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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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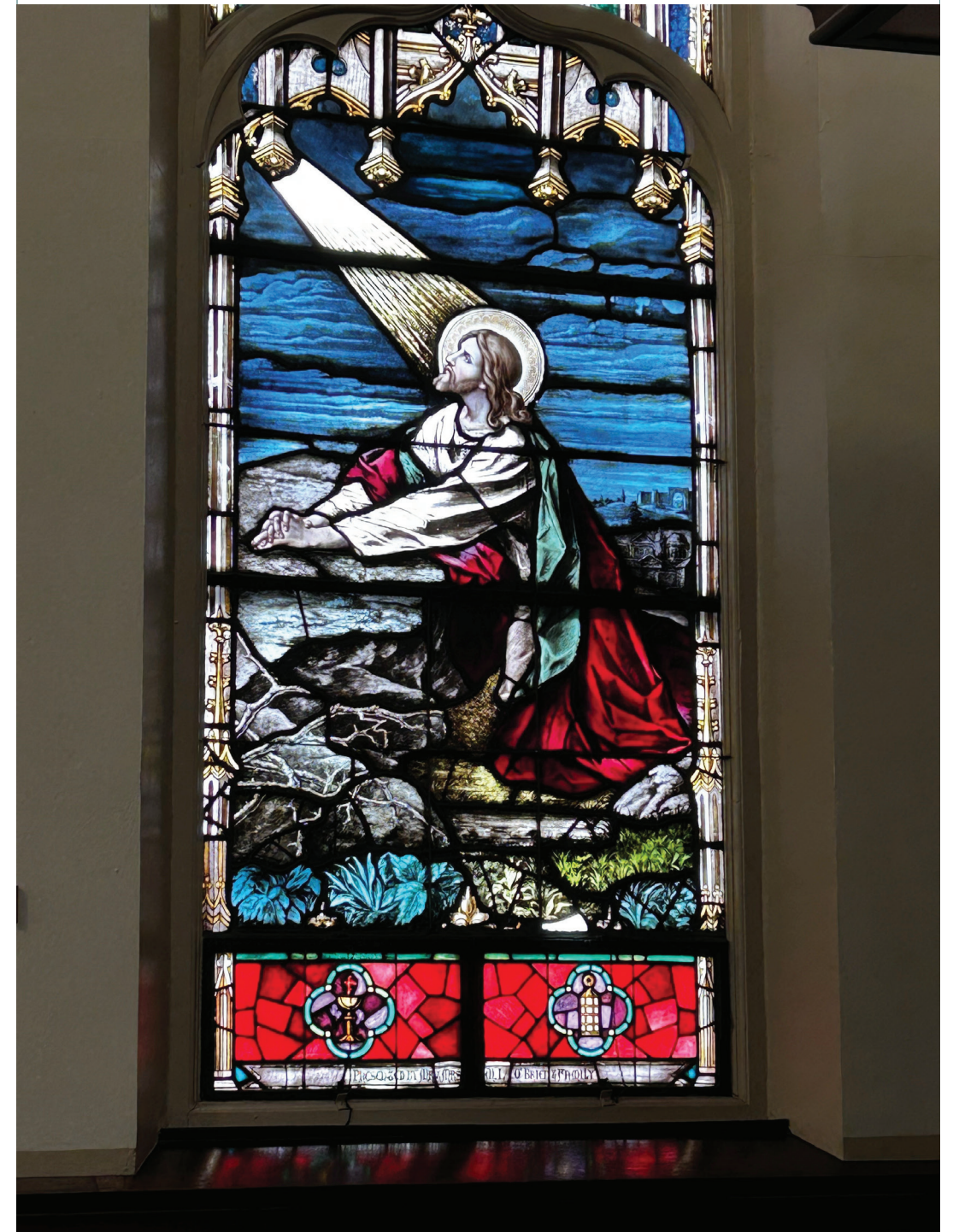
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Week of January 19th, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday Jan 20th:

Tuesday, Jan 21st: Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL

Wednesday Jan 22nd: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday, Jan 23rd: Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL
ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM

Friday, Jan 24th:

COLLECTION 01/11/2025	
# of Registered Families	403
# of Envelopes Used	115
Attendance at Mass	137
Offertory Collection	\$ 3486.00
Loose Offertory	\$155.00

**Altar Candles the week of
Jan 19th thru Jan 25th, 2025**

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Mary Lou Cimoric
 From Husband Tom & Children

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
Charlotte Pelini
 From Billy Pelini
Jack & Honey Chervinko
 From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
Donald Kurpe
 From Joan Nicoloff

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
 For this week were donated in memory of
 Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 From Your Fatima Family*

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“There was a wedding at Cana.... and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.”

