OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

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| Week of May 18, 2025, Calendar of Events  Monday May 19: 5:30PM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  Tuesday, May 20: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli  In the Good Shepherd Social Hall  Wednesday May 21:6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB  Downstairs in our Social Hall  Thursday, May 22: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli  In Good Shepherd Social Hall  ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00PM  HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM-- COME JOIN US  Friday, May 23 :  Saturday, May 24: 4:00 Mass |

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| COLLECTION 05/10/2025 | |  |
| # of Registered Families |  | 395 |
| # of Envelopes Used |  | 148 |
| Good Shepherd Collection |  | $617.00 |
| Offertory Collection |  | $2867.00 |
| Loose Offertory |  | $110.00 |
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| Altar Candles the week of  MAY 18 thru MAY 24,2025  SANCTUARY LIGHT  JOSEPH & ROSE LOMBARDI  From The Family  JOSHUA OST  From Mom, Dad and J.J.  BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR  MARIE CAPSON  From Anne White  MARY CONTI  From Anne White  ST. JOSEPH ALTAR  DEACON RONALD ADKINS  From Anne White  SEBASTIAN GRASSO  From Wife Vincenzo & Family  *Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*  *For this week were donated in memory of*  *Elizabeth “Liz” Cione*  *From Betty Ealy* |

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| SATURDAY, May 17 at 4:00 pm | | Sebastiano Grasso  Marie Capson | | Vincenzo Grasso  Carol & Gary | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Monday, May 19 at 6:30 am | | Prayer Service | |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 am | | Prayer Service | |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 am | | Prayer Service | |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 am | | Prayer Service | |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Friday, May 23 at 6:30 am | | Prayer Service | |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Saturday, May 24 at 4:00 pm | | Al Nigro  Elixabeth “Liz” Cione | | Wife, JoAnn & Family  Lou & Jane Celenzi | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| MINISTRY  SCHEDULE | | LECTOR | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | ALTAR  SERVERS | | GREETERS | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| SATURDAY 4:00 PM | | Mary Rose Marks | Marsha Petrillo  JoAnn Horner | Joe Perrico  J.J. Ost | | John Jarocki  Jean Burke | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| MAY 24 |  |  |  | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |

“FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER” MAY 18, 2025

*FROM THE PASTORS DESK*

*“I saw a new heaven and a new earth…”*

If you had your life to live over, what would you do differently? Yeah, it’s only what we used to call a parlor game because no one gets a do-over from birth on out. That would take reincarnation which isn’t one of the foundations of Christianity. But we do hold onto something even better than a cycle of rebirth – the chance to be “born again.”

Rather than starting over from scratch – with upgraded family members, jazzier career path, less contrary neighbors and a second chance to make that one decision that would have made all the difference – we get to renew the life we already have. That may be a less romantic notion that discarding all the mess we’ve made of things so far. But until someone comes up with a time machine big enough for the human race to climb into – and the will to be really different people who will make better choices the second time around – being born again is an option that actually works.

John of Patmos (author of the Book of Revelation) enjoyed the mystical vision of seeing the old world pass away and the new one revealed. The sea – the primordial source of chaos, evil and danger – vanishes. How happy we’d be to see that tide go out forever! A holy city, radiant as a bride, replaces the dirty, troubled civilization with too much trial and a whole lot of error. God’s presence among us will no longer be an

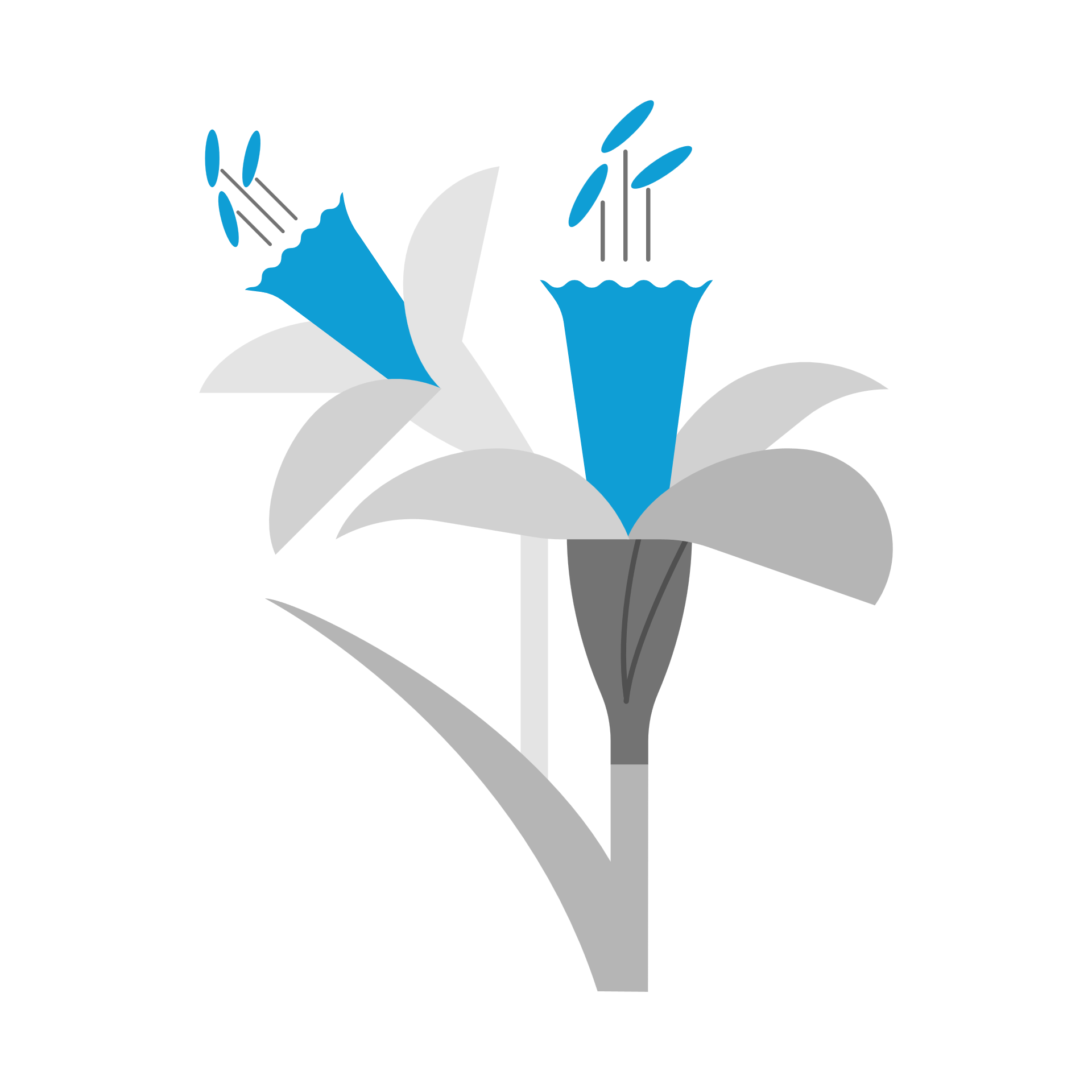
article of faith but a matter of fact. Death will die and pain will be a curious antique notion we’ll scratch our heads to recall.

