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<p>Our Lady of Fatima Parish 601 Roemer Blvd. Farrell, Pa. 16121 Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM</p>	
<p>PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman</p> <p>Weekend Assistance : Fr. Frank DiCristina</p> <p>Secretary/Bookkeeper: Pam Rabold</p> <p>Organist : Maureen Murray</p> <p>Choir Director: Christina Russo</p> <p>Liturgical/Maintenance Joann Horner</p> <p>Catholic Cemetery Association: Foreman - Thomas Cimoric</p> <p>Altar Rosary Chair: Jean Mabie</p> <p>Cavatelli Crew Chair: Flo Fusco</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 :00 TO 2:00 724-346-3359</p> <p>EMAIL: olfrectory@yahoo.com</p> <p>BAPTISMS: Please call Parish office</p> <p>WEDDINGS: Arrangements six months in advance. Call Parish office.</p>	<p> Week 3: Joy</p> <p>SEASON of ADVENT THE ANTICIPATION OF HIS COMING</p> <p> Diocese of Erie ROMAN CATHOLIC</p> 

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

<u>Week of December 14, 2025, Calendar of Events</u>	
<u>Monday Dec 15:</u>	
<u>Tuesday, Dec 16: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli</u>	
<u>In the Good Shepherd Social Hall</u>	
<u>Wednesday Dec 17: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB</u>	
<u>Downstairs in our Social Hall</u>	
<u>Thursday Dec 18: 9:00Am Making Fatima Cavatelli</u>	
<u>In the Good Shepherd Social Hall</u>	
<u>ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM</u>	
<u>HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM</u>	
<u>Friday Dec 19:</u>	
<u>Saturday, Dec 20: 4:00PM MASS</u>	

12/06/2025	
# of Registered Families	380
# of Envelopes Used	141
Cemetery Fund	\$218.00
Offertory Collection	\$2941.00
Loose Offertory	\$216.00



		Intentions	Requested By	
SATURDAY, Dec 13: at 4:00 pm MASS		Russell “Rusky” Davis Joseph Aiello	His Family Frank Aiello	
Monday, Dec 15 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Tuesday, Dec 16 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Wednesday, Dec 17 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Thursday, Dec 18 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Friday Dec 19 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Saturday, Dec 20 at 4:00 pm MASS		Charlotte & William Pelini Janice Grande	Billy Pelini Mickie, Nick & Nicholas	
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Christine Oberman	Debbie Andrrusky John Jarocki	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke
DEC 20				

Altar Candles the Week of
DEC 14 thru DEC 20, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT
FRANK & ROSAIA DONATELLI

From AnnMarie Donatelli
ROBERT CHERVINKO
From Fran Chervinko

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
EDITH GALARDE
From Husband, Nick
RUSTY DAVIS
From Patty Whorton

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
JOHN KUSNIR
From Wife, Linda

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of
EDITH GALARDE
From Husband, Nick

ADVENT??????

The four key themes of Advent, often represented by candles on an Advent wreath, are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, guiding Christians through spiritual preparation for Christmas by reflecting on the arrival of Jesus. Each week focuses on one of these virtues, building anticipation and deeper meaning for Christ’s birth, with the candles typically lit sequentially, often in purple and pink/rose colors.



- Here's a breakdown of the four themes:
- Hope:**
The first week focuses on the hope for the coming Messiah, represented by prophecy and expectation.
 - Peace:**
The second week emphasizes finding peace in God’s promise, often linked to the angels' message.
 - Joy:**
The third week celebrates the joy of the approaching birth (Gaudete Sunday), sometimes using a pink candle.
 - Love:**
The final week culminates in the greatest virtue, love, reflecting God’s love in sending Jesus. These themes prepare hearts to receive Jesus, with some traditions adding a central "Christ Candle" lit on Christmas Eve for purity and light.



BRIGHTEN UP THE CORNER

!!!!!!A thief broke into my house last night. He was looking for money, so I woke up and searched with him!

!!!!!! I spotted several pairs of men's Levi's at a yard sale. They were sizes 30, 31 and 32, but I was looking for size 33. So, I asked the owner if he had a pair. He shook his head.

"I'm still wearing the 33s", he said. "Come back next year".

!!!!!!I'm a dog trainer. Before I met with a new client, I had her fill out a questionnaire. One question asked, "Why did you choose this breed?" My client had written, "I often ask myself this very same question."

