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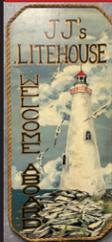
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
601 Roemer Blvd.
Farrell, Pa. 16121
Mass time Saturday 4:00 PM

PARISH CONTACT
INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Whitman

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Maureen Murray

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Christina Russo

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Arrangements six months
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PALM SUNDAY

*Blessed is he
who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

PSALM 118:26



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA
“PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ” MARCH 28, 2026

Week of March 29, 2026, Calendar of Events

- Monday: March 30: Parish Council Meeting 6:00PM**
- Tuesday: March 31: 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
 with Communion to follow
 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
 In the Good Shepherd Social Hall
- Wednesday April 1: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB**
 Downstairs in our Social Hall
- HOLY THURSDAY April 2: MASS 7:00pm**
 NO CAVATELLI
 NO ADORATION OR HOLY HOUR
- GOOD FRIDAY April 3: 12:00 NOON SERVICE**
- Saturday, April 4: NO MASS**
- EASTER SUNDAY MASS 9:00AM**

Altar Candles the Week of
MAR 29 thru APR 4, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
JOSEPH & ROSE LOMBARDI
 From Their Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
CHARLOTTE PELINI
 From Billy Pelini

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
JOSEPH RICHNAVSKY SR.
 From Joe & Sophie

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
 For this week Flowers were donated for
ANTHONY “TONY” LENZI
 From Gail, Stephanie & TonyShawn



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Do you know the meaning of Palm Sunday? Here are five fascinating facts every Catholic should know.

1) Meaning Behind The Palms on Palm Sunday

The palms symbolize peace and victory.

It was customary during Jesus’ time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches—or even clothes—in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect.

The Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before his death:

“When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel.’”
[\(John 12: 12-13\)](#)

2) The Palm Sunday Procession

On Palm Sunday, the faithful receive palm branches at the beginning of Mass, followed by a procession. Doing so invites us to reenact Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday has been commemorated in various ways throughout Church History. The Church standardized and simplified Palm Sunday traditions in 1955.

With this came the option of an organized procession that begins somewhere outside the

church, a solemn procession that begins outside the church, a solemn procession starting inside the church, or no procession at all.

3) Entering the Scene During Palm Sunday Mass

“Joyful acclamations at Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today’s celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion.” – Pope Francis (April 14, 2019)

On Palm Sunday, we dive deep into Saint Luke’s account of Jesus’ last days (and moments) of life on earth.

4) Christ’s Entry to Jerusalem Was Foretold in the Old Testament

“Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” – Zechariah 9:9

5) Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday and the account of Christ’s entry into Jerusalem:

“How different the cries, ‘Away with him, away with him, crucify him,’ and then, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!’ How different the cries that now are calling him ‘King of Israel’ and then in a few days’ time will be saying, ‘We have no king but Caesar!’ What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them.”

Have a blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!

03/21/2026

# of Registered Families	375
# of Envelopes Used	106
Easter Flowers	\$ 375.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 2540.00
Loose Offertory	\$ 250.00

Intentions	Requested By
SATURDAY, Mar 28 at 4:00 pm MASS	Dawn Jarocki Anthony “Tony” Lenzi Her Family Gail Zucco, Stephanie, Tony Shawn

Monday, Mar 30 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service
Tuesday, Mar 31 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service 12:15pm STATIONS of the CROSS
Wednesday Apr 1 at 6:30am	Prayer Service
HOLY Thursday Apr 2 at 7:00PM	HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm
GOOD Friday Apr 3 at 12:00 NOON	GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 noon
Saturday Apr 4 no MASS EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM MASS	NO SATURDAY MASS Deceased members Arcade Fm Irene Perman Angela Toriello St. Ann Lodge Branch #153

MINISTRY SCHEDULE EASTER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	Chris Connelly	John Jarocki Better Green	Joe Perrico	John Jarocki Jean Burke
APRIL 5				

PARENTNG POINTERS

If you have more than one child, you are probably no stranger to sibling rivalry. It's dangerous for a parent to be the judge of who the culprit really was if you were not witness to an alleged offense. Stop any physical fight, separate the children, wait and watch. (Conflict resolution strategies to come later)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The cruel death of Jesus shows us that bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also reassures us that God is present during our suffering. While bad things happen; God never abandons us.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

Marriage can be like Holy Week. One day it's Palm Sunday and everyone is singing your praises. But the one closest to you can betray you. All seems lost. It's not easy but faith reminds us of forgiveness and sacrificial love, resurrection is possible.

Can you believe it?

