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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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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of January 5th, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday Jan 6th, :
Tuesday, Jan 7th: Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL

Wednesday Jan 8th: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday, Jan 9th : 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, Jan 10th:

COLLECTION 12/28/2024	
# of Registered Families	406
# of Envelopes Used	132
Attendance at Mass	
Offertory Collection	\$ 2474.00
Loose Offertory	\$141.00
Christmas 12/24/2024	\$4111.00

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By
Saturday, Jan 4 th at 4:00 pm	Ann Baldarelli Joseph & Arlene Hoak	Denise & Jerome Miller Pamela & David Rabold
Monday, Jan 6 th	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Jan 7 th , at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Jan 8 th , at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Jan 9 th at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, Jan 10 th at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, Jan 11 th at 4:00 pm	Christopher Dillon Lucille & Donald McClafferty	Lisa & Nathan Don & Lynn McClafferty

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY JANUARY 11 TH 4:00PM	Dolly Szugye	Bette Green Jean Burke	Joe Perrico JJ Ost	Jim Ost John Jarocki

Altar Candles the week of
Jan 5th thru Jan 11th, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Tom Sharkins
 From Friends

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
John & Theresa Pepe
 From LuAnn & Mike Nelson
Rachael VanHoose
 From LuAnn & Mike Nelson & Jamie

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
James Falconi
 From LuAnn Iacino

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
 For this week were donated in memory of
 Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 From Your Fatima Family

“EPIPHANY OF THE LORD” JANUARY 5TH, 2025

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“Be awake, Jerusalem, look to the sunrise! God’s bright glory has risen for you.” (Isaiah 60)

He was referred to as “God’s Golden Child” by a friend of mine who always seemed to land standing upright and endlessly moving in the fast lane of good fortune – truly God’s bright glory had risen on him. If he happened to lose a job, he found one before sundown; need someplace to live he’d find a situation where he didn’t pay rent. Be assured it was never squalor, but a spectacular home with wide vistas all around. He never seemed to have made an enemy and lived what Alice (my friend) termed a charmed existence.

He really owned next to nothing and what he had would all fit into his car. When he died, Alice and a couple friends cleaned his apartment out in a day. This apparently poor man had traveled to the great capitals of the world as they found pictures of him in front of internationally recognized architectural wonders that most people had only heard or read about.

Had he really become God’s favorite or had he learned something that mere mortals couldn’t comprehend? But on this simple man, God’s glory had shone, and what his friends once called luck, Alice now calls “grace.”

How do we separate grace from luck? Coincidence from an answer to a prayer?

“God’s secret plan was revealed to me.” (Paul to the Ephesians 3)

We might wonder what new thing did Paul see – what was God’s secret? Remember he was a fervent man who used to pursue his desires and beliefs to bloody ends. Then something changed for him; he put down his sword and picked up the cross and single-handedly advanced the cause of Christianity more than anyone in history.

Paul was not a particularly flexible thinker, in fact he demonstrated a fundamentalist leaning. It was his way or the highway; orthodoxy or bust, though at times he spun some fresh threads as he went along, along with his first trade – tentmaking. He was a man of contradictions but not weak convictions. If he seemed yielding, flexible by his contemporaries (like sometimes the Twelve), it was because the Spirit was bending him like a tree in a high wind.

That means there’s hope for those who feel too old to change, too set in old ways to think in new ways. Even if we stand perfectly still, God’s Spirit can move us into position quite nicely, thank you very much!

In this new year, how do you respond to the call to change? Sounds a bit like the Synod, doesn’t it?

“We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled the birth of the new King of the Jews. We’re on our way to worship him.” (Matthew 2)

A renowned New Testament scholar wrote “These seekers define epiphany in their willingness to walk by the light.” Through weeks and various lands they traveled to honor an unknown king, with only a star for their guide. In a book entitled, Star Guides, William Stafford wrote of the Epiphany story: “Any star is enough, if you know which one it is.”

These astrologers knew their star. And because they persevered, the manifestation of God was revealed to them.

We call these men wise for wandering in search of the unknown, when their own people might have called them foolish. Yet we who know our king are less likely to risk that journey of faith, and we have much more than starlight to guide us. What holds us back? Fear, ignorance, or simple laziness? The main motivation in our well-fed society is selfishness: why risk anything when we can stay right where we are and be comfortable? Why give our wealth to a king when we can keep it for ourselves? The three we call wise are distinguished by their generosity. Generosity in itself is a kind of wisdom.

To whose generosity have you been beholden? Do you practice it?

A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by “another way.” What in your family needs to be done “another way?” Do you need “another way” to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working. Take a tip from some wise men, there’s always “another way.”

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL TOTALS FOR 2024	
GOAL	\$28,357.00
PLEDGED	\$30,433.00
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**REMINDER THE PARISH
OFFICE IS CLOSED NOW
AND WILL REOPEN ON
MONDAY JANUARY 6TH, 2025.**