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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

Choir Director:
Christina Russo

Liturgical/Maintenance
Joann Horner

Catholic Cemetery Association:
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Jean Mabie

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EMAIL:
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BAPTISMS:
Please call Parish office

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

— April Devotion —

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
 “THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER”, APRIL 19, 2026**

Week of April 19, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: April 20:
Tuesday: April 21: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday April 22: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday April 23: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
ADORATION 6:30AM TO 6:00 PM Followed by
HOLY HOUR 6:00PM to 7:00PM
Friday April 24:
Saturday, April 25: MASS 4:00PM

Altar Candles the Week of
 APR 19 thru APR 25, 2026

**SANCTUARY LIGHT
 TONI DONATELLI**

From Ann Marie Donatelli

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
 BOB PELINI**

From Billy Pelini

LEROY DEBRAKELEER

From The Family

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
 CHRISTOPHER DILLON**

From Lisa & Nathan

LEROY DEBRAKELEER

From Cherie & James Eulo
 & Amy & Marc-Anthony Adamo

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week Flowers were donated for
JANICE DYKO SIRIANNI
From Husband Jim & Daughters

04/11/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	107
HolyLand Collection	\$ 345.00
Offertory Collection	\$2021.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 609.00

From the Pastor:

I am grateful to announce that Bishop Persico has appointed Fr. William Barron as Sacramental Assistant to the following parishes in Mercer County:

- *Beloved Disciple, Grove City*
- *Good Shepherd, West Middlesex*
- *Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer*
- *Notre Dame, Hermitage,*
- *Our Lady of Fatima, Farrell*
- *St. Bartholomew, Sharpville*
- *St. Columbkille, Stoneboro*
- *St. Michael, Greenville*

In this assignment he will support the pastors of the area by helping to provide sacramental assistance and other priestly ministry as needed. This role is intended to strengthen the ministry of the local church by ensuring that priests have support when they are ill, away, or in need of assistance. It is not intended to create additional Mass times or to change parish leadership.

He will reside in the rectory of Good Shepherd Parish, and his duties will be coordinated by the local Dean, Father Andrew Boyd. This appointment became effective on April 6, 2026, and continues until July 31, 2027.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Bill to Mercer County and our parish!
 Fr. Glenn



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Intentions	Requested By
SATURDAY APR 18 4:00PM MASS	Husband, Joe Ray & Karen

Monday, April 20 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday April 22 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday April 23 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Friday Apr 24 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Saturday Apr 25 at 4:00pm MASS	Olga Caputo Christopher Dillon	Anne White Lisa & Nathan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM APRIL 25	Christine Oberman	Debbie Andrusky MaryRose Marks	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke



GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY FOR APRIL!!! CANNED VEGETABLES



**KEEP THOSE TOTES FULL.
WE ARE DOING A GREAT JOB.
LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!**

Mark your Calendar –August 23,2026 Our Lady of Fatima Parish Picnic

Our Parish Council is planning our picnic at Leon's Den behind our St. Elizabeth Cemetery. The building has been totally remodeled and has bocce courts and horseshoe courts and lots of seating. They are working the menu now but as you all know our parish runs on its stomach!!!!!! More info to follow!!

Marriage Moment

Marriage is a commitment in which we chose to forego other choices. This" lack of freedom, however, can free us to stop searching, to stop putting up a front, and to risk being our truest, best self because we are loved unconditionally.

Parenting Pointers

It's natural to want to save our children from their difficulties or mistakes. Don't be too quick to rescue, however. A research study of 400 high achievers (like Churchill and Einstein) showed that ¾ of them came from poverty or troubled childhoods. ¼ of them had physical handicaps. Overcoming an obstacle can strengthen a child. Support your children but often it's best to let them do things themselves—the hard way

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the disciples were so downcast on their journey home that they didn't recognize Jesus' walking with them Similarly, in our homes, we can become so overwhelmed with responsibilities that we fail to see God with us. Today's gospel encourages us to pause and open our eyes to 'see Christ' in each other.



- **This is an imaginary recreation of the conversation of the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. The writer is Sister Anita Baird, DHM.**

“What really happened? We witnessed his trial, condemnation, his beating, crucifixion and death. He was cold and very much dead when they placed him in his mother's arms...and laid him in the tomb provided by Joseph.”

“We felt abandoned as we scurried and hid for fear that we would be next. What had his life been all about? Why did we leave everything to follow him if only to have it end on a hill at Calvary? Surely God did not mean for it to end this way.”

