

# The Cities of God



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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St. Ferdinand Parish  
2535 Rochester Road,  
Cranberry Township PA, 16066

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
5:00 pm

Holy Redeemer  
415 4th Street,  
Ellwood City PA, 16117

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

St. Gregory Parish  
2 West Beaver Street,  
Zelienople PA, 16063

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am  
11:30 am

## Welcome Everyone

...to "The Cities of God" Catholic Community. OUR three parishes share a diversity of culture and faith experience all united in the one Body of Christ. The doors of OUR churches, as well as the doors of OUR hearts are open, inviting all to join in the journey to new life in Christ within OUR Catholic tradition. OUR hope is to assist one another toward a deeper encounter with the Lord through Word, Sacrament, and Community in faith, hope, and love.

January 30, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# Mass Intentions

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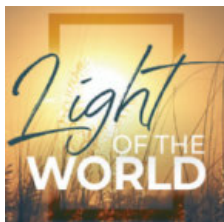
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**4:00 pm (S.F.)** Dorothy Mohall (son, Rick)

**5:00 pm (S.G.)** Ron Rishack (Kathy & Fritz Ligday)

**5:00 pm (H.R.)** George "Skip" Hulick (Betty, Dave, MaryAnn & Familie)

**6:00 pm (S.F.)** Pam Donahue (Friends)

### SUN. JAN. 30 THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Marianne Clendenning (Mark Tortorici)

**8:00 am (S.F.)** William Milbert (Family & Friends)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** John Pace (John & Patty Pace)

**10:00 am (S.F.)** Joseph McGuriman (Bonnie & Brian Connell)

**11:00 am (H.R.)** Stanley Piecuch (Wife & Children)

**11:30 am (S.G.)** Albert James Hensch (Ray & Carol Sinincki)

**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Nicholas Torquato (Tom & Janie Lander)

**5:00 pm (S.F.)** Samantha Condrick (Mildred Sweeney)

### MON. JAN. 31 ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Frank Fotia (Gayle & John Wittmann)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Kathy Marcuk (Annette Lechler)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Stacey Houk & Lynn Campbell (sister, Kathy)

### TUE. FEB. 1

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Norbert Miller (Sylvester Miller)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Carole Wagner (Family)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Mary Hrabosky (Mr. & Mrs. Pete Maietta)

### WED. FEB. 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD; WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Tony Escoldo (Joe & Nancy Zurynski)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Tom Salvatore (The Boccardi Family)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Marilyn Frost (Knights of Columbus)

**7:00 pm (S.F.)** Alida Masyada (Vicki Donnelly)

### THUR. FEB. 3 ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR; ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Frances Fusco (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nardone)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Dan Pallas (Frank & Norma)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Vittoria Simeoni (Mary & Fillippo D'Alessio)

### FRI. FEB. 4

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Rosemary Hazel (Ralph & Cathy Ruggiero)

*Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 Mass*

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Loretta & Francis LaGrotta Wedding Anniversary (Frank)

**9:15 am (S.G.)** Don Jones (Gasparin, Stirling, & Jones Families)

SAT. Feb. 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Stanley Klimaszewski (Pat Pranaitis)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Antoinette Gottuso (Husband)

*Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory*

*12:30 pm at Holy Redeemer*

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**4:00 pm (S.F.)** Ellen Shea (Luma & Nadeem)

**5:00 pm (S.G.)** John & Margaret McKinney 62nd Anniversary  
(Sister Patricia)

**5:00 pm (H.R.)** Tony Scala (Tony Scala)

**6:00 pm (S.F.)** Michael Cristallino (Jay & Pam Bullie)

### SUN. FEB. 6 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Ruth Flick (Jean & Nancy Flick)

**8:00 am (S.F.)** Kathleen Patronie (Frank, Brian, Christine, & Frank III)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** William & Dorothy Flecher (Joe & Colleen Flecher)

