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601 Roemer Blvd.
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Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Weekend Assistance :

Fr. Frank DiCristina

Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Pam Rabold

Organist :

Maureen Murray

Choir Director:

Christina Russo

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Joann Horner

Catholic Cemetery Association:

Foreman - Thomas Cimoric

Altar Rosary Chair:

Jean Mabie

Cavatelli Crew Chair:

Flo Fusco

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 TO 2:00

724-346-3359

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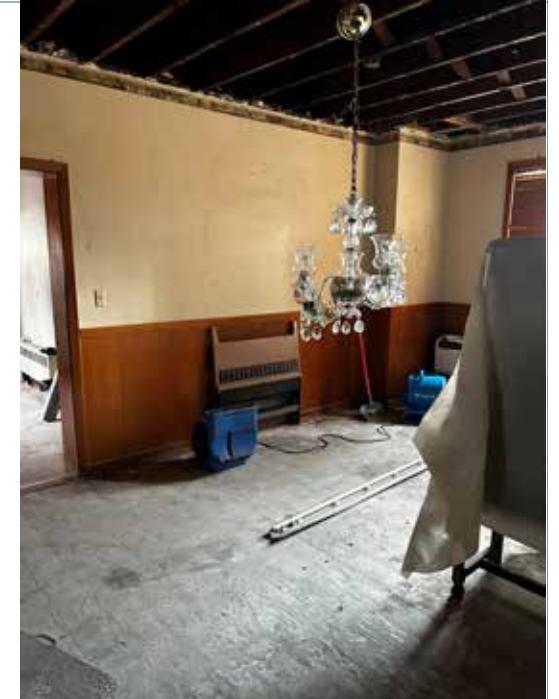
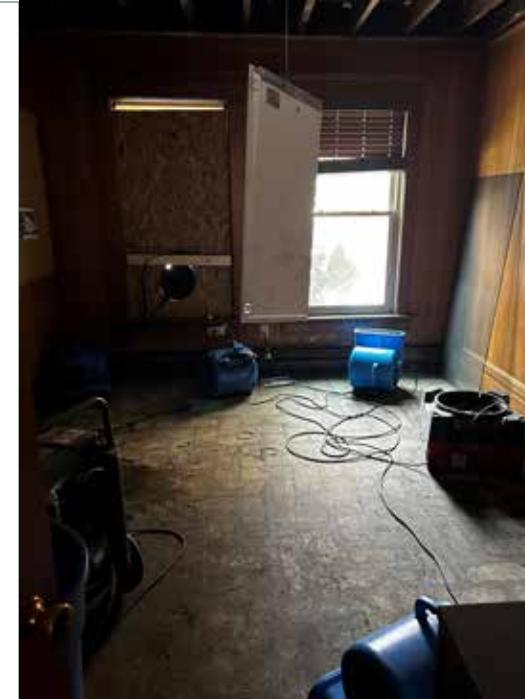
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BAPTISMS:

Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements six months
in advance. Call Parish office.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME” FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Week of February 8, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday: Feb 9:
Tuesday: Feb 10: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday Feb 11: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday Feb 12: 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 Jan Feb 13:
Saturday, Feb 14: 4:00PM MASS

01/24/2026

# of Registered Families	378
# of Envelopes Used	124
CANDLEMAS	\$ 164.00
Offertory Collection	\$2748.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 202.00

Thank you so much
for your contributions



Altar Candles the Week of
FEB 8 thru FEB 14, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT

GEORGE, ROSE & KEVIN TATUSKO
From The Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

CATHERINE BAUER

From Darlene and Terri

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

DR. ANTHONY ELISCO

From Your Fatima Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

For this week were donated in memory of

CATHERINE BAUER

From Adolf Reichenbacher & Tresa Templeton

	Intentions	Requested By		
SATURDAY, FEB 7 at 4:00 pm MASS	John Jarocki Pat Chervinko	The Family Fran Chervinko		
Monday, Feb 9 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Feb 10 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Feb 11 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Feb 12 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday Feb 13 at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, Feb 14 at 4:00 pm MASS	Mary Gentile & Liz Cione Nancy Natoli	Joe Gentile Family Patrick & MaryKay Kelecseny		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM FEB 14	Marsha Petrillo	John Jarocki Tresa Templeton	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Volunteer

**CSA CATHOLIC SERVICES
APPEAL 2026**

The 2026 Catholic Services Appeal In Christ, We are one Commitment Sunday will be held next weekend in our parish

Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish project...**which this year will be to help with the restoration of our rectory.** No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.



BLUE ARMY OF MERCER COUNTY

The Blue Army of Mercer County will hold a devotion service to honor the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes following 9AM mass at St. Michael's Church in Mercer, on Wednesday February 11, to include the Rosary and crowning of the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!!!!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 8 thru Feb 14

Sunday Is 58: 7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16 (73)

Monday 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13
Mk 6: 53-56 (329)

Tuesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7: 14-23 (331)

Wednesday 1Kgs 10: 1-10
M 7: 14-23 (331)

Thursday 1 Kgs 11: 4-13
Mk 7: 24-30 (332)

Friday 1Kgs 11: 29-32,12-19
Mk 7: 31-37 (333)

Saturday 1 Kgs 12: 26-32,
13:33-34
Mk 8: 1-10 (334)



FROM OUR PASTOR

"You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world."

For almost 50 years, the Christian and Catholic churches in America and Europe have been in decline. That shouldn't be news to any of us. Not that long ago, the church was at the center of society. Its leaders enjoyed public acclaim; its opinions were valued at political discussions; its ethics were lifted up as a guide to worthy behavior; its services (health, educational, social) were sought after as guides for the young and needy.

