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<p>PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman</p> <p>Weekend Assistance : Fr. Frank DiCristina</p> <p>Secretary/Bookkeeper: Pam Rabold</p> <p>Organist : Maureen Murray</p> <p>Choir Director: Christina Russo</p> <p>Liturgical/Maintenance Joann Horner</p> <p>Altar Rosary Chair: Jean Mabie</p> <p>Cavatelli Crew Chair: Flo Fusco</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 :00 TO 2:00 724-346-3359</p> <p>EMAIL: olfrectory@yahoo.com</p> <p>BAPTISMS: Please call Parish office</p> <p>WEDDINGS: Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office</p>	



Week of April 6, 2025, Calendar of Events  
Monday April 7:  
**Tuesday, April 8: 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli in**  
**Good Shepherd Social Hall**  
**Wednesday April 9: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**  
**Thursday, April 10: 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, April 11:**  
**Saturday, April 12: 4:00 MASS**

COLLECTION 03/29/2025	
# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	111
Easter Flowers	\$ 160.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 2326.00
Loose Offertory	\$220.50

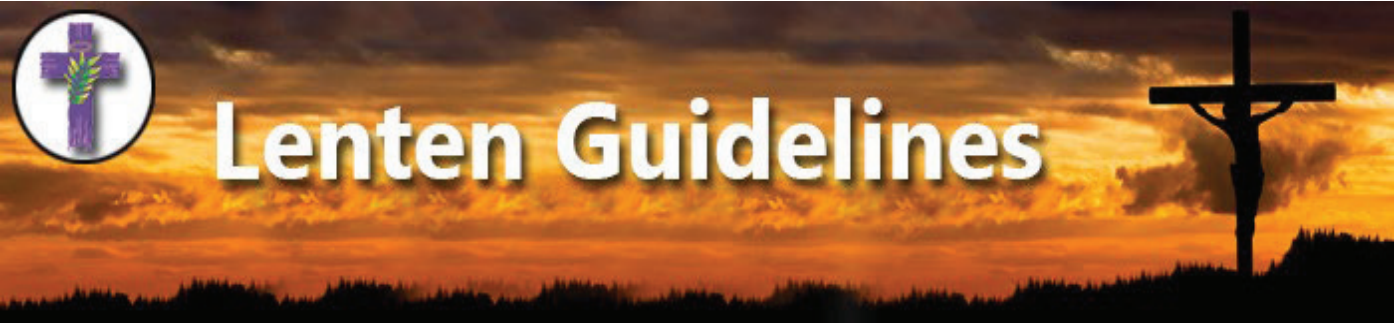
**Altar Candles the week of**  
**APRIL 6 thru APRIL 12, 2025**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**JOSEPH & SOPHIA RICHNAVSKY SR.**  
From Fran Chervinko  
**JENNIE WILLIOT**  
From Neice, Lucille

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**BETTY TIZIO**  
From Her Family  
**CARL & VERA PICCIOTTO**  
From Wally, Judy Carpenter & Family

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**BOB SAKONYI**  
From The Family  
**DEACON RONALD ADKINS**  
From Anne M. White

Mass Intention	Intentions		Requested By			
Saturday, April 5 at 4:00 pm	Charlotte & William Pelini		Billy Pelini			
	MaryLou Cimoric		Her Children			
Monday, April 7 at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service					
Friday, April 11 at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Saturday, April 12 at 4:00 pm	Grace & Carmen Pastore		The Family			
	Rose Jovenall		Daughters, Roberta & Ramona			
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS		
PALM SUNDAY VIGIL APRIL 12 4:00PM	Marsha Petrillo Chris Connelly	Debbie Andrusky Bette Green	Larry Masotti J.J. Ost	John Jarocki		



**Lenten practices**

*The Diocese of Erie offers the following information regarding observation of Lent in 2025:*

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday also are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one’s needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)



## **Brighten Up the Corner**

### **A Little Humor...**

A man dies and goes to Heaven. The next thing he knows he is standing before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter explains, "Here is how it works. You need 100 points to get into Heaven. Tell me all the good things you have done. I will give you a certain number of points for each one, depending on how good the act was. When you reach 100 points you get in."

"Okay," the man says. "To begin, I was married to the same women for over 50 years, and I was ever faithful. I never cheated on her and loved her with all my heart."

"That is wonderful," St. Peter responds. "That is worth three points."

"Three points?" The man questions. "I also attended church all my life and supported the ministry with my tithe and devoted service."

Tremendous!" says St. Peter. "You get another point."

"One point?" Once again, the man is in disbelief.

"Okay how about this, I started a soup kitchen in my hometown and worked in a shelter for the homeless."

"That's good for two more points," St. Peter offers.

"Only two points!" the man cries. "At this rate the only way I will get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!" St. Peter smiled.



