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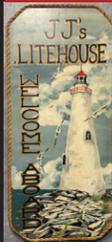
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

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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Foreman - Thomas Cimoric

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Jean Mabie

Cavatelli Crew Chair:
Flo Fusco

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9 :00 TO 2:00
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EMAIL:
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BAPTISMS:
Please call Parish office

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

THE MONTH OF
SAINT JOSEPH

— March Devotion —

For advertising information, contact Minuteman Press • 724.346.1105

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT” FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Week of March 1, 2026, Calendar of Events
Monday: March 2: NO COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday: March 3: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 with Communion to follow
 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday March 4: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
 Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday March 5: 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
FIRST FRIDAY March 6: MASS 7:00AM
Saturday, March 7: 4:00PM MASS

02/21/2026	
# of Registered Families	378
# of Envelopes Used	148
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$ 635.00
Offertory Collection	\$2726.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 438.00

	Intentions	Requested By
SATURDAY, Feb 28 at 4:00 pm MASS	Veronica Marie Rogers Nicole Morocco Rudd	Anne White Anne White
Monday, Mar 2 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Mar 3 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	12:15pm STATIONS of the CROSS
Wednesday, Mar 4 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Mar 5 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
FIRST Friday Mar 6 at 7:00am MASS	St. Peter & Paul Croation Church	Jurajmijo Rozman
Saturday, March at 4:00 pm MASS	Rosaria & Frank Donatelli Edith Galarde	AnnMarie Donatelli Husband, Nick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM MARCH 7	Dolly Szugye	Marsha Petrillo Chirstine Oberman	Ed Debonis	John Jarocki Volunteer

**Altar Candles the Week of
MAR 1 thru MAR 7, 2026**

SANCTUARY LIGHT
ROBERT & FRANCES GRANDE
 From Luann Iacino

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
EDWARD H. GREEN
 From Bette Green
ANNA & TONY TOMCZAK
 From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
FRANK & AGNES AIELLO
 From Their Family
ANTHONY ELISCO
 From Madalaine Nuzzo

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
NO FLOWERS DURING LENT

**St. Joseph Day
Italian Dinner**

Benefitting the St. Joseph Food Pantry

Saturday, March 21
 Doors open at 6:00 PM • Dinner is served at 6:30 PM

All guests are asked to bring
a non-perishable food item.

Raffle Baskets and Italian Cookies are needed!

Please contact the parish office if you are able to
donate a raffle basket or if you can cook Italian cookies.

**St. Anthony Lenten
FISH FRY**

Beginning Fri., Feb. 20th
and serving every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dine In or Take Out

MENU

Fish Dinners include choice of:
fresh cut fries or baked potato,
homemade coleslaw or applesauce,
and peanut butter cookie

\$13 Palacinke Dinner

TRY OUR FISH AND YOU'LL BE HOOKED
ANTONIUM (Sherman Ave. Entrance)
 Hall is Handicap Accessible

LENTEN PENANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 1
2:00pm
Notre Dame

Wednesday, March 11
6:00pm
St. Joseph

Sunday, March 22
2:00pm
Beloved Disciple

Wednesday, March 18
6:00pm
Good Shepherd

Fridays of Lent
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Immaculate Heart

These times are in addition to the regular scheduled times. Check your parish bulletin for more information and other times.



THANK YOU

The CSA supports essential daily ministries and programs of the Catholic Church throughout our diocese that are only made possible thanks to your collective generosity. The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need, beyond what any parish can provide on its own. Your pledge this year will help to restore our parish office and rectory after our winter water disaster. Yes, we have filed a claim with diocese insurance BUT it will not cover everything. We are looking at this as a "Temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement". Your help this year is really needed!!!!

READINGS FOR THE

WEEK OF

March 1 thru March 7

- Sunday** Gn 12: 1-4a
2 Tm 1: 8b-10
Mt 17: 1-9 (25)
- Monday** Dn 9: 4b-10
Lk 6:36-38 (230)
- Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23: 1-12 (231)
- Wednesday** Jer 18: 18-20
Mt 20: 17-28 (232)
- Thursday** Jer 17: 5-10
Lk 16: 19-31 (233)
- Friday** Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a
Mt 21: 33-43 (234)
- Saturday** Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20
Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32 (235)



FROM OUR PASTOR

"Our father in faith..."

That's the title we give Abraham (AKA "Abram") in one of the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass. After the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis, loaded with pre-history stories that supply us with an artful presentation of the downward spiral of moral disintegration (Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, Babel's tower), we begin what is called "Salvation History". When our ancestors discover that they can't get to heaven by building a ziggurat using their own devices, we have to wait on God to construct the means that will bridge the gap between the human and the divine.