All that has changed. Now the church is rarely mentioned in the news, except when it is shamed as a result of a leader's malfeasance or duplicity, its voice is silent except when extremists are lifted up as a caricature or buffoon. And if all that might be true for our age, how much more was it true for Christ's earliest disciples?

From what we can glean from the gospels and Paul's letters, the early church was an odd lot of fishermen, homemakers, shepherds, farmers, and tax collectors. They had no parish councils, mission statements or pastoral plans. If we used the 21st century standard of measuring the health of congregations, the early church would be considered anemic.

And so, we find ourselves centuries later attempting to meet the challenges of declining numbers, diminished services, and uncertainty about the future. And just to muddy up the waters some more, an act of God and old man winter visited Our Lady of Fatima rectory several days ago, leaving a wet and destructive path from the second floor down to the basement. The furnace

cut out, water lines froze and ruptured, carpeting needs to be torn out, ceilings fell, a frozen version of Niagara Falls is attached to the dining room window, but **THE CHURCH AND BASEMENT ARE TOTALLY DRY AND COZY**, as the church has an independent water and heating system – thank God for small favors!!

Joe Perrico and Pam and Dave Rabold were Johnny-on-the-spot securing speedy service by **Seth Anthony Plumbing** to shut off the main, and remediation work initiated by **DISS Restoration**. Their prompt response helped to minimize what is already extensive damage. The days ahead will be taken up with prioritizing remediation, restoring some heat to the shell of the building so work can continue, and encouraging that "Can Do" spirit of Fatima to energize us day by day.

Dave and Pam moved computers and files to their home and day-to-day work will continue. Our Self-Insurance Program, run by Gallagher-Bassett is already working with us to sustain the efforts of the cleanup crews and to assess the loss sustained to the building, which at this point is a moving target.

The MOST IMPORTANT THING is that no one was hurt and as Pam says, "It's all just stuff!"

Back to the gospel....notice that the current 21st century view of organizational management (planning, committees, certifications) that to us might be measures of strength don't seem to be of interest to Christ as useful for Kingdom-building. Jesus DOES NOT SAY "You should be the salt of the earth," as if we're responsible for setting goals and measurable outcomes. Nor does JESUS SAY, "You will be the light

of the world," as if to suggest that God will make this happen in the fullness of time.

Jesus says instead, "You ARE the salt of the earth," "you ARE the light of the world." Right now! Already! Here and now!

So, what might that mean for our parishes not to try to retrieve our former "glory," but instead to explore what it looks like to be salt and light for the world today?? Stay warm & Safe..Father Glenn & Father

Frank

A Mass of Christian Burial was held today Saturday, February 7, 2026, for DR. ANTHONY ELISCO

The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to his wife Anita, as well as his family and friends. We will miss him as our Altar Server. May he rest in peace.

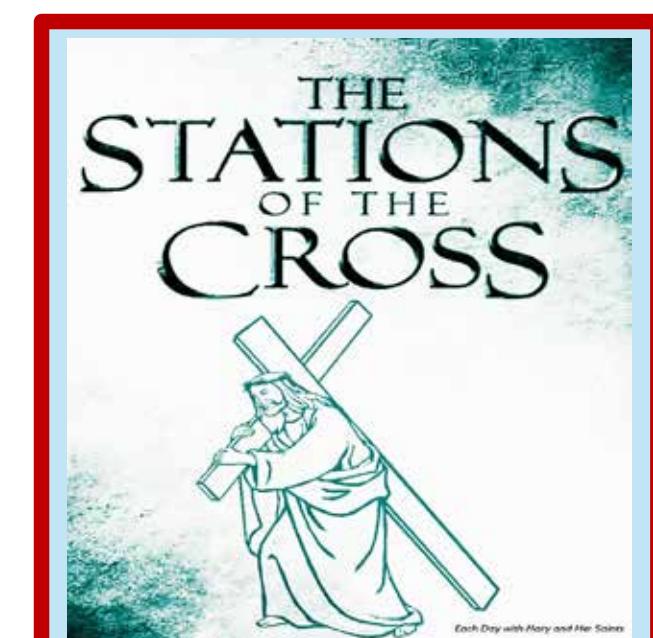
GOOD NEWS

Our parish has always been strong with parishioners willing to help and we now are starting our

PRAYER CHAIN

LuAnn Iacino and Bette Green have volunteered to start this ministry. If you have someone that you would like to add to this chain, please call LuAnn @ 724-347-1748 or Bette @ 724-877-4027 they will then forward the info, so that we can start our PRAYER CHAIN column.

This column will run every week in our bulletin.



LENTEN SERVICES FOR 2026 OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ASH WEDNESDAY

2/18/2026

12:15PM

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.



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents illuminate the path through their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."

Marriage Moment

Try to decide how to celebrate Valentine's Day next week? Candy, flowers, and dinner are nice but predictable. Try something new:

CHURCH OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS OUR HELP

FEBRUARY COLLECTION WILL
BE FOR PASTA AND
SAUCE(PLEASE NO GLASS
BOTTLES)

This year we are partnering with our sister parish, Church of the Good Shepherd, in West Middlesex to support their Food Pantry. You will see at each entrance to the church there are large blue totes. Our job is to fill these totes with the ITEMS OF THE MONTH (there are signs on each tote to remind you of what is needed for that month..

LETS SHOW THEM THE FATIMA SPIRIT.....LETS FILL THOSE TOTES.

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