

### DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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### **April 6, 2025** Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Preparing for Holy Week

In these final days of Lent, we have an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus through spiritual and practical preparation.

We might set aside more time each day for prayer, perhaps through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. Also, receive God's mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We can offer up challenges and difficulties we may experience to unite with Christ's suffering on His road to Calvary.

Practical ideas include clearing our calendars for quiet reflection and helping others. Cut back on hours spent in front of the TV or digital media. Volunteer to clean and decorate our churches. Invite family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Easter with us.

Holy Week is the most important week in our faith. Are we almost ready to greet our Risen Lord?

See Holy Week calendar on pg. 5

### FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our first reading this weekend, many of the leading Jewish people are exiled but the Prophet Isaiah foretells of an exodus in which the people will be led back to their land. This is a reminder that we are not yet home – we are on a pilgrimage to Heaven where Jesus is leading us. True freedom can only be found in God. Therefore we pray earnestly for our friends and family members who are away from God and the Church.

### The Light is On For You Confessions

This **Wednesday, April 9**, all parishes in our diocese will hear confessions. I will hear confessions from 6:00-8:00 pm at Saint Gregory Church. Because we have a 7:00 pm Mass at both Saint Ferdinand and Holy Redeemer, confessions will take place before and after Mass.

### <u>First Holy Communion Retreat Day</u>

On **Saturday, April 12**, children preparing for their First Holy Communion will have a mini-retreat from 10:00 am to noon at Saint Ferdinand in Oldenski Hall. Please contact Jason Gawaldo for more information.

#### **Jewish Passover**

On Saturday, April 12, our Jewish friends will begin to observe the Passover. This annual celebration began the night before Moses would lead the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt during their 40-year journey through the desert to the Promised Land.

### **Congratulations Bishop Zubik**

This **Sunday, April 6**, Bishop Zubik celebrates the day he was consecrated a bishop and appointed our Auxiliary Bishop in 1997. I had the honor of serving as the Master of Ceremonies for that Mass which took place in Saint Paul Cathedral. Please keep our Bishop in prayer.

### <u>Oldenski Hall Follow-Up</u>

It was good to see many of you at the meeting on March 31 and for me to hear about your priorities of how we might renovate Oldenski Hall. About \$2.7 million was raised for this effort and we hope to proceed with the planning phase in the months ahead. I will keep you informed on progress.

### **Congratulations Brother Ryan**

Parishioner **Ryan Schmeltzer** is a professed Capuchin Franciscan who will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on **Sat., May 3** in Washington, D.C. He will preach at the 10:00 am and noon Masses at Saint Ferdinand Church on **Sun., May 25**. If you would like to send him a note of congratulations, his address is 4121 Harewood Road N.E., Washington, DC 20017.

### <u>School Super Bingo</u>

Saint Gregory School holds their monthly Super Bingo this **Sunday, April 6**. Doors open at noon in the gym. All proceeds benefit the school. Thanks for your support.

### **Annual Parish Appeal**

I again thank all who have made a donation or a pledge to the Annual Parish Appeal. I realize that inflation and other economic factors can strain finances. Your support of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels is not taken for granted – THANK YOU!



**April 6, 2025** 

Today's Gospel Reading

Jn 8:11b

Jesus
said,
"Neither
do I
condemn
you. Go,
and from
now on
do not sin

more."