READINGS FOR THE

WEEK OF

Dec 14 to Dec 20

Sunday Is 35: 1-6a. 10

Jas 5: 7-10

Mt 11: 2-11 (7)

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21: 23-27 (187)

Tuesday Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13

Mt 21: 28-32 (188)

Wednesday Gn 49: 2, 8-10

Mt 1: 1-17 (193)

Thursday Jer 23: 5-8

Mt 1: 15-25 (194)

Friday Jgs 13: 2-7

Lk 1: 5-25 (195)

Saturday Is 7: 10-14

Lk 1:25-28 (196)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

“THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT”, DECEMBER 14, 2025

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“JOHN HEARD IN PRISON WHAT JESUS WAS DOING AND SENT FRIENDS TO INQUIRE OF JESUS HIS PURPOSE. JESUS REPLIED, “TELL JOHN WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR.”

By this time in Matthew’s story about John the Baptist, his public preaching had cast shame on Herod’s wife, who once was married to Herod’s brother. His public judgment about their current “situation” shamed Herod’s wife who wanted her husband to have John executed, but Herod’s conscience stayed his hand and he kept putting the terrible consequence off.

The palace of the Jewish tetrarch of Galilee (a son of Herod the Great who was a puppet king beholdng to the Romans) included a prison where the “junior” Herod had detained the Baptist. In his prison cell, John had been hearing tidbits of news from back home in Galilee about his cousin, Jesus of Nazareth and is baffled by what he hears. It seems Jesus doesn’t meet John’s expectations. He expected a Messiah who would impose himself with the terrible force of the judgment of God, saving those who accepted his baptism and condemning those who rejected it. Just who is this Jesus? Wanting to clear any doubts he had about Jesus, he sent disciples to inquire about Jesus’ true identity: *“Are you the One who was to come or should we expect another?”* The question was decisive in those early days of Christianity. Jesus’ response wasn’t theoretical but very practical and precise:

“Go back to John and report what you see and hear.” They ask for his identity and Jesus responds with his healing work, his serving the sick, the poor and the unfortunate people he finds in the villages of Galilee, without resources or hope for a better life. *“The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and good news is given to the poor.”* To know Jesus, it is best to see whom he approaches and what he loves to do. To understand his identity, it’s not enough to acknowledge theoretically that he is Messiah, Lord and Son of God. One must identify with that way of being the Messiah, which is nothing less than to relieve suffering, to heal lives, and open a horizon of hope for the poor.

Jesus knows that his answer may disappoint those who yearn for a powerful Messiah, a judge who condemn human beings. So, he adds, *“Happy are those who do not feel let down by me.”* Do not expect another Messiah to act differently; let no one invent another Christ more to his/her liking, because the Son was sent to make life more dignified and happy for everyone, something that will be fulfilled completely in the final feast of the Father.

Which Messiah do we Christians follow today? Do we love to do the things that Jesus did? And if we do not do these things, just what are we doing in the midst of the world? What are people “seeing and hearing” in the church of Jesus? What do they see in our lives? What do they hear in our words?

What do you hear and see?

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank



PARENTING POINTERS

As we wait for Christmas, it's a good time to develop the virtue of patience as a parent. Focus on being patient with your children this week, whether they are infants who don't want to sleep when you planned, toddlers who break things, teens who think they know everything, or young adults who are far away.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mk 13:33) Although death comes most often to the old, don't put off words and acts of love for later. We don't know how much time we have. Love your spouse today.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents

can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org.

For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection

ENGAGED COUPLES

Planning your wedding in 2026? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and registration. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."



PENANCE SERVICES

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
CHURCH- MERCER 12/14 2:00pm**

ST JOSEPH CHURCH- SHARON

12/18 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS TREES

We will be purchasing our 3 LIVE Christmas Trees for the Altar this year.

It has been suggested by our Parish Council that we do something special this year to honor our loved ones.

So, with that thought in mind, if you would like to donate directly to our trees in memory of your loved one, we will have decorative tags or floor signs that can be purchased.

\$50.00 to \$100.00—Floor Sign

OR

For every \$5.00 you get one Decorative tag that will be put on the tree.

Please call the office for more information 724-346-3359



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025

DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm

DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00AM

DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE

4:00PM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
DEC 22 TO JANUARY 5.**

**I WILL BE CHECKING MY CALLS
DAILY, SO IF YOU NEED SOMETHING
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND I
WILL GET BACK TO YOU.**

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! PAM**

