

## DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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## March 30, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## LAETARE SUNDAY

A Time for Joy



The name "Laetare" comes from the Latin, meaning "Rejoice."

That's what we are called to do on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which comes about halfway through the Lenten Season. Marked by the use of rosecolored vestments, it is a time for us to express hope and joy in anticipation of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

The custom of celebrating Laetare Sunday likely began in the early Church as a celebration of catechumens who were preparing to be baptized at Easter. Today, catechumens undergo the second of three scrutinies—liturgical rites of repentance and preparation.

Saint Benedict emphasized that Lenten observances, while being practical, should also be inspiring, making an offering to God with the "joy of the Holy Spirit." He stressed the importance of waiting for Easter "in the joy of holy desire," highlighting the value of hope and anticipation during Lent.

So, let's rejoice this Laetare Sunday. Easter—and the resurrection of Jesus Christ-will be here soon.

## FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

This weekend we celebrate what the Church refers to as **Laetare Sunday**. Laetare is Latin for "rejoice." If we have been faithful to our Lenten disciplines then we are beginning to see how the divine grace of our Lord is leading us into a deeper conversion to Jesus as we prepare for Easter. So, "rejoice" that the mercy of God is helping us to be the saints that He calls us to be.

<u>Saint John Paul II – Pray for Us</u>

This **Wednesday**, **April 2**, the Church remembers the death of Saint John Paul II in 2005. I was the Rector of Saint Paul Seminary and we were having dinner. Once we received word, we prayed in the seminary chapel and then went to Saint Paul Cathedral where our Bishop celebrated Mass. May Saint John Paul II continue to intercede and pray for us.

## <u>Town Hall Meeting - Oldenski Hall</u>

There will be a parish meeting open to everyone on **Monday, March 31** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church to discuss your thoughts and hopes for the renovation of Oldenski Hall that was intended when the *Church Alive* campaign took place. We have \$2.7 million available for this project.

#### **<u>Praying the Stations of the Cross</u>**

This reverent practice helps us walk with Jesus in His suffering, and also bring our sufferings to him. Join us on Fridays at 7:00 pm in each of our churches as well as at 2:30 pm at Saint Gregory Church with the school students. The Stations are also prayed at Saint Ferdinand after the Friday 8:30 am Mass.

#### **Going to Confession**

We will have additional times for Confession before Easter. In the meantime, please consult the Saturday morning schedule at each church, Wednesday afternoon at Holy Redeemer, and Thursday afternoon at Saint Gregory.

#### **Supporting our Lenten Lunch/Dinners**

I continue to be filled with gratitude for all our volunteers who are helping with the Fish Fries at both Saint Ferdinand and Saint Gregory. Also, special thanks to everyone who turns out to enjoy the meals.

#### <u>**Annual Parish Appeal**</u>

This campaign helps fund the many diocesan ministries that impact parish life such as seminary formation, support of our retired priests, and ministry at colleges, hospitals, nursing homes and jails. Excess funds benefit our parish ministries. Thank you for your prayerful discernment of how to support the appeal.

#### **Preparing Your Will**

As we have announced the last few weeks, parishioners can prepare a will at no cost through MyCatholicWill. For more information visit: <a href="https://mycatholicwill.com/divinegracepgh">https://mycatholicwill.com/divinegracepgh</a>



March 30, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

> <u>Luke</u> 15:24a

"This son

of mine

was

dead, and

has come

to life

again"

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Presider Schedule
The schedule of priests celebrating
weekend Masses can be found at
<a href="https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w">https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w</a>

