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601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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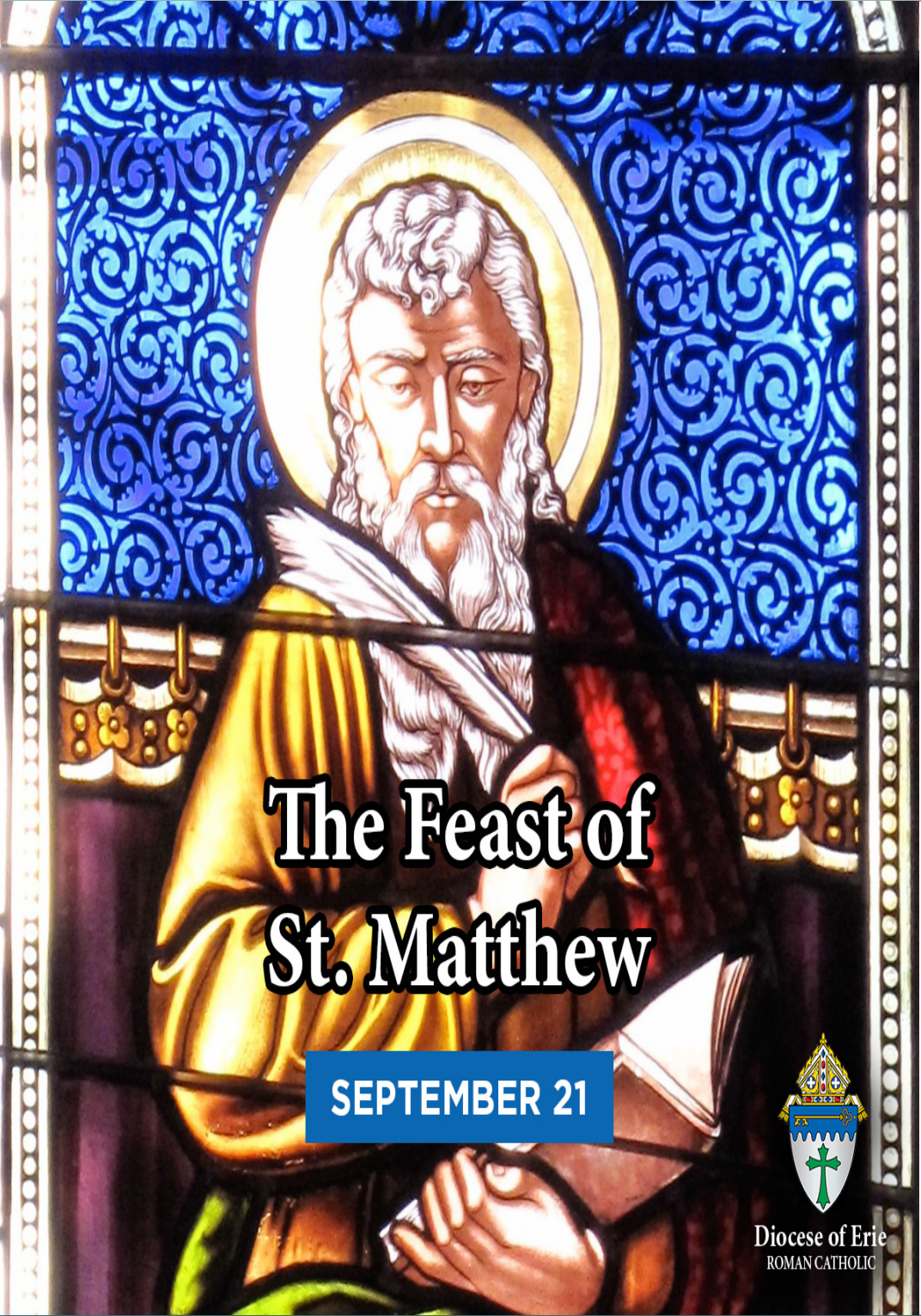
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**The Feast of
St. Matthew**

SEPTEMBER 21



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT 20, 2026

Week of Sept 20, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Sept 21:

Tuesday: Sept 22: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Sept 23:

Thursday Sept 24: OFFICE CLOSED
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 Sept 25: OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, Sept 26: MASS 4:00PM

09/12/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	73
Offertory Collection	\$1393.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 198.00

Altar Candles the Week of
SEPT 20th through SEPT 26th, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
PAULA CHIEFFO
From Joe Ference

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
JOSEPH & SOPHIA RICHNAVSKY SR
From Fran Chervinko
EVA BUZZEO
From Geri & David Warchol

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
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FRANCISCANS
From Jurj M. Rozman
Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week Flowers were donated for
ANTHONY “TONY” LENZI
From Gail, Stephanie & Tony Shawn

Prayers After Confession

My dearest Jesus, I have told all my sins to the best of my ability. I have sincerely tried to make a good confession and I know that you have forgiven me.