**10:00 am (S.F.)** Martha Maksin (Jack & Phyllis Wirth)

**11:00 am (H.R.)** Joseph Crawford (Knights of Columbus)

**11:30 am (S.G.)** In Memory of Carl Ulrich (Alan Marin)

**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Mary Jane Tarasovich (Tarasovich Family)

**5:00 pm (S.F.)** Elisa Egan (St. Ferdinand Knights of Columbus)

**S.F.:** St. Ferdinand, **H.R.:** Holy Redeemer, **S.G.:** St. Gregory

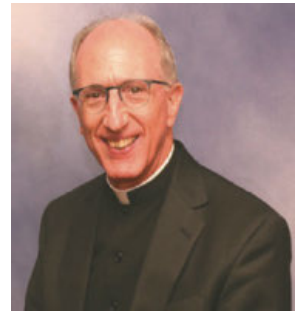
## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

### STANDING FOR THE TRUTH

My early years working for an insurance company were not the easiest. I struggled to get into the business mode and to navigate the corporate politics. Management was not necessarily favorable toward me. I had a co-worker who became a friend. He was a hard worker and popular with management. He supported me in the face of negative management opinions. They even told him that he was going out on a limb for me. Well, after taking a couple of transfers and receiving a couple of promotions, two offers came my way to work in the Home Office, and I accepted one. After that, my friend went back to the management folks and commented that it didn't seem to be too lonely out on the limb any more. He was a good friend and wasn't afraid to stand up for what he believed in, even if it was unpopular.

This weekend, we see two Scriptural characters who stand up for the truth of God in the face of opposition – Jeremiah and Jesus. Jeremiah's prophecy is unpopular with the people because he essentially tells them either to submit to the invading Babylonians or face destruction. He is ridiculed and tortured for this; nonetheless, he carries on because this is the message God wants him to convey. We hear how it has been the Lord's plan since the time of Jeremiah's conception that Jeremiah should speak on behalf of God and that no one or nothing will be strong enough to resist that word. Jeremiah's words ring true when the people resist. We also see a scene from the early ministry of Jesus. He returns back to his hometown of Nazareth. The townsfolk are glad to have Him back and marvel at His words until He calls out the shallowness of their faith, which is based more on appearance than on conviction. The people want to throw Him off a cliff because of His challenge, but He passes through their midst, unwilling and unable to deny the truth. Whether it's Jeremiah or Jesus, the motivating factor for what they say and do is love of God and love for His people. St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, reminds us that love "does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1Cor 13-6-7)

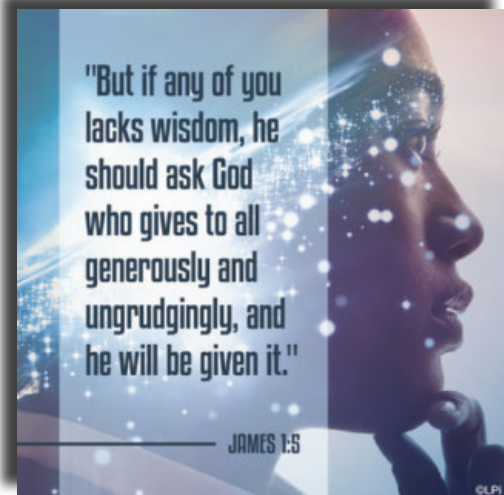
Over the next five months, WE will be carrying out OUR final efforts to bring to reality OUR new parish. Some folks see this as an opportunity; others see it as a challenge; still others struggle with understanding the merits of it. I invite everyone to think and pray about the merger.



REV. PHILIP N. FARRELL

Speak with those who are excited as well as with those who are hesitant. WE need to believe in the benefits and necessities of OUR plans so that WE can dig into this new enterprise and encourage others to do the same. The fact is that WE do this not to make OUR life of faith more difficult but to enrich OUR life of faith. WE do this because WE want to grow in loving God and grow in loving each other. This is the truth of who WE are as Church and who WE are as a Catholic Christian community. May WE always speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15) knowing that God is OUR source and OUR strength.

