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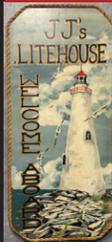
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
601 Roemer Blvd.  
Farrell, Pa. 16121  
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

#### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

Weekend Assistance :  
Fr. Frank DiCristina

Secretary/Bookkeeper:  
Pam Rabold

Organist :  
Maureen Murray

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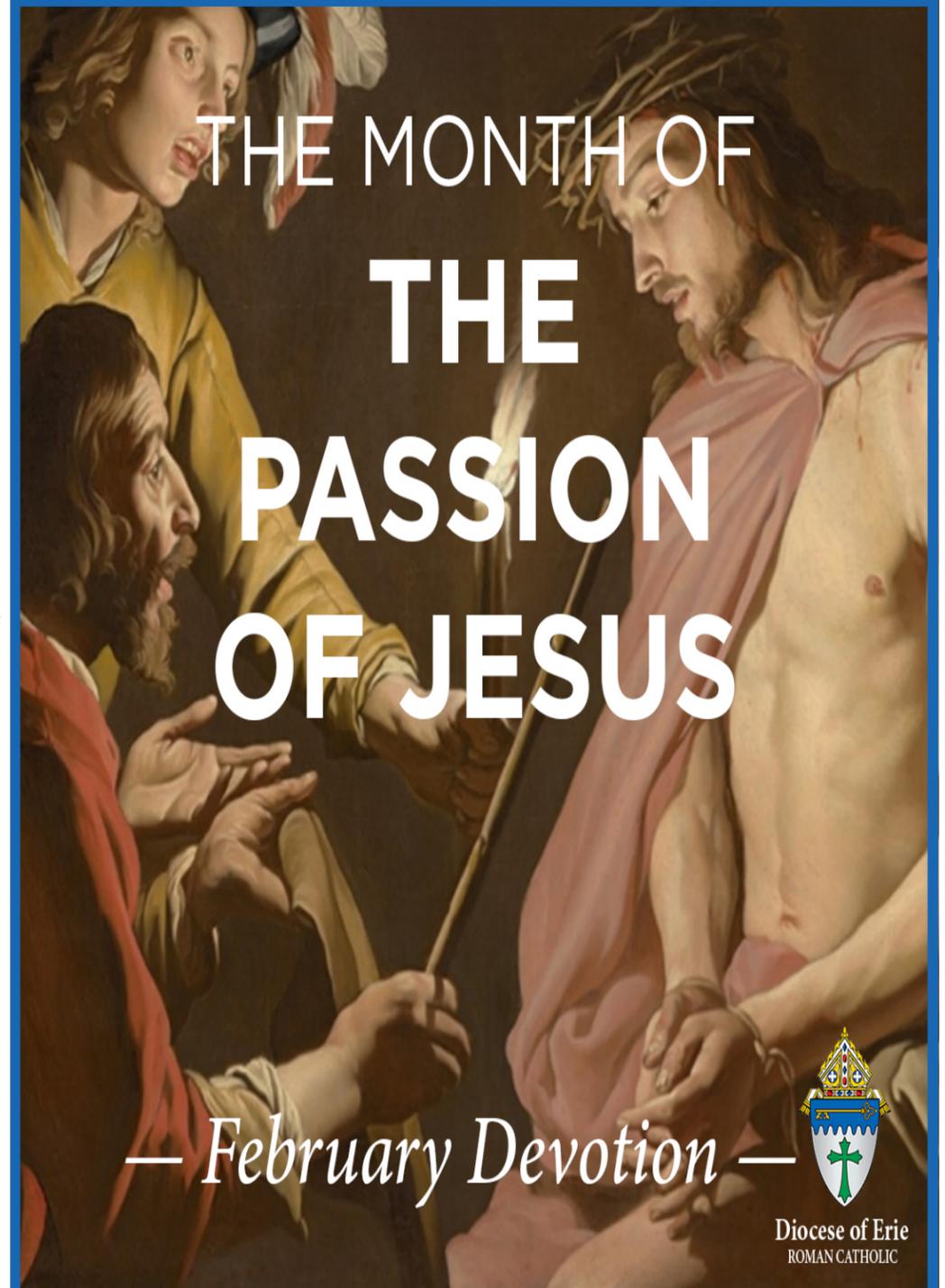
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WEDDINGS:  
Arrangements six months  
in advance. Call Parish office.