Thank you dear Jesus! Your divine heart is full of love and mercy for poor sinners. I love You dear Jesus; you are so good to me. My loving Saviour, I shall try to keep from sin and to love You more each day.

Dearest Mother Mary, pray for me and help me to keep all my promises. Protect me and do not let me fall back into sin. Dear God, help me to lead a good life. Without Your grace I can do nothing.
Amen!

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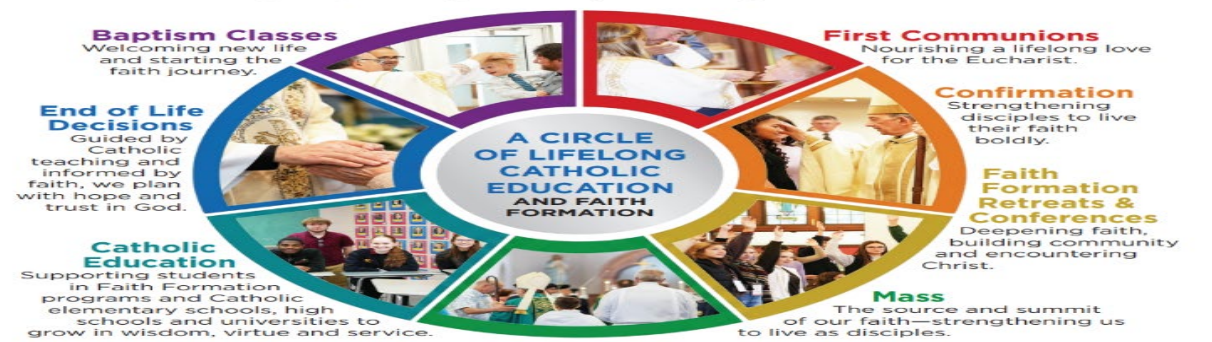


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Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY SEPT 19 4:00PM MASS	John Jarocki Sr. Vicki Rivetti Lingner	His Family Her Family
Monday, Sept 21 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Sept 22 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday Sept 23 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday Sept 24 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday Sept 25 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday Sept 26 at 4:00pm MASS	Anthony “Tony” Lenzi Paul Lipak	Gail Zucco, Stephanie & TonyShawn Steve & Fran Kusmus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM Sept 26, 2026	Marsha Petrillo	Debbie Andrusky Christine Oberman	Ed DeBonis	John Jarocki Jean Burke



Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands, Jim Ost, Diane McDougal, John Horvath, Cathy Baxter, Mark Palumbo, Bette Green
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LuAnn @ 724-347-1748
Bette @ 724-877-4027



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FROM PASTORS DESK

When pastoring St. John's in Girard, PA on 9/11 the events of the day remain clear in memory. A couple parishioner families were winging their way across the Atlantic, homeward bound after a long-awaited trip to Ireland. Their plane and 37 other long-haul flights were diverted to Gander, Newfoundland and they nearly doubled the population of the town leaving the residents to house and feed just over 7000 surprised and displaced guests. Our parishioners put pen to paper and when they returned to northwestern PA, they presented us with a multi-part travelogue that was published in the bulletin. It was then, and remains today, a singular demonstration of unconditional hospitality from one country to its closest ally. The "drop-ins" stayed for almost seven days. The mayor of Gander said, "Seven thousand strangers arrived on Tuesday; by Thursday they were 7,000 friends and by week's end they were 7,000 family members."