### **Parish Leadership**

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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 Annual Parish Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY April 5 Fifth Sunday of Lent** 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) Gloria Strharsky (John Strharsky) 8:00 am (SG) 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) **MONDAY April 7** 8:00 am (SG) Frances Falcsik (Mr. & Mrs. Harry White) 8:30 am (SF) Donald Masyada (The Haskell's) 9:00 am (HR) Gail Frisk (Richard & Ann Tomak) **TUESDAY April 8** 8:00 am (SG) Jeanette Mashuda (Mary Ann Thompson) 8:30 am (SF) John Feyock (Moe & Nettie Culley) 9:00 am (HR) Dorothy Pogozelic by Jim Santelli **WEDNESDAY April 9** 8:00 am (SG) Frank Lamm (Claire Dorsch & Family) 8:30 am (SF) Mary Ann Dudas (John & Susan Labos) 9:00 am (HR) Kathy Carsele (Jackie Valentino) 7:00 pm (HR) Gus Fornataro (Wife & Family) 7:00 pm (SF) Ken Krivy (Susan McVaney & Michelle Fabry) **THURSDAY April 10** 8:00 am (SG) Pauline Roman (With Love From Son Joey) 8:30 am (SF) Andrew Boschetto (Ray & Carol Sinicki) 9:00 am (HR) Carol Challis (Pete & Fran Maietta) FRIDAY April 11 St. Stanislaus 8:30 am (SF) Carmella Moraca (Mario & Family) 9:00 am (SF) Stations of the Cross 9:00 am (HR) David Moonert (Nancy Naim) 9:00 am (SG) Helen Wallis by (Ricki) 2:00 pm (SG) Shadow Stations 7:00 pm (SF) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (SG) Shadow Stations 7:00 pm (HR) Stations of the Cross **SATURDAY April 12 Palm Sunday** 9:00 am (HR) Melissa Glass (Mom & Dad, Glenn & Nancy Davis) Robert Hornick (Connie) 4:00 pm (SF) 5:00 pm (HR) John Vrana (Janet Patrick, cousin) 5:00 pm (SG) Helen Kocis (Valerie & Jim Bucek) 6:00 pm (SF) Mary Ann & Gene McNamara (Lisa Korner) Sunday April 13 Palm Sunday 8:00 am (SF) 8:00 am (SG) Barbara Grabowski (Paul & Amy Hoyt) Richard Wolf (Althouse Family) 9:00 am (HR) Joseph & Sue Carusone (Family) 10:00 am (SF) Rose Marie Rohm - Birthday (Steve & Patty Rohm) 10:00 am (SG) Norman Giancola (Anthony & Laurie Nocera) 11:00 am (HR) John McGivern (Family) 12:00 pm (SF) For The Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish

5:00 pm (SF) Anna May & Robert Kapfer (Don & Kim Kapfer)

### MASS SCHEDULE

### SAINT FERDINAND CHURCH

2535 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am

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



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

### AT DIVINE GRACE PARISH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Remembering His ministry, reflecting on the Gospel, and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world.

#### Monday, 14 April

8:00 am Daily Mass at SG

8:30 am Daily Mass at SF

9:00 am Daily Mass at HR

7:00 pm Scriptural Rosary HR

7:00 pm Confessions at SF

#### Tuesday, 15 April

8:00 am Daily Mass at SG

8:30 am Daily Mass at SF

9:00 am Daily Mass at HR

7:00 pm Taize Meditations HR

#### Wednesday, 16 April

8:00 am Daily Mass at SG

8:30 am Daily Mass at SF

9:00 am Daily Mass at HR

6:00 pm Confessions at SG

7:00 pm Sick & Suffering Mass SF

7:00 pm Mass HR

#### Holy Saturday, 19 April

#### NO CONFESSIONS SF, SG, HR

12:00 pm Blessings of the Easter Basket SF, SG, HR

7:00 pm Easter Vigil SF

8:00 pm Easter Vigil SG

8:30 pm Easter Vigil HR

#### Easter Sunday, 20 April

8:00 am Easter Mass SF

8:00 am Easter Mass SG

9:00 am Easter Mass HR

10:00 am Easter Mass in Church and Oldenski Hall SF

10:00 am Easter Mass SG

11:00 am Easter Mass HR

12:00 pm Easter Mass SF

There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday SF

#### Sunday, 27 April

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet SG, HR

### Holy Thursday, 17 April

10:00 am Chrism Mass at St. Paul Cathedral

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper SF

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper SG

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper HR

#### Good Friday, 18 April

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross SF, SG, HR 2:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion SF, SG, HR 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet SF, SG, HR 7:00 pm Tenebrae HR



SF- St. Ferdinand, SG- St. Gregory, HR- Holy Redeemer



### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at Saint Ferdinand

#### Monday, April 7

9:15 am Flame of Love

Children's Liturgy

9:30 am Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

6:30 pm White Elephant

McAndrew/Biller Hall

7:30 pm Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

#### Tuesday, April 8

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

9:30 am Middle Moms

Rm. 10

10:00 am Bible Study

Upper Room

7:00 pm Folk Choir

Church

7:00 pm Bible Studies

Upper Room

#### Wednesday, April 9

9:00 am Comfort Blankets

McAndrew-Biller Hall
Knights of Columbus

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus McAndrew-Biller Hall

Thursday, April 10

7:00 pm Women's Club

McAndrew-Biller Hall

7:00 pm Bible Study

Upper Room

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

7:15 pm Prayer Group

Holy Family Room

7:30 pm Men's Club

Library

#### Friday, April 11

11:30 am Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

4:00 pm Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

#### Sunday, April 13

6:30 pm Adult Choir

Church

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

### Living Rosary Monday, April 14

The Knights of Columbus Council 11838 invites all parishioners to join them for the recitation of The Rosary on **Monday, April 14** at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church. A 90 ft. rosary will be laid down the center aisle of the church, and everyone will be asked to hold a bead and help recite the Rosary. Prayer handouts will be available.



