



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

**Week of August 24, 2025, Calendar of Events**  
**Monday Aug 25:**  
**Tuesday, Aug26: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**Wednesday Aug 27: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**  
**Thursday, Aug 28: 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-- COME JOIN US**  
**Friday, Aug 29:**  
**Saturday, Aug 30: 4:00PM MASS**

08/16/2025	
# of Registered Families	392
# of Envelopes Used	145
Assumption Collection	\$ 273.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 2324.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 227.00
Latin America Collectin	\$ 452.00

Thank you for your generosity to  
OUR PARISH



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, Aug 23 at 4:00 pm	Joshua Ost Toni Donatelli	Mom, Dad & Family Husband, Joe
Monday, Aug 25 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Aug 26 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Aug27 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Aug 28 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Aug 29 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, Aug 30 at 4:00 pm	Edith Galarde Maria & Carmen Toriello	Husband, Nick Jean Mabie & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Chris Connelly	Marsha Petrillo Larry Masotti	Anthony Elisco J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
AUG 30				

**Altar Candles the week of  
AUG 24 thru AUG 30, 2025**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**EDITH GALARDE**  
From Husband, Nick  
**ANNA & TONY TOMCZAK**  
From Fran Chervinko

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**TONI DONATELLI**  
From Ann Marie Donatelli  
**CYNTHIA REICHENBACHER**  
From Tracy Templeton & Family

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**JOHANNA VERNILLE**  
From The Family

***Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers***  
*For this week were donated in memory of*  
***CYNTHIA REICHENBACHER***  
*From Her Husband Adolf*



August 18, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza prompts concern from all people of goodwill. As Catholics, we especially are called by Christ to care for the suffering and the needy.

Pastoral concern has prompted the bishops of the United States to take up a collection for the assistance of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. Many are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions.

I ask you to give generously to this special collection, held in our parishes on the weekend of September 6-7, 2025. Funds received will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services. This group has a long-standing relationship with the Catholic Church in the region, which allows them to provide humanitarian relief and medical assistance quickly and efficiently.

Thank you for doing what you can to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. I join with you in praying for peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

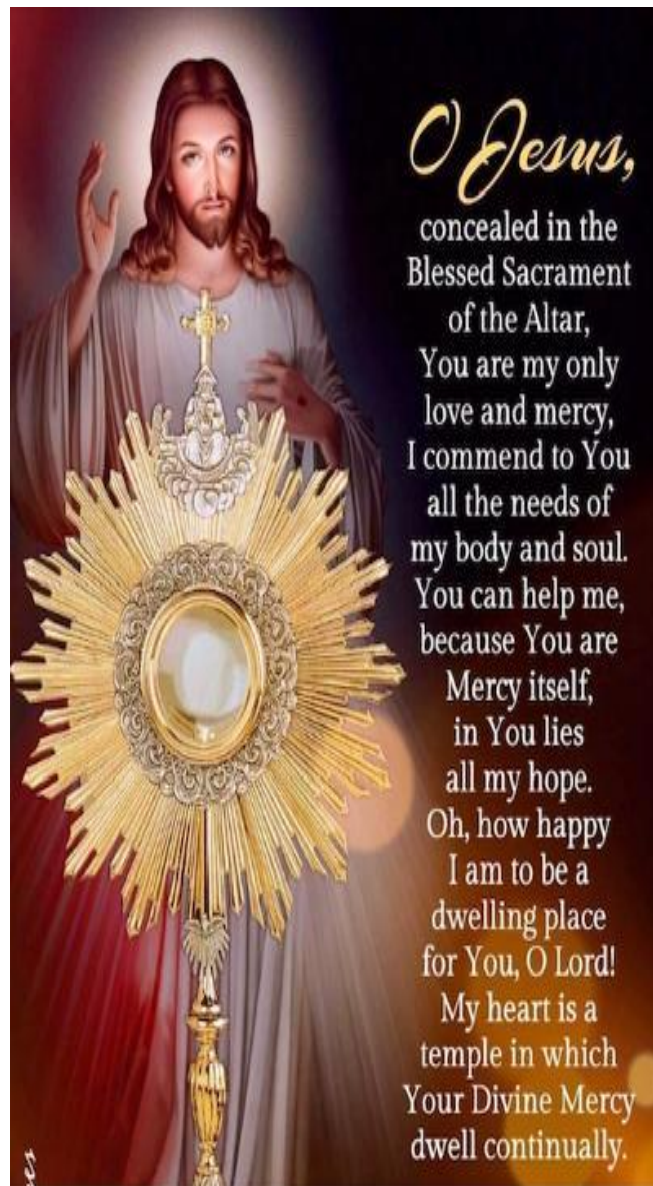
*The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL*  
*Bishop of Erie*



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**COME AND JOIN US**  
**HERE AT FATIMA**



**ALL DAY ADORATION**  
**EVERY THURSDAY FROM**  
**7:00am TIL 7:00pm**  
**(Our HOLY HOUR is from**  
**6:00pm to 7:00**

**UP COMING EVENTS:**

**September 20 Saturday 4:00pm**  
we will be having our Mission Co-op speakers as part of our mass. They will be having a physical second collection.

