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"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

-Saint Therese of Lisieux







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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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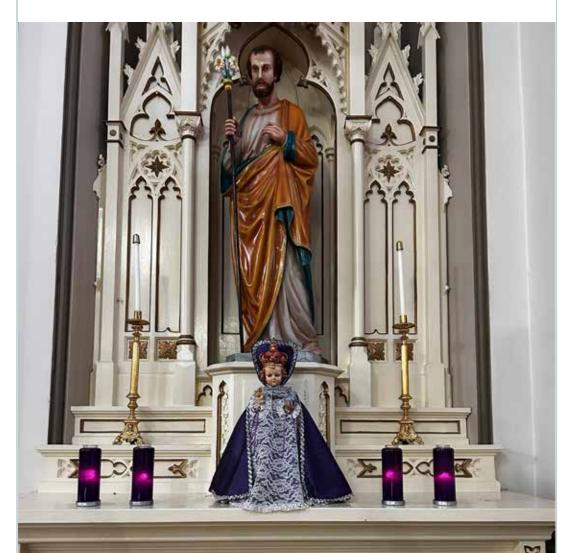
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BAPTISMS:

Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of September 28, 2025, Calendar of Events Monday Sept 29:

Tuesday, Sept 30: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Oct 1: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday Oct 2: 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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS, Oct 3: 7:00 MASS

Saturday, Oct 4: 9:00am Communion Mass Training 4:00PM MASS

09/20/2025	
# of Registered Families	392
# of Envelopes Used	104
Ministry Co-Op (Sister Joyce)	\$553.00
Offertory Collection	\$1989.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 150.00
Catholic Education Collection	\$145.00

Thank you for your generosity to OUR PARISH

Altar Candles the week of SEPT 28 thru OCT 4,2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CARMEN TORIELLO

From Jean Mabie & Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

JENNIE WILLIOT From Niece, Lucille

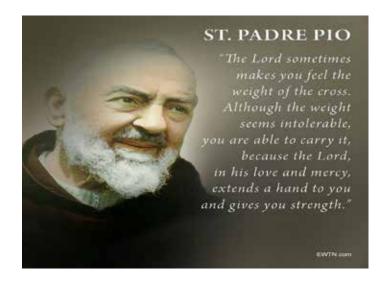
ST. JOSEPH ALTAR JOHN KUSNIR

From Wife, Linda

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of ROSE, GEORGE & KEVIN TATUSKO
From The Family

OURTARISH					
		Intentions	Requested By		
SATURDAY, Sept 27 at 4:00 pm		Anthony Lenzi	Gail Zucco, Stephar	Gail Zucco, Stephanie & Tony Shawn	
		Judy Bator	Fran Chervinko		
Monday, Sept 29 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Sept 30 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Oct 1 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
Thursday, Oct 2 at 6:30 am		Prayer Service			
FIRST Friday, MASS Oct 3 at 7:00am		Joseph Aiello	JoAnn Horner		
Saturday, Oct 4 at 4:00 pm		MaryLou Cimoric Sandra Sakonyi	Her Children Husband, Ron & Family		
MINISTRY	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC	ALTAR	GREETERS	
SCHEDULE		MINISTERS	SERVERS		
SATURDAY	Chris Connelly	Debbie Andrusky	Anthony Elisco	John Jarocki	
4:00 PM		Jean Burke	J.J. Ost	Jean Burke	
OCT 4					



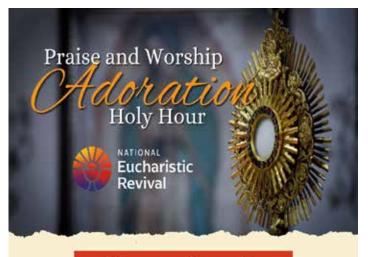
Dear God, You generously blessed Your servant, St. Padre Pio, with the gifts of the Spirit. You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of your Son. Endowed with the gift of discernment, St. Pio labored endlessly in the confessional for the salvation of souls. With reverence and intense devotion in the celebration of Mass, he invited countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through the intercession of St. Pio, I confidently beseech You to to grant me the grace of (here state your petition). Amen. (September 23rd is the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.)



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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel, the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways, revealing ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?



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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A Little Humor.....

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So, they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together. The priest begins; "When I found the bear, I read to him the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the steam, "says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

"26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME" SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"...a poor man covered with sores who longed to satisfy his hunger..."