### St. Ferdinand Women's Club

Join us one week early this month, on **Thursday, April 10** at 7:00 pm in McAndrew-Biller Hall. We will learn more about Faith Formation efforts in our Parish. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend!

### Early Bulletin Submission

With Holy Week approaching, please send in information by 9:00 am on the deadline dates below. Email to

akucan@divinegracepgh.org.

For Sunday, April 20

Due Monday, April 7

For Sunday, April 27

Due Friday, April 11

### **Easter Cleaning**

Let's make our churches shine for Easter. The cleaning of Saint Ferdinand Church is scheduled for **Mon., Apr. 7**, **Tues., Apr. 8** and **Thurs., Apr. 10** from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

We provide the cleaning supplies, but ask that you bring a bucket and rags.

If you would like to help clean Saint Gregory or Holy Redeemer churches for Easter, call Jennifer at 724-776-2888 ext. 1210

### The Future of Oldenski Hall

Parishioners offered their ideas for Oldenski Hall at a parish town hall meeting last Monday at Saint Ferdinand Church.

Campaign funds are available for a renovation project, which is expected to begin in 2027. Parishioners heard how the hall is currently used and offered feedback on potential future uses.

Email ideas to

temporalities@divinegracepgh.org

### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at **Holy Redeemer**

Tuesday, April 8

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope

Catholic Center Lunchroom

Wednesday, April 9

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

6:30 pm Life Teen

Catholic Center

7:30 pm Ultreva

Rectory

Thursday, April 10

6:00 pm **Adult Choir** 

Church

Friday, April 11

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

Sunday, April 13

10:00 am Holy Name Society

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

### Lucky Spin, Big Win

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.

### 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 this film is rated "R".

### **Annual Parish Appeal**

Your contribution to the **Annual Parish Appeal** supports a wide variety of needs.

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 property maintenance.

To date, 741 households have contributed. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2025 Parish Appeal. https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW.

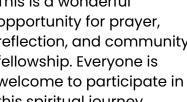
### Saint **Anthony** Novena



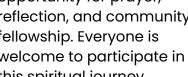
Join us for the Saint Anthony Novena starting on Tuesday, **April 22**, at Holy Redeemer Church. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, with Father Mark Thomas as our first presider, followed by the novena.

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



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you there!





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.

Saint Gregory School's final dinner is **Friday**, **April 11** from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Dine-in or take out.

Full menus are online at <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry">https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry</a>.

### **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at Saint Gregory

#### Monday, April 7

7:00 pm Knight of Columbus

Blue Room

Tuesday, April 8

7:00 pm Men's Group

School Library

Thursday, April 10

6:30 pm Pastoral Council

Library

Friday, April 11

2:00 pm Shadow Stations

Church

4:00 pm Fish Fry

School

7:00 pm Shadow Stations

Church

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am Catholic Men's

Fellowship School Library

St. Gregory Office Hours Mondays

(8:30 am - 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="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 is 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.

### Knights of Columbus 2025 Raffle

St. Ferdinand Council 11838 and St. Gregory Council 6177 announce the 2025 Chance of a Lifetime Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing is **Friday**, **May 16** at 9:00 pm. The Grand Prize is \$15,000. Other prizes range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Tickets can be ordered by emailing name, address, and number of tickets requested to jkimpavido@yahoo.com for St. Ferdinand, or to jdalt+coal@icloud.com for St. Gregory.

Proceeds benefit The Pennsylvania State Scholarship Fund and Knights of Columbus Councils 11838 and 6177 charitable efforts.



Come with us on the Road to Damascus: A Musical Journey through the Book of Acts. We depart for the Ohio Star Theater in Surgarcreek, OH, on **Wednesday, May 28**.

The cost is \$172 per person and includes transportation, a tour director, shopping time near the theater, lunch at the Dutch Valley Restaurant, show admission, and a stop at Walnut Creek Cheese. Gratuities and taxes are included.

Bus departs Saint Ferdinand at 7:15 am
Returning to Saint Ferdinand 8:30 pm
Please park near the Saint Vincent de Paul box
To reserve your seat, or for more information call Peggy at 724-272-4636

### PARISH MINISTRIES

### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUPS**

On April 27th we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day he canonized Saint Faustina. The Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ was revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in a series of revelations in the 1930's.