CALLED TO SHARE BREAD FOR LIE

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bring hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico,
JCL Bishop of Erie



“One of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the cabal of high priests and said, “What will you give me if I hand him over to you?” They settled on thirty silver pieces. He began looking for just the right moment to hand him over. “

What's the point of the passion? It's a question many Christians are too polite to ask. We worship beneath a cross that is fearful and strange and makes us uncomfortable. We proclaim a gospel that takes a terrible route through torture, horror and agony before arriving at a gracious and uplifting victory. It's a story we prefer to keep from small children as we fill our religious programs with stories of healing, miracles and good deeds. Some of our churches replace the traditional crucifix on the wall with an image of the Risen Lord or the great High Priest that reveals the majesty more appropriate to the end of the story than to its darkest hour.

Simply put, why didn't God save the world another way? Why couldn't the Almighty wipe the slate of history clean without the suffering and bloodshed? If you or I were God, we'd seek another means of executing a rescue from sin and death. If the choice were ours, we'd find a way to do the greatest good without personally undergoing the greatest anguish.

We'd seek an alternative to the cross because that's what we already do. We've turned the sacred law of love into a creed of niceness. Love takes risks; we play it safely. Love suffers for the cause of justice and

truth. We embrace every compromise that keeps us from conflict, even if it means adopting little white lies all along the way.

JESUS CHRIST DIDN'T DIE ON THE CROSS SO THE WORLD WOULD BE A NICER PLACE! Prophets didn't suffer abuse and ridicule, saints didn't march to their martyrdom, so that the rest of us might be pleasant and agreeable. Was Jesus pleasant and agreeable? He spoke to his mother and his friends rather harshly. He was even less polite to his opponents. Jesus wasn't above saying insulting things to his dinner hosts. The love he demanded of us wasn't a matter of easy charity. To steal a description from literature/media, it was a bonfire of vanities! Jesus said he came to set such a fire burning and he couldn't wait to see the world ablaze.

As Father Bob told us this past week during the parish mission, Divine love isn't a stroll in the park, arm in arm, in a replenished Garden of Eden. Divine love is a curious mix of personal silence and a journey – perhaps even a mountain - that is scaled with tremendous effort, courage, and focus. It's not unlike the Cross; it must be mounted, every limb committed and nailed in place. The point of the Passion is that love isn't easy. It costs everything we have, and it's worth it.

Through the Passion of the cross, we learn that God so loved the world, so loves you and me right now, that no compromise is possible, and any price is worth paying.

It's not about being nice!

Fr. Frank/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

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**

**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

*Total Pledged as of 03/24/26: \$96,505.00
Total Paid as of 03/24/26: \$64,542.00
Surplus after Assessment: \$12,468.00
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 03/24/26 \$35,187.00
Total Paid as of 03/24/26 \$29,177.00
Surplus after Assessment \$7,453.00
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 29 thru April 4**

Sunday	Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mt 26: 14-27:66 (38)
Monday	Is 42:1-7 Jn 12: 1-11 (257)
Tuesday	Is 49: 1-6 Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38 (258)
Wednesday	Is 50: 4-9a Mt 26: 14-25 (259)
Thursday	Is 61 1-3a,6a, 8b-9 Rv 1: 5-8 Lk 4: 16-21 (260)
Friday	Is 52: 13-53 Heb 4: 14-16, 5:7-9 Jn 18: 1-19:42 (40)
Saturday	Rom 6: 3-11 Mt 28: 1-10 (41)



We offer our parish sympathies to her daughter Lisa Nigro, family and friends of

JOANN NIGRO

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.



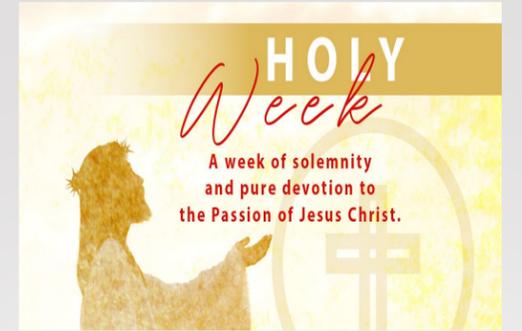
**GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD
PANTRY FOR APRIL!!!
CANNED VEGETABLES**



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

PRAYER FOR TODAY

HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSTANT PRESENCE AND MERCY. REFRESH OUR SPIRITS AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH. HELP US TRUST YOUR TIMING AND RELY ON YOUR WISDOM. MAY OUR WORKS AND ACTIONS REFLECT CHRIST'S LOVE TODAY. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLY
WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 NOON

NO SATURDAY SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 9:00AM

WITH COFFEE, JUICE AND DONUTS TO FOLLOW DOWNSTAIRS AFTER MASS.

ALL ARE WELCOME, PLEASE STOP DOWN AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH SOME FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW!!

