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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

Weekend Assistance :
Fr. Frank DiCristina

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Christina Russo

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of March 23, 2025, Calendar of Events

Monday March 24:

Tuesday, March 25: 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli

Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday March 26: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB

Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday, March 27: 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, March 28:

Saturday, March 29: 4:00 MASS

COLLECTION 03/2025

# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	160
Easter Flowers	\$285.00
Offertory Collection	\$3919.00
Loose Offertory	\$175.00

Altar Candles the week of
MARCH 23 thru MARCH 29, 2025

SANCTUARY LIGHT

RUDY & VIOLET CARPENTER

From Wally & Judi Carpenter & Family

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

ROSE TATUSKO

From Family & Friends

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

JEAN SABOL

From Your Fatima Family

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers

Because of Lent we will not have flowers. The flowers scheduled for this week will be moved to June 8

ST. ANTHONY
EASTER BREAD SALE

Pickup Wed., April 16
4:00-6:00pm
Sherman Ave. Entrance

Plain Bread: \$7
Raisin Bread: \$8
Pogach: \$5

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Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By
Saturday, March 22 at 4:00 pm	Dawn Jarocki	The Family
	Sandra Sakonyi	Husband, Ron & Family
Monday, March 24 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, March 28 at 7:00am		
Saturday, Mar 29 at 4:00 pm	Dolores & Danny DelliBovi	Lisa & Nathan
	Scott Stefanish (1yr Anniv)	Mom & Dad

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY MARCH 29 4:00PM	Christopher Connelly	Marsha Petrillo Christine Oberman	Larry Masotti J.J. Ost	John Jarocki



**Brighten
Up the Corner**

Jesus said to a man, "Come forth, and win eternal life." But the man came fifth and won a toaster!!

LARGER BULLETIN

As you can see, we are trying to make sure that you have all the information about what is happening in our Mercer County parishes. **WE NEED MORE SPONSORS. SO, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

If you know of anyone who might be interested in advertising in our bulletin, please give them the parish office phone number 724-346-3359

Knights of Columbus Easter Bread Sale!

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the April 12th and 13^h masses @ OLF, St Barts, & ND when possible

Traditional, Raisin, and Tri-Color \$10
or any 3 for \$25

We can arrange pre-sales;
For order or pickup you may contact
Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at
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- Interested in:
- Easter Bread Volunteer
(Bake or Distribute – All are welcome, and fun family activity!
Can you braid hair?!? WE LOVE BREAD BRAIDERS!)
 - Being part of the Knights of Columbus
 - Making donation towards supplies

DID YOU KNOW???????

Why do Catholic give something up for Lent?

Catholics around the world make sacrifices during lent to remind us that God is greater than anything the world can offer. By giving up small comforts or practicing acts of self-denial, we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him. The sacrifice serves to remind us.

True love requires sacrifice. God demonstrated this perfectly by giving His only son for our salvation (John 3:16). Our Lenten sacrifices help us imitate this divine love. By uniting our sacrifices with Christ’s ultimate sacrifice on the Cross, we become more like Him.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Theirs is just one of the thousands of stories of loss and brokenness amid the ashes of the Los Angeles wildfires.

The Washington Post just last January told the story of John and Gail Wirth, who lost their home in Pacific Palisades. Gail is an actress who had once been part of the cast of *Saturday Night Live* and has recently been doing voice-over work in several animated series. John is a writer-producer of series *Remington Steele* and *Nash Bridges*. Both 72, they had lived in Pacific Palisades since 1995 where they raised their two daughters. “We lost our homes and community and lifestyle,” John said. “But we also lost our imagined future. I thought we would live there forever.”

Gail and John were among the lucky ones: they managed to escape the fire with their two dogs, a few photo albums and a couple bags of clothes along with things they hastily grabbed. They’ve settled in a new, smaller house a few miles away. The stark white walls and empty closets are constant reminders of everything they lost. Just a couple weeks before the fire, they had received notice that their insurance was about to be cancelled – but they’re covered for the loss.

Losing their house was heartbreaking, but more devastating was the loss of “the 72 years of stuff” they had gathered, gifted, handed down, cherished. Lost were archives of their television and movie work. All that filled their little house reflected who they were, what they value, moments in time, access to memories.

Forty years ago, high school sweethearts John and Gail Wirth came to Los Angeles from Sioux Falls, SD. They had nothing

except each other. They built a home together. And now, they’re building again. Shortly after they moved into their new place, the doorbell rang. Their first guests: their daughter, son-in-law and grandkids, and their dogs. And for a time, the house was too full to notice the white walls, the empty closets and all the ghosts of a lost home.

Compared to the California wildfires, the parable of the fig tree mirrors the fragility of our lives, that our struggles and challenges sometimes have the force to uproot our lives in an instant. But with the compassion and love of friends, and God’s constant care we can rebuild, reconnect, refashion the fig trees of our lives with a growing sense of peace and awareness of God’s providential attention. The life of God is always about starting over, about re-creation, growth and discovery. It’s about the grace to make things right and whole again.

