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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

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Flo Fusco

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9 :00 TO 2:00
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WEDDINGS:
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of March 16, 2025, Calendar of Events

- Monday March 17: ST PATRICK DAY!!!!**
Tuesday, March 18: 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 9:00AM Making of Fatima Cavatelli
 Good Shepherd Social Hall
Wednesday March 19: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
 Downstairs in our Social Hall
Thursday, March 20: 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 21:
Saturday, March 22:

COLLECTION 03/8/2025

# of Registered Families	400
# of Envelopes Used	179
Ash Wednesday Colletction	\$681.00
Offertory Collection	\$ 3113.00
Loose Offertory	\$284.00

**Altar Candles the week of
MARCH 16 thru MARCH 22, 2025**

SANCTUARY LIGHT

EDITH GALARDE
From Husband, Nick

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR

ROBERT CHERVINKO
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

David Ochs
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 May 18

Shenango Valley Kiwanis Club



Pancake Day

Saturday, March 29, 2025
7:00-11:00 am
Haitian Sensation
76 Shenango Avenue, Sharon

ALL THE PANCAKES & SAUSAGE YOU CAN EAT



Tickets available at the door or from Shenango Valley Kiwanis members.

Donation: \$10 adults \$5 children under 12

Proceeds support children's educational programs.

For Information, or to purchase tickets or program advertising:

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(724) 347-7011

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By
Saturday, March 15 at 4:00 pm	Joseph & Arlene Hoak Edith Galarde	Pamela Hoak Rabold Husband, Nick Galarde
Monday, March 17 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday, March 21 at 7:00am		
Saturday, Mar 22 at 4:00 pm	Dawn Jarocki Sandra Sakonyi	The Family Husband, Ron & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY MARCH 22 4:00PM	MaryRose Marks	JoAnn Horner Larry Masotti	Marsha Petrillo J.J. Ost	John Jarocki



Brighten
Up the Corner

**If God is your Co-Pilot---
Well maybe you should
swap seats!!!!**

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



NOTICE – LENTEN PRACTICES 2025

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2025. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING**, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY** are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*
4. On **HOLY THURSDAY**, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the diocese earlier than 4:30 pm without the explicit approval of Bishop Persico.
5. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **GOOD FRIDAY** service is celebrated by a priest only.
6. All celebrations of the **EASTER VIGIL** are to begin *after nightfall* (which is defined as approximately one hour after local sunset.) Nightfall is about 9:00 pm this year. To balance pastoral need and liturgical prescriptions, Bishop Persico has decreed that the Easter Vigil in the Diocese of Erie is to begin at 8:30 pm or any later time. Any start time earlier than 8:30 pm must receive explicit approval from the Bishop.

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
January 10, 2025

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Singer
The Rev. Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

“Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.”

The Women who would be heroes...

I know that I wrote about women in the Armed Services two weeks ago (addressing the rupture in the handling of mail to and from our forces at the front lines in Europe), but I came upon a review of a novel about women serving during the Vietnam war and about “a desert experience.”

A first-hand account of military nurses based in Vietnam was the basis of Kristen Hannah's novel The Women. These brave and resourceful women worked under fire, on military bases and in field hospitals, to patch soldiers back together. Their presence, let alone their work, was hardly acknowledged by the U.S. military. Hannah tells their stories through the fictional character of Frances “Frankie” McGrath. Frankie is a White, Catholic college graduate, a sheltered San Diego debutante. Frankie is inspired to enlist in the Army Nurse Corps when her adored brother is killed in Southeast Asia.

Arriving in Vietnam, Frankie is dumped in-country, unprepared for the devastation she's about to face. On her first full day on duty, helicopters swoop in carrying dozens of gravely injured soldiers. A medic hands Frankie a boot. When Frankie realizes that a foot is still inside, she vomits and tells anyone who will listen that she's made a huge mistake. “I shouldn't be here,” she cries.

But the war will not allow for regrets. Experienced nurses and battle-scared doctors push Frankie past her insecurities with barks of no-nonsense encouragement. In one of her first OR sessions, her surgeon

shouts, “Damn it, McGrath! We don't have time for fear. You're good enough. Do it.” And she does. Within months Frankie becomes the kind of nurse who can work during a blackout with bombs dropping around her and a flashlight clamped between her teeth. She confronts the horrors of gut wounds and napalm burns with courage and compassion.

The book takes her to another, even more challenging experience: her return home to a changed and deeply divided America that resents her and her service.

Every one of us faces our own “desert” when we have to move beyond our fears and grief, our despair and darkness, to find a place of hope and healing, of renewed purpose and meaning. Frankie McGrath and Army nurses like her found within themselves and one another the selfless compassion to transform the horror of the “desert” of violence and death into a place of healing and care. This First Sunday of Lent calls us into those unknown and terrifying “wildernesses” to find the courage and faith to move on with new hope and renewed vision for the duty God's Providence calls us to take up.

Welcome to the desert! Fr. Glenn

What a way to kick-off Lent!

“The room was full!” That was the story of our first cheese pizza party after Ash Wednesday Mass last week. Pam's crew of volunteers planned, set up, distributed and cleaned up a wonderful parish experience of the first day of Lent down in the Social Hall. A couple days later a group of us Karen Schollenger, Joannie Nicholoff, Lisa Tobin, MaryBeth Schuster got together to evaluate and do some serious thinking about what's next. Perhaps the beginning of a two-year CSA project. Stay tuned.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting this Tuesday, we will be having stations of the cross every Tuesday 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.

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

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts." Reflect.

Marriage Moments

St. Patrick Day is March 17, sooo...what difference might that make to your marriage. St. Patrick is famous for driving the snakes out of Ireland. Are there any snaky riffs currently in your marriage? Sure, wear green if you like, but also seek ways to compromise (maybe blue-green, yellow-green, or a meaningful marital compromise.)

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

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Danielle Bean

Danielle is a Catholic writer and speaker. She helps women to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in faith and family living.



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