Our parish is blessed to have Divine Mercy Prayer Groups at all three of our churches. They organize special prayer services each year on Good Friday and Divine Mercy Sunday. They are also involved in promoting and leading the Divine Mercy Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. Additionally, at Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand, the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on a regular basis.

Please join us at any of our three churches on Good Friday at 3:00 pm to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and begin the Divine Mercy Novena. On Divine Mercy **Sunday, April 27th** at 3:00 pm, we also invite you to Holy Redeemer or Saint Gregory for a Divine Mercy prayer service including the Chaplet and completion of the Novena.

We are always looking for more prayer warriors! Please reach out if you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry.

Contact: divinemercypray@divinegracepgh.org or ilivorse@divinegracepgh.org

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**40 Days for Life** will be completed on **Sunday, April 13**. This worldwide pro-life mobilization 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**.

### **FAITH FORMATION**



JASON GAWALDO

Director for

Evangelization Ministries

### This Week in Faith Formation

This week are our final Faith Formation sessions of the year. Online registration for the 2025-2026 year will begin on July 1.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad."

Psalm 118:24

### Save the Dates

#### **Holy Smoke**

Saturday, May 3, 6:00 pm in the St. Gregory Lower Parking Lot. All guys are invited for a relaxed night of fellowship with Fr. Joe Freedy featuring a pig roast, cigars, and a brief witness by Thomas Kaiser. No cost; courtesy RSVP at <a href="mailto:divinegracepgh.org/talks">divinegracepgh.org/talks</a>.

#### Immaculee Ilibagiza

Tuesday, September 9, at Holy Redeemer Church. Join us for an inspiring evening with Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculee. Find out more about her at <u>immaculee.com</u>. No cost; courtesy RSVP at <u>divinegracepgh.org/talks</u>.

#### Reboot! with Chris Stefanick,

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

### **Unpacking the Word**

Isaiah 43:16-21

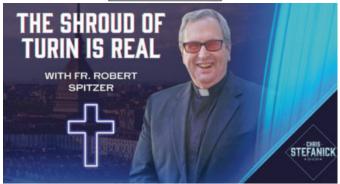
Memory is a funny thing. Philosophers speculate that we don't experience the present; we only experience the world at a slight delay through the power of memory. Powerful memories can make us not just think of the past but relive it, feel it again. On the first Sunday of Lent, the book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10) reminded us of the importance of recalling the Lord's great deeds in history as an act of worship. In fact, liturgical remembrance, called anamnesis, is a remembrance that makes the past events present now. You can hear this at Mass right after Jesus' words of institution during the Eucharistic Prayer.

This week, the Lord drills deeper into this idea of remembrance and making the past present. He is the God not only of the past, but of the present and the future. In our reading from Isaiah, the Lord refers to the ancient Exodus, from the dry "path in the mighty waters" to his snuffing out of Pharaoh's powerful army. But he speaks of these things in the present tense while hyperbolically commanding us to forget about past events. He is "doing something new!" This New Exodus has features similar to the old one, and so literally forgetting the things of the past would make it harder to recognize. Yet the New Exodus will so far outshine the old one that we could say it has been forgotten.

Jesus spoke of this New Exodus during the Transfiguration (see Luke 9:31), and he also spoke of the living water that he would bring into desert hearts while He spoke with the woman at the well (see John 4:14). In the desert of this Lent, in the desert of your life and my life right now, the Lord wants to bring forth not just a glass of water but rivers of it! The desert we experience is meant to form us as a people for himself. May we not be like the children of Israel in the first Exodus who saw the desert only as a place of torment and death (see Exodus 16:3). May we embrace the blessings of the desert so that we might announce his praise.



### FORMED



### The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.



### Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.



### Saint John Baptist de la Salle: Patron Saint of Teachers

Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, with this great movie on Formed. St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us!

#### 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 724–758–1553 (note correct phone number). Make reflecting on the Gospel a part of your Easter Season!