The Last Rifleman

For Artie Crawford, the war never ended. Artie served as a rifleman with an Irish Infantry unit during World War II. He was just 16 years old – and petrified. He survived the invasion of France on D-Day only because of the street smarts and pluck of his best friend Charlie. Then one horrible day, while pulling Artie to safety, Charlie stepped on a land mine. The grief and guilt haunted Artie for the rest of his life. In the film *The Last Rifleman*, Pierce Bronson plays Artie at 92 years old and residing in a Belfast senior care facility. Maggie, his wife of 68 years, has just died. He suffers from PTSD, constantly reliving the deaths of his comrades. On television he learns about the 75th anniversary ceremonies marking D-Day in Normandy. Artie resolves to go, despite his age, his long list of health challenges, his expired passport, and the strenuous objections of his caregivers. But Artie sneaks out of his Belfast residence with a small suitcase and a pocketful of Euros.

Along the way, he experiences the kindness of strangers who are touched by his story and go out of their way to help, including the truck driver who gets Artie to the ferry to France in time and the single mom of two who smuggles Artie across the Channel in her trailer. The kindness of those who help him along the way gives Artie a new perspective on humanity as he wrestles with the pain of his past.

In France, he meets a one-time German soldier, who expresses his remorse for the actions of Nazi soldiers during the war. At first, Artie cannot withhold his anger, but as the German veteran shares his story, Artie’s attitude begins to soften. Artie also meets a one-time American GI who recounts as he helplessly watched his younger brother being killed during the D-Day landing. Their experiences helped Artie understand that he is not alone in his remorse and doubt. They were all boys then, thrown into a maelstrom not of their making. Without giving away too much of the film, Artie finds Charlie’s grave at Normandy and is able to pay his respects to his friend – and the war finally begins to come to an end for Artie Crawford, the “last” surviving rifleman of his Ulster unit.

In this movie, Artie dares to confront the demons of war that have haunted his adulthood. His odyssey to Normandy is his own version of the gospel story of the miracle at Cana, in which he discovers the “new wine” of forgiveness and mercy, of hope restored and compassion rediscovered. The writer of the Fourth Gospel calls the water into wine miracle the “first sign” of Jesus’ ministry. Perhaps a fitting sign of what Jesus has been sent into the world to do – transform the world from brokenness and self-centeredness into God’s banquet table of generosity, healing and hope. It becomes a place where the watered-down wine of fear is replaced with the exquisite wine of gratitude for the life God has given us.

Enjoy a blessed week! Fr. Glenn

A Mass of Christian Burial
 was held on Friday January 10th
 for Margaret Pacello at 11:00am
 As a parish, our thoughts and
 prayers go out to their families and
 friends for the loss of their loved
 ones. May they rest in peace in
 Gods’ hands.

**SPECIAL MASS –
 ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Our Lady of Fatima—
 Saturday February 22 4:00PM**
**Good Shepherd—
 Saturday January 26 11:30AM**

SCRIPTURE READING

**“May the God of hope fill you with all the joy
 and peace in believing, so that you may abound
 in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”**
Romans 15:13

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

**At Cana, we gain valuable insight into Mary’s
 parenting style. She did not plead, argue,
 demand, or manipulate. Instead, she simply
 pointed out the situation and trusted her son to
 make the best decision.**

PARENTING POINTERS

**Remember, your children are not a reflection of
 you. They are souls placed on this earth by God
 with their own unique purpose. Our job, as
 parent and guide, is to help them identify this
 purpose.**

Thank You
Joann Horner and Rick Swope
for taking down the Christmas decorations.
We appreciate your hard work.

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By		
Saturday, Jan 18 th at 4:00 pm	Joseph Lombardi	The Family		
	Levio & Ann Baldarelli	Josephine M. Kuzel		
Monday, Jan 20 th at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Jan 21 st , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Jan 22 nd , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Jan 23 rd at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday, Jan 24 th at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, Jan 25 th at 4:00 pm	Marian Lazor-Vadala	Sister, Catherine & Brian		
	Tommy Sharkins	Bill & MaryBeth Schuster		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY JANUARY 25 th 4:00PM	MaryRose Marks	Marsha Petrillo Christine Oberman	Joe Perrico JJ Ost	John Jarocki