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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

Weekend Assistance :
Fr. Frank DiCristina

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
Pam Rabold

Organist :
Maureen Murray

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Christina Russo

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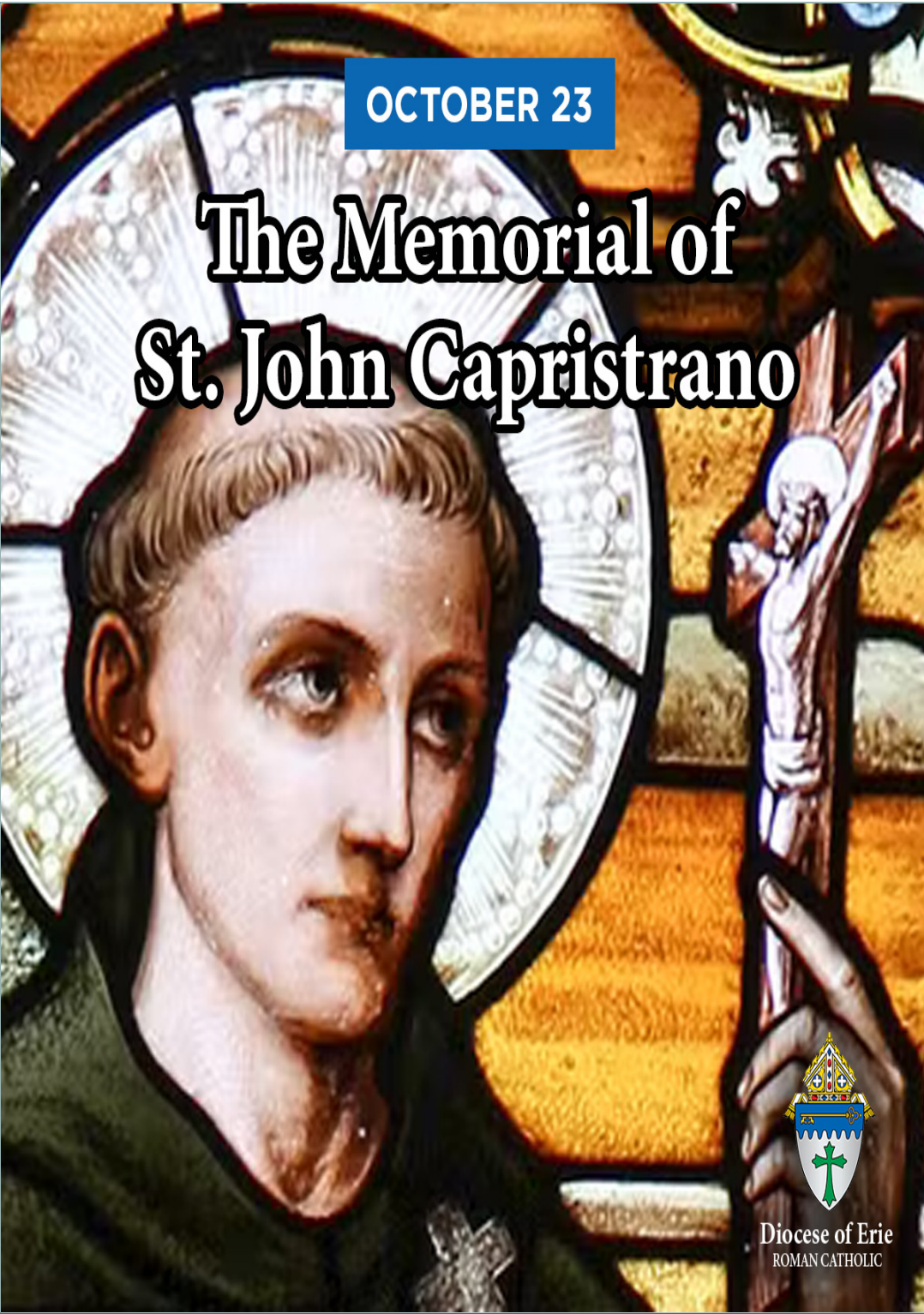
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WEDDINGS:
Arrangements six months
in advance. Call Parish office.

