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**PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office

**Our New Parish Council at Work**





OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

“THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD” FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Week of February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025, Calendar of Events	
Monday Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	
Tuesday, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> : Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM	
GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL	
Wednesday Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> : 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB	
Downstairs in our Social Hall	
Thursday, Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> : 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, Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> :	

COLLECTION 01/25/2025	
# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	120
Attendance at Mass	150
Offertory Collection	\$ 1700.00
Loose Offertory	\$137.00
Communication 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$434.00

Mass Intention	Intentions		Requested By			
Saturday, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm	Michael Gargiulo		Wife, Mina & Family			
	Janice Grande		Peg Lengyel			
Monday, Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Tuesday, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Wednesday, Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service					
Thursday, Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service					
Friday, Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> FIRST FRIDAY MASS 7:00am	Elizabeth “Liz” Cione		Dolly Marinelli			
Saturday, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	John Jarocki Sr.		Family			
	Lucille & Donald McClafferty		Don & Lynn McClafferty			
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS		
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8 <sup>th</sup> 4:00PM	Dolly Szugye	Joann Horner Larry Masotti	Joe Perrico JJ Ost	John Jarocki		

Altar Candles the week of  
FEB 2<sup>nd</sup> thru FEB 8<sup>th</sup>

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Raymond Donatelli

From AnnMarie Donatelli

Pat Chervinko

From Fran Chervinko

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

Susan Morehart

From LuAnn Iacino

Mary Gentile

From Joseph & Janie Gentile & Family

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Rose Tatusko

From Family & Friends

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers  
For this week were donated in memory of  
Elizabeth “Liz” Cione  
From Brother Joe & Janie & Family

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Forty days after Christmas, the Church tells the story of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. It is an ancient feast that comes on a day that some people have taken to be one of the turning points of the year. Even our “Groundhog Day” tradition testifies that people have found that February 2 is a time to take a deep breath and think about the end of winter. So while darkness still holds more hours than daylight, there is every hope of spring. The Church has kept this feast with the place of worship full of lights: It is Candlemas (candle-Mass) Day!

The gospel story today tells us about the presentation of Jesus as a bridge toward the experience of his last supper, arrest, torture, death and resurrection. As we are eager to embrace the helpless Christ child during the Christmas holidays, we’re being prepared to embrace Christ on the cross and Christ the resurrected one. Simeon, an old man, receives the new light and the new life of Christ into his arms. Simeon – the old man and the old world, the broken and sinful humanity – at long last can see light at the end of the tunnel. No longer will the world live in darkness. The dayspring from on high has brought light to the gloom that surrounds us.

This is no glib message. Simeon, the old, must die to the new. Death must precede resurrection. The sign of light must be contradicted by the darkness of the cross. We carry candles in our hands, just as Simeon carried the infant Light of the World – Jesus. We carry Christ into the wider world of our darkness and witness to it by lives outlined by the gospel. Where is the darkness in our world? And just what is the “good news” that is ours to share? The answer to the second question is also the answer to the first. Our news is expressed in the commitment we make this day as the Body of Christ, dedicating our selves to right the injustices of the social order. We commit to fairness in our dealings with others, to sharing our material wealth with the poor, to raising our children in the church’s tradition.

If we take the child Jesus into our arms like Simeon did, we commit ourselves to dying to the sin within us. What dark corners of our hearts still need to be illuminated by Christ’s light? When are we petty? What are our addictions? Who do we need to reconcile with?

We have been Simeon – old, expectant, nearly lost in dark frustration, waiting for the promised redemption. We must now become Anna, coming forward at this time to give thanks to God. We must speak like Anna did about Christ’s light to all who are waiting. We must reflect, radiate and shine the new light with such commitment and energy that none of us remains in darkness.

We are children of the light. May we never forget what we have seen and heard.

In the spirit of Anna and Simeon, may we fashion our parish family into a gathering where the light of Christ’s peace is revealed in our works of prayer, community and service.

“Christ our Light! Thanks be to God.” Fr. Glenn

\*\*\*\*\*CANDLEMAS DAY CANDLES\*\*\*\*\*

Because this feast falls on a weekend, we’d like to extend the celebration by giving each family one of the seven-day candles that are blessed today to take home and light. Let this lit candle, a symbol of the Light of Christ, light a corner of your homes for the week ahead and be a blessing to all who live there.

2025 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last Monday our first elected Parish Pastoral Council had its initial meeting in the rectory dining room. In attendance were Deb Andrusky, Elizabeth Green, JoAnn Horner, Linda Klenke, Jerry Miller, Joe. Perrico. Items on the agenda were: CCD, Social Functions, Fund Raisers, Cemetery Pricing, Eucharistic Minister Training, Review Council Constitution, Increase Cost of Candles, Ash Wednesday Mass and Gathering afterwords. The minutes will be distributed in next week’s bulletin and will appear on our NEW website:

[www.fatimafarrell.org](http://www.fatimafarrell.org)

SPECIAL MASS  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Saturday February 22 4:00PM

\*\*\*NEW TRAINING\*\*\*

FR. GLENN WILL BE HAVING A MADITORY TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30AM. THIS INCLUDES ALL CURRENT AND ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME A EUCHARTIC MINISTER FOR OUR PARISH. IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT AND HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE TALK TO ANY OF OUR CURRENT PARTICIPANTS OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Purposes

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