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

PARISH CONTACT  
INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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IN OBSERVANCE OF  
**DIVINE  
MERCY  
SUNDAY**

— April 12 —



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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA  
 “SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY”, APRIL 12, 2026**

**Week of April 12, 2026, Calendar of Events**

- Monday: April 13:**  
**Tuesday: April 14: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
*In the Good Shepherd Social Hall*  
**Wednesday April 15: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
*Downstairs in our Social Hall*  
**Thursday April 16: 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 17:**  
**Saturday, April 18: MASS 4:00PM**

**Altar Candles the Week of  
 APR 12 thru APR 18, 2026**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**ARMENIA & NUNZIO PALANTI**  
 From Rose Settle & Family

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

**GREG SCARMACK**  
 From His Sisters

**ANTHONY ELISCO JR.**  
 From Madalaine Nuzzo

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

**ROSARIA & FRANK DONATELLI**

From Lisa & Nathan  
**PAULINE & ROY MCBRIAR**  
 From Their Family

*Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers*

*For this week Flowers were donated for*  
**ANTHONY ELISCO JR.**  
*From Madalaine Nuzzo & Diana*

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SUNDAY	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	213
Easter Sunday	\$ 2432.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 4548.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 378.00

The passing of Father John Hindman—Sept 7, 1947---April 7, 2026

We might have not known him here at Fatima but Father John and our Father Frank left their California diocese and moved to our area in 2020 to help our area with our priest shortage. They bought a home in Hermitage by Buhl Park and settled in. Fr. John had been part of the Erie Diocese before and his family was from Clarion, Pa. area, so this was like moving home for him. Little did they know how much they were needed. After the passing of our dear Father Matthew Ruyechan we needed both of them. Father John went to St. Anthony’s of Sharon and Father Frank came to help at Fatima. Fr. John always wrote his Homily at least a week ahead of time. Here is the last one for this week that Fr. Frank gave to me...

*Do you remember the first time you stood at the top of a slide getting up the courage to let yourself slip down or were about to try to ride a two-wheel bike or stood at the side of a swimming pool trying to get yourself to dive in headfirst. You may have been paralyzed with fear. It took a lot of nerve and encouragement from the by-standers to get you to take the plunge.*

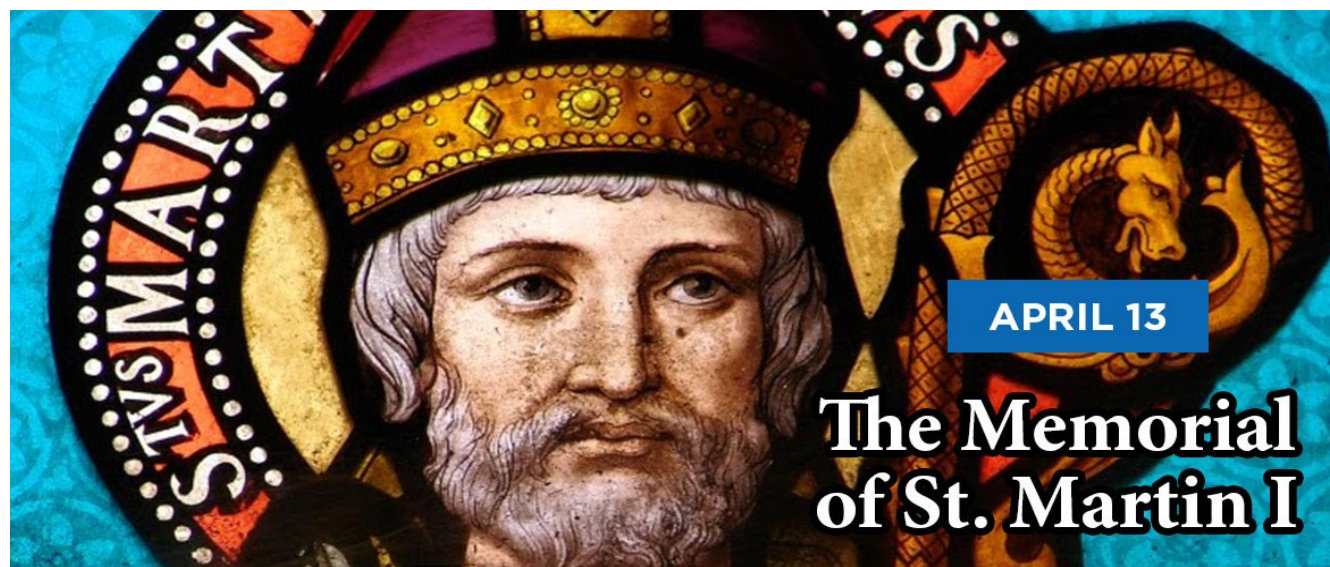
*The little band of disciples of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room on the first Easter night were a fearful bunch. Jesus had been put to death by his enemies. The disciples could be next. They had abandoned him in his time of trial. They had proved their lack of courage. Something happened that took away their qualms and hesitations. Jesus breathed new life into them. He greeted them with peace, shalom, not re- crimination. He showed them mercy, not retribution. He gave them the Holy Spirit. As the Lord God breathe life into Adam at the creation. Jesus breathed life into his disciples and made them a new creation. What he did for them; he sent them out to bring God’s merciful forgiveness to the world.*

*The temptation is strong for us to keep to ourselves. It’s safe. Pope Francis said: “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. We are all called to lay aside our fears and complacency, to to share the joyous Good News we have received, to be what Pape Francis called “a Church which goes forth, whose doors are always open.” This takes love and trust and courage.”*

