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**SEPTEMBER 14**

**The Feast of the Cross**



Diocese of Erie  
ROMAN CATHOLIC



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

**Week of September 14, 2025, Calendar of Events**  
**Monday Sept 15: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, Sept 16: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**Wednesday Sept 17: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**  
**Thursday Sept 18: 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-- COME JOIN US**  
**Friday, Sept 19:**  
**Saturday, Sept 20: 4:00PM MASS**

09/06/2025	
# of Registered Families	392
# of Envelopes Used	100
GAZA Special Collection	\$224 .00
Offertory Collection	\$2384.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 130.00

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OUR PARISH



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, Sept 13 at 4:00 pm	Eugene & Dolores Quartini Marie Capson	Alisa & John Matune & the Boys Carol & Gary
Monday, Sept 15 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Sept 16 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Sept 17 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Sept 18 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Sept 19 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, Sept 20 at 4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Spadafora Family Steve, Tony & Maria Mensurati	Vincenza Grasso The Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM SEPT 20	Chris Connelly	Sarah Bika Debbie Andursky	Ed Debonis J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke

Altar Candles the week of  
SEPT 14 thru SEPT 20, 2025

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**FRANK & ROSARIA DONATELI**  
From Ann Marie Donatelli  
**NICK MARNEJON**  
From Wife, Lucille

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**JACK & HONEY CHERVINKO**  
From Fran Chervinko  
**ARLENE HOAK**  
From Daughter Pam

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**JOHN KUSNIR**  
From Wife, Linda

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*  
*For this week were donated in memory of*  
*CARL & PAULINE MARKS*  
*From the Family*



HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY  
POPE LEO XIV!



Leo P.P. XIV



SEPTEMBER 15

The Seven  
Sorrows  
of Mary

St. Anthony  
Rummage Sale



when?

wednesday, oct. 1st \* 2-5pm  
thursday, oct. 2nd & friday, oct. 3rd  
9am-2pm  
saturday, oct. 4th \* 9am-12noon

where?

Fish Fry  
Fri., Oct. 3rd  
4-7pm  
Take Out Only

located in the antonium  
(sherman ave., sharon, pa)

Daily Specials  
and  
Food Cafe

what?

gently used clothing, shoes, toys,  
dishes, holiday items, and much much  
more!!!! lottery tree



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY**

**OCT 25<sup>TH</sup>....**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**MASS 4:00PM**

**Fr. Glenn and Fr. Swacha will be having this special blessing.**

**All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

**Following the service, we will be having a special wine, cheese and snack gathering downstairs in our social hall. This**

**gathering will be to honor Father Glenn on his 50 years of serving our Catholic Faith.**

**Please plan on joining us. The Wallis entrance will also be open for easier access.**

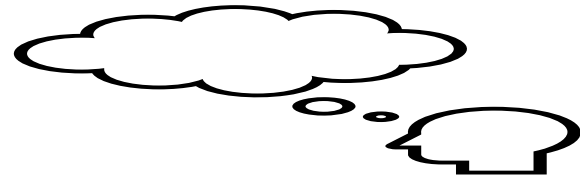


### **Brighten up the Corner:**

**Q: Who knew the most people in the Bible?**

**A: Not sure, but Abraham surely knew a Lot.**

**The oldest computer in Eden was an apple. With only one byte, everything crashed!!!!**



## **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

***I DON'T JUST NEED GOD WHEN***

***I'M HAVING TROUBLE. I NEED***

***GOD 365 DAYS A YEAR ...AMEN***

## **UPDATE ON FATHER FRANK**

**MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING HOW FATHER FRANK IS DOING.**

**FIRST OF ALL HE REALLY MISSES ALL OF US HERE AT FATIMA. HE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS.**

**HE WILL START CARDIAC REHABILITATION NEXT WEEK, SO WE WILL SEE WHERE THAT TAKES HIM BUT HE IS VERY AWARE THAT ALL OF OUR PRAYERS ARE GOING WITH HIM FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM CARD HIS HOME ADDRESS IS 625 RICHMOND DR. HERMITAGE, PA. 16148**



## **“THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

### **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

Today's feast doesn't often fall on a weekend, and when it does, we attempt to make a big liturgical deal about it. But first, some history.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross traces its origins to 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem. Tradition tells us that St. Helena; mother of the emperor Constantine took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 326 AD where she discovered the cross upon which Christ was crucified. Many legends are attached to this story – one reports she found three crosses buried together near where Mt. Calvary was outside the walls of ancient Jerusalem. In an effort to authenticate which of the three was the “true cross,” she proposed a test. Three recently buried people were located and each of the three crosses were applied to the deceased bodies. Nothing happened to the first two; but when the third cross was laid upon the third person, he revived.