God Bless The Cities of God





# Prayers and Worship

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:  
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:4-5)

#### Psalm:

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)

#### Second Reading:

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)

#### Gospel:

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,  
no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

### Sunday:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/  
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

### Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

### Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

### Next Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/  
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

**Virginia Skeddle**, wife of Alan Skeddle, **Anna Marie Colavincenzo**, mother of Martin Colavincenzo, **Frank E. Lucas**, father of Steve Lucas, **Mary Ann Stiggi**, mother of Teresa "Terri" Mazzant, **Anthony Mark Stiggi**, father of Lindsey Fedder, **Samuel R. "Bob" Tepsich Jr.**, father of Robert Tepsich, **Mary Aline Dominic- Savio**, sister of Patrick Savio, and **Violet Arbutin**, friend of Tom Streicher. May the souls of our deceased parish members and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Amen

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of

**St. Ferdinand:**

**Dorothy Kessler**

from Sadonn Citron



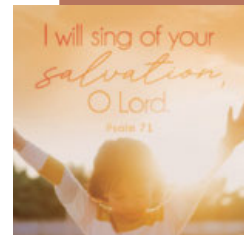
## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

A Prayer Garden Candle will burn this week in loving memory of:

**St. Ferdinand:**

**James Deery**

from son, Jim



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**St. Gregory:**

**Deceased of Blaine Family**

from Mary

**Holy Redeemer:**

**In Memory of John Pace**

from John & Patty Pace



## SACRAMENTS

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory and Saturday at 12:30 at Holy Redeemer.

**Anointing:** Contact the Parish Office before entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery or an illness, or contact the Pastoral Care Department of the Hospital.

**Marriage:** Please call six months in advance for an appointment with a priest. Marriage preparation classes are required. Call the Parish Office as soon as possible to schedule.

**Baptism for Adults:** Through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Baptism for Infants:** By appointment. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. A Baptism class is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**Victims of Sexual Abuse Hotline 1.888.808.1235**

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Office 412.456.3093**

**PA Childline 1.800.932.0313**

# Prayer and Parish Office Information

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## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING CITIES OF GOD PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carlo Agostinelli	Steve Grinnen	Charlotte Miller	Diane Scott	Joy McElwain	Brooks Anthony Sarver
Sarah Arbaelaz	John/Mary Guerrini	Jodi Minter	Catherine Shuttleworth	Peggy	Bethany Burick
B.J. Biondi	Helen Guy	Dara Morris	Nancy Smith	Betty Korczynski	
George Bokor	Jim Hackett,	Roberta Morris	James Spielvogel	Dorothy Mellon	
Norma Borroni	James M. Hackett	Ann 'Tootsie' Muoio	Sr. Patricia Dunham	Mary Tomayko	
Cathy Bucci	Isaac Hall	Olga Nardone	Paul Stefura	Eleanora Milbert	
Vance Byram	Nancy Hinzman	Bob Nauman	Rita Stoops	Bob Polak	
Kristi Campbell	Sandy Huffman	Jim Norton Sr.,	Connie Tetmire	Michael Mack	
Helen Colosimo	Beth Jansen	Bill Oehmler	Doreen Tomon	Andy Szakelyhidi	
Frederick Conley	Kathie Joiner	Christine Osche,	Kenneth Ung	Ed Smith	
Mary Jo Conley	John Kati	Antoinette Pantera	Carol Vicari	Marie Voelker	
Sally Costanza	Frank LaGrotta	Regina Pasini	Dom Vicari	Elaine Hafner	
John DiLeonardo	Paula Maochi Laird	Patrick, Bruce & Janet	Lisa Marie Vincik	Sharon Hunter	
Shirley Dominelli	Jared Longwell	Audrey Patterson	Nikki Usenick	Patricia Zivkovic	
Darlene Esoldo	Antonieta Lightner	Debbie Piper	Karen Williams	Stacey & David	
Donna Evans	Ray Lutz	Kathleen Russo	Kenneth Wiley	Mary Pat O'Neal	
Gus Fornataro	Chris MacDonald	Cy Saba	Mike Yuricha	Krissy White	
Michael Garrett	Arlene Maielli	Julie Santillo	Chuck Ziegler	Smail Family	
Mark Greene	Mary McClurg	Greg Santo	Helen Yuricha	Clarence Marsh	



Call:  
St. Ferdinand- 724.776.2888  
Holy Redeemer - 724.758.4411  
St. Gregory- 724.452.7245  
to add or delete a name.  
**Only family members are  
to call!**  
**Prayer Intentions will run for 1 month**

