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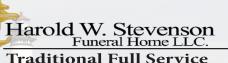


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## Our Lady of Fatima Parish 601 Roemer Blvd. Farrell, Pa. 16121 Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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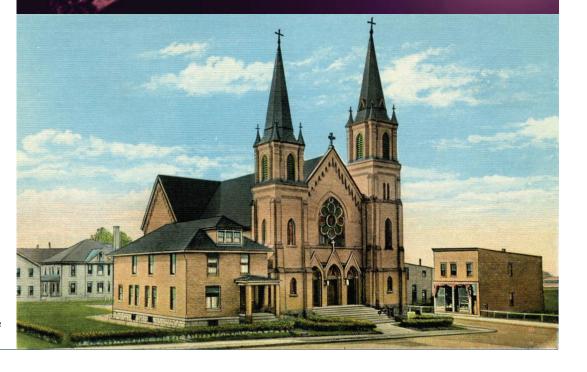
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BAPTISMS:

Please call Parish office WEDDINGS:

Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office





#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of May 25, 2025, Calendar of Events

**Monday May 26: Memorial Day** 

Tuesday, May 27: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli

In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday May 28: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

**Downstairs in our Social Hall** 

Thursday, May 29:12:15pm MASS THE ASCENSION OF

THE LORD....HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli

In Good Shepherd Social Hall

ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM-- COME JOIN US

Friday, May 30:

Saturday, May 31: 4:00 Mass

COLLECTION 05/17/2025	
# of Registered Families	394
# of Envelopes Used	107
International Needs	\$247.00
Offertory Collection	\$1799.00
Loose Offertory	\$142.00

Altar Candles the week of MAY 25 thru MAY 31, 2025

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT

REV. DONALD E. BERDIS

From Jim, Heidi & J.J. PERRY TEMPLETON

From Tracey Templeton & Family

#### **BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY MOM

From Darlene Bartholomew
DIANA MISSORY- HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From Jean Mabie

#### ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

**GENE SCARMACK** 

From His Daughters
JANICE DYKO SIRIANNI

From Husband Jim & Family

### Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of Janice Dyko Sirianni from Jim & Family John & Betty Tizio from The Family

		Intentions	Requested By	
SATURDAY, May 24 at 4:00 pm		Al Nigro Elizabeth "Liz" Cione	Wife, Joann & Family Lou & Jane Celenzi	
Monday, May 26 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Wednesday May 28 at 6:30am		Prayer Service		
Thursday, May 29at 12:15pm ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS		Mary Conti	Paul & Jan Baker	
Friday, May 30 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Saturday, May 31 at 4:00 pm		Terry Carter		
		Joseph Sr. & Sophia Richnavsky	Rose Settle & Fami Joseph Jr. & Sophic	· ·
SATURDAY 4:00pm	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
MAY 31	Christopher Connelly	Debbie Andrusky Jean Burke	Anthony Elisco J.J. OST	John Jarocki Jean Burke

## THE FEAST OF OUR LADY



The feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, was instituted by Pope Pius VII. By order of Napoleon, the Pope was arrested on 5 July 1808, and

imprisoned at Savona, Italy and Fontainebleau, France. In January 1814, after the Battle of Leipzig, he was brought back to Savona and set free on 17 March, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the patroness of Savona. The journey to Rome was a veritable triumphal march with the pontiff, attributing the victory of the Church after so much agony and distress, to the Blessed Virgin. He visited many of her sanctuaries on the way, crowning her images, and entered Rome on 24 May 1814 to enthusiastic crowds. To commemorate his own sufferings and those of the Church during his exile he extended the feast of the Seven Dolours of Mary to the universal Church on 18 September 1814.

When Napoleon left Elba and returned to Paris, Murat was about to march through the Papal States from Naples. Pius VII fled to Savona on 22 March 1815, where he crowned the image of Our Lady of Mercy on 10 May 1815. Following the Congress of Vienna and Battle of Waterloo, he returned to Rome on 7 July 1815. To give thanks to God and Our Lady, he instituted the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians for the Papal States on 15 September 1815; it was celebrated on 24 May, the anniversary of his first return. The dioceses in the Tuscany region adopted it on 12 February 1816, and it spread over nearly the entire Latin Church.

The hymns of the Office were composed by Brandimarte. It is the patronal feast of Australasia, a double of the first class with an octave, and is celebrated with great splendor in the churches of the Fathers of the Foreign Missions of Paris. It has attained special celebrity since Saint John Bosco dedicated the mother church of his congregation at Turin to Our Lady, Help of Christians. The Salesian Fathers have carried the devotion to their numerous establishments, and prayers for her intervention are credited with the miraculous cure of Blessed Artemide Zatti.

## **DON'T FORGET TO SAY "THANK YOU"**



Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.

The learning of the wise,
The justice of the great,
The prayers of the good,
And the valor of the brave."

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will make everything plain to you."

