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IN OBSERVANCE OF
LABOR DAY

*Prosper the work of
our hands! O prosper the
work of our hands.*
- Psalm 90:17

— September 7 —


Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPT 6, 2026

Week of Sept 6, 2026, Calendar of Events
Monday: Sept 7: LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday: Sept 8: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday Sept 9: 2:30PM Cemetery Council Meeting/
Finance Council Meeting
Thursday Sept 10: 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 11: DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
Saturday, Sept 12: MASS 4:00PM

Altar Candles the Week of
SEPT 6th through SEPT 12th, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
ED PERDIAN
From His Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
ANTHONY & MAY PICCIOTTO
From Wally, Judy & Family

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
FR. MATTHEW RUYECHAN
From Pam Hoak Rabold

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar
Flowers

For this week Flowers were donated for
GENE & HELEN SCARMACK
From Their Family



Most of us remember where we were on the morning of September 11, 2001. We watched in horror as images of the terrorist attacks flooded the news media. We mourned the thousands of men, women, and children who perished in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania. Churches, synagogues, and mosques opened their doors as people tried to find meaning. Believers - old and new - found comfort, strength, and challenge in prayer. This September, our assemblies will be faced with renewed turmoil. Media coverage, national observances and family gatherings will refresh their minds and open their wounds. Our nation will again express its grief. While politics and patriotism will certainly be visible, prayers should take the more central role on this somber anniversary.

REMEMBERING.....
TAKE A MOMENT AND
PRAY



Lord, take me where you want me to go;
Let me meet who you want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say,
And keep me out of your way.



-- Father Mychal Judge, OFM
NYFD Chaplain
R.I.P. 11 September 2001

		Intentions	Requested By			
SATURDAY SEPT 5 at 4:00PM MASS		Gene Quartini William & MaryJane Chavara	John, Alisa & Boys Tom & Lisa Chavara			
Monday, Sept 7 6:30 am		Prayer Service				
Tuesday, Sept 8 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service				
Wednesday Sept 9 at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Thursday Sept 10 at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Friday Sept 11 at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Saturday Sept 12 at 4:00pm MASS		Gene & Helen Scarmack Jack Guerino	Their Daughters & Family Anita Elisco			
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS	
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Marsha Petrillo	Tresa Templeton Jean Burke		Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke	
Sept 12, 2026						



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

TO ADD TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN PLEASE CALL

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT CLARION UNIVERSITY

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature high-energy speakers, music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico. Teens from across the Diocese of Erie will gather for a fun and faith-filled day centered on the theme, “You Are Called | You Are Sent.” Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we’re able to offer this retreat once again for free. Registration is now open and due by September 30. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information!

Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html> for details.



FROM PASTORS DESK

The silence can be deafening.

Family members and friends live their lives tiptoeing around one another. Spouses, parents and children are held hostage by the silence.

Not in our family, they all insist.

Better to suffer in silence, they hope.

It could be alcoholism, drug addiction, physical abuse that victimizes the family; a misunderstanding over a broken relationship, a divorce, a child’s rejection of a family’s culture, religion, or politics that creates a tension that rules a family’s life.

Regardless of the cause, fear is the controlling agent.

**SAY NOTHING! Don’t bring it up!
HE’LL EXPLODE IF YOU EVEN BRING
IT UP! It’ll only get ugly! YOU’LL NEVER
CHANGE THEIR MINDS! What good will
it do? YOU’LL ONLY GET HURT!**

And so, there is silence. Silence while hearts and spirits shrivel and die.

In today’s passage from Matthew’s gospel, Jesus urges his followers not to tolerate the silence that destroys community, the silence that precludes healing and reconciliation. He pleads with us not to allow our judgments and disappointments to isolate us from others but to confront those problems that divide us, grieve us and embitter us. It is hard work to take on that sort of silence.

Almost the entire 18th chapter of Matthew is a collection of Jesus’ sayings on the practical challenges facing the infant Christian community, including status-seeking, scandal, division and the topic of

today’s segment, conflict. It even outlines a process of reconciliation among divided members of a community. It even seems to read like the by-laws of a church social group. But the point of Jesus’ suggestion is that we must never tolerate any breach of personal relationship between us and another member of the Christian community. At each stage of the process – one-on-one confrontation, seeking resolution in the presence of community members who can witness the facts and finally bringing the whole issue before the entire community – the goal is to win the erring member back to the community.

Jesus calls us to seek honesty and sincerity in all relationships, to put aside self-interest, anger and wounded pride, and take the first steps in healing the rifts that destroy the sense of love that binds family and friends, church and community – the love of Christ is “the debt” that binds us to one another. The three-part process that Jesus lays out for bringing sinners back to the community seeks to build *inclusive* not *exclusive* bodies, not out of pride of zealousness, but out of “the debt” that binds us to love one another.

**Reconciliation within a
community is not easy but is always
worth the effort.**

Be safe and enjoy this holiday weekend!

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 Ard 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 1. It’s no sin to have fun. Recreational pursuits refresh and nurture us. Sometimes, however, hobbies and sports can rob us of couple time or down time to really relax. Are your leisure activities supporting your marriage or stressing it? Try listing your non-work activities and assess what really revitalizes you

Parenting Pointers

“And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.” (Luke 2.33) Do your children ever amaze you? Maybe you haven’t been watching with the eyes of God at the wonder of this younger human being with free will. Watch with awe today. Ponder the memory in your heart.

A Family Perspective

The key word in today’s gospel is “listen.” We cannot change another person—not alone, not with others, and not even with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position, and if they listen, they can take the necessary steps to change themselves. Change comes from within.?

SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

“PANCAKE MIX”
AND
“MAPLE SYRUP”



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