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- Saint Patrick



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601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

Weekend Assistance :
Fr. Frank DiCristina

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WEDDINGS:
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Welcome Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Amanda Kosky




OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”, AUG 23, 2026

Week of Aug 23, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Aug 24:

Tuesday: Aug 25: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Aug 26:

Thursday Aug 27: 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 Aug 28:
Saturday, Aug 29: MASS 4:00PM

Altar Candles the Week of
AUG 23rd through AUG 29th, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CYNTHIA REICHENBACHER
From John, Alisa & Boys

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
GINA PELINI-GETSIE
From Billy Pelini
ANNA & TONY TOMCZAK
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
JOHANNA VERNILLE

From Her Family
CYNTHIA REICHENBACHER
From Tracy Templeton & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week Flowers were donated for
CYNTHIA REICHENBACHER
From Her Family

08/152026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	140
Missionary Collection	\$ 446.00
Offertory Collection	\$2479.00
Loose Offertory	\$290.00

Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY AUG 22 at 4:00PM MASS	Catherine Bauer Raymond & Rose Jovenall	Cathy Dorfi Daughters Roberta & Ramona
Monday, Aug 24at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Aug 25 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday Aug 26 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday Aug 27 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday Aug 28 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday Aug 29 at 4:00pm MASS	Edith Galarde David Reed	Husband Nick Fran Chervinko

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM Aug 29, 2026	Chris Connelly	Debbie Andrusky Larry Masotti	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke

AUGUST FOOD
DRIVE
“TUNA”



“Tell them Charlie sent You”

Our Parish has been doing a wonderful job
helping with the Good Shepherd Parish
food drive.

There are totes at each entrance of the
church for you to drop off your donation.

This project helps those in our area that
are really in need of OUR help!!!!

BRIGHTEN UP THE CORNER

A boy came late to Sunday School. Knowing he was usually very prompt, his teacher asked, “Johnny, is there anything wrong?”

“No, Ma’am, not really,” he said. “I was going to go fishing, but my daddy told me that I needed to get on up and go to church” The teacher was impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing.

“Yes ma’am, he did Johnny said. “My daddy said he didn’t have enough bait for both of us.”



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FROM PASTORS DESK

“Who do you say that I am?”

It is the middle of the summer. Most people are thinking about relaxing vacations, yet the readings would have us look at leadership, a topic that is anything but relaxing. Isaiah reports on the transfer of leadership, while Matthew recounts the initial bestowal of it. It is clear that Jesus is talking about religious leadership; at first glance, one might think that Isaiah is referring only to the political realm. However, those in office in ancient Israel had both political and religious responsibilities, and so we can say that both readings today address the issue of religious leadership.

Religious leadership is a sacred trust, not to be assumed by oneself, but accepted as a responsibility conferred by God. Both ancient Israel and early Christianity insisted on this. Today’s readings indicate that religious leaders are taken from among the people, appointed by God for the sake of the people, and are accountable to God for the religious well-being of the people. Shebna was in charge of the royal household during the reign of King Gezekiah. Because he did not faithfully fulfill his charge, he was relieved of his responsibilities, which were then given to Eliakim. Meanwhile Shebna was demoted to a much lower office in the monarchy.

One might wonder why Jesus appointed Peter to be the head of his church. Anyone who has read this Gospel will have to admit that Peter never really distinguished himself as a religious leader. As unbelievable as it may have seemed, Peter became the rock upon which the church would be built. However, Jesus did declare, “*I will build my church.*” It was not to be Peter’s church; it was and is Jesus’ church, and though being the head of that church certainly has been regarded as a position of honor, as stated earlier, religious leadership of the people of God is primarily a sacred trust. The sacredness of this trust is found not primarily in the leadership itself, but

in the church, because the people are sacred people.

The biblical tradition maintains that good religious leaders are really

servants of the people. They take their positions and responsibilities seriously, because the people of God deserve the best that they have to offer.

Paul was very conscious of the unpredictable way in which God chose religious leaders, for he himself had first persecuted the very gospel that he now preached. In today’s reading from the Letter to the Romans, he marveled at the inexplicable ways of God who time and again stepped into human lives in unusual ways with saving grace. It was God who initiated and shaped the believing communities depicted in today’s readings, and it was God who called some to lead these believing people. Leadership, for Paul, was certainly a sacred trust, not to be taken lightly, either by those who led or by those who were led.

The scandal of unprincipled religious leaders is not simply their flawed nature. Most deplorable is their betrayal of the sacred trust accorded them by God. Theirs is neither an office to cling to as one’s right, nor a privileged position that places one above the rest of the people of God. It is a responsibility and to that extent it is a burden, not unlike the heavy key placed on the shoulder of the master of the royal household. Furthermore, it is a responsibility that can be taken away as quickly and efficiently as it was given, as the story about Shebna shows. Those who have been called to religious leadership would do well to keep the final words of today’s responsorial psalm in mind:

**The Lord is exalted, yet the
lowly he sees, and the
proud he knows from afar.**

The Word for Every Season
Reflections of the Lectionary Readings
By Dianne Bergant, CSA

**YOU ARE CALLED/ YOU ARE SENT—
DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION RETREAT
AT CLARION UNIVERSITY**

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, November 7 at Clarion University. Hosted by the Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation and led by Damascus Ministries, the retreat will feature high-energy speakers, music, entertainment, prayer, adoration and Mass with Bishop Persico. Teens from across the Diocese of Erie will gather for a fun and faith-filled day centered on the theme, “You Are Called | You Are Sent.” Thanks to the generous support of the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania and the Knights of Columbus, we’re able to offer this retreat once again for free. Registration is now open and due by September 30. Students interested in participating, please contact your Faith Formation Leader for more information! Visit <https://www.eriercd.org/youth/confirmation-retreat.html> for details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands, Jim Ost, Diane McDougal, John Horvath, Cathy Baxter, Mark Palumbo

TO ADD TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN

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SUMMER!!!!!!



Marriage Moment

“Marriage is a give-and-take experience, involving hurt and forgiveness, failure and sacrifice.” (Follow the Way of Love) It’s the Paschal Mystery of death and resurrection.

Parenting Pointers

Is your child a whiner, complainer, or blamer? Sometimes it’s just a stage, but sometimes parents unwittingly encourage these traits by responding to the whines when they get annoyed enough. All this teaches is to complain longer. Teach your child to take responsibility for his or her mistakes, fix it, or learn from it. It might not have been their fault but making excuses and blaming doesn’t solve anything except make you look like a wimp. Model it.

A Family Perspective

Like Jesus in today’s gospel, we are perceived by others in various ways. However, those who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they say you are?

**Back to
School
Prayer**

Lord our God,
In your wisdom and love
you surround us with the
mysterles of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon these
students and fill them with
your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote
themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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As another year begins, the faithful of the Diocese of Erie are invited to pray for all young people — those attending Catholic schools, those participating in parish faith formation and those preparing to receive the sacraments. Pray, too, for their parents, teachers, catechists, pastors, administrators and volunteers. May everything they learn and experience this year ultimately lead them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Many of these opportunities are strengthened through the [Catholic Services Appeal](#). Gifts

to the CSA support Catholic education, Faith Formation and youth outreach throughout the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie, helping provide the formation, resources and experiences that allow young people to

encounter Christ and grow as disciples.

As students return to classrooms and parish programs this fall, the entire diocesan community shares in that mission — accompanying a new generation as they learn, grow and discover the person God is calling them to become.