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suddenly you are doing the
impossible."
- Saint Teresa of Avila

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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Maureen Murray

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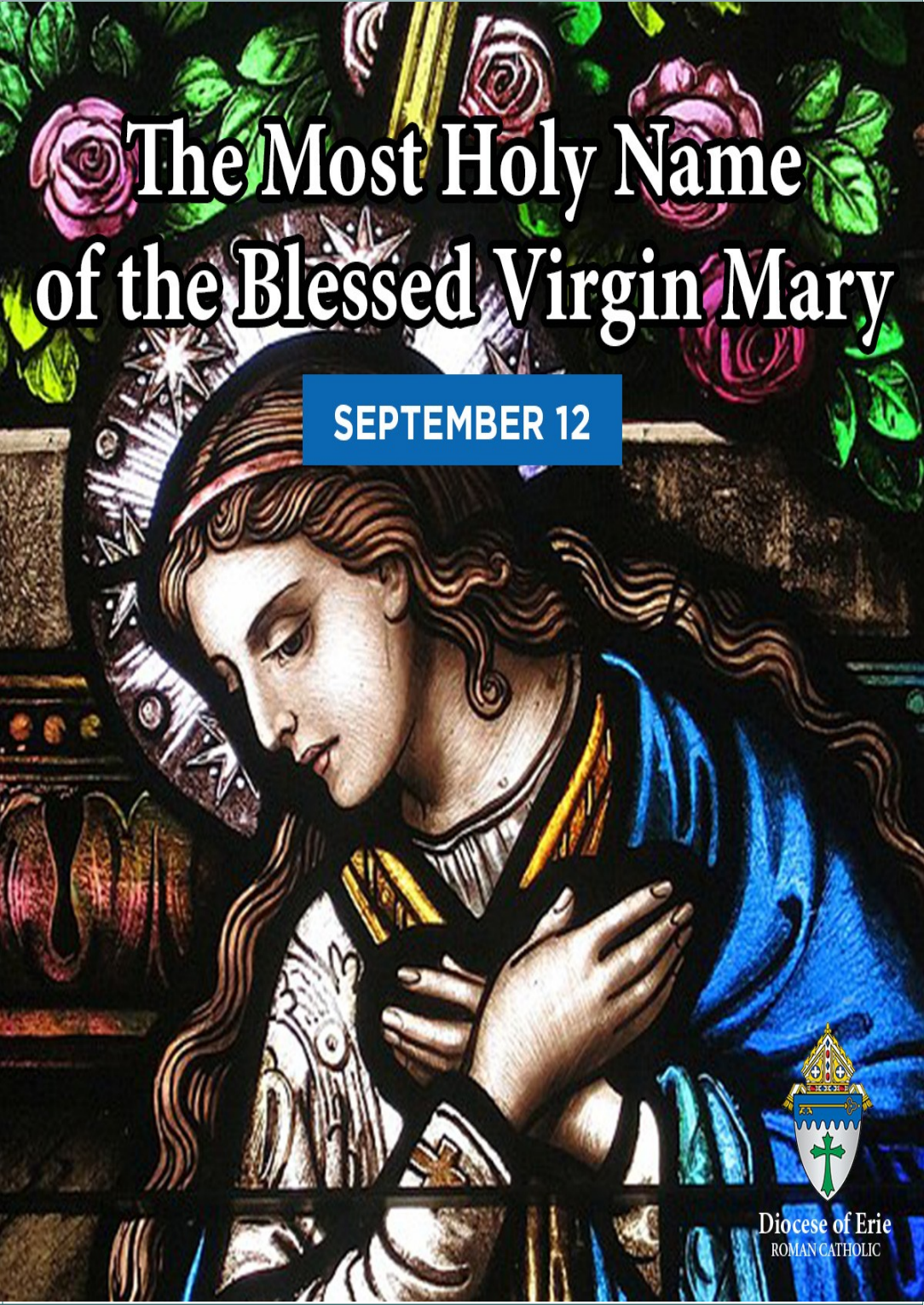
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of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

SEPTEMBER 12




Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT 13, 2026

Week of Sept 13, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Sept 14:

Tuesday: Sept 15: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Sept 16:

Thursday Sept 17: 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 18

Saturday, Sept 19: MASS 4:00PM

Altar Candles the Week of
SEPT 13th through SEPT 19th, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
VICKI RIVETTI LINGNER
From Her Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
ROSARIA & FRANK DONATELLI
From AnnMarie Donatelli & Family
JUDY BATOR
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
ANTHONY “TONY” ELISCO
From Madalaine Nuzzo

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar
Flowers

For this week Flowers were donated for
ALL DECEASED PARISHIONERS

08/292026

# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	111
Offertory Collection	\$2670.00
Loose Offertory	\$260.00

Intentions

Requested By

SATURDAY SEPT 12 4:00PM **Gene & Helen Scarmack** **Their Daughters and Family**
MASS **Jack Guerino** **Anita Elisco**

Monday, Sept 14 6:30 am **Prayer Service**

Tuesday, Sept 15 at 6:30 am **Prayer Service**

Wednesday Sept 16 at 6:30am **Prayer Service**

Thursday Sept 17 at 6:30am **Prayer Service**

Friday Sept 18 at 6:30am **Prayer Service**

Saturday Sept 19 at 4:00pm MASS **John Jarocki Sr.** **His Family**
Vicki Rivetti Lingner **Her Family**

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SATURDAY
4:00 PM

Sept 19, 2026

Dolly Szugye

John Jarocki
Marsha Petrillo

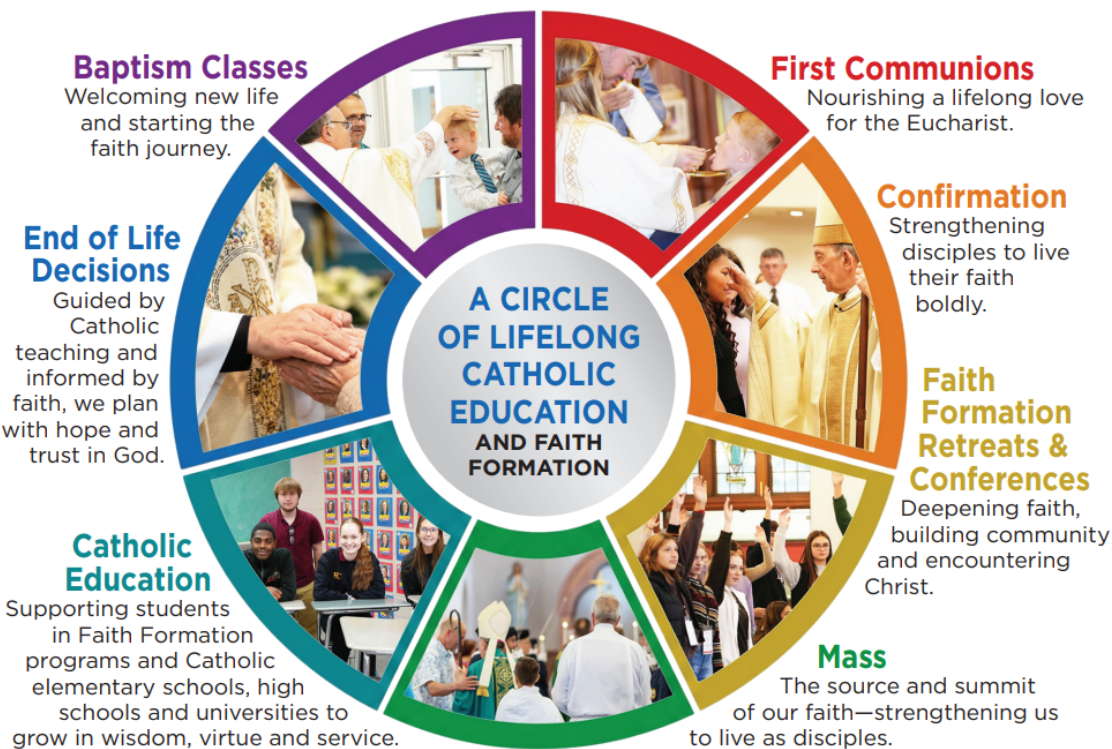
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FROM PASTORS DESK

“Lord, how often should I forgive? Seven times?”

The context of this parable on forgiveness is in the larger practice of reconciliation that began with last week’s outline of the ideal method of clemency within the whole Christian community. First “face to face”, then with another accompanying you, then within the entire church. Having heard that story, Peter demonstrating his occasional cluelessness asks if there is a numerical limit to such behavior. Jesus is attempting to teach there is no limit to mercy, forgiveness, or reconciliation among God’s family.

