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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

Secretary/Bookkeeper:  
Pam Rabold

Organist : Maureen Murray

Choir Director:  
Christina Russo

Liturgical/Maintenance  
Joann Horner

Altar Rosary Chair:  
Jean Mabie

Cavatelli Crew Chair:  
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OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY—THURSDAY  
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BAPTISMS:  
Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:  
Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office



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Week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Calendar of Events  
Monday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm Parish Council Mtg/ Rectory  
Tuesday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Making of Fatima Cavatelli 9:00AM  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL**  
Wednesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB  
Downstairs in our Social Hall  
Thursday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: 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, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: 11:00-3:00pm Community Food  
Warehouse of Mercer County---  
Distribution back parking lot,,,,HELP NEEDED

COLLECTION 01/18/2025	
# of Registered Families	403
# of Envelopes Used	112
Attendance at Mass	147
Offertory Collection	\$ 2304.00
Loose Offertory	\$136.00

**Altar Candles the week of  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup> thru Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Mary & Angelo Perry  
From LuAnn & Mike Nelson

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

Marie Capson  
From Anne White  
Sophia Richnavsky  
From Joseph & Sophie Richnavsky

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

Elizabeth Cione  
From Jurj Mijo Rozman

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers  
For this week were donated in memory of  
Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
From Your Fatima Family

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

*“Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR...”*

The Prayer Board  
Near the entrance to the church is “the prayer board.” It has green burlap over a cork backing. Near the board are pieces of paper and Post-it pads on which individuals can write prayer intentions and post them. Most of those leaving a prayer on the board provide few details – most simply offer a name and the majority of concerns are medical. But one morning when the pastor collected the day’s petitions for Morning Prayer, he said, “the petitions bolted through me like an electric current.” One of the prayers was scribbled by a homeless person: *“I’ll be out begging tonight, Lord. Keep me safe.”* Another wrote: *“I miss my husband. I don’t know how I’m going to live without him.”* Then the pastor’s eyes landed on this one: *“For the baby I aborted. I love you despite never meeting you. I hope you’re with me until I have the chance to explain why the timing wasn’t right in person. Until then, I must let go. XXX”*

The priest, Fr. Samuel Wells wrote:  
“I choked. I don’t know if I ever read a more heartfelt or heartbreaking prayer. I was humbled, brought to my knees, deeply moved. Morning prayer had become mourning prayer. This child of God was wrestling with powerful feelings, memories, wonderings, and she had brought all this into the divine presence. She had asked those of us gathered to place these realities on the altar of God’s grace and mercy. And embraced by God’s story, she was pleading with the Holy Spirit to make something good of it all – perhaps not right away, or even soon – but in God’s good time.  
“Our secretary noted my silence and asked what was up, so I handed her the prayer.”  
She replied, “Reminds me why we do what we do.”

Samuel Wells, The Christian Century, November 2024

Perhaps this is what everyone of us is called to do – make Isaiah’s vision a reality in the very simple and unremarkable kindness we offer, prompted by God’s grace to bring hope to a soul in crisis. As witnesses to Christ, disciples in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we inherit the call to bring “glad tidings” and “God’s favor” to the needy, the oppressed and the helpless. The work that God sends Jesus and all of us to do is hard and demanding, filled with heartache, requiring us to put aside our needs and even our dreams for the sake of helping realize the kingdom coming among us. More often than not, it’s hard to know what some folks are carrying in their hearts. Let’s keep them in prayer. Fr. Glen

**SPECIAL MASS  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK  
Our Lady of Fatima—  
Saturday February 22 4:00PM**

*A Mass of Christian Burial*  
was held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for Elizabeth (Liz/Betty) Cione at 12:00am. She will be sadly missed. She was our secretary here at Fatima for 5 years. As a parish, our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends for the loss of their loved ones. May she rest in peace in Gods’ hands.

**HELP NEEDED  
Community Food Warehouse  
of Mercer County**

**Will be having a food distribution in our parking lot this Friday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Help is needed from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Last time this was done we helped 260 families with needed food. So, if you can help, please call our office 724-346-3359!!!!**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
In today’s gospel, Jesus was “praised by all” except in his hometown of Nazareth, where “the eyes of all were intently on him” Acceptance can be difficult to find at home due to unrealistic EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to “proclaim liberty” to anyone “oppressed “or “captive” by our EXPECTATIONS.

**PARENTING POINTERS**  
Let your children know when you see them acting responsibly, talking initiative, or being helpful. Use phrases like, “I appreciate that” or a simple “Thank You.”

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By		
Saturday, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm	Marian Lazor-Vadala Tommy Sharkins	Sister, Catherine & Brian Bill & MaryBeth Schuster		
Monday, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> , at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday, Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> at 6:30am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm	Michael Gargiulo Janice Grande	Wife, Mina & Family Peg Lengyel		
MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1 <sup>st</sup> 4:00PM	Christopher Connelly	Debbie Andrusky Jan Baker	Marsha Petrillo JJ Ost	John Jarocki