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-Saint Augustine

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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

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
Pam Rabold

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Choir Director:
Christina Russo

Liturgical/Maintenance
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Altar Rosary Chair:
Jean Mabie

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Flo Fusco

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BAPTISMS:
Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:
Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office

Our Current and New Eucharist Ministries Training



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of February 23rd, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday Feb 24th:
Tuesday, Feb 25th: Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL
Wednesday Feb 26th: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday, Feb 27th: 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 28th:
Saturday, Mar 1st: Kick off for 2025 Catholic Services
Appeal

COLLECTION 02/15/2025	
# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	70
Attendance at Mass	132
Offertory Collection	\$ 1466.00
Loose Offertory	\$275.00

**Altar Candles the week of
FEB 23rd thru MAR 1st, 2025**

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Robert & Frances Grande
From LuAnn Iacino
Carl & Verna Picciotto
From Wally, Judi Carpenter and Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
Rose Lombardi
From The Family
Jennie Williot
From Neice, Lucille

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
Perry Templeton
From Trace Templeton & Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week were donated in memory of
Margaret Pacello
From Ruth Klein

Prayer to St. Raphael the
Archangel for Healing,
Guidance, and Safe Journeys

The name Raphael means "God has healed." This archangel does not appear in the Hebrew scriptures, only in the Septuagint, in the Book of Tobit, where he is mentioned as the traveling companion of Tobias. Disguised as “Azarias, the son of the great Ananias,” Raphael serves as a friend who knows the way. Of the seven "archangels" that appear in the angelology of post-Exilic Judaism, Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael are the only three mentioned in the canonical scriptures. The patron of healing, medical workers, and travel, Raphael is worth getting to know.

“Raphael of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of Him who lives and reigns; Angel of health, the Lord has filled thy hand with balm from heaven to soothe and cure our pain. Heal and console the victims of disease and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways.”

Holy Raphael, I entreat thee to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life. And since thou art the “physician” of God, I pray thee to heal my soul of its many infirmities, and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor be for my greater good, I plead for angelic purity and that I may be fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit.

Vouchsafe, O Lord God, to direct thy Holy Archangel Raphael to our help, and may he whom we believe to be ever in attendance on thy majesty, present our poor prayers to thee for thy blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth world without end. AMEN

LARGER BULLETIN

As you can see, we are trying to make sure that you have all the information about what is happening in our Mercer County parishes. Father Glenn and our parish council have requested that we try this new format BUT to continue this we **will need MORE sponsors.**

So, we need your help!!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in advertising in our bulletin, please give them the parish office phone number 724-346-3359

Mass Intention		Intentions		Requested By		
Saturday, Feb 22 nd at 4:00 pm		Greg & Helen Scarmack		Sisters, Daughters & Families		
		Pat Chervinko		Fran Chervinko		
Monday, Feb 24th at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Tuesday, Feb 25 th at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Wednesday, Feb 26th, at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Thursday, Feb 27th at 6:30 am		Prayer Service				
Friday, Feb 28th at 6:30am		Prayer Service				
Saturday, Mar 1 st 4:00 pm		Edward Green		Bette Green		
		Sandi Drabick		Husband, John		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS	
SATURDAY MARCH 1 ST 4:00PM	Christine Oberman	Bette Green Debbie Andrusky		Marsha Petrillo J.J. Ost	John Jarocki	

12th Annual Men’s Conference 22:32

Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the 12th Annual 22:32 Men’s Conference. This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers Dan DeMatte and Jeff Joaquin. The conference will be held on Saturday, Mar. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and there are multiple ways to attend:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie
2. Live-streamed to hosting parishes; participating parishes are listed on our website, www.2232men.com;
3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation and Mass. All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is \$25. Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit www.2232men.com or call 814-455-7364.

Prince of Peace Center to host Mardi Gras Happy Hour

The Block, located at 23 Chestnut Ave., Sharon, will be hosting a happy hour on Tuesday, Mar. 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join in a magical evening with live music, signature cocktails and French Quarter inspired bites. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets include 1 free drink, themed hors d’oeuvres and lots of fun. For more information, please contact the Prince of Peace Center at 724-346-5777

Family Perspective

Research on the effects of religion on family relationships reveals that hostility and prayer cannot coexist. You cannot harbor hostility toward someone you are praying for. Today’s gospel encourages us: ‘Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you.’

Parenting Pointers

“Anything which parents have not learned from experience, they can now learn from their children.” (Anon.) Learn something new from your child today (a song, a joke, how to program a cell phone, how to download a printer driver...

Marriage Moment

Even if you don’t consider yourself a spiritual or prayerful person, try praying for your spouse today. It won’t take but a moment after you read this, and it can’t hurt. You might even get an answer to an unasked question.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“Who can lay hands on the Lord’s anointed?” (from the First Reading)

Consumed with jealousy, King Saul turned against David and was chasing him with 3,000 soldiers. David had one companion, Abishai, and they came across Saul and his companions in a deep sleep. Unknown to Saul, who had already fallen afoul of God for his indiscretions as king, God had already secretly directed the prophet Samuel to anoint David as Saul’s successor.

