





OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

**Week of October 5, 2025, Calendar of Events**  
**Monday Oct 6:**  
**Tuesday, Oct 7: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**Wednesday Oct 8: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**  
**Thursday Oct 9: 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 Oct 10:**  
**Saturday, Oct 11: 4:00PM MASS**

09/27/2025	
# of Registered Families	392
# of Envelopes Used	132
Sunday Missals	\$180.00
Offertory Collection	\$3500.00
Loose Offertory	\$145.00
Catholic Education Collection	\$100.00

Thank you for your generosity to  
OUR PARISH



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, Oct 4 at 4:00 pm	MaryLou Cimoric	Her Children
	Sandra Sakonyi	Husband, Ron & Family
Monday, Oct 6 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Oct 7 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Oct 8 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Oct 9 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Oct 10 at 6:30 am		
Saturday, Oct 11 at 4:00 pm	John & Betty Tizio Ray Horner	The Family Wife, Joanne

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Dolly Szugye	Christine Oberman Jason Bika	Joe Perrico J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
OCT 11				

Altar Candles the week of  
OCT 5 thru OCT 11, 2025

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**TOM D’AMICO**  
From Wife, Donna  
**WILLIAM THOMAS**  
From Beverly & Family  
**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**ROSEMARIE SCARMACK**  
From Nieces and Nephews  
**MARY LOUISE GENTILE**  
From Joe & Janie Gentile & Family  
**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**VERONICA MARIE ROGERS**  
From Anne White

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*  
*For this week were donated in memory of*  
**JOHANNA VERNILLE**  
*From The Family*

**ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER**

Date: Sunday, October 26th  
Time: 12:00-3:00pm  
Place: Good Shepherd Parish  
Church Social Hall  
3613 Sharon Road  
West Mifflin, PA 15159

Hosted by  
Church of the Good Shepherd PPC

A DELICIOUS  
HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED.

Presale tickets will be available  
after all Masses until  
Sunday, October 19th  
Tickets will also be sold at the door  
on the day of the event.

Presale Ticket Price  
Adults \$12  
Children \$5

At the Door Ticket Price  
Adult \$15  
Children \$6

Sign-up sheets will be available, for  
volunteers, in the next couple of weeks.



**How do we love well?**  
It's always in the practice of loving that we can get better and better.  
Here are a few simple ways you and your family can practice putting your love in action this month.

**Extend the Grace**

When blessing your food before a meal, take a few extra seconds to bless the hands that helped bring the food forth from the earth to the market, into your kitchen, and onto your plate. It will help open our eyes to all of the people we serve and who serve us on a daily basis. Even though we may never have the pleasure of thanking these people face-to-face, surely, we can still give thanks to God for their efforts. What a blessing that God built us for community and service!



### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel, the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children or in God? Faith helps us to overlook annoyances, forgive others, and seek forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"



### A Night at the Races-- Saturday, November 8, 2025

The Altar and Rosary of Hubbard St. Patrick Church, 225 N. Main St. Hubbard, will be having "A Night at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, November 8, 2025 in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 and include a pizza buffet, snacks, lemonade, coffee and mixers. It will be BYOB and table snacks are allowed. There will also be a 50/50 and basket raffle. Horses can be purchased now for \$20.00 and you name your horse. For horse purchase, tickets or information contact Paulette at 330-518-6353 or Marilyn at 330-720-3777.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 25, 2025, 4:00pm  
MASS

FATHER GLENN WILL BE HAVING AN ANOINTING OF SICK MASS WITH FATHER FRANK AND FATHER SWACHA HELPING, FOLLOWED BY WINE, CHEESE AND SNACKS AFTER MASS TO CELEBRATE THE 50 YEARS THAT FATHER GLENN HAS GIVEN TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. HE MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN OUR PASTOR FOR ONE YEAR BUT WITHOUT HIM WE WOULD NOT HAVE A PARISH TODAY AND OUR DOORS WOULD BE LOCKED AND THE WINDOWS WOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY NOW. SO, LET'S SAY THANK YOU BY COMING DOWN TO SHARE TIME WITH HIM TOGETHER.



### FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"The disciples replied, 'O Lord, increase our faith.'"

What the disciples ask seems pious and fitting; Jesus has just been encouraging them about what is expected of his followers. That included the renunciation of material wealth, unconditional forgiveness, being mindful of the plight of the poor – and we can imagine these demands weigh heavily on those still quite attached to the world and its value system. So, trying to be diligent, they ask for more faith in order to embrace these obligations. We can almost hear Jesus laughing!

