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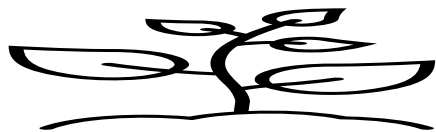
<p><b>Our Lady of Fatima Parish</b> 601 Roemer Blvd. Farrell, Pa. 16121 Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM</p>	
<p>PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman</p> <p>Weekend Assistance : Fr. Frank DiCristina</p> <p>Secretary/Bookkeeper: Pam Rabold</p> <p>Organist : Maureen Murray</p> <p>Choir 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: <a href="mailto:olfrectory@yahoo.com">olfrectory@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>BAPTISMS: Please call Parish office</p> <p>WEDDINGS: Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office</p>	 <p><b>Pope Francis</b> December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025</p>

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of April 27, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday April 28:  
Tuesday, April 29: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli  
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall  
Wednesday April 30: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB  
Downstairs in our Social Hall  
Thursday, May 1: 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli  
In Good Shepherd Social Hall  
Friday, May 2 : 7:00AM FIRST FRIDAY MASS  
Saturday, May 3: 4:00 Mass

COLLECTION 04/20/2025 EASTER	
# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	239
Easter Sunday	\$3043.00
Offertory Collection	\$2194.00
Loose Offertory	\$735.00
Holy Land Collection	\$1312.00



Altar Candles the week of  
APRIL 27 thru MAY 3, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT

RALPH & MARY MILLER  
From Jerry & Denise Miller  
JANICE DYKO SIRIANNI  
From Husband Jim & Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

ARMENIA & NUNZIO PALANTI  
From Rose Settle & Family  
JUDY BATOR  
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

PAUL VERNILLE  
From The Family  
ROY & PAULINE MCBRIAR  
From The Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of  
Father Matthew Ruyechan  
From Your Fatima Family



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With deep sorrow, we join the universal Church in mourning the passing of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. His Holiness has now entered eternal rest, leaving a profound legacy of faith, love and service to God’s people. And for that, we are grateful. Pope Francis was a beacon of hope in troubled times, a voice for the voiceless and a tireless advocate for the dignity of every human person. He proclaimed 2025 a Holy Year of Jubilee, aptly themed “Pilgrims of Hope.” He shared with us his ideas for this year, saying, “For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope.” Through his teachings, writings and personal witness, Pope Francis demonstrated this hope by showing us the path of discipleship—one that is rooted in prayer and nourished by the sacraments. He constantly reminded us of our call to be instruments of peace and mercy. In the coming days and weeks, we will share opportunities to come together to pray for the repose of his soul. And as we prepare to welcome our next Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to living out Pope Francis’ vision of a Catholic Church that goes forth, reaching out to all with the tender love of Christ. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persíco

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

Intentions		Requested By		
SATURDAY, April 26 at 4:00pm	Pauline & Carl Marks Toni Donatelli	MaryRose Marks & Family Husband Joe Donatelli		
Monday, April 28 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, May 1 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Friday, May 2 7:00am FIRST FRIDAY MASS	Ralph & Marie Napolitan	The Napolitan Family		
Saturday, May 3 at 4:00 pm	John Kusnir Janice Grange	Wife Linda Mickie, Nick & Nicholas		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Christine Oberman	Larry Masotti Joann Horner	Marsha Petrillo J.J. Ost	John Jarocki Jean Burke
MAY 3				



# BUS TRIP

Ordination to the Priesthood of  
Michael Scanga & Brandon Feikles



Friday, May 23, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner  
Included



*Reserve your spot early ONLY 50 SEATS Available!*

A coach bus departs from St. Joseph Church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 10:45 p.m.

*To avoid a late start, please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure time.*

To reserve your seat, please stop in St. Joseph Church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or call 724-981-3232 to make other arrangements. \$45 fee is collected at time of reservation.

## 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 C 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!!!!**

## **BRIGTHEN UP THE CORNER:**

**A father and his little boy listen to a sermon in church.**

**Suddenly, the boy feels ill. His father tells him to run behind the church and throw up in the bushes. The boy bolts for the door and is about to exit when something catches his eye. He makes a beeline for a box and fills its contents with vomit. He returns to his father. "Did you throw up?" the father asks. "Yes," the boy responds. "But I didn't have to go to the back. There was a box by the door that said "For the sick"**

**"SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY" APRIL 27, 2025**

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“Perhaps the giveaway moment back in March 2013 after one day (four ballots) and one ballot the next day hinted that the consensus came about quickly in the process of electing Benedict XVI's successor, Cardinal Gorge Bergoglio of Argentina. And no one may have been more surprised than he.

The previous election of Cardinal Ratzinger in 2005 took a couple more rounds of ballots, and there was widely dispensed information that Bergoglio was the runner-up then. This time was different. He was the first pope to take the name of the popular medieval saint (Francis of Assisi), the first from the Global South and the first Jesuit. The key to understanding his time as the Bishop of Rome came as we unpacked the significance of his selected name. It's all about the poor.

