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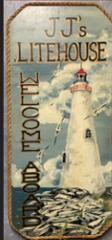
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
601 Roemer Blvd.  
Farrell, Pa. 16121  
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

#### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

Weekend Assistance :  
Fr. Frank DiCristina

Secretary/Bookkeeper:  
Pam Rabold

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Maureen Murray

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EMAIL:  
olfrectory@yahoo.com

BAPTISMS:  
Please call Parish office

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



# LENT

*fast + pray + give*

Join us to deepen your  
faith on this journey.



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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA  
"FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT" MARCH 14, 2026**

**Week of March 15, 2026, Calendar of Events**  
**Monday: March 16:**  
**Tuesday: March 17: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 with Communion to follow  
 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli  
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall  
**Wednesday March 18: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
 Downstairs in our Social Hall  
**Thursday March 19: 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**  
**Friday March 20:**  
**Saturday, March 21: 4:00PM MASS**

03/072026	
# of Registered Families	378
# of Envelopes Used	84
Easter Flowers	\$ 170.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 1734.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 235.00

**Altar Candles the Week of  
MAR 15 thru MAR 21, 2026**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**DANNY & DOLORES DELLIBOVI**  
 From Lisa & Nathan

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**GEORGE & ANNA CHERVINKO**  
 From Fran Chervinko  
**ANTHONY ELISCO**  
 From Madalain Nuzzo

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**ANTHONY" TONY" LENZI**  
 From Gail Zucco, Stephanie  
 & TonyShawn

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*  
**NO FLOWERS DURING LENT**

	Intentions	Requested By
<b>SATURDAY, Mar 14 at 4:00 pm MASS</b>	Muller Family Joseph & Eleanor Squatrito	Bill & MaryBeth Schuster Patrick & MaryKay Kelecseny
Monday, Mar 16 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Mar 17 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	<b>12:15pm STATIONS of the CROSS</b>
Wednesday, Mar 18 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Mar 19 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Mar 20 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 pm MASS	Dawn Jarocki Anthony "Tony" Lenzi	Family Gail Zucco, Stephanie, TonyShawn
<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>	LECTOR EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS GREETERS
<b>SATURDAY 4:00 PM MARCH 21</b>	Chris Connelly Marsha Petrillo John Jarocki	Joe Perrico John Jarocki Jean Burke

**Parenting Pointers**

What do you do when your child ignores a request from you? If this is a common problem, use the SET UP strategy

**Stoop—to get on your child’s level**

**Eye – make eye contact**

**Touch – your child on the shoulder to make physical contact**

**Use – direct language. “I want you to ...”**

**Praise – acknowledge your child’s cooperation when he/she complies**



**Lenten practices**

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday also are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one’s needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**  
 FOR THE HOLY LAND  
**MARCH 29-APRIL 12**

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**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

**\$16**  
 Fried or  
 Baked

**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)  
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“Isn’t this the one....?” “No, it just looks like him.”

If the Church didn’t give us Lent, we’d probably have to invent it. Could be that we might also come to spare some compassion for those who don’t have an annual season of reflection on themes as human as they are forbidding: desert, thirst, the need for rescue, darkness, suffering and death. These shadowy components of our experience can’t be avoided and must be acknowledged, perhaps even befriended. They are companion pieces to another set of liturgical themes that we strap ourselves to during the winter: anticipation, hope, light, joy and birth. We celebrate that other season with eagerness and thoughts of a festival. This season, however, we observe more carefully, tentatively, on tiptoe. Song and carol are for Advent; Lent seems to be a time carved out of silence.

This week we consider the dark valley that unusually finds us without fear. In *Ephesians* we descend into a darkness, that is, ourselves. And to go a bit further, we are not in darkness; we *are* darkness – until we become light by sharing in the life of Christ.

I don’t think many of us need to be convinced need to be convinced of our darkness. We know deep down that we miss the mark of love that is so clearly defined in the scriptures. We don’t need to review the catalogue of our thoughts very far back to find one that makes us ashamed. We’re also clearly aware of the cultural gloom that wraps us on all sides and seeks

to penetrate our outlook: cynicism, the political rhetoric of suspicion, hostility toward those who are “other,” or a mere but spiritually fatal indifference. How do we escape this darkness and step into the warming and redeeming light?