This weekend's second collection is for the
Catholic Campaign for
Human Development.
Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY March 29 Fourth Sunday of Lent** 4:00 pm (SF) Matt Fleig (For The Temporal and Spiritual Welfare) (Family) 5:00 pm (HR) Frank Turco (Judy Bokor) 5:00 pm (SG) Laura Duffy (For The Temporal and Spiritual Welfare) (The Patrizio Family) 6:00 pm (SF) Michael & Roseanne Sirianni (The Family) Sunday March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 am (SF) Victoria Colarusso (Suzanne Weaver) 8:00 am (SG) Ross Walker (John & Gayle Wittmann) 9:00 am (HR) Joseph Osterrieder (Tobolski Family) 10:00 am (SF) Andrew Fornadel, Jr (Wife & Children) 10:00 am (SG) Pauline Roman (With Love from Son, Joey) 11:00 am (HR) Vilma Bellissimo (The Bellissimo Family) 12:00 pm (SF) LaVerne Quinlan (Tom & Peggy Moravek) 5:00 pm (SF) Joan Georgette Doles (The Scelsi Family) **MONDAY March 31** 8:00 am (SG) Maryann Wallace (Mary Ann Thompson) 8:30 am (SF) The Intentions of the Flame of Love Prayer Group 9:00 am (HR) Vincent Gottuso (Family) **TUESDAY April 1** 8:00 am (SG) Rose Sheeler (Bob & Elena Punzell) 8:30 am (SF) William Albright (Lucille) 9:00 am (HR) Vince Riccio (Pina, sister) **WEDNESDAY April 2** 8:00 am (SG) David Hulick (Pina Riccio) 8:30 am (SF) Patrick Crossman (Nettie & Moe Culley) 9:00 am (HR) John and Camille Aniceti (Debbie Pagley) 7:00 pm (SF) Donna Korenich (The Sullivan Family) 7:00 pm (HR) For Blessings granted by St. Francis of Paola, Patron Saint of Calabria, Italy (Calabrian American Club of Ellwood City, PA) **THURSDAY April 3** 8:00 am (SG) Wayne Tepke (The Tepke Family) 8:30 am (SF) Gertrude "Trudy" Trautner (Freedom Crossing Neighbors) 9:00 am (HR) Mary Jo Cioffi (Richard & Ann Tomak) **FRIDAY April 4** 8:30 am (SF) Fr. Joseph Newell 9:00 am (SF) Stations of the Cross 9:00 am (HR) Sally Stephens (Renee, Carole, Bill, Jack & Judy Miller) 9:00 am (SG) Bill Knass (Wife-Marie Ellen) 2:30 pm (SG) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (SF) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (SG) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (HR) Stations of the Cross **SATURDAY April 5 Fifth Sunday of Lent** 8:30 am (SF) Susan Kemmler Kampfer (Friend) 9:00 am (HR) Andrew & Catherine Lample (David and Susanna Schaffer) 4:00 pm (SF) Geri Angeletti (White Elephant Friends) 5:00 pm (HR) Vincent Bellissimo (Wife & Family) 5:00 pm (SG) Molly Keenan (For The Temporal and Spiritual Welfare) (Mom, Judy) 6:00 pm (SF) Harriet Medwid (Family) **Sunday April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent** 8:00 am (SF) 8:00 am (SG) Gloria Strharsky (John Strharsky) Alex Dorsch (Mary Ann Thompson & Family) 9:00 am (HR) Jimmy Raybuck, birthday (Mary Anne Mansell) 10:00 am (SF) Bob Meinert (Vince & Peg Plocido) 10:00 am (SG) Kathleen Ligday (Kathleen & Mike Stobba & Betty Wellman) 11:00 am (HR) Bruce Patrick, Birthday (Janet, wife & Cody, son) 12:00 pm (SF) John Ungarion (Ruthanne) 5:00 pm (SF) Peter & Mary Zoe Panos (The Stoffa Family)

## **MASS** SCHEDULE

#### SAINT FERDINAND **CHURCH**

2535 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 **MONDAY - FRIDAY** 8:30 am 7:00 pm (WED)

**SATURDAY** 8:30am (FIRST SAT)

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am 10:00 am

12:00 pm

5:00 pm

#### HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

415 4th Street Ellwood City, PA 16117

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** 

9:00 am

7:00 pm (WED)

**SATURDAY** 

9:00 am

5:00 pm

**SUNDAY** 

9:00 am

11:00 am

#### SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

2 West Beaver Street Zelienople, PA 16063

**MONDAY - THURSDAY** 

8:00 am

FRIDAY 9:00 am

SATURDAY

5:00 pm

**SUNDAY** 

8:00 am 10:00 am

## LENTEN SEASON

## **Living Stations of the Cross**

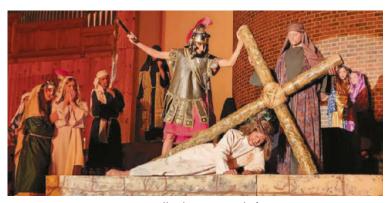
For the 42nd year, Living Stations were prayed last Sunday at Saint Ferdinand Church. Key events and figures of the Stations help to deepen our understanding of and connection with the Passion of Christ.