Evidence of the presence of fellow Argentinians exploded in cheers of people waving the blue and white flag of their countryman under the bright lights of St. Peter's Square, luckily made brighter by the world's media equipment. Then he spoke.

*“Fratelli e sorelli, buona sera – Brothers and sisters, good evening.”*

That was new! That's not the way a new pope had ever addressed the crowd in the square. Too familial. Too informal. Too common. Introducing himself not as the unapproachable Sovereign Pontiff but as a brother, indicating that fraternity rather than formality might characterize the theme of his service to his worldwide flock. He seemed to be more pastor than prophet, and, we would find, more intent

on channeling mercy than preaching dogma.

Michael Winters wrote in the NCR about that moment, looking forward, “Francis would be seen as a turning point, a confirmation that the center of gravity in global Catholicism has moved south of the Equator.”

In addition to sponsoring more than a couple Division I basketball teams in the NCAA, Jesuit colleges/universities are known for the scholarship of their faculties, and Professor Bergoglio was no slouch in that department. But as good teachers and loving parents know, memorable lessons are better taught by gestures than by bibliographies. And he did that in spades!

Early on, riding around that square, he asked the popemobile to stop so he could get down to meet a man he spotted on the rope line horribly disfigured by disease for his entire life. Francis makes his way toward him, the man tried to drop to his knees and his Argentinian brother reaches down to lift him up so he might embrace, hug and kiss him. His first overseas trip was not far – an island off the coast of Italy named Lampedusa, a site where poorly made boats of African and Arab refugees crash and sink, leaving scores of displaced people floating dead in the sea. His seemingly ceaseless and repeated efforts on behalf of the marginalized in whatever country he visited underscored his choice of the man from Assisi as his spiritual helpmate. We might recall that when he visited the United States to be the only pope to speak to a joint session of Congress, he went

immediately from that political cathedral to an enormous tent, having declined dinner with our representatives in order to serve hundreds of Washington’s hungry poor.

Francis had a knack for engaging children, Winters wrote. On a parish visit in Italy, a young boy named Emanuele went to the microphone to pose a question to the pope, but the boy seemed overwhelmed with tears. Francis beckoned him – “*Vieni, vieni*” – and embraced him for a long time. The little boy whispered his question to the pope. He wanted to know if his father, who was an atheist and recently died, had gone to heaven. The pope assured the boy that God does not abandon a good man. Francis was able in that snippet not only to embody our dogmatic belief in the dignity of every human person, but before he shared the boy’s story, he said, “If only we could cry like Emanuele when we have pain in our hearts.” The pope pointed out how even a little boy’s tears can humanize us and in a way evangelize us. He also noted that he had asked Emanuele’s permission to share the story with his gathered neighborhood. A profound mark of respect for the boy’s dignity. My hope for the future is that the process of synodality – which had a firm position in the early church - will be a force, an energy to create numerous arenas for members of the Body of Christ to accompany each other, speak freely, prayerfully listen in response and not feel threatened by the process.

Let’s pray that the next Bishop of Rome is unafraid.

Alleluia! Fr. Glenn

*TODAY WE WELCOME OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS*

Everyone of them has been called to a most beautiful ministry. Time taken to reflect on its meaning and practice will deeply enrich their own awareness of the mystery of Christ and that of the role they serve.

- Debbie Andrusky
- Jan Baker
- Jason Bika
- Sarah Bika
- Jean Burke
- Bette Green
- Joann Horner
- John Jarocki
- Mary Rose Marks
- Larry Masotti
- Lynn McClafferty
- Christine Oberman
- Joe Perrico
- Marsha Petrillo
- Tresa Templeton



*CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025*

*UPDATE:*

So far, THANKS TO YOU, we’ve received pledges of \$23,780.00 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.

*Family Perspective*

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today’s gospel in our families, we will only experience peace to the extent that we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock others out, we also lock our peace and harmony.

**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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**Ladies Tea & Flower Arranging**

Bring your...daughter, mother, aunt, neighbor, or friend to our Ladies Tea to enjoy some 'girl' time! Come enjoy one another's company and a chance to make a little flower arrangement to take home and enjoy!

**Saturday, May 3, 2025  
2:00pm  
Notre Dame Multi-Purpose Room**

Cost: \$10 per person/children under 13 are free.  
RSVP by April 29<sup>th</sup> to the Church Office by dropping off your payment along with your name, phone number and names of those who will be attending with you or you may call in your reservation to 724.981.5566 and pay the morning of the event.

**PARKING REMINDER**

Please do not park in front of or in the garage parking lot across the street. Also there is no parking in front of the dinner next to the church. These businesses will be open on Saturdays and will need their parking spaces. We can use all the spaces in front of and behind OUR building across from the city building and the parking area behind the church. **THANK YOU!**