**October 25 Saturday 4:00pm**  
**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
**Followed by WINE AND CHEESE**  
**gathering in our Social Hall**  
**Downstairs.**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE  
DETAILS**

**ATTENTION!**

OUR  
**“CATHOLIC CEMETERY**  
**ASSOCIATION”**  
HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY FORMED.  
**PLEASE USE OUR NEW NAME**  
FOR ANY AND ALL DONATIONS  
TO OUR CEMETERIES—  
ST. ANTHONY-ST. ANN-ST. ELIZABETH  
CEMETERIES.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE CALL OUR RECTORY OFFICE  
AT  
724-346-3359

“TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME” AUGUST 24, 2025

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

Someone asked, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” Jesus replied, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.”

There was a business a couple years ago in Chicago called The Container Store which I visited, and it was a dream-come-true for anyone who suffered from OCD behavior. Organizer gizmos were stacked (in very organized piles) throughout the store. Cabinets, boxes and chests of every color and hue that were snapped, clipped and sorted populated every aisle and shelf. Any messy garage or closet could be turned into a paragon of efficiency. Drop-in devices can keep your sock drawer in perfect rolled pairs - even if all your socks are black! What a way to gain control of your possessions – get your entire material world in order.

We like order – pegs to hang things on, ways to make sense of the chaos around us. We’d like our brains to be that way as well. Neat answers to solve the problem of living in a world that rarely makes sense. Sometimes this yearning to organize the chaos leads to simplistic thinking and we can end up arranging the world in black and white terms that comfortably exclude nuance. We prefer clear categories of good and evil, safe and dangerous, friend and enemy, right and wrong. We look for the same simplicity from religion. We like simple creeds, catechisms with short answers, prayers to say when we’re sick or scared. None of these things are bad. We do need pegs to hang things on, truths we can trust. We need foundational beliefs we can build a moral life on.

But there is a difference between having a solid foundation for our faith and the trap of fundamentalism. We’re challenged to respect the distinction between the tools that provide us with a theology-in-process and an unyielding certainty about God and religion that admits no new information. We really didn’t learn the truth, the whole truth by the time we received Confirmation or Ordination. We really do need to be open to the Spirit’s ongoing guidance of the church and the continued unfolding of our baptismal vocation into we are each being invited more deeply each day.

God’s people have always faced the tension between firm belief and attentive listening to a prophetic new word being spoken in their generation. In Isaiah’s time the prophetic proposal was that God wasn’t committed simply to the salvation of one nation but to all nations and peoples. That was a staggering idea to a nation convinced they were God’s darlings, God’s holy people. They were, of course. But that didn’t stand in the way of God having other children and calling others to the same holiness.

When Jesus was asked if only a few would be saved, the question betrayed the answer the questioner anticipated. Jesus refused to put a number on the saved or erect a fence around the possibility of salvation. Jesus does say the gate is narrow – but anyone and everyone are welcome to walk through it. God isn’t putting restrictions on salvation. It’s ours to choose.

**So, choose wisely.**



## **FATIMA CAVATELLI**

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 Good Shepherd Church Hall in West Middlesex, **every Tuesday and Thursday** from 9:00AM to 11:00 for \$15.00 for a 5-pound bag.

***Let's support OUR parish with your purchase!!!!***

CAVATELLI can also be purchased here at the FATIMA after Saturday 4:00PM mass. Please see Marty or Deb Andrusky after mass to place and pick up your order!!!!

## **PARENTING POINTERS**

As summer winds down and many parents' thoughts turn to school, prepare your child by talking about bedtime and morning routines, hopes for the year, and safety tips. Review past routines, consider changes with the start of the new school year.

### **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you're come from," is often echoed by parents about their children and vice versa. With rapid changes, one generation often has little in common with another. To bridge this gap, we must rely on love, trust, and mutual respect,

### **Consider Engagement Encounter**

Planning for your marriage in 2026? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or visit our Website at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/> for more information and to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

## **MARRIAGE MOMENT**

**"Marriage is our last, best chance to grow up."  
(Joseph Barth) Don't waste it by always having to have your way.**



## **WHY DO WE DO THAT?** **Catholic Life Explained**

### **Question:**

**Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?**

### **Answer:**

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the **King of Kings. Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.**

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notable in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

Praise and Worship  
**Adoration**  
Holy Hour

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

**Mercer County**

Thursday, August 7, 2025 @ 7pm  
Saint Joseph, Sharon

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 7pm  
Notre Dame, Hermitage

Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 7pm  
Immaculate Heart, Mercer

Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 3pm  
Immaculate Heart, Mercer

Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 7pm  
Notre Dame, Hermitage

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