THE MONTH OF  
**THE**  
PASSION  
**OF JESUS**

— February Devotion —



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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA  
"FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT" FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

Week of February 22, 2026, Calendar of Events  
**Monday: Feb 23:**  
Tuesday: Feb 24: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
with Communion to follow  
9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli  
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall  
**Wednesday Feb 25: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
Downstairs in our Social Hall  
**Thursday Feb 26: 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**  
**Friday Jan Feb 27:**  
**Saturday, Feb 28: 4:00PM MASS**

02/14/2026	
# of Registered Families	378
# of Envelopes Used	115
Offertory Collection	\$2725.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 197.00

**Altar Candles the Week of  
FEB 22 thru FEB 28, 2026**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
**MARY RUST**  
 From Bette Green

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**  
**ROSE LOMBARDI**  
 From Her Family  
**JOSEPH & SOPHIA RICHNAVSKY SR**  
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**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**  
**ROSARIA & FRANK DONATELLI**  
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**NO FLOWERS FOR LENT**

	Intentions		Requested By	
<b>SATURDAY, FEB 21 at 4:00 pm MASS</b>	Schuster Family Helen "Toots" Scarmack		Bill & MaryBeth Schuster Her Daughters and Families	
Monday, Feb 23 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
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Wednesday, Feb 25 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Feb 26 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday Feb 27 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, Feb 28 at 4:00 pm MASS	Veronica Marie Rogers Nicole Morocco Rudd		Anne White Anne White	
<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
<b>SATURDAY 4:00 PM FEB 28</b>	Christopher Connelly	Tresa Templeton Chirstine Oberman	Joe Perrico	Volunteer Volunteer

**St. Joseph Day  
Italian Dinner**

Benefitting the St. Joseph Food Pantry

**Saturday, March 21**  
 Doors open at 6:00 PM • Dinner is served at 6:30 PM

All guests are asked to bring  
a non-perishable food item.

**Raffle Baskets and Italian Cookies are  
needed!**

Please contact the parish office if you are able to  
donate a raffle basket or if you can cook Italian cookies.



**LENT**  
*fast + pray + give*

Join us to deepen your  
faith on this journey.



**LENTEN PENANCE  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday, March 1  
2:00pm  
*Notre Dame*

Wednesday, March 11  
6:00pm  
*St. Joseph*

Sunday, March 22  
2:00pm  
*Beloved Disciple*

Wednesday, March 18  
6:00pm  
*Good Shepherd*

Fridays of Lent  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
*Immaculate Heart*

These times are in addition to the regular scheduled times. Check your parish bulletin for more information and other times.



## THANK YOU

**A sincere than you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your Faithful Commitment allows us to live out the mission of the Church. As your pastor, I am inspired and grateful for your support. Together, In Christ, We Are One.**

**Today our Parish is at 85% of our goal. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge card or envelope marked "CSA" in the collection basket or turn it into the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As a reminder, anything over our goal will be used to help us restore our rectory and parish office. This year your help is REALLY needed.**

## READINGS FOR THE

### WEEK OF

Feb 22 thru Feb 28

**Sunday** Gn 2: 7-9; 3:1-7  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4: 1-11 (22)

**Monday** Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25,13-46 (224)

**Tuesday** Is 55: 10-11  
Mt 6: 7-15 (225)

**Wednesday** Jon 3: 1-10  
Lk 11: 29-39 (226)

**Thursday** Est C: 12, 14-16,  
Mt 7: 7-12 (227)

**Friday** Ez 18: 21-28  
Mt 5: 20-26 (228)

**Saturday** Dt 26: 16-19  
Mt 5:43-48 (229)



### FROM OUR PASTOR

***"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."***

If given a choice, which would you choose: a debate with the tempter of souls or the sublime gathering of angels? Most nice people do not hesitate to voice their preference for the latter. That reflex I think comes too easily – the “right answer” instead of the true one. The reality is humanity has fundamentally and regrettably chosen the infernal side of the debate – and we choose it again, oh, at least once an hour.

The first conversation in the Bible is with God. God blesses the first couple in chapter 1 and gives the first commandment – *thou shall not eat of that tree!* – to the man in chapter 2. Yet neither man nor woman seek the companionship or council of God again in the story. They actively hide from their Maker. It is God who seeks them out, significantly after their free betrayal of that singular and only commandment.

We might imagine that God could have interrupted the mini debate between the woman and the serpent...or could have been divinely present between the woman and the man before the great betrayal was complete with the handing over of the forbidden fruit. Respecting human freedom, God remains through both transactions. God, who speaks first in the story, awaits a response from us. Original sin is the unhappy result.

