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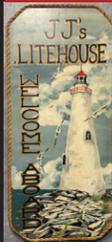
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STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK  NEW REGISTRATION  CHANGE ADDRESS

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

Organist :  
Maureen Murray

Choir Director:  
Christina Russo

Liturgical/Maintenance  
Joann Horner

Catholic Cemetery Association:  
Foreman - Thomas Cimoric

Altar Rosary Chair:  
Jean Mabile

Cavatelli Crew Chair:  
Flo Fusco

OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY—THURSDAY  
9 :00 TO 2:00  
724-346-3359

EMAIL:  
olfrectory@yahoo.com

BAPTISMS:  
Please call Parish office

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

**Week 3: Joy**

**SEASON of ADVENT**  
THE ANTICIPATION OF HIS COMING

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA  
"THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT" MARCH 8, 2026**

**Week of March 8, 2026, Calendar of Events**

**Monday: March 9:**  
**Tuesday: March 10: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 with Communion to follow  
 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli  
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall  
**Wednesday March 11: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
 Downstairs in our Social Hall  
**Thursday March 12: 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 13:**  
**Saturday, March 14: 4:00PM MASS**

02/28/2026	
# of Registered Families	378
# of Envelopes Used	103
Monthly Collection	\$ 947.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 3116.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 178.00

**Altar Candles the Week of  
MAR 8 thru MAR 14, 2026**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**PAUL LIPAK**

From Wife, Mary & Daughters

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

**ROSARIA & FRANK DONATELLI**

From AnnMarie Donatelli

**MARY CATHERINE PASCI**

From The Family

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

**GENE SCARMACK**

From His Family

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*

*NO FLOWERS DURING LENT*

	Intentions	Requested By
<b>SATURDAY, March 7 at 4:00 pm MASS</b>	Rosaria & Frank Donatelli Edith Galarde	AnnMarie Donatelli Husband, Nick
Monday, Mar 9 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Mar 10 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	<b>12:15pm STATIONS of the CROSS</b>
Wednesday, Mar 11 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Mar 12 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday Mar 13 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, March 14 at 4:00 pm	Muller Family Joseph & Eleanor Squatrito	Bill & MaryBeth Schuster Patrick & MaryKay Kelecseny

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
<b>SATURDAY 4:00 PM MARCH 14</b>	Marsha Petrillo	Debbie Andrusky Jean Burke	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke

**St. Anthony Parish Council**

**PREMIUM SPIRITS & YETI COOLER RAFFLE**

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**Diocese of Erie  
2026 Catholic Services Appeal**

**In Christ,  
We Are One**

*"Look to Christ...  
Listen to his offer of love  
and become his one family:  
in the one Christ, we are one."*

**- Pope Leo XIV**

**Catholic Services Appeal Update**

**ASSESSMENT \$21,724.00  
PLEDGES \$32,162.00  
PAID TO DATE \$26,712.00**

**!!!!THANK YOU ALL!!!!**

for your support this year.  
All money now received will go directly to help fix our water damaged office and rectory. Yes, we do have insurance, but it is not covering all that we must replace at **today's cost.**

# 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.

## Family Perspective

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than just material thing; they need the "living water" that only good role models can provide. This "living water" will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others, and honor their commitments. With this, they will "never thirst"

**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

**MENU**

**\$16 Fried or Baked** Fish Dinners include choice of: fresh cut fries or baked potato, homemade coleslaw or applesauce, and peanut butter cookie

**\$13 Palacinke Dinner**

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*"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst again."*

There's an interesting contrast today in two of the Scripture stories we hear. On the one hand, we've got the grumbling nation behind Moses – reasonably thirsty yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who've been recently delivered from a generation or more of slavery, miraculously led through the divided Red Sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the wilderness of the desert. One would think there would be a show of appreciation, a little bit of faith from these ingrates!! How about a little courtesy mixed with their anxious request for water. But all we see is an angry, snarling ungrateful crowd.