This passage from John's gospel comes during the Last Supper when it seems the atmosphere in the upper room is thick with anxiety and not a little bit of fear. Four days after the spontaneous arrival of Jesus and his followers into Jerusalem along with a palm-waving crowd, and three days after he cleanses the Temple of the moneychangers, they find a place to celebrate the Passover. Jesus has startled them all by insisting he wash their feet and Judas then makes his exit. The Eleven are awaiting an explanation of what else is about to happen.

Christ assures them that this gift, his good friend the Paraclete, will remind them of everything they have learned piecemeal from Jesus' many teachings. Basically, he's telling them not to be afraid or distraught – that he would be coming back. "I'm telling you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen your faith in me will be deepened."

In our search for clarity twenty centuries later, we don't have to look far. As the Eastern mystics would say, look within. The Spirit of Truth dwells within you. It was obvious from the get-go that the apostles, left to themselves, would be seized with confusion, as indeed they were from the time of Jesus' arrest. He had traveled with this gang for some time, so he understood their limitations very well. If he had left them completely, there'd be no

church; there would be chaos. So, he promised them a holy friend to be their guide until eternity.

Clarity isn't a typical state of mind for human beings, we might admit. We weigh the pros and cons. We flip coins. Some of us dive deep into angst, some look at horoscopes, some ask everyone advice and then take none of it. Sometimes, our only decision is to procrastinate until the decision is made by default. But there's another way for Christians to find their way: by consulting the Spirit. Discernment is a gift to the church. It works especially well in the

community. Pray. Ask. Listen. See.

One way to practice that is to remember the corporal and spiritual works of mercy...and exercise them regularly. Remember them?

- Feed the hungry Instruct the ignorant
- Clothe the naked
   Counsel the doubtful
- Give drink to the thirsty Admonish sinners
- Shelter the homeless Bear wrongs patiently
- Visit the sick
   Forgive offenses willingly
- Ransom the captive Comfort the afflicted
- Bury the dead
   Pray for the living and dead

What criteria guides your decision making? Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
IS THURSDAY MAY 29, 2025, AND WE
WILL BE HAVING A MASS HERE AT
FATIMA AT 12:15PM. PLEASE PLAN
ON JOINING US FOR THIS SPECIAL
DAY



CONGRATULATIONS
MELISSA TREMMEL AND AUSTIN
KENT WHO WERE MARRIED TODAY
IN OUR CHURCH

Congratulations!
Wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness., Best wishes to the happy couple, we are so happy for you both!

HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO JOHN AND MARYANN MURCKO. JOIN US IN WISHING THEM MANY MORE!!!!!!



## **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!!!!

## MARRIAGE MOMEMTS

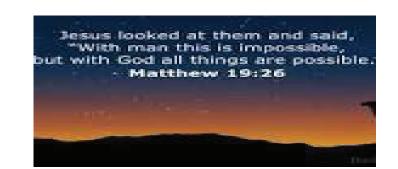
On Memorial Day the USA traditionally remembers people who have died in the military. Death, however, is not the only time to honor a loved one. Strive especially today to value the life of your beloved. Give each other a flower if you wish, but perhaps also an unexpected favor.

## **PARENTING POINTERS**

Although this is geared to adults, help your children learn conversation skills by practicing a difficult conversation (maybe bedtime, chores, allowances.)

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hears be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives, preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another.





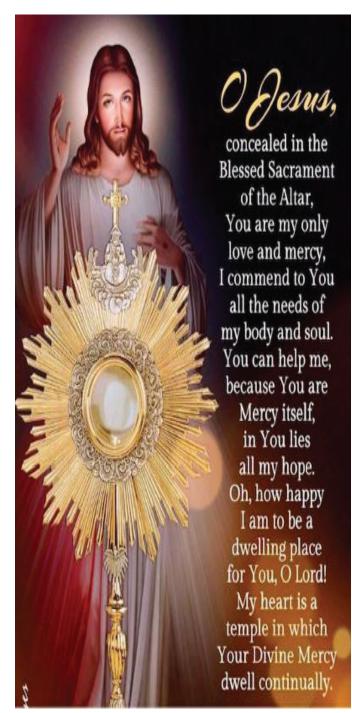
## Hubbard St. Patrick Parish Travel Group Bus Trip 2025

All are welcome to join us on a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to enjoy "NOAH" at SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE and "HOLIDAY INN" at DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE, November 14th-15th, 2025. For more information and reservations contact Andrew Acierno (330) 398-8265.

# CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025 UPDATE

You guys are amazing!!! We are so close to hitting our assessment of \$26,226.00. We are now at \$25,138.00...let's keep this going. Please remember that every dollar over our assessment is kept right here in our parish. This year we will be working on our kitchen downstairs, with all new equipment.

## COME AND JOIN US HERE AT FATIMA



ALL DAY ADORATION
EVERY THURSDAY FROM
7:00am TIL 7:00pm