It shouldn't surprise us then that God chooses to begin that construction project with human flesh. A fellow named Abram gets a seven-fold blessing from a god he doesn't know, apparently for no good reason whatsoever. Abram is a fallible soul, a gambler enticed by the thrill of an unseen and uninsured promise. So long as the promise is matched by prosperity, he's content to follow through as God's man.

When his own security is on the line, however, Abram is just as quick to trade his beloved wife to ensure his freedom – or sleep with the maid if it simplifies his objectives. Abram's character is brilliantly disclosed in his famous debate

with God over Sodom's fate (not unlike Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*). He's humble, courteous even fawning as he makes his case – while pushing his case to surprising limits with all the aggressiveness of a skilled attorney.

The thing to remember here is that God *likes* Abram, really delights in him as a partner in the foundational stories of humanity's salvation. God appreciated Abram just as Jesus later speaks highly of the unjust steward and in recognition of the same rare quality: what we used to call pluck! *Abram* becomes *Abraham*, father of the nations, because he has the guts to do it, to take the risk. God in turn accepts this stunning faith in the unseen and credits it back to him as righteousness. It is almost comical that future believers will focus on storing up righteousness because they imagine that it keeps them safe and dry from risk. Yet as the story goes, God can manufacture righteousness from stones if need be. What God looks for in a partnership is rare and wonderful nerve.

Later key partners will demonstrate this trait: Moses marching Abraham's cantankerous children across the desert landscape or Elijah staring 400 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. No wonder when Jesus is revealed as the Divine Son, he's standing in the company of these noteworthy gamblers who risked life and limb to unroll the great work of salvation. If we want to join their partnership, one thing we can't do is play it safe.

Fr. Frank/Fr. Glenn

Cemeteries Christmas Decorations:

Please remove all Christmas Decorations by March 1st. This includes all decorations in or outside vases.

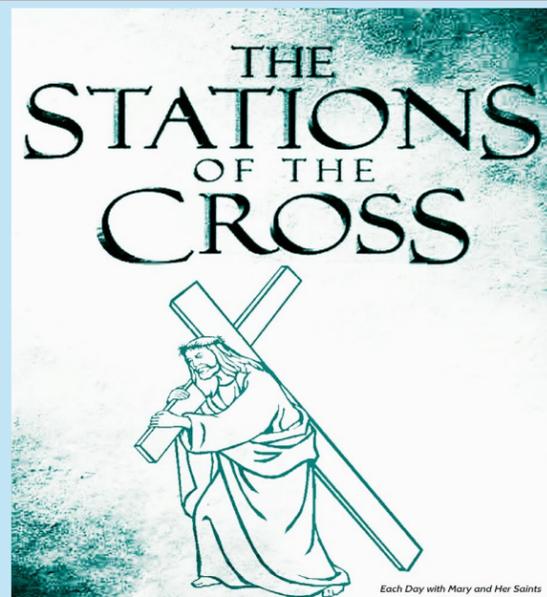
This includes all of our Cemeteries

St. Anthony-All Sections
St. Ann- New and Old Sections
St. Elizabeth –New and Old Sections

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COME AND JOIN US



LENTEN SERVICES FOR 2026 **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY TUESDAY
DURING LENT
STARTING 02/24/2026
12:15PM
WITH COMMUNION
TO FOLLOW
PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP

MARCH COLLECTION WILL BE FRUIT JUCIES (PLEASE NO GLASS BOTTLES)

This year we are partnering with our sister parish, Church of the Good Shepherd, in West Middlesex to support their Food Pantry. You will see at each entrance to the church there are large blue totes. Our job is to fill these totes with the ITEMS OF THE MONTH (there are signs on each tote to remind you of what is needed for that month)..

LETS SHOW THEM THE FATIMA SPIRIT.....LETS FILL THOSE TOTES.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico.

! Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at St. George, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 30, 2026, at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway, 2:00 pm. The registration form and more information will be coming shortly. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful celebration with you in August 2026. Mark Your Calendars!

Please pray for

Virginia Careghini, James Kashmer, Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, JoAnn Nigro, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands

PRAYER CHAIN

LuAnn Iacino and Bette Green have volunteered to start this ministry. If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call

LuAnn @ 724-347-1748 or Bette @ 724-877-4027

A Family Perspective

Transformation is a natural part of family life. we commit to someone, whether it's a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are pledging our support, not just to who they are today, but to the person they are continually becoming.

Marriage Moment

As the song goes, "Love isn't love till you Give it away." In honor of your spouse, give something away today. It's not too late to start giving something away each day till Easter. Not only will it declutter your closets, the love that brought you together can grow by giving to those in need.

Parenting Pointers

Even though it's hard economic times, I'm quitting my job – as "Reminder-In-Chief." As our children grow older, they should take more responsibility for remembering their homework, the time to get up, their chores... Teach them ways to remind themselves. Don't stunt their growth by doing it for them.