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Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fr. Frank DiCristina

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WEDDINGS:
Arrangements six months
in advance .Call Parish office



Welcome to our Eucharistic Ministries



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of May 4, 2025, Calendar of Events
Monday May 5:
Tuesday, May 6: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday May 7: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday, May 8: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli
In Good Shepherd Social Hall
PILGRIM FATIMA STATUE 12:00 noon - 7:00pm
Friday, May 9 :
Saturday, May 10: 4:00 Mass

COLLECTION 04/26/2025	
# of Registered Families	395
# of Envelopes Used	106
Easter y	\$240.00
Offertory Collection	\$2368.00
Loose Offertory	\$128.00
Holy Land Collection	\$38.00



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, May 3 at 4:00 pm	John Kusnir Janice Grande	Wife, Lida Mickie, Nick & Micholas
Monday, May 5 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, May 9 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	The Napolitan Family
Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 pm	Robert Ost Christine Incerto	Wife Mary & Family Mickie, Nick & Nicholas

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Dolly Szugye	Bette Green Jean Burke	Joe Perrico J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
MAY 10				

Altar Candles the week of
MAY 4 thru MAY 10, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT
JACKIE SANFORD
From Ken & Barbara Rogers
ROBERT OST
From Wife Mary & Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
FRANK & ROSARIA DONATELLI
From Ann Marie Donatelli
HAPPY MOTHER DAY/ MOM & GRDMA
From Darlene Bartholomew

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
GEORGE, ROSE & KEVIN TATUSKO
From The Family & Friends
ROY & PAULINE MCBRIAR
From The Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week were donated in memory of
George, Rose & Kevin Tatusko
From The Family

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THIS SPECIAL TIME

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Tour

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

DATE: MAY 8, 2025 ~ THURSDAY

12:00~ 12:45	Solemn entrance Procession with Statue and Crowning of Mary—Marian Songs Recitation of the Rosary by Children of Mary Sisters
12:45-1:45	Inspirational Prayers for sacramental and grace of confession -Children of Mary Sisters
1:45-2:15	Prayerful understanding about Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and Ceremony
2:15-3:15	Sacred Music during Adoration with The Blessed Sacrament
3:15 ~ 3:45	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet by World Apostolate of Fatima members
3:45-4:30	Recitation of the Rosary by World Apostolate of Faima members
5 ~ 6	Mass celebrated by Fr Brian Beal
6 ~ 7	Holy Hour ~ ~ Confessions ~ ~ Benediction

ARRIVAL TIME: 11:00 am

DEPARTURE TIME: 7:00 pm

Handkerchiefs, Holy Water, Scapulars, Rosaries, Books,
Prayers Cards and other items will be available.
Donations are appreciated.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Andy & Red - Shawshank

It wouldn’t be much of a stretch to say that Stephen King had read John’s Gospel more than once. I think today’s Easter story might be a case in point.

Andy is arrested for murder, tried and jailed for life to Shawshank Prison run by the God-fearing warden Norton who declares, “I believe in two things; discipline and the Bible – here you will receive both.” He says some other things as well which cannot be written here.

On the outside, Andy was a banker and is treated rather cruelly by some guards and other inmates and is regarded coolly by the better men in Shawshank. Andy never tells his left hand what his right hand is doing. In time he is befriended by another lifer, Red, who is the great fixer of the jail. Red believes Andy is innocent. Andy tells Red that if they ever get out of jail, they’ll meet on a beach Andy knows in Mexico.

The longer a Bible-reading moviegoer watches the film, it becomes apparent King modeled the story on the Gospel of John; it is a parable about John’s portrait of Jesus. You and I, like Red, are lifers! Andy, like Jesus is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the cruelty and condemnation by the religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John’s Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Red is paroled after serving 35 years hard labor. He decides to go where Andy has gone, and just as Andy promised when they were in prison together, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the movie comes as Andy and Red meet on a beach, embrace each other, and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

King understands John’s portrait of Jesus very well. For all Jesus’ assurances and composure throughout the gospel, the sense of care and deep friendship with those he is closest to is deeply moving. In this Easter narrative, Jesus returns to Galilee to find his friends who have fled Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of new followers, the Eucharist, and the suffering they endure, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him. The only sense John can make of Jesus’ death, the martyrdom of the apostles, or the persecution by enemies of the Good News is to see them all as acts of love.

We have been caught up in the net of God’s love and are therefore heirs to the same promise of Jesus’ fidelity. During these Easter weeks, we celebrate being set free from the prison of our fears. What can prevent us from being grateful for the undeserved redemption we’ve inherited?

He is risen as he said. Alleluia!

Fr. Glenn/Frank

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Tour

May 1-10, 2025 – Erie, PA Diocese

“Seeing the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is like going to Fatima.”



In 1947, this world famous statue was sculpted according to the specifications of Ven. Sister Lucia, seer of Fatima, by Jose Thedim, the Michelangelo of Portugal. The statue was blest by Ven. Pope Pius XII on May 13, 1947, causing him to refer to this image as the “messenger of her royalty,” thus becoming the famous “Pilgrim Virgin Statue” known as the “Weeping Madonna”. The custodian of this statue is Patrick Sabat.