Jesus is Condemned to Death



Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother



Jesus Falls the Second Time



Jesus Dies on the Cross

Sincere thanks to our friends from the youth ministry group from Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish for this special prayer.

## Catch of the Day

Fish Fries continue Fridays of Lent at **Divine Grace Parish** and **Saint** Gregory School. Lunch at Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall is served from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm and dinner from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. At Saint Gregory School, dinner is available from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Dine-in or take out. Full menus are online at

https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry.

### A Slice of Heaven

The Final **Lenten Pizza Sale** pick up at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center will be Friday, **April 4**. Please place your order before Tuesday, April 1 by calling 724-758-7587 ext. 3002.

Visit <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/lenten-">https://divinegracepgh.org/lenten-</a> pizza-sale for more information.

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

## This Week at Saint Ferdinand

#### Monday, March 31

9:15 am Flame of Love

Children's Liturgy

9:30 am Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

7:00 pm Town Hall Meeting

Church

7:30 pm Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

#### Tuesday, April 1

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

10:00 am Bible Study

Upper Room

1:30 pm Evangelization Meeting

Library

7:00 pm Folk Choir

Church

7:00 pm Bible Studies

Upper Room

#### Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

9:00 am Comfort Blankets

McAndrew-Biller Hall

Praised Band

Oldenski Hall

7:00 pm Bereavement Support

Group

Holy Family Room

Knights of Columbus

McAndrew-Biller Hall

#### Thursday, April 3

2:00 pm Women's Club

Upper Room

7:00 pm Bible Study

Upper Room

7:15 pm Prayer Group

Holy Family Room

#### Friday, April 4

9:30 am ABC Moms

McAndrew-Biller Hall

11:30 am Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

4:00 pm Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

St. Ferdinand Office Hours Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-776-2378

#### Parish Meeting Mon. Mar. 31 on Oldenski Hall

Divine Grace parishioners are invited to an important meeting to discuss the upcoming renovation of Oldenski Hall at Saint Ferdinand. The gathering will be held this Mon., March 31 at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church.

About \$2.7 million from the *Church Alive* campaign is available for the project, which is expected to begin in 2027.

Parish leaders will describe how the hall is currently used, then parishioners will have an opportunity to offer their ideas for potential future uses.

Named for **Father Kenneth Oldenski**, the third pastor of
Saint Ferdinand, the hall served
as the parish's first church
building from 1965 until the
current church opened in 1990.



## Early Bulletin Submission

With Holy Week approaching, please send in information by 9:00 am on the deadline dates below. Thanks for your assistance. Please email to <a href="mailto:akucan@divinegracepgh.org">akucan@divinegracepgh.org</a>.

For Sunday, April 13 Due Tuesday, April 1

For Sunday, April 20 Due Friday, April 11

#### Faith and Fellowship



Help make a difference in our parish and community through faith and fellowship. Join the Divine Grace Parish **Men's Club**. Activities include faith enrichment, volunteering, a Family Picnic, Golf, Bowling and Cornhole leagues, and much more. Contact

briankutchma@yahoo.com, call/text 412-390-5245 or visit https://divinegracepgh.org/me ns-club



## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

## This Week at Holy Redeemer

#### Tuesday, April 1

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope

Catholic Center Lunchroom

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Convent Chapel

#### Wednesday, April 2

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

#### Thursday, April 3

6:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

#### Friday, April 4

4:00 pm Pizza Sale Pick Up

Catholic Center

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

#### Sunday, April 6

1:00 pm Knotted with Love

Catholic Center Lunchroom

4:00 pm Community Dinner

Catholic Center

6:30 pm Basketball for 21+

Catholic Center

#### **Holy Redeemer Office Hours**

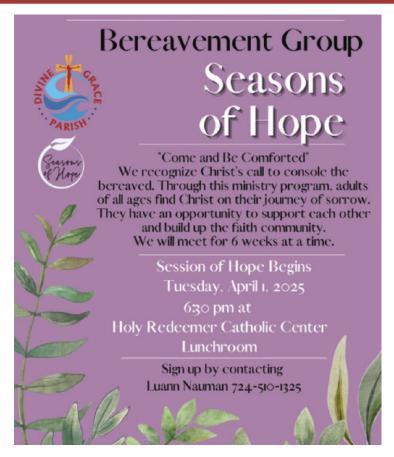
Monday - Friday

(9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Closed for Lunch

(12:30 pm - 1:00 pm) 724-758-7587 ext. 3002

Fax: 724-752-1466



### Feeling lucky?

The Divine Grace Parish Social Club is planning a one-day bus trip to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, NY, on **Sunday, April 27**. The cost is \$50 and includes \$25 in free play, along with a \$5 food voucher. We will leave the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center at 7:00 am on April 27 and return that evening. To sign up or learn more, contact John Pansera at 724-752-3751.

#### Save the Date-Saint Anthony Novena

Join us for the Saint Anthony Novena starting on **Tuesday, April 22**, at Holy Redeemer Church. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, with Father Mark Thomas as our first presider, followed by the novena.

This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and community fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate in this spiritual journey.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### The Passion of the Christ

There will be a showing of *The Passion of the Christ* at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center on **Sunday, April 13** at 6:00 pm.

The 2004 film tells the story of the Passion of Jesus, primarily covering the final 12 hours of His life, with a brief depiction of the Resurrection.

Note to parents that this film is rated "R".



## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

## This Week at Saint Gregory

#### Tuesday, April 1

6:30 pm Temporalities Committee School Library

#### Wednesday, April 2

7:00 pm Walking with Moms School Library

#### Thursday, April 3

7:00 pm Adult Choir Church

#### Friday, April 4

4:00 pm Fish Fry School

#### Saturday, April 5

8:00 am Catholic Men's Fellowship School Library

St. Gregory Office Hours Mondays (8:30 am - 12:00 pm)

(8.30 dm - 12.00 pm) Closed on Tuesday - Friday 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-452-4064

#### You are Invited!

The Pittsburgh Mass Mob is planning another pious pilgrimage.

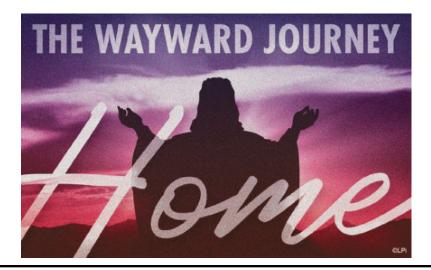
It will take place on **Tuesday, April 8** at Saint Augustine
Parish, Saint Monica Church,
Beaver Falls.

You can find us at Meetup
<a href="https://www.meetup.com/Pitts">https://www.meetup.com/Pitts</a>
<a href="burgh-Mass-Mob/">burgh-Mass-Mob/</a>
<a href="mailto:and-on-Facebook">and on Facebook</a>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/549017937588092">https://www.facebook.com/groups/549017937588092</a>

We will carpool from the Saint Gregory Church lot. Contact Paul Foster for more information: 724-612-1097

## Easter Gift Card Distribution

For those in need of a little support, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Gregory Conference will hold their Easter gift card distribution on Wednesday, April 9, at 10:30 am in the narthex at Saint Gregory Church. To qualify, you must reside in one of the following zip codes: 16063, 16037, 16033, and 16123. Paperwork must be completed at the time of distribution. Please call the church office at 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 by noon on Monday, April 7 to sign up.



### Looking to the Future

Help pass on the faith to your loved ones. **MyCatholicWill** provides an easy way to complete your will and ensure that the most sacred part of your life is protected.

Finish your legal will in three steps:

- Fill out a simple online form in as little as 15 minutes
- Prayerfully consider a bequest to our parish and any other charities
- Make it legal, following PA requirements by signing it in front of witnesses

Divine Grace Parish is making MyCatholicWill available at no charge to registered parishioners. Visit <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/mycatholicwill">https://divinegracepgh.org/mycatholicwill</a> to sign up.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Divine Grace Parish is again participating in the **40 Days for Life** this Lent. The event runs through **Sunday, April 13**. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life mobilization that involves three components: **Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil** and **Community Outreach**.