Every time Hollywood creates a fantasy world like the one John describes, we’ll soon learn there’s trouble in paradise. The pretty façade hides a dark secret or is a tender trap for hearts weary enough to fall for it. There’s no beautiful new world; there are no second chances. There’s only an old fool behind the curtain, moving levers, amplifying his voice and creating the illusion for us. But Jesus insists in his preaching that the new world isn’t virtual but genuine. There’s a catch however: the brave new world has a new commandment, perpetually attached – love one another.

If we all woke up tomorrow, every person on the planet, with the will to love one another, the old world would pass away in an hour. Imagine loving your enemies instead of hating and killing them. Imagine binding up the wounds of society rather than ignoring or deepening them. Imagine the fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control – being the universal pattern for human relationships. Being “born again” can make this fantasy a reality, one person at a time. And, we don’t have to wait for everyone to climb on board. Making all things new begins with you and me.

What are we waiting for?

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank



.NEW TESTAMENT GROWING PAINS

Everything wasn’t hunky-dory for the growing Christian churches we read about in the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season liturgies. Gentiles and Jews and already established Christian congregations were all equal opportunity offenders as each new group tried to get together for the “class picture.” Divisions, spats, disagreements broke out with some regularity in those early days and letting the Holy Spirit sort it out set up the model used recently in both the synod and the conclave.

The early going was bumpy with several groups staking out a claim or certain criteria for membership. American poet Ann Lamott once famously wrote, “You can safely assume

you’ve created God in your own image when it turns out God hates all the same people you do.” Ouch! At times we hinder God’s movement among us, refusing to allow or

accept that all can be saved, all are invited. Remember: we don’t get to RSVP for anyone but ourselves. So come as you are.

*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 Church 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!!!!

CAVATELLI

You are now 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.

*Marriage Moment*

“Pay attention to details: Don’t buy just any flowers—get her favorites. Make a point of always wrapping his gifts in his favorite color.” (Gregor J P Godek. 1001 Ways to be Romantic)

*Parenting Pointers*

Disciplining your child does not always mean punishment. Sometimes a child learns self-discipline by experiencing the consequences of their actions. If they choose not to study for a test, a poor grade results. Perhaps a hard lesson, but better to learn it as a child when the stakes are low than when losing a job might be the consequence.

*FATIMA WEBSITE NEWS FLASH*

*FATIMA FARRELL.ORG*

*NOW UP AND RUNNING… OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN IS ALSO AVAILABLE*

*OUR NEW WEB SITE IS AVAILABLE WEEKLY ON THIS SITE*

*FATIMAFARRELL.ORG*

Welcome, Pope Leo XIV!  
  
The Catholic Church welcomes Pope Leo XIV, elected as the 267th pope and the new Bishop of Rome. As the Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo XIV steps into a sacred role rooted in over 2,000 years of apostolic succession.  
Pope Leo XIV's choice of the name "Leo" carries significant historical and symbolic meaning within the Catholic Church. By selecting this name, he aligns himself with a lineage of popes known for their strength and leadership during pivotal moments in Church history.

The name "Leo" has been used by 13 previous popes, most notably Pope Leo I, also known as Leo the Great, who served from 440 to 461 AD. Pope Leo I is renowned for his theological contributions and for persuading Attila the Hun to turn back from his invasion of Italy, symbolizing courage and diplomatic skill. Another significant bearer of the name was Pope Leo XIII (1878–1903), who addressed the challenges of modernity and social justice through his encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, laying the foundation for modern Catholic social teaching.

*“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”*

*-St. Gregory Nazianzen*

By adopting the name Leo XIV, the new pope signals a commitment to guiding the Catholic Church through contemporary challenges with wisdom and fortitude, drawing inspiration from his predecessors' legacies. This choice suggests an emphasis on strong leadership and a dedication to addressing the needs of the faithful in today's complex world.





AVOID SCAMS

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful.

Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly.

Don’t use phone numbers in fraudulent email. Always look for the parish’s official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity being impersonated by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

Financial fraud like the Gift card scam can be reported to the FTC here: https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov and to learn more read this article https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams from the FTC.