*We would never have known the exhilarating sensation of sliding down that slide, or riding the bike, or diving into the pool, if we have never overcome our fears. We will never fully know the joy of the gospel until we have taken the leap of faith that conquers the world, until we proclaim with our lives that mystery of faith...Pam R.*

Intensions	Requested By
<b>SATURDAY APR 11 4:00PM MASS</b>	John Kusnir Wife, Linda William & Charlotte Pelini Billy Pelini
Monday, April 13 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service
Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service
Wednesday April 15 at 6:30am	Prayer Service
Thursday April 16 at 6:30am	Prayer Service
Friday Apr 17 at 6:30am	Prayer Service
Saturday Apr 18 at 4:00pm MASS	Toni Donatelli Helen Denis Husband, Joe Ray & Karen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
<b>SATURDAY 4:00 PM APRIL 18</b>	MaryRose Marks	Tresa Templeton Christine Oberman	Marsha Petrillo	John Jarocki Jean Burke



## Saint Martin I's Story

When Saint Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that [Jesus Christ](#) had no human will. Twice, emperors had officially favored this position: Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith, and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy—which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor—Saint Martin I held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response, Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Saint Martin I and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with Calliopes, the exarch of Constantinople, and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures, and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the imposed torture already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Saint Martin I died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.



Thomas said, “I will not believe until I place my hand in his side...”

Of all the apostles named among the 12, I'd venture to say we have real affection for barely a handful. There aren't many fan clubs for James the son of Alphaeus, and even though there might be local devotees of Bartholomew (in the 16150 Zip code), there might have been more members in that club if the scriptures were unanimous on whether to call him Nathaniel or Bartholomew. If we've got some Proud Boys in the area they might have some connection to the “Sons of Thunder,” the sons of Zebedee. But if there was to be a show of hands for favorite apostle, Peter and Thomas would lead the pack.

Peter has enormous stature in the church for obvious reasons; we love Thomas for only one – today's gospel passage in John. But on closer inspection, in John he appears in three other passages: (1) when he urges the others to go with Jesus belatedly to Lazarus' house “*to die with him*”, (2) at the Last Supper when he says he doesn't know where Jesus is going, and (3) when he is singled out to go fishing with Peter and some others after today's episode and his recognition of Jesus in his glorified body in the Upper Room.

Thomas “got on board” with his personal faith proclamation, “My Lord and my God.” From the beginning of Jesus' ministry, he was inviting the disciples and apostles to accompany him on a fishing expedition for his sake. It is significant that

Peter's first post-resurrection experience is to gather a portion of those called to resume their initial vocation on the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberius).

The roll call of those who got in the boat is not as random as we might think: Thomas the former doubter, Nathaniel the reformed cynic, Zebedee's now humbled sons (*recall their mom asked for first row seating for them in Jesus' kingdom*), and two mysterious “others” – one of them being the Beloved Disciple. No point in spilling more toner in the controversy of who the Beloved Disciple is, which won't be solved here. It's more intriguing to consider who the other “other” might be...does that leave room for you or me in the boat?

Taking in the whole story of Thomas at a glance is important because many of us get stuck in this one episode, which reveals Thomas the Problem. It's obvious that John's intention to provide us with Thomas the Solution, the redeemed one, viewed over the whole spectrum of his discipleship. Just like Thomas, we problem disciples still have time to get on board.

**All aboard, Alleluia.  
Father Frank and Father 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**

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Total Paid as of 04/09/26: \$73,889.00  
Surplus after Assessment: \$21,815.00  
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 04/09/26 \$38,352.00  
Total Paid as of 04/09/26 \$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.

**READINGS FOR THE**  
**WEEK OF**  
**April 12 thru April 18**

Sunday Acts 2: 42-47  
1 Pt 1: 3-9  
Jn 20: 19-31 (43)

Monday Acts 4: 23-31  
Jn 3: 1-8 (267)

Tuesday Acts 4: 32-37  
Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)

Wednesday Acts 5: 17-26  
Jn 3: 16-21 (269)

Thursday Acts 5: 27-33  
Jn 3: 31-36 (270)

Friday Acts 5: 34-42  
Jn 6: 1-15 (271)

Saturday Acts 6: 1-7  
Jn 6: 16-21 (272)

**THANK YOU**

*The celebration of the Triduum and Easter in both our parishes brought great joy to us all.... Hospitality groups in each church provided endless refreshments and opportunities for conversation and catching up with each other...*

*The environment in church was beautiful and carefully done by our decorators and funded by your Easter flower donations*

**Special Thanks** to the various people that made our services so special from JoAnn and her decorating crew to Christina and our choir that filled our church with wonderful music.



**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**

The US income tax deadline approaches. As onerous as taxes feel to most of us they are one way to provide for the common good. Today, think of how you can contribute to the common good of you marriage. Doing a service for your spouse, letting go of an argument or insisting that you are right---these all count.

**Parenting Pointers**

April is child abuse prevention month. If you haven't already, alert your children that they should tell you when ANYONE touches them inappropriately. Sexual abuse by those in positions of authority is tragic, even more so when perpetrated by clergy who hold positions of trust. Victims deserve the Church's ongoing support, apology, and reparation. Clergy of integrity, how, are also suffering because of the sins of their colleagues.

Write, Call or e-mail a minister, priest or religious who has served you well.

**A Family Perspective**

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" signifies that the Kingdom of God Begins in your home, where children learn the paths to peace through the example set by their parents. Holding onto grudges only leads to greater misery over time.