Simply, seek Jesus. We come into the presence of the only man whose very spit is a blessing instead of a curse. Jesus turns mud into medicine, a meal on the table into everlasting life. If he can do all that, he can surely turn this world’s darkness – and our own personal darkness – into unending light. The reason we come together in his name is because we profess that truth. Profession of faith isn’t the same as trusting and believing what we say, of course. That takes a lifetime of decisions small and big. But professing faith is the start of embracing it, being penetrated by sacred word and sacramental action deep down until the dark valley within is ablaze with hope and divine promise.

“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” the former blind man’s neighbors ask. Some say, “It is,” and others say, “No, it just looks like him.” Both are right. When we give up our darkness in favor of the light, we are not who we used to be at all.

**Embrace the light!**  
**Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn**

**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.

**Knights of Columbus need help with Easter Bread,**

The Knights of Columbus will be baking Easter bread on Palm Sunday Weekend, and they could really use our help!!! Tasks include measuring, braiding, baking, bagging, and selling after masses at Notre Dame, Our Lady of Fatima, and St. Bartholomew churches that weekend.

The bread baking occurs at Notre Dame Social Hall at the following times:

Friday, March 27-- 4PM to 9PM

Saturday, March 28 -- 8AM to 8PM

Sunday, March 29 – 7AM to 1PM

Please let us know what time works best for you.

Contact Jan or Paul Baker

724-734-4726

**HOLY WEEK MASS**  
**SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY** –7:00PM  
**GOOD FRIDAY** – 12:00 NOON

**NO SATURDAY  
SERVICE AT ALL**

**EASTER SUNDAY** –9:00AM

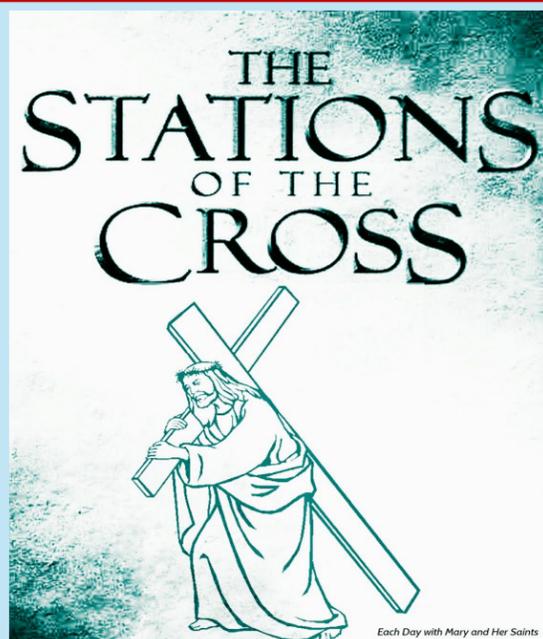
Easter Sunday Mass will be followed by coffee and donuts downstairs after mass. Please stop for a few minutes to visit With friends!!!!

**NEW AND OLD!!!!!!**

**MEN'S EMMAUS  
RETREAT**

In less than weeks the Men's Emmaus retreat in Bethel Park at St. John XXIII Parish will take place from Friday March 20-March 22. Please call Good Shepherd (724-528-3569) to register and for information

**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!!!**



**THANK YOU**

**CATHOLIC SERVICE  
APPEAL 2026**

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Service Appeal.

**GOOD SHEPHERD TOTALS**

Diocesan Assessment: \$52,074.00  
Total Pledged as of 03/09/26: \$83,470.00  
Total Paid as of 03/09/26: \$57,267.00  
Surplus after Assessment: \$5,193.00  
Parish Project Goal: \$90,500.00  
Remains at Good Shepherd to be used toward roof replacement on Social Center / HVAC

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOTALS**

Diocesan Assessment \$21,724.00  
Total Pledged as of 03/09/26 \$35,062.00  
Total Paid as of 03/09/26 \$29,112.00  
Surplus after Assessment \$7,388.00  
Remains at Our Lady of Fatima to complete the restoration of our Rectory and Office after our winter water disaster.

**READINGS FOR THE  
WEEK OF**

**March 15 thru March 21**

**Sunday** 1 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7,10-13  
Eph 5: 8-14  
Jn 9: 1-41

**Monday** Is 65: 17-21  
Jn 4:43-54 (244)

**Tuesday** Ez 47: 1-9, 12  
Jn 5: 1-16 (245)

**Wednesday** Is 49: 8-15  
Jn 5: 17-30 (246)

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21,24a

**Friday** Wis 2: 1a, 12-22  
Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

**Saturday** Jer 11: 18-20  
Jn 7: 40-53 (249)