“How do we make sense of the senseless? Were we duped? Made fools of?”

“Now some women want us to believe that his body is no longer in the tomb!”

“How are we expected to wrap our minds around all that has happened?”

And yet, as in the case of these two disciples, it is when we are most vulnerable, most afraid, and most doubtful that Jesus is revealed. We can only imagine that the faith of these very close friends

of Jesus, who knew him intimately, had been shaken to the core. Life had thrown too many curves their way. Sometimes, life can become too much to cope with. Why did God allow my child to die before she had a chance to experience life? Why is my body ravaged by cancer? Why have I lost all that I worked for – my home, my job, and my savings? Why has God forsaken me? It is precisely in these moments that Jesus draws close. He will never leave us alone. He's the best GPS one can have on this journey. The scriptures tell us that Jesus drew near at that point, but they were prevented from recognizing him.

How often have we failed to recognize him in the forgiveness of a friend, or the hug of a child, a physician's healing touch? How many times in our pity-party have we been prevented from recognizing him?

“What were you discussing along the way?”

- **“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place? Where have you been?**

“What things?”

Jesus never imposes. He knows that it is important that they be

allowed to speak about the burning questions simmering in their hearts. We must be free to seek God if we are ever to find the God inside us. He knows that they will never recognize him if they are not able to speak their truth, to drop the blinders of doubt from their hearts, to trust in the goodness of God even when it is not easily visible. He invites them to speak from their hearts and they do. They speak of their hope that Jesus would be the one to redeem Israel, only to see him die a shameful death.

It is only after they speak their truth that he admonishes and reminds them, that as faithful sons of the Torah, as his followers, they should understand what the prophets have written, and understanding that, their eyes would be opened. They would understand that as through one man (Adam) sin entered the world, that through the suffering and death of Jesus, all people would be saved.

Luke writes that his words set their hearts on fire and then they invited him to stay with them. Once we have met the Savior, we want to remain in his presence, to have him stay with us.

“It only takes a simple invitation. You don’t have to beg or apologize. Simply ask and I will remain with

you. I always wait for the invitation.”

And when he broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized their Lord and Master.

That’s the power of the Eucharist. In the breaking of the bread, we become aware of who we really are as members of one Body. Like the two disciples, our eyes are opened to the oneness of all humanity, to pain and suffering, to the cry of the poor, the orphan, the widow, those on the fringe as well as those who are comfortable. Once we receive that Presence, our hearts are set afire as well, leaving us with the burning desire to be Christ in a world that is crying out for healing.

Don’t mistake a simple case of heartburn for Christ within you.

Fr. Glenn



Please Pray For

Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands, Judy Bianco, Jim Ost, Diane McDougal, John Horvath

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call LuAnn @ 724-347-1748 or Bette @ 724-877-4027

SCRIPTURE READINGS

WEEK OF

April 19 thru April 25

Sunday	Acts :14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk: 24: 13-35 (46)
Monday	Acts 6: 8-15 Jn 6: 22-29 (273)
Tuesday	Acts 7: 51-8; 1a Jn 6: 30-35 (274)
Wednesday	Acts 8: 1b-8 Jn 6: 35-40 (275)
Thursday	Acts 8: 26-40 Jn 6: 44-51 (276)
Friday	Acts 9: 1-20 Jn 6: 52-29 (277)
Saturday	1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20 (555)

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2026

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Service Appeal.

GOOD SHEPHERD TOTALS

Diocesan Assessment	\$52,074.00
Total Pledged as of 04/13/26:	\$108,735.00
Total Paid as of 04/13/26:	\$76,489.00
Surplus after Assessment:	\$24,415.00
Parish Project Goal:	\$90,500.00
Surplus form 2025:	\$37,419.24

Remains at Good Shepherd to be used toward roof replacement on Social Center / HVAC

OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOTALS

Diocesan Assessment	\$21,724.00
Total Pledged as of 04/13/26	\$38,352.00
Total Paid as of 04/13/26	\$30,877.00
Surplus after Assessment	\$ 9,153.00

Remains at Our Lady of Fatima to complete the restoration of our Rectory and Office after our winter water disaster.



Reverend John R. Hindman will be missed by many of us in Mercer County. In 2020 he relocated from San Bernadino Calif to Hermitage to serve the faithful until his passing on April 7, 2026.

Visitation will take place from noon to 1:30pm Thursday, April 23 in St. Anthony Church. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm, with the Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico as main celebrant.