Divine Grace will join with dozens of area churches in taking shifts at the ongoing **Peaceful Vigil** held at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh (Planned Parenthood location) for our second shift of the campaign **Friday, April 11** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

The **Respect Life Committee** would like to invite all who are interested to join us for any of our vigil shifts. We are hoping for a strong Divine Grace Parish turn out to show our support for the pro-life movement. The vigil will involve periods of prayer and reflection. You do not have to be present for the entire shift – we would welcome any time you could make it. Please bring a chair if it is difficult to stand for long periods of time. For more information, contact **Bill** at **724-494-1552**.



## The Virtues

### **THEOLOGICAL**

Faith Hope Charity

#### **CARDINAL**

Prudence
Justice
Fortitude
Temperance

## **FAITH FORMATION**



JASON GAWALDO
Director for
Evangelization Ministries

## This Week in Faith Formation

This week, students in our Faith Formation sessions will be learning about the Greatest Commandments.

"[Jesus] said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Matthew 22:36-39

## Save the Dates

Reboot! with Chris Stefanick, Wednesday, September 10 at Saint Ferdinand. Reboot your faith by rediscovering the beauty and genius of the Gospel.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 amnoon at Saint Ferdinand. \$5 per family for kids from toddlers to ten years old. Register at <a href="mailto:divinegracepgh.org/egghunt">divinegracepgh.org/egghunt</a>.

### **Unpacking the Word**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

After the Exodus, Israel wandered in the desert of the Sinai peninsula for forty years. Moses handed over leadership and his personal authority to Joshua before his death (see Numbers 27:12-23 and Joshua 1:1-5). In an event strikingly similar to the crossing of the Red Sea forty years earlier, Joshua led the people through the parted waters of the Jordan River and into the Promised Land near Gilgal (see Joshua 3:14-17). He did not immediately lead the charge toward Jericho though. Instead, the people settled down to celebrate the Passover.

The last recorded Passover celebration was 39 years earlier at the foot of Mt. Sinai (see Numbers 9:1-5). It seems that Israel celebrated the Passover annually for two years and then possibly forgot about it during all their murmuring in the desert. After this first Passover in the Promised Land, the Lord's miraculous gift of manna stopped. For forty years, they had eaten this food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day without fail. But once they were able to eat the produce of the land, there was no need for it anymore.

The events recorded in this reading point ahead to Jesus in very clear ways. Joshua and Jesus are the same name in Hebrew, and so one day a New Joshua would lead God's People on a New Exodus out of slavery to sin. He would institute a New Passover by giving us a New Manna in the Eucharist. He would lead us in battle against a different sort of Jericho so that we could ultimately settle in a New Promised Land in Heaven. History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes, and the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



## FORMED



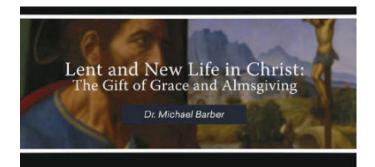
#### The Boy from Milan | Trailer

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



## Who Do You Say That I Am? | Metanoia | Episode 1

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible series as he preaches on conversion.



#### Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**



We are preparing 3,000 plastic eggs for our hunt! If you'd like to donate candy to go into the eggs, you can drop off donations at the Parish offices labeled for the egg hunt. If you'd like to order from our Amazon Wishlist and ship it direct to us, you can find that list at

<u>divinegracepgh.org/egghunt.</u>

Thanks in advance for your generous support!

#### THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm beginning **Wednesday**, **April 23**, for a new Bible Study at Holy Redeemer! We will be focusing on the Gospel of Mark. There is no fee to join – just bring your Catholic Bible and meet us in the new ministry room next to the rectory. Contact **Guy** at <a href="mailto:grtnonno@yahoo.com">grtnonno@yahoo.com</a> or call 724–758–1554. Make reflecting on the Gospel a part of your Easter Season!

## YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



MICHAEL ASSAF
COORDINATOR OF
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

#### What is Life Teen?

The goal of Life Teen is to provide a safe and fun place for youth grades 7-12 to find a solid Catholic community, get answers to questions, and, most importantly, strengthen their relationship with Christ!!

We get together for weekly meetings, fun outings, service opportunities, retreats, and more. All in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend!

Our regular meetings are held every Monday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Youth Room at Saint Ferdinand with a meal provided!