## PARISH OFFICE

### ST. FERDINAND

#### Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

724.776.2888 Fax: 724.776.2378

#### Faith Formation Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

And during Faith Formation Classes

724.776.9177 Fax: 724.776.6640

#### Counseling by Appointment

Catholic Center 724.775.0758 ext. 4052

Parish Office 724.776.2888

#### Music Ministry

724.776.2888 ext. 401

#### Directory

General email - parish@stferd.org

Pastoral Council - pastoralcouncil@stferd.org

Safe Environment - cathy@stferd.org

Small Faith Communities 724.776.1357

Website - www.stferd.org

Youth Ministry Office - 724.776.1920

### HOLY REDEEMER

#### Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00 pm

724.758.4411 Fax: 724.752.1466

#### Faith Formation & RCIA

724.752.1271

#### Social Services

724.758.3465

#### Music Ministry

724.752.9518

#### Catholic Parish Cemetery Association

724.323.0033

2022 dates are available  
for Altar and Tabernacle  
Flowers. Please call  
Holy Redeemer Church  
office if you are  
interested in  
purchasing flowers for  
any available weekend.  
Donation is \$50.

### ST. GREGORY

#### Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

724.452.7245 Fax: 724.452.4064 parishoffice@stgregzelie.org

#### Ritzert Hall Rental (temporarily suspended)

724.452.7245

#### Directory

St. Gregory School - 724. 452.9731

schooloffice@stgregzelie.org

School Website -www.stgregzelie.org

Church Website - www.stgregparish.org

#### Bulletin: AKucan@stferd.org

The bulletin deadline for submitting articles is ten  
days before the bulletin date (except for Holidays).

All articles must be written in paragraph form and  
include a name and phone number. Pdf articles are  
not accepted for print in the bulletin. For complete

article submission guidelines, please visit our

website at <https://stferd.org/>

## BAPTISM CLASSES

One parent preparation session is required before baptism.  
Please come before the baby is born.

\* Classes at Holy Redeemer are on April 6, 2022, July 13, 2022,  
and October 12, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Center.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.758.4411

\* Classes at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory are on  
February 7, 2022, April 4, 2022, and June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.776.2888 ext. 101

# Schedules

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## READERS

### ST. FERDINAND

#### January 29/30, 2022

4:00 pm - Daria Kubisiak  
6:00 pm - Mark Hahn  
8:00 am - Richard Duggan  
10:00 am - Gregory Melucci  
12:00 pm - Michael Garzynski  
5:00 pm - John Meyers

#### February 5/6, 2022

4:00 pm - Please look at the scheduling app/website  
6:00 pm -  
8:00 am -  
10:00 am -  
12:00 pm -  
5:00 pm -

### HOLY REDEEMER

#### January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani  
9:00 am - John Biondi  
11:00 am - Eva Herman

#### February 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani  
9:00 am - Janice Chesko  
11:00 am - Mary Ann Viccari

### ST. GREGORY

#### January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - J.R. Lovre  
8:00 am - Lorie Volland  
11:30 am - Christina Weigand

#### February 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Mike Kamnikar  
8:00 am - Chuck Schaum  
11:30 am - Sophie Stumm



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### ST. FERDINAND

#### January 22/23, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Harry McNeillie, Peggy Moravek, Keith Monahan  
6:00 pm - Amy Hahn, Eileen Newara, Michele Vetovich, Patricia Mann  
8:00 am - Norma Wolff, Carol Bartley, Karen DeCesaris, Beverly Quinn-Huston  
10:00 am - Joan Spirk, Barbara Moeller, Mary Jane Vano, Phyllis Wirth  
12:00 pm - Sally Jack, Gloria Virostek, John Milius, Melinda Terbosic  
5:00 pm - Kathleen Kozmin, Pat Way, Mark DeNapoli, Tom Way

#### February 5/6, 2022

4:00 pm - Please look at the scheduling app/website  
6:00 pm -  
8:00 am -  
10:00 am -  
12:00 pm -  
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### HOLY REDEEMER (\* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

#### January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - \*Lisa Greco, Holly Angelucci, Patti Kuhn  
9:00 am - \*Grace Fornataro, Mark Strosnider, Julie Strosnider  
11:00 am - \*Mary Ann Viccari, Rosina Betz, Paula Keane