Things feel quite different these days. The good will and unity celebrated in Gander seem like by-gone memories. I recently got in touch with the three families that had gone to Ireland and found themselves stranded in Gander and they filled me in some of the backstory of this out-of-the-way international airport. It is one hour and a half ahead of Eastern Standard Time, a solitary outpost in the North Atlantic. Getting there by car gives travelers a splendid view of the rugged Newfoundland coastline, and highway travelers are often cautioned not to make the trip at night due to numerous pedestrian moose.

My Girard friends also "rang them up" to get re-acquainted and they asked if the Gander residents would do the same thing again for Americans in a time of crisis. "We'd treat a stranger like we knew them all our lives." Canadians have had an easier time separating Americans from our government because, until recently Canadians spent a lot of time in the states, even getting their cable and American TV through local affiliates.

Gene and Roseanne were so effusive about the hospitality they experienced there in 2001 they remembered the children of their hosts who now run the coffee shop their parents opened to the international travelers that week. The Gander children were too young to remember much about the actual event, but they told my friend Gene about the current American guests. They usually lead with, "I'm American. I promise I'm not with them. I'm so sorry. It's not our fault." Some have taken to calling it "the American Apology Tour."

In Gander, the older Canadians have stronger memories of a different USA and operate under the belief that that America will someday return; not so the younger crowd – expectations are shifting.

My Girard friends thought they sensed the opinion that we Americans are moving into a future where we'll have to earn the good will that used to come so easily to us. Let's pray that, if true, it will return.

Have a blessed week!
Father Frank and Father
Glenn

FOOD FOR THOUGHT??????

Saint Matthew, once a tax collector, became one of Jesus’ twelve apostles and the author of the Gospel of Matthew, celebrated for his transformation and evangelistic mission.

Life and Calling

Saint Matthew, also known as Levi, was likely born in Galilee as the son of Alpheus. He worked as a tax collector in Capernaum, a profession widely despised due to its association with Roman taxation and corruption. According to the New Testament, Jesus called him directly while he was at his tax booth, saying, “Follow me,” and Matthew immediately left his former life to become a disciple of Christ, exemplifying the transformative power of divine grace (Matthew

9:9; Mark 2:14)

Apostolic Mission and Evangelism

Matthew is recognized as one of the twelve apostles of Jesus and is traditionally credited as the author of the first Synoptic Gospel, the Gospel of Matthew. His writings emphasize Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, including teachings such as the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, and the Lord’s Prayer. Church tradition holds that he preached the Gospel in Judea and later traveled to regions such as Ethiopia, Persia, and Parthia, spreading the Christian message

Veneration and Feast Days

Matthew is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches. His feast day is celebrated on **September 21** in the Western tradition and **November 16** in the Eastern tradition. In Christian art, he is often depicted with a winged man, one of the four living creatures described in Revelation 4:7, symbolizing his role as an

evangelist

Patronage

Saint Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants, and bankers, reflecting his former occupation and his transformation from a public sinner to a devoted follower of

Christ

Death and Legacy

While details of his death are uncertain, early Christian tradition suggests that Matthew was martyred for his faith, possibly while celebrating Mass. His tomb is located in the crypt of Salerno Cathedral in southern Italy. His life and Gospel continue to inspire Christians, emphasizing repentance, divine mercy, and the call to follow

Christ regardless of one’s past

Saint Matthew’s story remains a powerful example of conversion, faith, and dedication to spreading the teachings of Jesus, making him a central figure in Christian history and devotion.

FALL IS HERE



Marriage Moment

Happiness: Part 3. Laugh together this week. Watch a funny TV program or movie, tell each other a silly joke, play a practical joke that won’t backfire, go to a comedy club, or just reminisce about the crazy things you’ve done during your life together. Laughing heals and bonds.

Parenting Pointers

“Don’t you trust me?” is a common refrain of teenagers when they want a new privilege. Of course, *love* your child unconditionally, but *trust* takes time. It is earned by demonstrating a series of trustworthy acts. Don’t be bullied by your child.

A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus asks us, “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Our family is the vineyard entrusted to us, as mentioned in today’s gospel. Successful families are built by “laborers” who actively work on their relationships, not by spectators who merely watch from a distance.

SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

“PANCAKE MIX”
AND
“MAPLE SYRUP”



**ATTENTION ALL
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SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER. I NEED YOUR HELP !!!!!
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DATES THAT YOU ARE NOT
AVAILABLE TO SERVE.**

***I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP
PAM R.***