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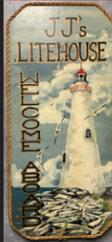
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
601 Roemer Blvd.  
Farrell, Pa. 16121  
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

#### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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Fr. Frank DiCristina

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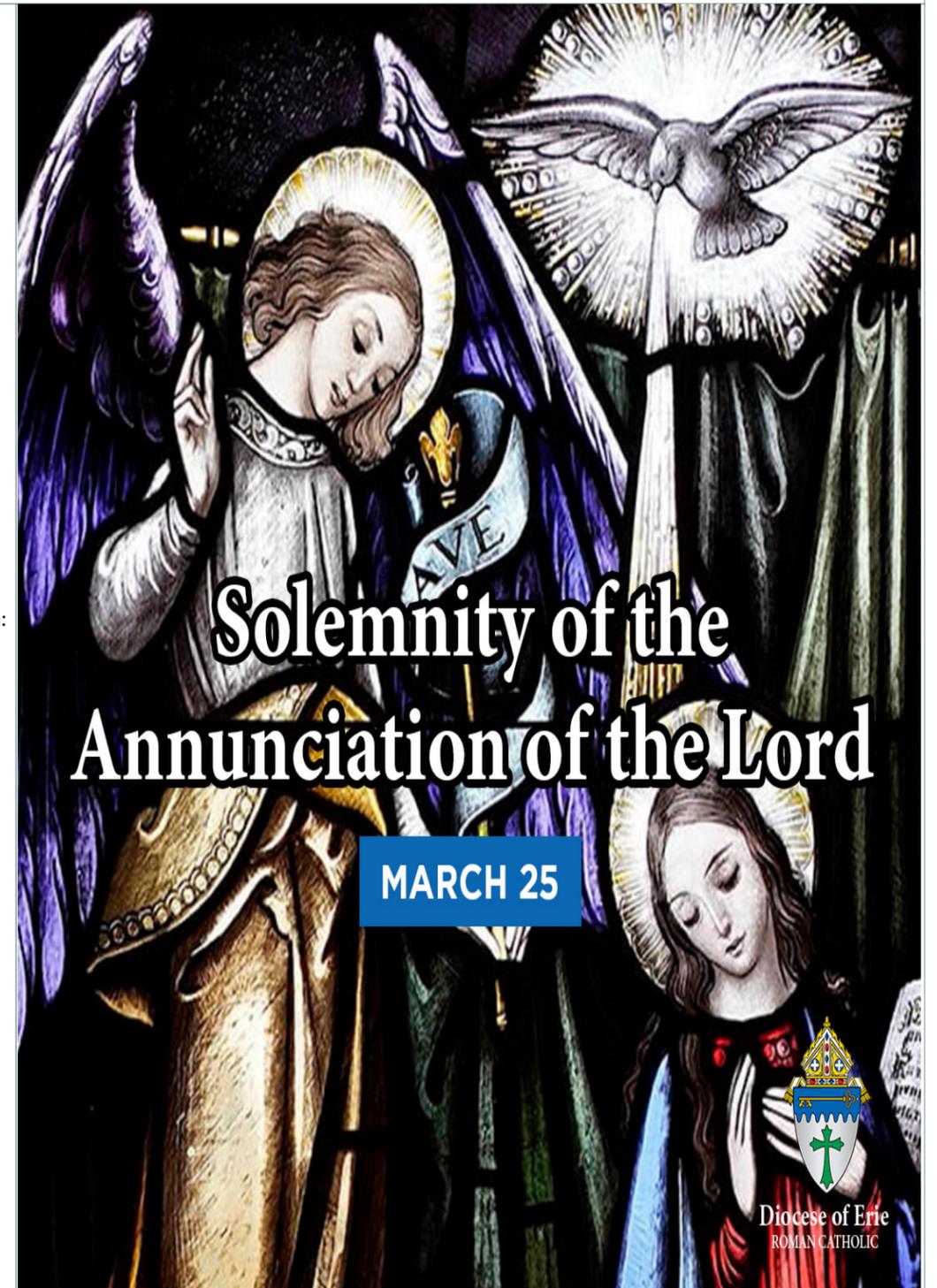
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WEDDINGS:  
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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA  
“FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT” MARCH 22, 2026**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF  
THE LORD

**GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
FOOD  
PANTRY**



*This week on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord.*

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED IN FEBRUARY, WITH A SPECIAL **THANK YOU** TO JOE PERRICO AND ALSO, JAN AND PAUL BAKER FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP

March Food Drive from Our Lady of Fatima we collected:

- 65 containers of Pasta Sauce,
- 64 assorted Pastas
- 9 other non-perishable food items.