Let us welcome with immense joy and happiness this beautiful image of the Mother of Our Lord. Our Lady grants many graces and blessings during a visitation. The Blessed Mother through the image of Our Lady of Fatima eagerly awaits your visit so that she may shower you with an abundance of graces as she pleads your cause with her Son Jesus.

“To Jesus thru Mary”

For more information call: Tina Scoccia 724-877-0987

Sponsored by: World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady’s Blue Army, Mercer County Division

1 – Thurs. St. John the Shepherd West Middlesex A – 8:00 am D – 6:00 pm	May 2 Friday ST Mary’s Pilgrimage Site Holy Year 2025 + New Castle A – 8:45 am D – 7:00 pm	May 3 – Sat. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish + Mercer A – 9:00 am D – 6:00 pm	May 4 - Sun ST Joseph’s Parish & Religious Ed + Sharon A – 10:00 am D – 6:00 pm	May 5 - Mon ST Anthony’s Pa A – 7:00 am D – 12:00 noon + Sharon Embassy Nursing Home + Herm A – 2:00 pm D – 4:00 pm
6 – Tues St. John XXIII Living Home A – 8:00 am D – 1:15 am Hermitage Bartholomew Warpsville A – 8:00 pm D – 7:00 pm	May 7 – Wed. Notre Dame Parish ~ Adoration Chapel + Hermitage A – 9:00 am D – 8:00 pm	May 8 Thurs. Our Lady of Fatima Parish + Farrell A – 12:00 noon D – 7:00 pm	May 9 – Fri. ST John Paul School + Hermitage A – 8:00 am D – 1:00 pm	May 10 – Sat. Notre Dame Pari + Hermitage A – 12:00 noon D – 5:00 pm
			Welcome to Our Lady on May 2 Like the pilgrims do at Fatima – Hankies will be available.	Farewell to Our on May 10 Like the pilgrims do at Fatima – Hankies will be available while the Ave Maria



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025 UPDATE:

So far, THANKS TO YOU, we've received pledges of \$24,280.00 toward our diocesan assessment of \$26,226.00. Once we reach our assessment, any funds contributed will be put toward our parish project of enhancements to the kitchen downstairs.

Thank you for your pledges and support thus far.

Marriage Moment

“When you work with people, it is a lot like mining for gold. You do not look for the dirt. You look for the gold” (Andrew Carnegie) What affirming nugget can you say to your beloved today? It helps if it's specific. It's essential that it's true.

Parenting Pointers

A North Carolina University study found that children of workaholics have the same anxiety levels and depression as children of alcoholics. So how do you know if you're working too much? Are you more excited about going to work than spending time with your family? Parenting is work, but “God work”.

CAVATELLI

You are now able to purchase Our Famous Cavatelli, here at the Church.

BUT ONLY ON SATURDAY'S
AFTER 4:00 MASS. \$15.00 for a 5 lb. bag

Marty Andrusky will be downstairs after mass to take your orders.

PARKING REMINDER

Please do not park in front of or in the garage parking lot across the street. Also there is no parking in front of the dinner next to the church. These businesses will be open on Saturdays and will need their parking spaces. We can use all the spaces in front of and behind OUR building across from the city building and the parking area behind the church. THANK YOU!

FATIMA CAVATELLI FOR SALE

Our famous Fatima Cavatelli's are now for sale not only at our local grocery stores, (Farrell Golden Dawn and Donofrio's in Hermitage) but they can now be purchased directly from Our Church Hall in West Middlesex, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM for \$15.00 for a 5-pound bag. Let's support our parish with your purchase!!!!

BUS TRIP

Ordination to the Priesthood of
Michael Scanga & Brandon Feikles



Friday, May 23, 2025

7:00 p.m.

**Buffet Dinner
Included**

Reserve your spot early ONLY 50 SEATS Available!

A coach bus departs from St. Joseph Church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 10:45 p.m.

To avoid a late start, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.

To reserve your seat, please stop in St. Joseph Church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or call 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements.

\$45 fee is collected at time of reservation.

Positivity is the currency of a rich and rewarding life



April 14, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When you look back on your life, you can easily remember times when your life was transformed by the ministry of your parish priest as he celebrated the Sacraments with you and your family. Our priests have given their lives to our Lord and to you, dedicating themselves to the celebration of the Eucharist, ministry and service. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude toward these priests who have served you so well over the years.

On the weekend of May 10 – 11, our annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is our opportunity to express our gratitude with a financial gift to those priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the people of our Diocese, to help with the care of those priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years.

I thank you in advance for your generosity to our annual Good Shepherd Collection for the support and care of our retired diocesan priests. If you prefer to make your gift online, simply scan the QR code below to access the online giving site for the Good Shepherd Collection.

Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you, those who have retired and those who have died. Please also pray for vocations to the priesthood. We pray that others will follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as Good Shepherds, leading you, the People of God, by their priestly ministry.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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