But there is a caution that should be taken into consideration as well – we shouldn’t ignore the deep pain of those who have been sinned against, nor minimize the difficulties of forgiveness. A deplorable but not uncommon example would be to consider a woman who had been abused by her husband. It would be important not to subject her to a bulletin article or a sermon that would make forgiveness sound easy, or worse, one that invites her to forgive seventy times seven times and return to the abusive situation.

Gospel writers who are inspired by the Spirit in relating Jesus’ very teachings, are also invited to use literary techniques that assist in making the point. Such a technique might be hyperbole, or exaggeration or absurdity, which are present in this particular story.

Matthew is addressing this story to the young Christian community who should know the reality of mercy among believers. Thus, Jesus’ retort to Peter’s dull inquiry is

more literally rendered, “How can you ask such a stupid question?” And then he creates an extreme parable to startle Peter into recognizing how absurd his question was. Then calls him (and us) to a new way of seeing and living.

The exaggeration is clearly evident from the first line of the story. Ten thousand talents is equal to more money than any one person could ever earn in a couple lifetimes, so we’re clued-in from the get-go that it is imaginary, and all we have to do is go along with the premise to discover the deeper lesson. What king would ever forgive such a debt?

From start to finish, the story leads the listeners to encounter a style of the rhetoric of excess (seventy times seven, 10,000 talents, tortured until he could repay), because who could calculate the practice of forgiveness?

But that’s not the whole story. At a deeper level is the central pivot in the parable which drives the lesson home...the word of grace, the absurd initial generosity of the king which should lead to gratitude. It renders obscene the actions of the unforgiving slave, who seizes his fellow slave “by the throat” and demands repayment of a miniscule amount.

The audience must all be saying, “How ridiculous! How could anyone do such a thing?” Then the parable turns on us, like it does on Peter. How could you ask such a question – how often should I forgive? We should know how much we’ve already been forgiven – which answers the question.

Have a blessed week!
Father Frank and Father Glenn

FOOD FOR THOUGHT??????

Reconciliation strategy

“Mommy, she hit me!” “Yeah, but he hit me first!” A wise parent knows not to enter into that kind of morass without a game plan. In today’s gospel, Jesus offers a strategy for reconciliation when one member of the church sins against another. Most people when offended want to appeal to a higher authority (e.g., yell for Mommy or Daddy to intervene), but Jesus instructs the apostles to make the first attempt directly with the one who hurt them. Jesus’ aim was always inclusion and reconciliation.

Family life expert Barbara Coloroso offers good advice when kids are at odds and appeals to the parents: Put the ball back in their court. She recommends that parents help the kids develop the skills at reconciliation, skills we don’t seem born with. That includes listening, empathizing, and respecting the other’s viewpoint. In her bestseller *Kids Are Worth It!* She offers this cure for when your kids are calling on you to referee: Hand one a pencil and the other a notebook. Tell them to sit until they come up with a single account of what occurred that they both can agree on.

When we’re at odds, the point is not to prove who’s right or wrong, but to regain connection. After all, Jesus came so that all may be one. We can start by being one with the one we’re at odds with.

Tom McGrath
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FALL IS COMING



Marriage Moment

Happiness: Part 2. Living in poverty is no fun. Voluntary simplicity, however, can be very satisfying especially when a couple has mutual goals of charity and service that they explore together. It doesn’t mean you never splurge or have a few nice things, but rather these “things” are not the ultimate source of joy in your relationship. Try choosing one household item you can live without and give it to someone who needs it more than you do this week. See my blog if you need ideas.

Parenting Pointers

Do you give weak directions to your child? “Pick up your toys please” or “No more TV right now” and then go on with whatever task you were busy about. Sometimes the child may comply but often parents don’t follow through, and the child learns that if they ignore the request, the parent won’t do anything, and they will get their way. You don’t have to be mean – just firm and take the energy to enforce what you ask. Don’t tell them it’s time to go to bed if you’re not prepared to follow through with calmly carrying them if necessary.

A Family Perspective

Holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past is futile. We must move on by accepting that we were unjustly treated and that it won’t be corrected. This doesn’t mean we condone the injustice; it means we refuse to let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is essential for living a healthy life in the present.

SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

“PANCAKE MIX”
AND
“MAPLE SYRUP”



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Last month we collected 160 cans of tuna!!! Another job well done!!!

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