A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

God Bless,

Good Shepherd Food Pantry Team

**THE FINAL WORD**

**Q: What does it mean when a laundromat is next to a church?**

**A: Cleanliness is next to godliness**

**Q: What kind of car would Jesus drive?**

**A: A Christler**

**Q: Why couldn't Noah play cards on his ark?**

**A: Because he was standing on the deck.**

To understand the Annunciation of the Lord, consider these key points:

- The Annunciation refers to the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary.
- It is celebrated on March 25th in the Christian liturgical calendar.
- The event signifies the moment Mary accepted her role as the mother of Jesus.
- The Annunciation emphasizes themes of faith, obedience, and divine intervention.
- It is depicted in various works of art, highlighting its significance in Christian tradition.
- The event is also linked to the Incarnation, marking the beginning of Jesus' earthly life.

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

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**EDITH GALARDE  
From Husband, Nick**

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

**CATHERINE BAUER  
From Adolf Reichenbacher**

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

**JOANN NIGRO  
From Pam Rabold**

***Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers***

***NO FLOWERS DURING LENT***

**Week of March 22, 2026, Calendar of Events**

**Monday: March 23:**  
**Tuesday: March 24: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**with Communion to follow**  
**9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli**  
**In the Good Shepherd Social Hall**

**Wednesday March 25: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**  
**Downstairs in our Social Hall**

**Thursday March 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 March 27:**  
**Saturday, March 28: 4:00PM MASS**

03/14/2026	
# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	123
Easter Flowers	\$ 450.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 2438.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 477.00

Intentions		Requested By		
<b>SATURDAY, Mar 21 at 4:00 pm MASS</b>	Dawn Jarocki Anthony "Tony" Lenzi	Her Family Gail Zucco, Stephanie, Tony Shawn		
Monday, Mar 23 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Mar 24 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	<b>12:15pm STATIONS of the CROSS</b>		
Wednesday, Mar 25 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Mar 26 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	<b>ADORATION 6:00am-6:00pm</b>		
Friday, Mar 27 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
<b>SATURDAY, March 28 at 4:00 pm PALM SUNDAY MASS</b>	Dawn Jarocki Anthony "Tony" Lenzi	Family Gail Zucco, Stephanie, Tony Shawn		
<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b> Palms after mass	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 4:00 PM</b>	Marsha Petrillo	Christine Oberman Larry Masotti	Ed DeBonis	John Jarocki Jean Burke
<b>MARCH 28</b>				

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**  
 FOR THE HOLY LAND  
**MARCH 29-APRIL 12**



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Diocese of Erie  
 ROMAN CATHOLIC

**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.

## [A Family Perspective](#)

Our families often get caught up in chasing things we believe will bring us happiness. Jesus' words to Lazarus. "Come out." Are also meant for us. In this fifth week of Lent, "untie" yourself and break free from unnecessary possessions.

## [Parenting Pointers](#)

Whether you are a single custodial parent, a parent who visits on weekends, or a parent whose spouse is gone for long periods of time—it's not easy. Summon up your courage and your friends. Ask for respite when you need it. Both you and your child will benefit.

## [Marriage Moments](#)

In athletic events there are score keepers so we know who the winners or losers are. Marriage is not a contest so stop keeping score. Eventually both parties must win or else the game is over.