#### February 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - \*Karen Woloszyn, Lou Ferrario, Kay Bellissimo  
9:00 am - \*Cathy DeBlaso, Jan Zayas, Alena Kucan  
11:00 am - \*Paula Keane, Kathy Gorzkowski, Francine Hunter

### ST. GREGORY

#### January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - Dave Dailey, Drew Mathew, Teresa O'Malley  
8:00 am - Mary Ann Brill, Don Koger, Matt Sauers  
11:30 am - Mary Barry, Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz

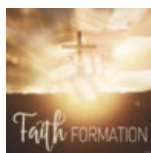
#### February 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Mark Lutz, Frances Tartel, Michael Gaydosz  
8:00 am - Denise Knauff, Dan Sauers, Carol Keener  
11:30 am - Mary Barry, Michael Smith, Jason Burr



## ALTAR SERVERS

**Altar Server Schedule Coming Soon**  
(St. Ferdinand is already Scheduled in the app)



## FAITH FORMATION

### ST. FERDINAND:

Sessions continue on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday January 30 – February 1.

If you have any questions, please give the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

### ST. GREGORY:

Sessions continue on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday January 30 – February 1.

If you have any questions, please give the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

### HOLY REDEEMER:

Holy Redeemer Elementary Faith Formation for Grades 1 – 6: January 31 – February 7 – 14 :

4:45pm to 6:00 pm

Grades 7 – 8: January 30 – February 6 :

6:00 pm to 8:00 PM

Sunday February 13 : 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

If you have questions please contact Kay at 724.758.4411, ext. 222 or

hrreledu@zoominternet.net.



## ADORATION

Please join us on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at St. Gregory Church to worship our Lord in the Eucharist. Holy Hour begins promptly at 6:30 pm, and Benediction will conclude by 7:30 pm. Come spend some time in silent fellowship with Jesus, really present in the Eucharist. All are welcome for all or any part of the Holy Hour. We look forward to seeing you, but more importantly, so does our Lord. We will next be gathering for this beautiful time of adoration and prayer on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

CORPUS SANGUIS ANIMA et DIVINITAS



## COME PRAY WITH US -- FROM HOME! LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF YOUR DAY?

Is it often too tough to be up and about before that first cup-O-Joe? Well, bring your steeping hot mug and come join us from the comfort of your home - on ZOOM - for morning prayers, as we come together for the rosary, daily petitions, the daily Mass readings and a brief reflection. This regional on-line prayer group started to meet at the beginning of the COVID shut down back in March of 2020 with a group of faithful Catholics, including Deacon Jeff, in response to the need for a spiritual experience in those isolating days, but now continues to welcome participants from many neighboring North suburb parishes as well as friends and family members from all over the country. We start each morning promptly at 7:00 am, and finish by about 7:40 am. Feel like you might want to join but don't want to have to get all gussied up that early in the morning? No problem, leave your video feed off!

– we won't mind. If you are interested in joining this group, or even just checking it out, email Deacon Jeff at [Jeff@stferd.org](mailto:Jeff@stferd.org) and he will send you the zoom link.

## ST. FERDINAND'S CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

Due to the current circumstances, a seven day notice is required to process a contribution statement request. Please call St. Ferdinand's office at 724.776.2888 to request yours. Statements can be picked up or mailed.

### \*LAST CHANCE\*

Get the "Enjoy Coupon Book" today. There are only a few left. Stop by St. Ferdinand's Office to pick one up or call at 724.766.2888 and they will hold one for you.

## ST. PATRICK'S POT OF GOLD

Holy Redeemer's Holy Name Society's St. Patrick's Pot of Gold tickets are available for \$5.00 at Holy Redeemer Church Office. Prizes are \$500 on March 15 and 16 and \$1500 on March 17 based on the 3 digit Lottery number. Call the church office at 724.758.4411 Ext. 110 if you have any questions. Good Luck!



## 2022 HOLY REDEEMER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP (SAG) \$UPER \$PECIAL

Tickets have arrived and are available from any member or the parish office. These \$120 tickets pay \$135 Sunday thru Friday and \$500, \$750 or \$1000 on Saturdays, based on the 3 digit PA lottery evening number, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. If there is a special number you wish, call the parish office at 724.758.4411. Good Luck!



## SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FATHER JOHN GALLAGHER

Please join Father John Gallagher on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a scripture study that will take us a little deeper into the Sunday Gospel. Given the recent COVID surge, if you are hesitant to attend Mass in-person, this is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of scripture and grow in your relationship with Christ as Father Gallagher explains, discusses, and answers questions about the week's Gospel. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of your previous scripture study experience. To join Father Gallagher for this Scripture Study, you must register by Wednesday, February 2 so you can receive a Zoom link. Please send an email to [jeff@stferd.org](mailto:jeff@stferd.org) with your name and preferred email address. You will then receive a link to join the Zoom session by Thursday, February 3.

## VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

The St. Ferdinand Women's Club is hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 12 in Oldenski Hall. The cost is \$75.00 per couple (or \$37.00 for a single). This will include an hour of appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer and wine. It is a BYOB and we will supply the set ups. We will also enjoy the music of a band this year. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Please call Peggy at 724.816.4109 or email [peggyw919@gmail.com](mailto:peggyw919@gmail.com) to make your reservations. With the current COVID restrictions please keep watch as to the status of this event.

## HOLY REDEEMER HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Holy Redeemer Holy Name Society meeting on February 13 has been canceled but please come to 9:00 am Mass to recite the Rosary

## THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday, February 5, 2022: Our Lady of Fatima has asked each and everyone of us to participate in the First Saturday Devotion "in reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the salvation of souls and peace in the world". Please join us for prayer and the rosary at 7:45 am, Mass at 8:30 am, and Meditation for 15 minutes after Mass.

## HOLY REDEEMER SOCIAL CLUB 2022 YEARLY CALENDAR TICKET

The 2022 Social Club Yearly Calendar ticket is now available at the Holy Redeemer Parish Office or from any Social Club member. The \$40 ticket is based on the 3 digit evening Pa. lottery number. Weekday prizes are \$40 and weekend prizes are \$60, except on holidays and Feast days, where prizes range from \$100 to a maximum of \$500. If there is certain number you wish, please call Lou at the parish office, 724.758.4411 Ext. 110 or Stretch at 724.752.3751. These make a great birthday gift, etc.. that lasts all year long. All proceeds help assist our parish.

## GLADE RUN LUTHERAN SERVICE BLOOD DRIVE

Glade Run Lutheran Services is hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, February 18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Seiberling Rec Center, 10 St. Stephen's Drive, Zelienople PA, 16063. To schedule your appointment visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), search by zip code **16063**, scroll down and choose Glade Run Lutheran Services on Friday, February 18. Then click see times and sign up for your appointment. For more information, contact Michelle Herr at [mherr@gladerun.org](mailto:mherr@gladerun.org)



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Gregory School staff and students will be celebrating Catholic School's Week January 31 through February 4. Everyone is looking forward to many fun and educational events including a Science Fair, Literature Day, STEM Project Activities, and Saints Alive to name a few. Each day will feature a theme where students can dress as their favorite book character, attend school in their pajamas and another day with crazy hair. For almost 50 years, Catholic Schools across the country have been taking time to celebrate their Catholic education and share with families and community what makes their school so special. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service. You can read more about Catholic School's Week at <https://www.ncea.org/csw>

## LADIES OF CHARITY FROM HOLY REDEEMER

Donations made to the organization in memory/honor of someone. The donations listed below were made from October 1, 2021 to January 22, 2022

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

As we work to unify our operations in anticipation of the merger of our three parishes in July of 2022, The Cities of God announces opportunities in two classes of positions - Maintenance Workers and Janitors - to attend to the repair and upkeep of our properties. These positions are available immediately. A brief summary of each position is stated below. For more details, including job descriptions and application requirements, please go to <https://www.diopitt.org/jobs>.

