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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

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Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements six months
in advance. Call Parish office.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, FARRELL, PA.

Week of January 25, 2026, Calendar of Events

Monday Jan 26:

Tuesday, Jan 27: 9:00AM Making Fatima Cavatelli
In the Good Shepherd Social Hall

Wednesday Jan 28: 6:00PM PRAYER BOOK CLUB
Downstairs in our Social Hall

Thursday Jan 29: 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 30:

Saturday, Jan 31: 4:00PM MASS

01/17/2026

# of Registered Families	380
# of Envelopes Used	68
Offertory Collection	\$1188.00
Loose Offertory	\$102.00



Intentions		Requested By
SATURDAY, Jan 24 at 4:00 pm MASS	Christopher Dillon Michael Gargiulo	Lisa & Nathan Wife, Mina & Family
Monday, Jan 26 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Tuesday, Jan 27 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Wednesday, Jan 28 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Thursday, Jan 29 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Friday Jan 30 at 6:30 am	Prayer Service	
Saturday, Jan 31 at 4:00 pm MASS	Raymond Donatelli & Tony Joseph Lombardi	AnnMarie Donatelli The Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	Chris Connelly	Debbie Andrusky Jean Burke	Marsha Petrillo	VOLUNTEER Jean Burke
JAN 31				

Altar Candles the Week of JAN 25 thru JAN 31, 2026

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHRISTOPHER DILLON
From Lisa & Nathan

BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR
SOPHIA RICHNAVSKY
From Joe & Sophie
JACK & HONEY CHERVINKO
From Fran Chervinko

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
TOM D'AMICO
From Wife, Donna

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers
For this week were donated in memory of
All Deceased Fatima Members
From Your Loving Fatima Family



January 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- *Faith* magazine
- Catholic Communications (digital, video and news outreach)

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- Deliver *Faith* magazine to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- Reach those on the margins who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- Strengthen our digital evangelization, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- Provide clear, trustworthy communication during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve *Faith* magazine as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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As many of you might have noticed in our back parking lot there is a large dumpster.

Last weekend the boiler in the rectory shut down so we had no heat, only in the rectory. Now you must remember that the boiler is OLD and parts are hard to come by. That being said, the parts were overnighted but with a weekend and a federal holiday on Monday it was Tuesday until we could get the part installed.

Once the part was installed, we thought it was fixed. By Tuesday evening the temperature in the rectory was up to 45 and they thought it was going to be OK.

BUT Wednesday morning when I got into the office the water from the frozen pipes had flooded the first floor of the rectory. Thanks to Joe Perrico and Seth Anthony Plumbing they were able to get the water shut off but that means no heat and no water.

I have turned this over to the Diocese insurance company. (This will be a test for my 25 years of insurance background.) I do have DISS Remediation removing carpeting and drying out everything they can.

Until there is at least heat in the building I will be working from home, with all phone calls going to my cell.

Your patience during this time will be appreciated.

Your Secretary, Pam R.

"THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME" JANUARY 24, 2026

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Core Word of Jesus

John 1:29-34

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

"When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and live in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned". From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near".

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me", Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men". At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people".

The evangelist Matthew takes great care to set the scene in which Jesus will make his first public appearance. He turns

off the voice of the Baptist and the new voice of Jesus begins to be heard. The dry and gloomy landscape of the desert disappears and the greenery and beauty of Galilee occupy the center. Jesus leaves Nazareth and moves to Capernaum to the shore of the lake. Everything suggests the appearance of new life.

Matthew reminds us that we are in the Galilee of the Gentiles. He knows that Jesus has preached in Jewish synagogues of those villages and has not moved among pagans. But Galilee is the crossroads, and Capernaum is a city open to the sea. From here salvation will spread to all the peoples.

The situation now is tragic. Inspired by a text from Isaiah, Matthew sees "*the people dwelling in darkness*". On the earth "*there are shadows of death*". Chaos, in justice, and evil reign. Life cannot flourish. Things are not as God wants them. The Father does not reign here. However, in the midst of darkness, the people will start seeing "*a great light*". In the shadows of death, "*a light begins to shine*". That's always what Jesus is, a great light shining in the world.

According to Matthew, Jesus began his preaching with the word "*Repent*". This is his first, basic word. This is the time for conversion. Open yourselves to the kingdom of God. Do not "*sit in darkness*" but "*walk in the light*".

Within the church there is a "*great light*". It is Jesus. In him God reveals himself to us. Do not eclipse him with your leading roles. Do not replace him with

anything. Do not turn him into theoretical doctrines, unfeeling theology, or boring sermons. If the light of Jesus goes out, we will become the Christians Jesus feared so much we might be: "the blind leading the blind".

Therefore, even today the first word of Jesus that we must listen to in the church is "Repent". Retrieve our Christian identity. Go back to our roots. Help the church to move into a new phase of Christianity more faithful to Jesus. Live with a new consciousness of being followers of Jesus. Put ourselves at the service of God's kingdom. Pray for a new heart for the church.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK
FR. GLENN & FR. FRANK



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus called his disciples, they responded 'immediately.' Parents often wish their children would do the same, but that's not how it works. Children grow into responsibility gradually. It's a process, much like learning to walk, achieved in small steps rather than all at once. Parenting requires patient encouragement.

WORD OF LIFE – "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

PARENTING POINTERS

What can your family do to prevent abortion? Have you ever supported an unwed mother by providing clothes and baby needs? Can you provide childcare for a single mom who needs a break? If possible, let your children help.

Marriage moment

Showing love is often about the little things – set up his coffee in the evening so it's ready for him in the morning, send her a one line e-mail during the day, leave a sticky note on the mirror if you're going out of town, ask about her day, kiss him unexpectedly just because...

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 Jan 25 to Jan 31

Sunday Is 8: 23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Mt 4:12-23 (67)

Monday 1 Tm 1: 1-8
Mk 3:22-30 (317)

Tuesday 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19
Mk 3: 31-35 (318)

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20 (319)

Thursday 2 Sm 7:19-19, 24-29
Mk 4: 21-25 (320)

Friday 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a
Mk 4: 26-34 (321)

Saturday 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4 : 35-41 (322)

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