### **Upcoming Events for Families and Kids**

Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19, 10:00 am – noon at Saint Ferdinand. Register at divinegracepgh.org/egghunt

Mother Daughter Tea – Saturday, May 10, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand. Register at divinegracepgh.org/tea

Family Field Day – Saturday, May 10, 5:00-7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand. Register at divinegracepgh.org/familyfieldday

True North VBS – June 16-20 at Saint Ferdinand. Register at divinegracepgh.org/vbs

### CONFIRMATION FOR OLDER STUDENTS AND ADULTS

Bishop Zubik will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday**, **May 31**, at St. Ferdinand Church. If you never received this sacrament for any reason, you could receive it in May. Confirmation is necessary to serve as a Godparent or a Sponsor, and it should be received prior to getting married if at all possible. If you'd like to receive Confirmation, email Jason at <a href="mailto:jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org">jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org</a> to discuss a simple prep process.

### YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



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#### 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 - April 7th Life Teen - April 14th Life Teen - April 28th

### 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





Young people preparing for Confirmation at a recent Evening of Reflection listen to a witness talk about God working in our lives. The two evenings were well received, with a few candidates now attending Life Teen gatherings.



### PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURE LITERACY WEEK

Amy Metrick from Metrick's Harvest View Farm in Butler visited our students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. The theme this year was based on the book "The Soil in Jackie's Garden" which each grade had read to them and received a copy for their classroom.

This fascinating book taught the students about the fun of gardening, what makes up soil, the magic in composting, and how it helps plants. Visit <a href="majorage-myamericamfarm.org">myamericamfarm.org</a> for games and fun family activities.

We are grateful to the many volunteers from our agricultural community who come into our classrooms each year teaching the students about farming and where their food comes from.





### **SHADOW STATIONS**

This moving depiction of the Passion and death of our Lord will be prayed by our 8th graders this coming **Friday, April 11** in Saint Gregory Church at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. We hope you can join us.

#### **HOAGIE SALE**

Marianna's Hoagies will be offered again through our PTG for \$10. Flyers are available at the St. Gregory Church narthex. Orders are due **Tuesday, April 15.** Hoagies can be picked up in front of the church on **Thursday, May 1** between 2:30 and 5:00 pm. We will have a few extras available.

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

**THANK YOU** to all who have been supporting our weekly Lenten Fish Fry. Our final dinner will be this **Friday, April 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 begin hosting our 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

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Monday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church

Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Saint Ferdinand Church 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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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

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Aiden Joseph Mileham
Anderson John Parrish
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#### **BAPTISM PREP CLASSES**

If you are preparing for a Baptism, you may register for Baptism Prep Class by visiting <a href="mailto:divinegracepgh.org/baptism">divinegracepgh.org/baptism</a>

<u>Upcoming classes:</u>

Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 pm at Saint Ferdinand Wednesday, July 9, 6:30 pm at Holy Redeemer

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS

John DiLeonardo

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**Carol Fletcher** 

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**Joe Hayes** 

**Phyllis Dudash** 

**Glen McDonald** 

Patricia Pegher-Miller

**Lori Grim** 

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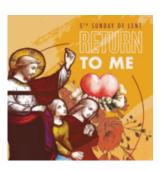
### SANCTUARY CANDLE

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## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

A candle will be lit this week for



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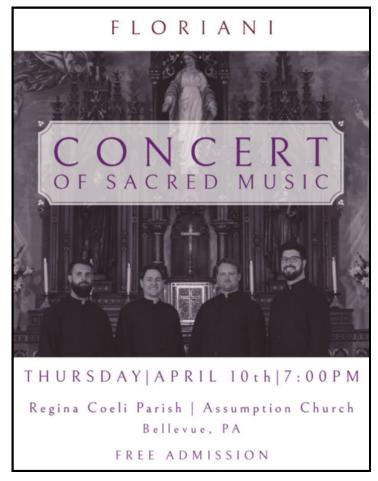
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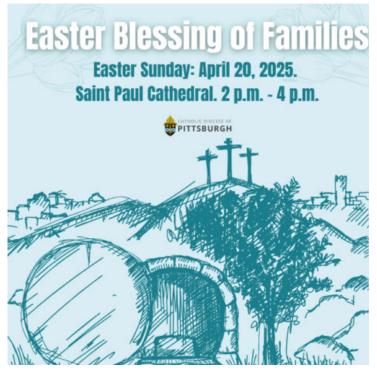
**Bob & Lillian Kaylor** from Anna, Rob, & Lilly O'Friel

**Betty Muzeka Schrader** from John & Rita Verona

For all Prayer, Flower and Candle Requests, please call 724-776-2888

### 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 ready in today's changing 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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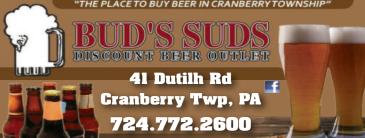


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