrell,

Are you ready to make a real impact in your community? Today is the day to do it! **Erie Gives is today**, and Catholic Charities needs your support. Together, we can create positive change and improve the lives of those in need. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference.

Simply visit <u>bit.ly/ErieGives25</u> and make a donation of at least \$25. Spread the word, and let's make a difference together! Let's show the world the power of compassion and generosity!



A Mass of Christian Burial

It was held here, at Fatima ,this Morning, August 16 at 11:00am, for *Irene (Schmitt) Jarocki*.

She had been a very active member of our parish 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 her family and friends.

