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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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Week of January 12th, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday Jan 13th, :

Tuesday, Jan 14th: Making of Fatima Cavatell 9:00
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL

Wednesday Jan 15th: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
 Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday, Jan 16th: 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 17th:

COLLECTION 01/04/2025	
# of Registered Families	403
# of Envelopes Used	68
Attendance at Mass	136
Offertory Collection	\$ 2004.00
Loose Offertory	\$130.00

Altar Candles the week of
 Jan 12th thru Jan 18th, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT
Mark Taylor
 From The Family
Tom D’Amico
 From Wife, Donna

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
Frank & Rosaria Donatelli
 From Ann Marie Donatelli

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
Gerard Scarmack
 From His Sisters

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

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Reflection:

As we enter the scene at the Jordan River in today’s Gospel, we may find ourselves asking the very same question John the Baptist asks: Why is Jesus coming to be baptized by John and not the other way around? Although it’s a powerful moment, it can be a confusing moment as well. I’ve heard preachers do all kinds of homiletic acrobatics with this one, but I think it comes down to something much simpler and clearer that we might expect.

Jesus, who was without sin, came to take on the sins of the world. He was not baptized because he needed his sins forgiven (he didn’t have any) but because we need our sins forgiven just as he would later suffer and die on a cross for us through no fault of his own. This is how much our God Loves us. Our God breaks into this crazy human world, with all its heartache and pain, and experiences it like we do in order to save us from ourselves.

Jesuit Father James Martin shared this perspective-shifting insight about Jesus’ baptism: “One possible explanation of why Jesus chose to be baptized is that he meant it as a sign that he was on board with John’s larger mission. He wanted to take his place with the rest of the Jewish people who were following John at the time. In that way, it’s really a radical act of humility on Jesus’ part. Imagine him standing in line waiting to be baptized with everyone else. And it’s another indication of how much God wanted to be with us. At the baptism God stood in line.”

Meditation:

In Matthew’s account of Jesus’ baptism, “he (Jesus) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove,” but it is unclear whether anyone else saw this happening. To others, Jesus may have simply appeared to be another Jewish man waiting his turn. How often is God right beside us in everyday life and we don’t realize it?
Mary D. Poust 2022

A Mass of Christian Burial
 was held on Saturday January 4th for Janice Grande at 9:00am and Rose Tatusko at 11:00am. As a parish, our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends for the loss of their loved ones. May they rest in peace in Gods’ hands.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today’s gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father; “You are my beloved son; with you I am very pleased.” As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors, we overlook good behavior. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

MARRAIAGE MOMENT

“Romance is a process... It’s not a one-time thing. It’s not something that’s accomplished and then forgotten. In order to work, it’s got to be an ongoing thing” (Gregory J.P. Godek, 1001 Ways to Be Romantic) Think of one romantic way you can express your love for your spouse today. Do it.

PARENTING POINTERS

Increase the quiet space in your home. Move the TV to a location other than the rooms where your family congregates for meals or conversation. Consider also where phones should be used.

SPECIAL MASS –
 ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Our Lady of Fatima—
 Saturday February 22 4:00PM
 Good Shepherd—
 Saturday January 26 11:30AM

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By		
Saturday, Jan 11 th at 4:00 pm	Christopher Dillon Lucille & Donald McClafferty	Lisa & Nathan Don & Lynn McClafferty		
Monday, Jan 13 th at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Jan 14 th , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Jan 15 th , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Jan 16 th at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday, Jan 17 th at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, Jan 18 th at 4:00 pm	Joseph Lombardi Levio & Ann Baldarelli	The Family Josephine M. Kuzel		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY JANUARY 18 th 4:00PM	Marsha Petrillo	Larry Masotti JoAnn Horner	Joe Perrico JJ Ost	John Jarocki