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

Located at Saint Ferdinand Youth Room

Life Teen - March 31st Life Teen - April 7th Life Teen - April 14th

#### Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

April 9th: 6:30-8:00 pm May 7th:6:30-8:00 pm

#### LIFE TEEN SPRING RETREAT

Last weekend 35 teens took part in the parish's first annual Spring Retreat at Saint Ferdinand. The retreat served as an opportunity to grow friendships, overcome anxieties, and encounter the Lord through the Eucharist. We learned that when we build our faith on the solid ground that is Christ, we have nothing to fear!













## IRISH EYES WERE SMILING

**throughout St. Gregory School** as we celebrated the beginning of March and St. Patrick's Day! There were lots of shenanigans going on as we had several visits from a pesky leprechaun, Mr. O'Malley.

Each evening he would sneak into random classrooms and leave treats on the teacher's desk, but he never left the room without causing a wee bit of mischief! The students would find their books rearranged, desks and chairs moved, and confetti scattered about. Some evenings he would find his way into the cafeteria and go about changing everything, including the mashed potatoes and gravy to his favorite shade of green. Finally on the 17th we arrived to find green streamers hanging from the ceiling and small tokens in the lunchroom for every student.

Our four-year old preschoolers put their engineering skills to the test and built some very clever leprechaun traps. We had hopes of catching that little imp but once again he managed to slip past us. Better luck next year!









#### **SAINT GREGORY LENTEN DINNERS**

**THANK YOU** to all who have been supporting our Friday Lenten Dinners. There are two remaining dinners on April 4 and 11. We will not be hosting a meal on Good Friday.





#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Two upcoming FUNdraisers sponsored by our PTG. On **Saturday**, **May 10** there will be a St. Gregory Social in the Bergman Events Center for adults 21 and over. We will have our amazing auction baskets along with a live auction.

Then we will host our 1st set of Cornhole Tournaments.
The first will be a "Family Friendly"
Tournament on Fri., May 30.
Participants must be under 21.
On Sat., May 31, the competition will be for adults 21 and over.
More information will follow.

# CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm Holy Redeemer Church

Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am Holy Redeemer Church

10:00 am to 11:00 am
Saint Ferdinand Church

10:00 am to 11:00 am Saint Gregory Church

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church

Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Saint Ferdinand Church

9:30 am - 7:00 pm Holy Redeemer Church

> Thursday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Friday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church 9:00 am -10:00 am Saint Ferdinand Church

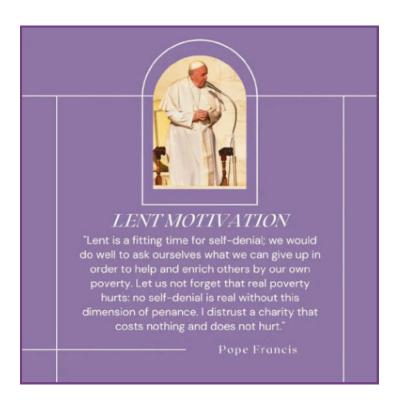
Sunday 12:15 pm - 5:00 pm Holy Redeemer Church

## **Annual Parish Appeal**

Your contribution to the **Annual Parish Appeal** supports the daily needs of the entire Diocese of Pittsburgh beyond what parishes can do individually.

The appeal funds formation, outreach and pastoral care of God's people. Additional support last year helped parish youth and young adult ministries, growing enrollment in religious education, and vital maintenance of our properties.

To date, 656 households have contributed. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2025 Parish Appeal. <a href="https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW">https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW</a>.



#### **Prayer for Pope Francis and Continued Healing**

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS

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Beth Jansen Mary Hayes

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For all Prayer, Flower and Candle Requests, please call

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## Parish & Community Page



## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR RUMMAGE SALE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a rummage sale of clothing, furniture, household items, jewelry, and other items. The sale is **Friday and Saturday, April 11 & 12** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at 1020 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15212 . Saturday is the "Bag Sale." Proceeds will benefit the elderly residents living at the Home.

For more information call 412-307-1100.

## CAREER ASSISTANCE AND JOB FAIR ON APRIL 10

Be prepared in today's uncertain job market. Priority2Work, a faith-centered organization that helps job seekers, is hosting a Career Assistance and Job Fair on **Thurs., April 10** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It will be held at Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish- Saint Kilian Church (Lower Level- Room D), and feature P2W career mentors and area companies that are recruiting. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to office@priority2work.org.





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