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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

Weekend Assistance :  
Fr. Frank DiCristina

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**BAPTISMS:**

**Please call Parish office**

**WEDDINGS:**

**Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office**



**Come and join us next weekend February 22 at 4:00pm**

**for our ANOINTING OF THE SICK special mass.**



Week of February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025, Calendar of Events	
Monday Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> :	
Tuesday, Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> : Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM	
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL	
Wednesday Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> : 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB	
Downstairs in our Social Hall	
Thursday, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> : Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM	
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL	
ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM	
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM	
Friday, Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> : Valentine’s Day	
Saturday, Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 4:00pm ANOINTING OF THE SICK	
MASS	

COLLECTION 02/08/2025	
# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	100
Attendance at Mass	135
Offertory Collection	\$ 2419.00
Loose Offertory	\$91.00

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By
Saturday, Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm	Christine Incerto	Anita, Tessa, Michael & Ryan Incerto
	Maria & Anthony Lenzi	Gail Zucco & Stephanie, Tony &Shawn
Monday, Feb17 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm	Greg & Helen Scarmack	Daughters & Families
	Pat Chervinko	Fran Chervinko

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS		
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd 4:00PM	Christine Oberman	Debbie Andrusky Marsha Petrillo	Joe Perrico JJ Ost	John Jarocki		

Altar Candles the week of  
FEB 16<sup>th</sup> thru FEB 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Theresa Harkulich  
From Jean Mabie

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

Donald Colitte  
From Fran Chervinko  
Elizabeth “Liz” Cione  
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Antonio Donatelli  
From AnnMarie Donatelli

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers  
For this week were donated in memory of  
Helen (Toots) Scarmack  
From Daughters and Families

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“Mom and Dad, land your helicopter.”

A mother wonders aloud about the wisdom of “protecting” kids from bad things. “When my children were younger, my go-to response when they came to me with fear, anger or grief about their future was to emphatically contradict them. To offer them a carefully curated version of, ‘O no, it’s not that bad. It could never be that bad – here’s why!’ Those conversations routinely drained me, because deep down I knew that I was operating out of panic. I assumed that my faith required me to put a positive spin on even the bleakest things. Also, I wanted to spare my children pain. So, I wore myself out bending their lived reality into pretzels to make it prettier, more palatable, and more “Christian.” “It took me a long time to recognize that I was serving no one with these efforts. Not God, not my children, and not my own heart. What I was offering my kids was not hope; it was denial. It has taken me even longer to understand that whatever hope entails now – in the shadow of America’s failing democracy, at a time when students coming out of college and even grad school can no longer find jobs or afford homes, a time when young adults are increasingly opting out of starting families because they’re legitimately terrified of climate collapse – it simply cannot entail a Pollyannaish minimization of what is real and true. Even if what is real and true is terrifying. “When my twentysomething children share their sorrows, fears and frustrations with me now, I try hard to assume a different posture. I try hard to embody a different version of hope. This version doesn’t flinch away from truth telling. It embraces Jesus’ risky teaching that the truth alone will set us free. Yes, the truth might hurt first. It might hurt a lot. But acknowledging and naming it is the only way forward, especially for those of us who want to bear credible witness to Christin this moment... “The hope I’ve arrived at now simply compels me to choose the good, the beautiful, the loving, and the just on a daily, minute-by-minute basis – regardless of the results. I will never do this perfectly. But I will make it my goal, and I will encourage my children to make it their goal, too.”

From “The Hope I’ve Arrived At,” by Debie Thomas, The Christian Century, October 2024.

We can’t escape the “woes” of life. Disappointment, heartache, brokenness, and fear are all part of the human experience, and try as we might, we can’t isolate our children – or ourselves for that matter – from such trauma and pain. But Christ calls us to embrace the wisdom and courage to transform life’s woes through the “blessedness” of compassion, sacrifice and patience. Catholic author Henri Nouwen writes, “Hope is willing to leave unanswered questions unanswered and unknown futures unknown. Hope makes you see God’s guiding hand not only in the gentle and pleasant moments but also in the shadows of disappointment and darkness.” In Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, Jesus challenges everything our consumer-driven, me-first, bottom-line-oriented society holds dear: wealth, fame and power are not the stuff of hope of hope, but hope is realized in compassion, mercy and justice. Today’s gospel challenges us to embrace a different understanding and commitment

to truth: to seek the common good before what is good mainly for us, to bring compassion and forgiveness to others despite our own anger and discomfort, to free ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world in order to seek the lasting treasures of the kingdom of God.

Enjoy the week! Fr. Glenn

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next Saturday, February 22nd at 4:00 pm  
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima,  
Father Frank and Father Glenn will  
celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. This  
is an opportunity for those who are  
dealing with physical frailty and the  
burdens of age, as well as anyone who  
wishes to experience the power of God’s  
gentle healing to come forward to receive  
the sacrament.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and here at  
Fatima we will be having mass at 5:00PM.  
After the mass, downstairs in our Social  
Hall, we will be having cheese and white  
pizza with pop and coffee and water.  
Please plan to stop downstairs and spend  
time with your friends and family.

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  
Cavatelli Crew at Good Shepherd Social  
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!!!!

A Mass of Christian Burial

was held here at Fatima, on Thursday  
February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for Jennie  
Williot. She was 107 and was honored as  
one of the oldest members of the  
“Cavatelli Crew”. Our thoughts and  
prayers go out to her family and friends  
at this time of loss. May she rest in peace,  
in Gods’ hands. She will be missed by  
many.