OCTOBER 23

**The Memorial of
St. John Capistrano**



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCT 24, 2026

Week of Oct 25, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Oct 26:

Tuesday: Oct 27: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Oct 28:

Thursday Oct 29: 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 Oct 30:

Saturday, Oct 31: MASS 4:00PM—ALL SAINTS MASS

10/17/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	125
Offertory Collection	\$2025.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 178.00
Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 555.00

Altar Candles the Week of
OCT 25th through OCT 31st, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
IVAN FERENCE
From Bette Green

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
GEORGE & ANNA CHERVINKO
From Frank Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
CARL & VERA PICCIOTTO
From Wally, Judy and Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar
Flowers
For this week Flowers were donated for
DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR
FATIMA FAMILY

Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY OCT 24 4:00PM MASS	Catherine Bauer Mark Szugye	Salli L. Tatusko Jerry & Ginny Viselli
Monday, Oct 26 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Oct 27 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday Oct 28 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday Oct 29 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday Oct 30 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday Oct 31 at 4:00pm MASS ALL SAINTS MASS	Loretta Krutsch Edward Perdian	Kathy Dorfi John Drabick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Dolly Szugye	Teresa Templeton Christine Oberman	Marsha Petrillo	John Jarocki VOLUNTEER
Nov 7, 2026				

St. Anthony Church

TURKEY
BINGO

St. Anthony Antonium, Sherman Ave. entrance

COST:
\$30 / 1 pack
\$35 / 2 packs
\$40 / 3 packs

Cost Includes:
20 games of regular bingo
5 special games

NOVEMBER
Doors Open: Noon
Bingo: 1:00PM

IN ADDITION

Delicious Food & Desserts For Sale

50/50 ~ Raffle Baskets
Turkey Lottery Tree

Raffle:
1st \$500 / 2nd \$250 / 3rd \$100

The big winner of each of the 20 regular games wins a \$25 giftcard for a turkey

Hall is handicap accessible

ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

Date: Sunday, October 25th
Time: 12:00-3:00pm
Place: Good Shepherd Parish
Church Social Hall
3613 Sharon Rd
West Middlesex, PA 16159

Hosted by: Church of the Good Shepherd PPC

Menu: Roasted chicken, baby potatoes, haluski, vegetable medley, bread, dessert, and drinks
**Takeouts will be available*

Presale tickets will be available at all Masses and at the parish office (during business hours) until Friday, October 23rd. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

Presale Ticket Price	At the Door Ticket Price
Adults \$15.00	Adults \$18.00
Children \$5.00	Children \$6.00

All proceeds will benefit the following local nonprofit organizations:
AWARE, Joshua's Haven/Women's Shelter, Hunters Sharing the Harvest

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
Please sign up in the back of the church to help on the day of the event. A few volunteers are needed to help with table settings and put out decorations at 9am on Saturday, October 24th in the Social Hall.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!!
Parishioners are being asked to make a dessert for the Charity Dinner on October 25th. We are requesting pies and cakes for this event. Good Shepherd has some wonderful bakers, and we hope you will make our dessert table the best one yet!



A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

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Heavenly Father,
We humbly place our beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,
into Your loving and merciful hands.

Surround him with Your peace. Strengthen his body, comfort his heart, and grant him courage in the face of uncertainty.

Guide the hands and minds of his doctors, bless those caring for him, and, according to Your holy will, restore him to health.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary wrap him in her maternal mantle, and may the Holy Spirit sustain him with unwavering faith and hope.

Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



October 20, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"You, O Lord, are my hope." Pope Leo XIV's message for 2025's World Day of the Poor, which opens with these words from the book of Psalms, reminds us that "every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope."

The annual Collection for Local Needs, to be taken this year on November 14 and 15, offers a concrete way for us to offer hope. This collection helps people living on the margins address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower people to make positive impacts in their own communities.

When you give to this collection, you make a local impact because 100% of your contribution stays within our own diocese. Your support brings hope to communities and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and eradicate poverty by giving generously to the Collection for Local Needs on November 14 and 15. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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FROM PASTORS DESK

Look What Love Is Doing!

Kids go through grade and high schools with important questions to face. Am I "in" with the crowd? Can I hold my own against the bullies? Can I get along with the girls; can I get along with the boys? Did I wear the right clothes? Am I cool enough? These are obviously more important and more crucial than anything else in their lives.

This was the case in my own life, and I suppose it was the reason that I did not think much about the place of "love" in the overall scheme of life. Of course, who "thinks" when they're in high school – something I didn't understand until I became a high school teacher.

Before that as a college sophomore at Gannon, I had Dr. Charles Smith for English Literature. He was a great instructor, without question, and one proof of his greatness was found in a statement he often made: *"If you want to know what is happening in a work of literature, notice what love is doing."*

"What??" my barely 19-year-old self wondered.

I had never known explicitly that love was such a big deal. I thought it was something parents have for you and tell you about it over and over. Could it really be the key to plays, poems, novels, short stories and literature? The key to humanity? GULP! I had better pay attention.