On the other hand, we've got the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty too, or she wouldn't be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched hour of the day. The traditional, sensible time of the day to draw water is early in the morning – the better to catch up on "Breaking News" from the other women of the village. This Samaritan woman has other reasons to be unpleasant: it's hot, there's a strange man hovering around her destination, and what's worse he's a traditional enemy of her community. (We might wonder what distinctive features of Jesus - skin tone, stature, clothing, beard – can she detect from a distance.) Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling Jesus "sir" and demonstrating once more, a delightful sort of spunk that is a

signature characteristic of a biblical hero. Whereas the nasty mob around Moses repels us – we don't want to be around these people more than necessary – and we almost find the woman of Samaria friendly. We want to know her name. We'd like to follow her home and find out what happens to her after her encounter with Jesus.

We know in broad, general terms that the fates of the participants of these two stories couldn't be more distinct. The nation behind Moses, who seem to wield a blade of mistrust that could wind up in his back, gets their spring of water and miraculous rescue once again. But does it change anything? Won't they be just as angry, aggrieved and thirsty the next day? The water provides them with water for a day or a week. Still, the place remains defined by the spirit of the people: *Massah* and *Meribah* - Hebrew for "quarreling" and "testing." Perhaps in the deeper sense, they remain parched and unsatisfied.

By contrast watch what happens to our heroine of Samaria. She leaves her bucket unfilled by the well, no longer in need of water that lasts only a day. She leaves her grievances by the well, too, running back to the community that has judged her behavior in the past with news too good to hold back. Living water has changed her, turning a notorious woman into a reliable witness. Once she was given a label of what might be called perpetual marriageability – she's been redefined as the first apostle to the Samaritans.

Thirst is not a bad thing, we realize. It can lead straight to our heart's desire!

**Blessed Lent! Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn**

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

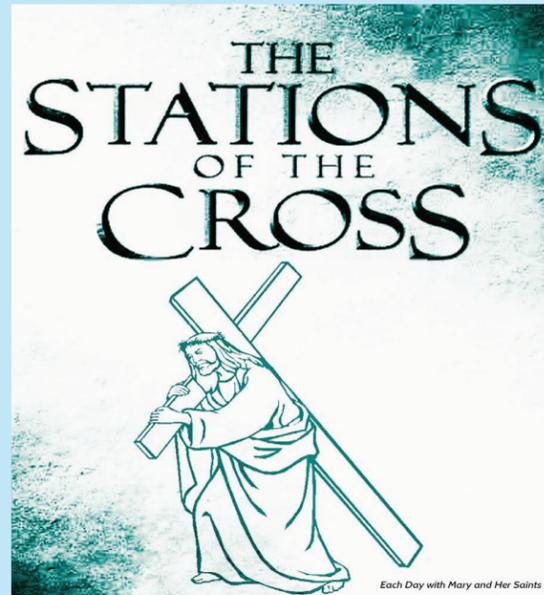
**HOLY THURSDAY** –7:00pm  
**GOOD FRIDAY**—12:00 NOON  
**NO SATURDAY**  
**SERVICE AT ALL**  
**EASTER SUNDAY** –9:00am

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!!!!!!**

**MARCH COLLECTION**  
**WILL BE**  
**FRUIT JUCIES**  
**(PLEASE NO GLASS**  
**BOTTLES)**

**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!!!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Cemeteries Christmas**  
**Decorations:**

Please remove all Christmas Decorations NOW. This includes all decorations in or outside vases.

**This includes all of our**  
**Cemeteries**

**St. Anthony**-All Sections  
**St. Ann**- New and Old Sections  
**St. Elizabeth** –New and Old Sections  
**Please pass this info on**



Please pray for



Virginia Careghini, James Kashmer, Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, JoAnn Nigro, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands

**PRAYER CHAIN**

LuAnn Iacino and Bette Green have volunteered to start this ministry. If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call

**LuAnn @ 724-347-1748** or  
**Bette @ 724-877-4027**

**Parenting Pointers**

We're 15 days into Lent. Has your family found 15 things to give away to those in need? So maybe you've procrastinated? Maybe you're the only one in your family who decided to join the great Lenten give-away. Maybe you have better ways to sacrifice during Lent. It doesn't matter. Just do something – even if it's just to read and be inspired by others.

**Marriage Moments**

Humor is the oil of relationships. It can bring a squeaky problem into perspective. If things are tense between you, sometimes making a funny comment (perhaps a self-deprecating one) can lighten the situation.