The two of them saw Saul’s spear stuck in the ground as a marker of royal rank and territory, and Abishai is ready to seize it and kill the king. David would not permit such an indignity to the one who, even if he is David’s enemy, is also still the anointed king. David entrusts to God Saul’s life, as well as his own, and refuses to take the advantage. He simply takes the spear and the royal water pitcher as evidence of his nonviolence toward Saul. When Saul wakes up, David calls to him across the valley and shows him the spear. By not using it to kill Saul, David shames the king with enemy love (*). It witnesses to a Biblical truth that has relevance for our own times and for the warnings we’ve heard about our enemies and “the axis of evil;” the truth that there are ways other than opportunistic violence to negotiate with our enemies.

Thirty to forty years before Christ in the Holy Land, a famous rabbi named Hillel began teaching and had gained wide notoriety – it is widely believed that Jesus himself may have actually heard him preach. During that time, Hillel had a contemporary and somewhat contentious fellow rabbi named Shammai. In an early form of what we call RCIA or

OCIA, an eager learner approached Shammai and said, “Accept me as a convert on the condition that you teach me the whole Law (the first 5 books of the OT) while I stand on one foot.” Shammai drove him away with a sturdy walking stick which he held in his hand. The man went to Hillel who welcomed him and said to him, “*What is hateful to you do not do to anyone else. That is the whole Law; all the rest is interpretation. Go and learn!*”

This statement which we might call “the Golden Rule” was a strand of Jewish tradition, probably known to Jesus as it was to Hillel. Jesus does interpret it for us; love of enemies (*) has nothing to do with self-interest, commonly known as “You scratch my back; I’ll scratch yours.” The only motivation for this love is our kinship with God as daughters and sons and brothers and sisters of Christ.

**Forget back-scratching;
try compassion.
Fr. Glenn**

WELCOME

Welcome today to our celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. I know there are visitors from other parishes with us today – please know you’re always welcome here at Fatima. It is our hope to have regularly scheduled opportunities like this throughout the year – please join us again after Easter this spring.

Don’t forget to join us downstairs for hospitality, refreshments and good old Catholic fellowship!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: 5:00PM
March 5th 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!!!!

NEWS FLASH---CAVATELLI
Starting this weekend, you will be able to purchase Our Famous Cavatelli, here at the Church.
BUT ONLY ON SATURDAY'S AFTER 4:00 MASS. \$15.00 for a 5 lb. bag
Marty Andrusky will be downstairs after mass to take your orders.

HELP US-- HELP OTHERS
WE WANT TO BRING COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO MIGHT BE CONSIDERED "SHUT-IN". PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO SCHEDULE REGULAR VISITS.

**NEW EUCHARTIC
MINISTER TRAINING**

This past Saturday we had a wonderful training for our CURRENT and NEW Eucharistic Ministers. We spent an informative morning learning so much. Thanks to Fr. Glenn we all learned things about our Catholic faith that many of us didn't know. We will be having a special induction service for the NEW and our CURRENT members of this special group within the next few weeks. If you are interested in joining this team, we will be having another class. Call the office and get on the list.

CURRENT TEAM MEMBERS

Debbie Andrusky
Jan Baker
Jean Burke
Bette Green
JoAnn Horner
John Jarocki
Marsha Petrillo
Christine Oberman
Larry Masotti

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Jason Bika
Sarah Bika
MaryRose Marks
Lynn McClafferty
Joe Perrico
Tresa Templeton

**2025 CATHOLIC
SERVICES APPEAL**

ONE FAITH, ONE FAMILY

Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic Family and that the work of the Diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project, which this year will be to complete our downstairs kitchen with new commercial equipment, so that we will have a fully working kitchen. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

A Mass of Christian Burial
was held, here at Fatima, on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00am for Dianne Powell. 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.

**PARISH MISSION / RETREAT
AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**
Members of BOTH parishes are invited to attend the Mission talks by Father Bob Gielow, a Vincentian from Illinois at 6:30 pm on February 24, 25 & 26 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). He has returned this year to get us ready to celebrate Lent which begins on March 5.

Men's Lenten Breakfast
March 8, 2025 / 9:30AM
Notre Dame Multipurpose Room
Speaker - Very Rev. David Foradori, EV
Fr. David Foradori, campus minister at Grove City College, pastor of Beloved Disciple Church in Grove City, and Vicar for the south-west corner of the Diocese of Erie will be our guest speaker. Fr. Dave promises spiritual contemplation, good food, and even better camaraderie among the men of our parish community. Register by calling the parish office 724-981-5566