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

### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 November 16, 2025, Calendar of Events

**Monday Nov 17:** 

<u>Tuesday, Nov 18: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli</u>
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Nov 19: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

**Downstairs in our Social Hall** 

Thursday Nov 20: 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 Nov 21: 12:00PM MERCER COUNTY FOOD

WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, Nov 22: 4:00PM MASS

11/08/2025	
# of Registered Families	380
# of Envelopes Used	89
Offertory Collection	\$1648.00
Loose Offertory	\$268.00

Thank you for your generosity to OUR PARISH



Altar Candles the Week of NOV 16 thru NOV 22, 2025

### SANCTUARY LIGHT PAT CHERVINKO

From Fran Chervinko

#### **BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

**RUSTY DAVIS** 

From Patty Whorten

**CURRIE & ZOCCOLA FAMILY** 

**From Jerry Currie** 

#### ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

**VERONICA MARIE ROGERS** 

**From Anne White** 

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of

## All Deceased Fatima Parishioners

From Your Fatima Family

		Intentions	Requested By	
SATURDAY, Nov 15 at 4:00 pm MASS		Francesco & Maria Spadafora Joseph Aiello	Vincenzia Grasso JoAnn Horner	
Monday, Nov 17 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Tuesday, Nov 18 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Wednesday, Nov 19 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Thursday, Nov 20 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Friday Nov 21 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service		
Saturday, Nov 22 at 4:00 pm MASS		John & Yolanda Haas Jennie Williot	Their Children Bev Palermo	
<b>MINISTRY</b>	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC	ALTAR	GREETERS
SCHEDULE		MINISTERS	SERVERS	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Mary Rose	Marsha Petrillo	Joe Pericco	John Jarocki
4:00 PM	Marks	Larry Masotti	J.J. Ost	Jean Burke
NOV 22				

#### **DID YOU KNOW??????**

### St. John the Apostale

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. From Catholic online.

# PEGGYS CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

### On behalf of Prince of Peace Center,

We invite you to join in their annual Peggy's Christmas Stockings toy collection this holiday season. As a member of this community, you are well aware of the hardships many of our neighbor's face, making it very difficult to afford Christmas presents for their children.

We are collecting <u>brand new Christmas</u> <u>toys</u> for children ages birth to 14 to distribute to families registered in our food pantry and in our neighboring communities. The financial burden many parents feel while trying to provide gifts for their children will be alleviated with your support.

Beginning Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, we are asking that you take a stocking tag from our tree, at the parking lot entrance and return an unwrapped gift for a waiting child. This year more than ever your/our help is needed. We thank you in advance for your continued help with this wonderful undertaking.

Let's help





# Pancake

### **Breakfast**

**Sunday Nov 16, 2025** 

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**SHORT STACK** 

**FOR A** 



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Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon,
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### A Little Humor

A Little boy thought he was allowed to have 16 wives.

A pastor asked him why?

The boy replied, count them: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.

Q—How can our Lord and Savior afford to pay for all of our sins?

A—Jesus Saves!!!!!!

### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"By your perseverance you will save your lives."

During our Thursday Scripture sessions on the prophet Isaiah, we've been trying to walk in his footsteps, getting a feel for the historical and political situation in Israel/Juda seven hundred years before Christ and discovering how, unfortunately, some things never change. We've heard the troubling vocabulary Isaiah used in his explanation of how the God of Israel is warning the Hebrew people of the peril to come and the sense of lost hope the people have when they ask, "Why is this happening to us?"

After 9/11, many Christian ministers proclaimed that America's movement away from God was the reason the towers fell while some others preached that, "We are in the end times!" We all have different reactions to shock and grief, but Christians should know better and not yield to appalling theology such as that. They give us all a bad name. I recall as a child seeing cartoons of people confidently predicting the end of the world, especially in the wake of natural disasters. Remember the time when, in the face of evidence to the contrary, corporations spent billions over the Y2K bug with end-of-time predictions?

History tells us that at the time of Christ, the people in Palestine suffered demoralizing treatment at the hands of the Romans and were praying for the Messiah to deliver them, as promised in the 700-year-old prophecies of Isaiah. Victimized by Rome, the common people listened to many voices and were ready to follow the loudest ones to the safest place.

After Christ died, the earliest Christians thought he would come again in glory quickly. But we're still waiting so we cling to Christ's challenge not to be afraid, not to trust in things or institutions we can see, but to hope and remain faithful to our calling.

Jesus in today's gospel tells us not to follow the doomsday prophets who predict inevitable alienation. Rather than focus on those who get off on the signs supposedly present in humanmade disasters or weather emergencies, I think we should denounce and decry those who tell us that anyone is worthless, unlovable, has little or no human dignity and that it's their way or no way, and that there is little we can do to change our world. I knew a man, a former seminarian, who told me that when he was diagnosed with cancer, he felt relief and he was in his mid-forties! He was

enormously talented, attractive, loveable and loving. He felt that cancer gave him an honorable discharge from life that he didn't like living very much. To hope in a better future and to fight his disease, he had to confront the signs of his own self-loathing. In doing so he discovered that life was worth living in general, and that <u>his</u> life was worth living in particular. Thank God, on every level, he is more alive today than at any time in his history

Even when life seems unbearable, Christ can be the anchor who steadies us when we're tossed and blown by the storms of life. In that tempest Christ keeps firmly reminding us that we are worthy, dignified and can live life our way and that we can change the world for the better by how we change ourselves

The scriptures today aren't interested in a timetable for disaster. When you grasp the Body of Christ in your hands today, imagine it as an anchor that will enable you to endure in hope until the end of time – whenever that is!!

Don't let go! Hang on! Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

### A Mass of Christian Burial

was held on Monday November 10th for Mary Bonacci. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to her 3 daughters Joanne, Debra and Mary and her son Joseph as well as her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

### <u>CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY</u>

Father Frank will now be hearing confessions on the right side of the altar at 3:30pm Saturday.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend our special second collection will be our Local Needs Collection. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parenting is challenging with so many conflicting voices and influences. In today's gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely give testimony and trust that He will provide the "wisdom" needed to be good parents. Remember, you are not alone in this journey; a loving Father is standing with you.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

Recently a child opened the door for me at the bank. Nice but not remarkable. Then I noticed her brother racing ahead to press the "Walk" button at the traffic light. Huh? It occurred to me that maybe they were having a "good deed contest." Perhaps you'd like to propose this to your child. For one day, challenge your kids to a "good deed race." It could become a marathon.

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

"Married couples: the grace of the sacrament of matrimony and the spiritual power of your vows are available to you daily." (Follow the Way of Love) Remember, you're not in this marriage alone. Call upon these realities and God's power.

### **ENGAGED COUPLES**

Planning your wedding in 2026? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for February 6-8 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org.

Visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ for more information and registration. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE
FOR DECEMBER 2025

**DEC 5 FIRST FRIDAY 7:00am** 

DEC 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 12:15pm

**DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00pm** 

**DEC 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM** 

**DEC 31 NEW YEARS EVE 4:00PM**