We went through Shakespeare, Hopkins, Milton, Joyce and Keats and I can't recall how many more. The clouds parted and I began to see that Dr. Smith was right: characters' lives do center around something called "love" or the lack of it. Try

it out when you read your next serious novel or short story. Which character acts out of real regard for the other(s) and which does not? What happens as a result?

Oh, and what about the love in our own lives?

Years later in the hallowed halls of KCHS, senior hall was anchored by Sister Mary Carney's homeroom, the unquestioned, diminutive Mercy Sister who headed the English department, who could split the Red Sea of student bodies during change of classes with her scooter in third gear, red pennant waving furiously above her, way before the rest of her appeared. Her room was across the hall from the faculty room where free periods found us downing cups of terrible coffee and covered in a blue haze of cigarette smoke. Come on, it was the seventies!!

One day I overheard her tell the AP Senior English class, "Look what love is doing!" I had a flashback to Dr. Smith's college lecture hall and realized how universally true his notion of love could be.

Have you discovered that love is quite a bit more than pretense, more than an ideal, more than just a thing we crave from others, and certainly more than just pleasure? Have you seen that learning to love is the very air inhaled by such everyday actions as work, relaxation, happiness, conversation and pondering memories? Without love's living atmosphere none of those things could breathe, inspire, energize or invigorate, and neither could we.

Jesus says today, in no uncertain terms, *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind...and love your neighbor as yourself.*

"What?" we might exclaim (as I did in college). I once thought that laws were commands that were placed upon us from

the outside for which we could be punished for disobeying. What's this about law depending on love?

God does not fail at love. God waits. God says, "How wonderful that you are learning." God says, "I love every person on earth. And you, you are my beloved. I am at your side as you learn to open to me and to others."

You and I do not judge ourselves as succeeding at this very often, so we need laws to help us. But the root of law and of life is love of others. It is loving concern under God for human persons. Ultimately, it is an imitation of God's love for us.

"Look what love is doing."
Father Frank and Father Glenn

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE



*PEANUT BUTTER
AND
JELLY*



FALL IS HERE



Marriage Moment

"Let anyone with ears listen." (Mt. 11:15) My wife says I never listen to her. At least I think that's what she said." Who is the better listener in your family? Be gentle with each other. Be grateful that you have ears and at least some ability to hear.

Parenting Pointers

With Halloween approaching, sure let your kids dress up and have fun, but also let them in on the secret of how Halloween came to be. In our Christian heritage, it meant "All Hallows Eve" otherwise known as the eve of All Saints Day. Does your child know the saint he or she was named after? Tell the story of courage and witness of your child's saint. Encourage your children to live up to their names.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the Pharisee spoke about commandments, while Jesus spoke about love. One demands allegiance; the other requires personal commitment. In our families, we lay down our lives for each other daily, not because we have to, but because love compels us to make sacrifices.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We have 3 people running for our 2027 Parish Council. Elections will be held November 14, 2026

BETTE (FERENCE) GREEN

I have been a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish for the past 40 years. As a member of Parish Council, I would like to create opportunities to bring families back to our parish. Currently I am secretary for Council, a Eucharistic Minister and take weekly communion to parish members at home and or assisted living.

JOANN HORNER

I am an active volunteer. Currently serving on our Council. As the Parish Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, Landscaper, Floral Designer and church maintenance. I try to use my God given talents, for the good of this Parish.

JOHN JAROCKI

Since returning to the Valley, here at Fatima, I am a Eucharistic Minister, Greeter and one of the readers for the Stations of the Cross during Lent. What I would bring to the board would be a fresh set of eyes, ideas, and a willingness to do whatever is necessary and required for the betterment and sustainment of Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

ATTENTION PLEASE:



If you are having a mass said for a loved one or family friend and you would like to take the gifts up during mass, please call the office the week before to let us know. Bringing up the gifts, in honor of your loved one, is so very special. If you cannot or choose not to bring them up, please let us know so that our Eucharistic Ministers will handle this for you.

MASS BOOK FOR 2027 NOW OPEN,

The mass book for 2027 is now open. Please either stop in the office during business hours or give me a call when you can to reserve your masses, altar candles and weekly fresh flowers for the Blessed Mother.

Masses \$10.00
Altar Candles \$5.00
Blessed Mother Fresh Flowers \$40.00

Space is filling up quickly, so if you have special days that you would like your loved one honored, please stop in or call and I will get them in for you. 724-346-3359.

Thank you, Pam