More faith? He says. What more would you do with the faith you already have? Faith, like love, like commitment, like pregnancy is a you-are-or-you're-not proposition. If you surrender to love, it will enfold you. If you make a commitment with a sincere heart, you'll learn how to be committed. If you're a little bit pregnant, the rest of pregnancy will follow naturally. *And if you believe*, one act of faith is enough to uproot a tree and transplant it into the sea. And if you don't believe, don't even bother trying to wrap your arms around that tree!

As human beings, we tend to default to the principle of "more is better." In Catholic theology, it's called "concupiscence," the sin of desire, and it's the best name for original sin because every sin originates with the yearning for more.

The problem is that with "values" or "virtues," they defy being gathered up or being measured. We may balk at the unfairness of this system but talk to the One handing out the same wage at the end of the day to all who worked in the vineyard.

When it's your vineyard, you get to make the rules.

In order to better understand this dynamic, Jesus employs an example based on a "servant/master" story where the servant does what s/he is required to do. That's a class structure we reject in America, but here it is not a metaphor for oppression or inequality but rather promise or liberation. If our faith is the size of a puny mustard seed, we can trust that great things will be accomplished *because the power doesn't depend on us!* God is the one who comes up with the authority – our job is only to believe. Being a servant should be a relief to us not a burden. If the saints sat around trying to cure a lame person or produce the stigmata, it would have been a profound waste of time. It wasn't in them to do – it was up to God to provide.

Our seed is all we are given. And one seed is enough! You don't have to work at Kraynak's to know that a seed that is not planted will not produce anything. That's why the church encourages us to

make an ACT of faith, a CHOICE for faith, a deliberate bow to the will of God. After that you may just want to duck. Flying trees can be a hazard, and you never know where they'll end up!

**SHATTERED MIRRORS**

Have you ever experienced the disorientation of a fun house hall of mirrors? I recall going to Waldemere, an amusement park outside of Erie, for the annual school picnic and getting lost in a part of it. It was a dark, seemingly endless maze of trap doors, moveable walls, tilting floors and a hall of mirrors that distorted images. It was great fun for a while, but I got separated from my second-grade buddies and couldn't get my bearings and wondered if I'd ever get out. Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr writes that for many people modern life has become a hall of mirrors. We have no external reference point for our lives. Without putting God at the center of our lives, we have nothing and no one to set our direction by. In the age of the individual, many people put their own wants at the center of their existence, which Rohr likens to trying to live our lives in a hall



of mirrors. Many of us are trying to find our way out.

In the first reading today, Habakkuk offers a remedy: “Wait on the Lord.” He points out those who fail to focus on others Lord will inevitably lack integrity. They are like people looking at themselves in a shattered mirror. Their lives are fragmented and disconnected. And yes, it may seem hard to wait – in prayer, in meditation, or simple awareness. Yet Habakkuk promises that “God will not disappoint.” Falling Upward, Richard Rohr, 2023

**ATTENTION:**

**IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION ABOUT OUR SECURITY.**

**OUR PARISH IS SAFE AND WE HAVE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH SECURITY. BUT WITH THE WORLD AS IT IS TODAY, WE HAVE DECIDED TO LOCK OUR FRONT DOORS 5 MINUTES AFTER MASS STARTS. IF YOU ARE COMING IN LATE, PLEASE USE THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE.**



**LORD JESUS**

Grant us holy priests. Give us men who see the world the way you see it: a wheat field ripe for hardworking laborers, a society in urgent need of the light of the Gospel and the fire of your Sacred Heart, a flock yearning for shepherds after your own Heart. Send us priests who live close to you in the Eucharist, willing to give you their all, to suffer and work, to concrete their lives and energies to forming the apostles who can build up your Kingdom hearts, in families, and in the world. Amen.



<u>READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 5</u>	
Sunday	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10 (141)
Monday	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37 (461)
Tuesday	Jon 3: 1-10 Lk 10:38-42 (462)
Wednesday	Jon 4: 1-11 Lk 11: 1-4 (463)
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13 (464)
Friday	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26 (465)
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21 L; 11:25-28 (466)

**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY**

**Father Glenn or Father Stan Swacka will now be hearing confessions (in the Monti confessional) at 3:30pm Saturday**