## [Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity](#)

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect of how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit [crs/ricebowl.org/week-5](http://crs/ricebowl.org/week-5) to read this week's Story of Hope



*"The body will surely die, but the living spirit of Christ will lift us up body and soul."* (paraphrase of Romans 8:11)

When we pray the "Hail Mary" the conclusion of the prayer should cause us to pause momentarily every time. We ask the Mother of God to hold us in her hands at two singular moments in our lives: now and when we die. Why? "Now" is easy – it's the moment of decision; the active hour in which change is possible. We can't move the past one inch. We can't manipulate the future until it arrives. The only time under our jurisdiction when we are free to act is NOW.

The hour of our death is the other moment we hope for the comforting presence of Christ's mother. It's a significant time, perhaps more so because it comes only once. You and I may have botched a long line of "NOWs", but Christianity holds out the possibility of the final "yes" after a lifetime of "no." So, it's solid spiritual guidance to entreat the Mother of Jesus to attend to us in that last hour of grace and guide us to repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

All of that is Christian code about death and what comes after – to enjoy that comes with a minor prerequisite of giving up the ghost. That's why we call the story of Jesus "Good News." It's the only story we know where death has a happy ending in restored life. . .

This all seems like a long winding road from the Hail Mary to today's gospel story of a new life for Lazarus. When we think of him, we also may be reminded of two other gospel characters with the same experience: the daughter of Jarius and the son of the widow of Nain. All three accounts remind us that the ultimate restoration is coming for us all.

This was not happy news for the religious authorities who were contemporaries of Jesus and Lazarus; they don't want tombs opened and dead raised. It never serves the establishment to

have solid, fixed principles in motion – they counted on the dead staying dead. Death, like gravity, is only a useful concept if it doesn't change.

Reading John's account today reminds us how Jesus directs his questions to his audience, not just Martha and Mary – especially to us who are loitering around the story twenty centuries later. When Martha makes her declaration of faith in answer to Jesus' question, "*Do you believe this?*" Her answer becomes the gold standard for all disciples: "*Yes, Lord I have come to believe you are the Christ, the Son of God...*" Most of us are only beginning to live into that response by degrees. Our individual journeys with Christ on that road has its valleys and peaks and we should not fear the stench of the tomb (as Martha cautions us).

On that road, we can't do better than raise a prayer for guidance about those two pivotal moments – now and at the hour of death. Being able to make the declaration Martha does is important. But saying those words and not believing them means we will most likely fail to embody them. If our hearts are not in that profession, we may find that our treasure lies elsewhere.

What will we do when Jesus calls out our names and invites us to "come forth?" Some will hear nothing to disturb their slumber. The secret that believers know is that if we obey the call to new life NOW, nothing will bind us to the grave "*at the hour of our death.*"

We are called out of the grave of every sinful situation by the Lord of forgiveness. We are rescued at every wrong turn down a blind avenue and restored to the way of life. Such freedom can be frightening. Many prefer the binding chains of fundamentalism to keep them from exercising this great liberty. But a liberated woman, a free man, will know how to obey the call to walk out of the grave and leave death behind them for good.

*"Unbind then. Let them go free!"*

Fr. Frank/Fr. Glenn

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY –7:00PM  
GOOD FRIDAY – 12:00 NOON  
**NO SATURDAY SERVICE AT ALL**  
EASTER SUNDAY –9:00AM**

Easter Sunday Mass will be followed by coffee and donuts downstairs after mass. Please stop for a few minutes to visit With friends!!!!

**NEW AND OLD!!!!**

**Please Pray For**

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

**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

**COME AND JOIN US**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**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**



**THANK YOU**

**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 03/16/26: \$93,765.00  
 Total Paid as of 03/16/26: \$61,737.00  
 Surplus after Assessment: \$9,663.00  
 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 03/16/26 \$35,162.00  
 Total Paid as of 03/16/26 \$29,152.00  
 Surplus after Assessment \$7,428.00  
 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 March 22 thru March 28**

Sunday	Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45 (34)
Monday	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8: 1-11 (251)
Tuesday	Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8:21-30 (252)
Wednesday	Is 7: 10-14, 8:10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38 (545)
Thursday	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8:51-59 (254)
Friday	Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42 (255)
Saturday	Ez 37: 21-28 Jn 11: 45-56 (256)



We offer our parish sympathies to the family and friends of

**PAULA CHIEFFO**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faith full departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.