You and I still have choices to make daily: to embrace the guardians of heaven or to dicker with demons. When we choose

violence, prejudice, judgment, falsehood, idolatry or infidelity, we’re breaking one of the Ten Commandments that deny us access to the blessing God freely bestows on us and wants us to have. Each time we cause harm to our neighbors or ourselves, we’re disregarding that primary commandment of Jesus to demonstrate our love for God in loving people. Every hour of history the solution is the same: Talk to God. Listen to the divine word. But each hour far too many of us incline an ear to that “Pssst! Hey buddy!” coming from the tempter’s direction.

In the tradition of the Synoptic Gospel tradition (Luke, Mark and Matthew), Jesus reenacts the Genesis moment of crisis – though not in a lush garden surrounded with creature comforts. No, Jesus stands in a wilderness, hungry and weary from fasting. And unlike the first couple who enjoyed each other’s support, Jesus is alone. The Gospel writers show us Jesus effectively in the same position we are today: suffering the result of a fallen world that is no paradise, where each of us endures the profound isolation and hunger that the Garden of Eden story reveals is the literal fruit of sin. The debate with the devil begins, but something is different this time. Instead of being swayed by his sweet lies, Jesus clings to the word of God. The devil finds such company intolerable. When he departs, the landscape is flooded with angels, and the desert becomes a paradise. That is good news for all of us as we enter the Lenten desert ourselves!

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

*Please pray for*

Virginia Careghini, James Kashmer, Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, JoAnn Nigro

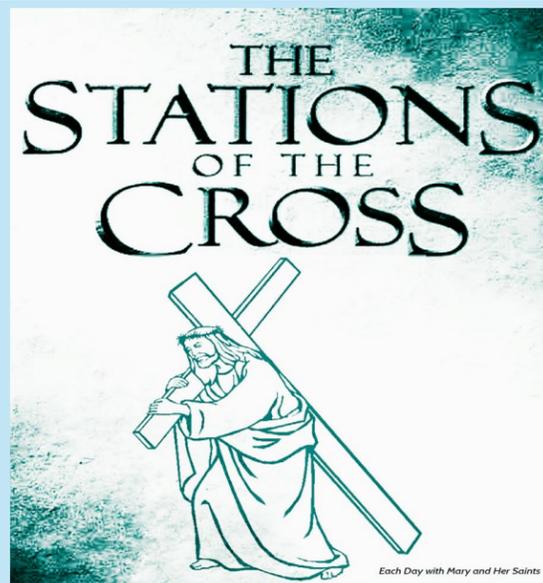
PRAYER CHAIN

LuAnn Iacino and Bette Green have volunteered to start this ministry. If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call LuAnn @ 724-347-1748 or Bette @ 724-877-4027 they will then forward the info, so that we can start our PRAYER CHAIN column. This column will run every week in our bulletin.

*Baptism*

CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Marceo Michael Guerino who was Baptized this weekend. Welcome to our Faith and our Fatima Parish family. God's blessings always.....*



LENTEN SERVICES FOR  
2026  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS  
EVERY TUESDAY  
DURING LENT  
STARTING 02/24/2026  
12:15PM  
WITH COMMUNION  
TO FOLLOW  
PLEASE PLAN ON  
JOINING  
US!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME.



CHURCH OF THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY  
NEEDS OUR HELP

FEBRUARY COLLECTION WILL  
BE FOR PASTA AND  
SAUCE(PLEASE NO GLASS  
BOTTLES)

This year we are partnering with our sister parish, Church of the Good Shepherd, in West Middlesex to support their Food Pantry. You will see at each entrance to the church there are large blue totes. Our job is to fill these totes with the ITEMS OF THE MONTH (there are signs on each tote to remind you of what is needed for that month)..

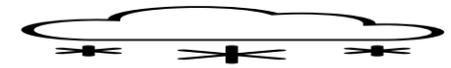
LETS SHOW THEM THE FATIMA SPIRIT.....LETS FILL THOSE TOTES.

Cemeteries Christmas  
Decorations:

Please remove all Christmas decorations by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes as decorations in or outside vases.

This includes all our Cemeteries

St. Anthony- Our Lady of Fatima Section  
St. Ann- New and Old Sections  
St. Elizabeth- New and Old Sections



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that it is not enough to provide only physical nourishment for our children: "one does not live on bread alone." As we approach Lent 2026, let us be "led by the Spirit" to discover new ways to be moral guides for our children.

Marriage Moment

What is your marriage founded on? When George Washington became our first president he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Let a penny be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."



Parenting Pointers

Lent is not just about "giving up" but also humbling oneself in the service of others. Even children can serve by cleaning up, letting someone else go first, even smiling instead of smirking. Being a willing servant is different from being a slave. "The last will be first, and the first will be last" (Mt. 20:16)