Spring’s around the corner! Fr. Glenn

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
2025

UPDATE:

So far, thanks to you, we’ve received pledges of \$ 17,285.00 toward our diocesan assessment of \$ 25,226.00 . Once we reach our assessment, any funds contributed will be put toward our parish project of enhancements to the kitchen downstairs.

Thank you for your pledges and support thus far.

St. Anthony Lenten

FISH FRY

Beginning Fri., March 7th
serving every Friday during Lent,
including Good Friday

4 to 7pm
Dine In or Take Out

MENU

\$15 Baked or Fried Fish Dinner
Fish dinners include choice of
fresh cut fries or baked potato,
homemade coleslaw or applesauce
and peanutbutter cookie

\$13 Palacinke Dinner

ANTONIUM (Sherman Ave. Entrance)
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WHERE DID WE GET THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

Until the Moslem invasion of the Holy Land in the tenth century, Christians (Catholics) regularly undertook pilgrimages to Biblical locations, especially to Jerusalem where Jesus was arrested, tried, sentenced and killed...and rose on Easter.

Christians (Catholics & Orthodox) who lived there had developed a path through the holy city called the “*Via Dolorosa*” – the Way (or Road) of Tears – that approximated the journey of Jesus from the Roman Governor’s palace to the site of capital punishment (Mount Calvary). From there it was a short way to what was believed to be the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, who donated it for Jesus’ burial. Today it is called the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Devout Christians came to the holy city to walk the path Jesus took, along which certain locations were set aside to mark various events that may (or may not) have taken place on that fateful Friday.

To afford passage for such a pilgrimage would have been expensive but it had become worth the cost to Christians in that time. However, when the Moslems (now Muslims) controlled the lands of the Bible, such travel/pilgrimage was almost impossible, as well as dangerous. Thus, the Crusades, which were fought on and off for a couple hundred years.

Catholics back home in Europe, prevented from making the pilgrimage to the “*Via Dolorosa*,” started developing in their dioceses, parishes or monasteries/convents a devotion that could be prayed anytime that incorporated some of the prayers and “stations” that had been part of the Jerusalem experience. This did not gain acceptance universally in all dioceses or parishes, but began in random locations, so

there would be a French, or English, or Italian version, and initially, these stations were constructed outside on church land, or through the parish cemetery. Eventually permanent images, carved in stone or statuary or mosaics depicting a certain scene were installed. In certain countries, there were as many as 20-30 “stations!” Eventually the Church decided that the number would be 14; recently adding in some places a 15th station: the Resurrection. Because their purpose was to remind the faithful of the slow, deliberate journey Jesus took to his death, the stations were always “walked” by those participating. Once standardized, parishes took to installing them inside the parish church, mostly around the perimeter. Only with the advent of the printing press, did it become a devotion that could be prayed privately as well as publicly.

Though some of the traditional stations have no foundation in Scripture (for example, Veronica, the number of falls) most do or are presumed because of the nature of the story (like, Sentencing by Pilate) or other historical information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday, we have stations of the cross during LENT. Our service starts at 7:00PM. Please come and join us as we travel, every week, in Christ’s steps to the Cross.

***A Mass of Christian Burial* was held for David Ochs on Wednesday March 12th at 11:00am. As a parish, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends for the loss of their loved one. May he rest in peace in Gods’ hands.**

NEWS FLASH---CAVATELLI You are now able to purchase Our Famous Cavatelli, here at the Church. BUT ONLY ON SATURDAY’S AFTER 4:00 MASS. \$15.00 for a 5 lb. bag Marty Andrusky will be downstairs after mass to take your orders.

FATIMA CAVATELLI FOR SALE Our famous Fatima Cavatelli’s are now for sale not only at our local grocery stores, (Farrell Golden Dawn and Donofrio’s in Hermitage) but they can now be purchased directly from Our Cavatelli Crew at Good Shepherd Social Hall in West Middlesex, every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:00AM for \$15.00 for a 5-pound bag. Let’s support our parish with your purchase!!!!

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

YES we will be having an Easter Sunday Mass here at Fatima this year. This mass will be at 9:00AM. The balance of Holy Week has not been decided yet, BUT I wanted to let you know as soon as possible. Please pass the word on to your family and the rest of our Fatima Family.

CEMETERY UPDATE-

**For all the cemeteries maintained by Our Lady of Fatima Church
St. Anthony Cemetery
St. Ann Cemetery
St. Elizabeth Cemetery**

PLEASE REMOVE ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATION NOW.

Our volunteers will be removing and disposing of all decorations that are left on the graves starting March 8th. So please if you want to keep your decorations, please remove them NOW.

Parenting Pointers

March 21 is Single Parent Day. Single parents do double duty. It’s hard but it’s not impossible. Your children will eventually appreciate your sacrifices. If you’re not a single parent, fine one and give them a break.

Marriage Moment

“Agree to disagree. Typical couples have 10 irreconcilable differences. When one of those comes up, you won’t have to repeat an old argument” (Trudy Costa) Choose one difference to make peace today.

Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not meet his expectations. In families, there are those who don’t live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and support. Don’t cut them out of your life. Love calls us to be connected, not just productive.