### Maintenance Workers, Parish Grouping of The Cities of God (St. Ferdinand Parish, St. Gregory Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish)

The Parish Grouping of The Cities of God, which includes the three parishes of St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, and Holy Redeemer is seeking both full time and part time Maintenance Workers for the Parish. These parishes call together the faithful in three principle cities (Cranberry Twp., Zelienople, and Ellwood City) and all the many other communities in between. All Maintenance Workers will maintain and ensure the safe and proper maintenance of all church, school, and parish buildings and grounds.

### Janitors, Parish Grouping of The Cities of God (St. Ferdinand Parish, St. Gregory Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish)

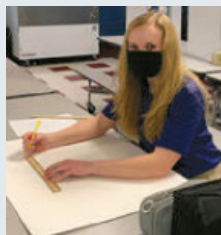
The Parish Grouping of The Cities of God, which includes the three parishes of St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, and Holy Redeemer is seeking both full time and part time Janitors for the Parish. These parishes call together the faithful in three principle cities (Cranberry Twp., Zelienople, and Ellwood City) and all the many other communities in between. All Janitors will maintain and ensure that all church, school, and parish buildings are clean, in an orderly manner, and ready for use.





Ms. Wolf's eighth grade Geometry class recently studied about angels formed when two parallel lines are cut by a transversal. In order to show their knowledge of these angels and their relationships, the students were asked to design a city which contained parallel lines and two transversals (roads).

In addition to the roads, they had to place buildings at specific locations at the different intersections based on given directions. For example, they had to place the fire department and the middle school at locations that were congruent alternate exterior angles. Students could be as creative as they liked, adding other landmarks such as parks, their own house, trees, etc. As you can see, the students did an excellent job.



#### Please Note:

The St. Gregory Super Bingo set for Sunday, February 6 has been cancelled in order to keep everyone safe during the rise of COVID cases. We hope to see you all on March 6. Thank you and stay well!

We want to congratulate Christina Lopez, the winner of our Scratch-Off Raffle! Her ticket number 366 was drawn and we certainly hope that her luck continues with a big win. Christina and her husband are a St. Gregory School Family.

At this time we want to thank everyone that supported this very, successful fundraiser.

*May 14, 2022!*



The St. Gregory School Auction/Night at the Races is back! More details to follow.



Joey sent his Flat Stanley to Lakeside, California where it was warm and sunny. Stanley went to school for a day and enjoyed their playground and meeting new kids. His favorite part of the trip were the 3 days at Disneyland. While he was there he rode Big Thunder Mountain roller coaster and Jungle Cruise and loved it! He saw the cast of the new movie "Cars 4" and had his picture taken with Mater..... Wow!

Disneyland was aglow with all the Christmas lights and beautiful decorations.

What a sight!

His host family had pug dogs and Stanley got along with them. This was a wonderful adventure and he would not mind heading back for a visit.



It was a fun trip to Glensaw where Flat Stanley spent a few days with Brooks' relatives. Aunt Carrie is a teacher and took Stanley along to help with her Second Grade class. They went to the school library where he read the "Thank You" book. Since he was visiting in November there was a ginormous pumpkin in the classroom.

It was so much bigger than Stanley. It was a lot of fun checking out another school but he was happy to come back to St. Gregory's.

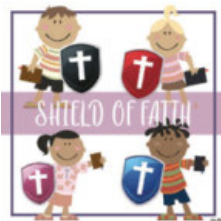


## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Again this year at Holy Redeemer Parish, we will hold soup pots at the doors of the Church Super Bowl weekend February 12 & 13. They will join churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting in our community, country and world. Please support our youth in this effort. \$1 from each parishioner would fill our soup pots and help those in need.

## AQUINAS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

Aquinas Academy High School is hosting an open house for families on Saturday, February 5, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Find out how your child will benefit from an Aquinas Academy High School education. Information about merit scholarships and financial aid will be available. For more information contact Mr. Joe Austin, Director of Enrollment, at 724.444.0722 x15, [austin@AquinasAcademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@AquinasAcademy-pittsburgh.org). Register online at [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).



## Immaculate Conception

### Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

### Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

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## St. Blaise | February 3

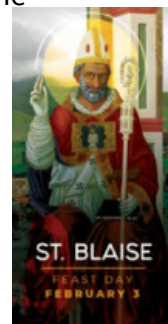
You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 30, 2022

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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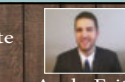
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