To honor this discovery and mark the sacred sites of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, Constantine ordered the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher the holiest site in all Christendom. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335, and the next day, September 14, the cross was publicly displayed for veneration. By the 7<sup>th</sup> century, this was an annual celebration, observed by both Western (Roman) and Eastern (Orthodox) Churches.

The capital punishment of crucifixion was abolished across the Roman Empire when Constantine made Christianity the religion of the Empire and the cross became the universal symbol of the Christian faith, a paradoxical symbol of salvation and suffering.

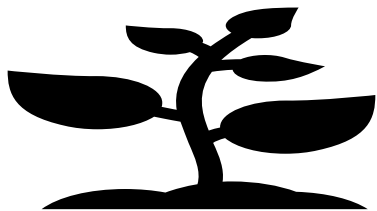
In today's gospel, a conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus centers around transformation, and it is saturated with symbolic meaning. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and teacher of the Mosaic (Moses') Law, comes to Jesus by night – a gesture reflecting both secrecy and the spiritual searching of one who is still in darkness. But he is drawn towards the light he sees in Jesus and cannot ignore the “signs” that Jesus performs. ‘No one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’

Jesus patiently leads Nicodemus thru the description of the work of the Spirit, whose movements are as mysterious and free as the wind that blows where it will – and certainly not under our control. Their dialog fades as the testimony of the early church is heard: “We testify to what we have seen.” Their witness is to Christ. A striking story from the Book of Numbers is recalled: when the Israelites, weary and rebellious in the desert trek, are afflicted by poisonous serpents, and God instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Those who look upon it are healed.



The parallel is drawn – the Son of Man (Jesus) must also be lifted up so that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Here the image of “lifting up” brings together death on the cross with being raised and glorified. In John’s gospel, the Cross is not only seen as a place of suffering and death but also a revelation of love and eternal life. Lastly, the reading from Paul’s letter to the Phillipians shows how Christ, though divine, empties himself taking the form of a slave and embracing death. And this complete self-giving is the path to exaltation!

**To gaze on the cross is to behold a God who suffers with us – in our difficulties in relationships, with friends and relatives alike, when we feel depleted, sad, wounded and aimless. Whether in our eighties or teens or anywhere in between, we have a partner in our distress, who though exalted, will never leave us alone**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 14

- Sunday** Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17 (638)
- Monday** 1 Tm 2:1-8 (443)  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639)
- Tuesday** 1 Tm 3:1-13  
Lk 7:11-17 (444)
- Wednesday** 1Tm 3:14-16  
Lk 7:31-35 (445)
- Thursday** 1 Tm 4:12-16  
Lk 7:36-50 (446)
- Friday** 1Tm 6:2c-12  
Lk 8:1-3 (447)
- Saturday** 1 Tm 6:13-16  
Lk 8:4-15 (448)

**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY**

**Father Glenn or Father Swacha will now be hearing confessions (in the Monti confessional) at 3:30pm Saturday up until mass time at 4:00pm**

A STEWARDSHOP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Heavenly Father,  
September is a month that offers hope for things to come:  
Our daily life has a new rhythm,  
There are new beginnings and new encounters,  
And a new energy is seen in the parish community.

In this month of accelerating activities,  
keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves.  
Give us the strength and the wisdom to be “Doers” of Your Word, and not just listeners:  
To be good stewards of the Gospel each and every day.

In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you, listens to the promptings of your Spirit and gives us hope that the body of Christ has well begun the transformation of a troubled world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, Forever and ever.

Amen

Amen



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents are like the shepherd in today’s gospel; they don’t give up and can’t rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent’s persistent love offers a glimpse of the unconditional love God, Our Father, has for each of us. A parent is a window to the Divine

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments.

The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org> For more information, contact the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195