People in the United States are among the most generous on earth – and in some studies (Gallup 2021), we're also among the guiltiest. That is, we feel guilty about our many advantages. But are we actually guilty of anything besides success - and is it a sin in the end to be comfortable? That's the lurking suspicion that makes many of us feel uncomfortable. Somehow, we've absorbed the idea that God doesn't like rich people.

Does the Bible make the case against the rich? On the contrary, it's easy to make a defense FOR the rich. The "Prosperity Gospel" fearlessly maintains that prosperity is evidence of virtue. Wealth, health, lots of children, and a long life are biblical signs of God's favor. It's a quid pro quo (this for that) that's always been popular and remains intact despite the prevailing economic conditions. Its primary attraction is that it puts all control over our quality of life in our hands. We know what to do to make God and ourselves happy in one fell swoop. Prosperity theology is the best insurance policy you can buy. But is it vaporware? (Highly advertised but never produced). There was a poem by E.A. Robinson wherein Richard Cory

glitters when he walks and still puts a bullet in his head. (Simon and Garfunkel composed a song by the same name.)
Otherwise physically healthy folks experience depression. People with umpteen children may not enjoy happy families. Not all who reach the age of 90 are glad they did. Material success and satisfaction are not born as twins. On the other hand, the mythical relationship between poverty and virtue is likewise fiction. In the parable of Lazarus, we see no mention that the man covered with sores is morally superior to the rich man who barely notices him.
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What bothers the prophet Amos (who last week uncovered the under-handed methods of the Temple moneychangers) and what condemns Dives (Latin for rich man) is the same fault: not that people are prosperous, but that prosperity has led to indifference. Amos never says that folks on beds of ivory chowing down on farm animals' sin by doing so; that is not an indictment against the Sleep Number Bed or a manifesto of veganism. Nor does Jesus imply that Dives does badly in eternity for doing so well on earth. The crime that enrages the prophets and consigns Dives to the netherworld is simply not caring. The poor suffered and the comfortable simply changed the channel.

"I've got mine" can seem like a good life plan. We can extend that to "my family has theirs" or "our nation has ours," but it all comes down to the same dangerous scenario. You know that chasm between where Lazarus is and Dives wants to be in the end? Dives dug that with his own two hands. Too bad it never occurred to him to build a bridge instead.

A GODSEND OF A GODSON

I was honored to be asked to be Kevin's godfather. His parents are longtime friends of the sort that feel like family. On the day of his Baptism, I listened carefully when the priest asked, "And what do you ask for this child? We wanted Baptism, of course. But what did that entail? And what would it mean in his life? I wanted to take my role seriously, but beyond sending birthday cards and Christmas presents and taking an interest in his life from a distance. I still didn't know him that well. So, I was delighted when our families joined for an outing to downtown Chicago and enjoyed the fireworks display. Standing in the throngs of people was a disheveled man with the look of someone who'd spent many days and nights on the street. He was getting jostled and looked forlorn holding his paper cup, asking for spare change.



Kevin, now about 10, noticed the man. He dug into his blue jeans for some money. He bent close, looked the man in the eyes and placed the money in his cup. He said, "Hi." I smiled remembering that day when the priest asked what we wanted for this child. I knew then we had gotten what we came for. Alice Camille, <u>True Quest</u> Communications

The 2026 Mass Book
will be open October 1st.
We are asking that it be Limited to 2 masses per person to start.
We want to make sure that everyone who wants a Mass can have one.
We will assess openings as the year goes on.

CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY

Father Glenn or Father Stan Swacka will now be hearing confessions (in the Monti confessional) at 3:30pm Saturday up until mass time at 4:00pm

ATTENTION:

OCTOBER 4 AT 9:00AM

ALL

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MININSTERS, LECTORS
AND ALTAR SERVERS ARE
TO ATTEND.

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TRAINING FOR ALL OF
YOU. JUST IN CASE WE
SHOULD EVER HAVE A
TIME WHERE WE HAVE A
SCHEDULED MASS BUT WE
DO NOT HAVE A PRIEST
AVAILABLE.

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TO LET PAM KNOW THAT
YOU WILL (OR WILL NOT)
BE COMING.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 28

Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:11-16

Monday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or

Rv 12:7-12ab

Jn 1:17-51 (647)

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56 (456)

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62 (457)

Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)

Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650)

Friday Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16 (459)

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10: 17-24 (460)

I don't just need God when I'm having trouble. I need God 365 days a year.

Amen