### **Knights of Columbus Easter Bread Sale!**

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the April 12th and 13<sup>h</sup> masses @ OLF, St Barts, & ND when possible

Traditional, Raisin, and Tri-Color \$10  
or any 3 for \$25

We can arrange pre-sales;  
For order or pickup, you may contact  
Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at  
[Fleis.Rich@Gmail.com](mailto:Fleis.Rich@Gmail.com)

Interested in:  
[ ] Easter Bread Volunteer  
(Bake or Distribute – All are welcome, and fun family activity!  
Can you braid hair?!? WE LOVE BREAD BRAIDERS!)  
[ ] Being part of the Knights of Columbus  
[ ] Making donation towards supplies

### **Milestone Anniversary Celebrations**

**Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00 pm and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, 3:00 pm. More information will be coming shortly as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025. Mark Your Calendars!**

**“FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT” APRIL 5, 2025**

### **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

**“Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone!”**

The gospel reading today is quite dramatic. As Jesus is teaching in the temple area, suddenly a woman is dragged before him and forced to stand in the middle of the crowd. We learn a couple verses before the story that large crowds of observant Jews are gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Booths (or Tabernacles), an annual recollection of how their ancestors traveled from Egypt to Palestine living in tents (or Booths) for forty years. Those who were able to travel to the holy city stayed in just such an accommodation for about eight days, so the area around the temple was quite crowded. Just the sort of setting the enemies of Jesus wanted to set a trap for him.

We learn that the men who drag the woman to Jesus had just caught her “*in the very act*” of adultery, though her male partner is conspicuously absent. They intend to show Jesus as “soft” on the Mosaic law that calls for adulterers to be stoned to death.

Take in the scene: violence (and the threat of more violence) the woman experienced, her humiliation, her fear. And what does Jesus do? He bends down and starts writing on the ground with his finger. (My sister was always curious about this little tidbit – as a southpaw, she wondered if Jesus was, too!) But what's important is how Jesus' action turns down the heat in the situation in the face of a violent confrontation.

When the leaders persist in pressuring Jesus to take a stand, he challenges them to look into their own hearts, to self-examine their own fidelity to the law. One by one they walk away, leaving the

woman alone before Jesus. And for the first time in the story, her dignity is recognized. Up to this point, she's been used as a pawn. Jesus speaks to her as a person. Even more, he points her toward a future, a future of hope and new life. In the second reading today, Paul refers to this future as “God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” Jesus' invitation to the woman enacts what Isaiah, in the first reading, calls “God's doing something new,” an allusion to new creation. What is Jesus calling you and me to leave behind? How is he inviting us to a future filled with hope? As the Jews recalled their difficult path to freedom in celebrating this week-long “pilgrimage” holy festival of booths, we're reminded that some of our memories can cause pain for us. The woman in today's story was blessed by the healing presence of Jesus in a traumatic moment. Recall a painful time from your past and use your imagination to picture Jesus there with you. Ask him to heal this time, to transform it forever with his presence and fill your future with hope. Dear Jesus, help us drop our stones.

Fr. Glenn/Fr. Frank

### **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.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**



2025  
UPDATE:

So far, THANKS TO YOU, we've received pledges of \$19,355.00 toward our diocesan assessment of \$25,226.00. Once we reach our assessment, any funds contributed will be put toward our parish project of enhancements to the kitchen downstairs. Thank you for your pledges and support thus far.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Fatima – Tues 7:00 PM  
St. Joseph – Wed 5:30PM  
St. Bartholomew – Thurs 4:00PM  
Notre Dame – Thurs 7:00PM  
St. Anthony – Fri 3:00PM  
Good Shepherd – Fri 6:30PM



Family Perspective

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

**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!!!!

**HOLY WEEK MASS**  
**SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17-**  
**7:00PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18-**  
**12:00NOON**

**NO SATURDAY SERVICE AT ALL**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20-**  
**9:00AM**

**FOLLOWED BY COFFEE  
AND DONUTS DOWNSTAIRS  
AFTER MASS. PLEASE STOP  
FOR A FEW MINUTES TO  
VISIT WITH FRIENDS,  
NEW AND OLD!!!**



**Did you know????**

**Mary's Garment**

This is Mary's promise made July 16, 1251, to Saint Simon Stock. On October 13, 1917, at the last apparition at Fatima, Our Blessed Mother appeared, dressed as Our Lady of Mr. Carmel. Silently she held out to the world the brown scapula – the sign of personal consecration – the sign of eternal salvation. Lucy of Fatima explained: "*The scapular and the rosary are inseparable.*" The devils revealed to Francis of Yepes, the brother of St. John of the Cross, that three things especially tormented them. The first is the Name of Jesus; the second, the name of Mary; and the third, the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt.



Carmel. "Take off that habit," they cried to him, "which snatches so many souls from us. All those clothed in it die piously and escape us."

Your scapular, then, should take on deep meaning for you. It is a rich present brought down from heaven by our Lady herself. "Wear it devoutly and perseveringly" she says to each soul, "it is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."