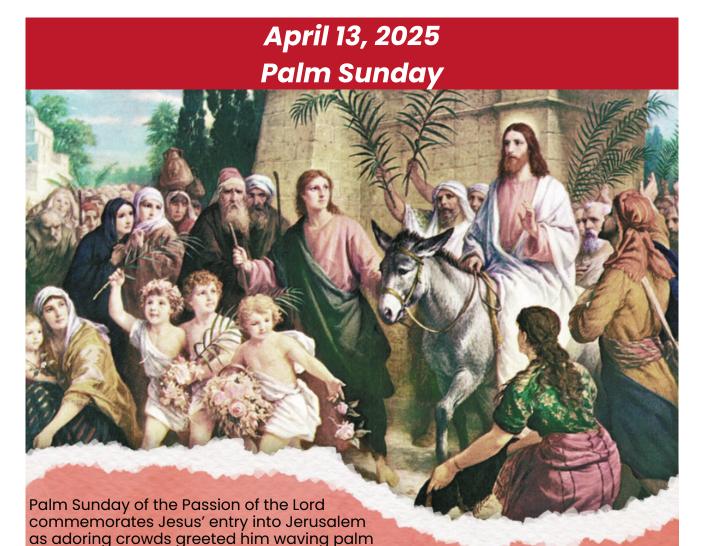


DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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But those same people soon will be crying, "Crucify Him," urging that His life be traded for that of a criminal. They will mock Jesus. Even his friends will abandon Him.

Palm Sunday is a time for contemplation, preparing for the somber days of Holy Week. During the Triduum, we will reflect on His Passion, death, and Resurrection:

Holy Thursday - Recalling the Last Supper

branches and shouting "Hosanna!"

- Good Friday Remembering the crucifixion of Jesus
- Holy Saturday A day of silence and prayer, leading to the Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday Celebrating Jesus rising to new life

Despair on the road to Calvary will give way to the joy of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

All are Welcome

On page 5 is an open letter from me to Catholics who have left the Church, those who have been hurt by Church leadership, and to those who do not worship God at any church. Please carefully cut or copy this letter from the bulletin and give it to a family member, neighbor, or anyone else affected. After 2,000 years, our mission continues to help people know that Jesus wants them to encounter Him in the Holy Eucharist.

Palm Sunday

This weekend we prepare for the great events of our salvation. The Church recalls on Palm Sunday the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. This is where Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple as a baby. It is the city where Jesus will celebrate the Passover by instituting the Holy Eucharist. It is here where Jesus will be crucified and where he first appears after the Resurrection. We are not spectators of these events. It is through Baptism we become sharers of the very mysteries we celebrate.

The Victory of the Palm

Catholics will take home a blessed palm and display it behind a crucifix or a sacred image. In Jesus' time, palms would be thrown at the feet of military generals after a victory. Jesus engages in the greatest battle of all and defeats Satan. Christians are baptized into life with Jesus; therefore no matter how difficult life can be, the palm signifies our capacity, with God's Divine Grace, to be holy saints.

Holy Week Confessions

Confessions will be offered Mon., April 14 at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand; Tues., April 15 at Holy Redeemer before and after Taize; and Wed., April 16 at 6:00 pm at Saint Gregory.

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week

We hear in the first readings from the Prophet Isaiah who writes about the Suffering Servant. We also hear from the Gospel of John of Jesus' impending suffering and death.

Spy Wednesday

We hear in the Gospel of Matthew how Judas prepares to betray Jesus. Older people might remember that this day was known as Spy Wednesday. Since we are all sinners, it is a reminder that anytime we sin, we too are betraying Jesus. May we make every effort to repent from sin and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Chrism Mass

All clergy will gather on Holy Thursday at Saint Paul Cathedral to renew our priestly promises. The Bishop will bless the three oils that are used for the sacraments – the oil of the catechumenate (used at baptism), the chrism oil (for baptism, confirmation, and priestly ordination) and the oil of the sick (used for the anointing of the sick and for last rites). Parishioners from Divine Grace Parish will return with the newly blessed oils.

<u>Holy Thursday – Eucharist and Priesthood</u>

Lent concludes with Holy Thursday Mass. The Sacred Triduum consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter. Thursday we celebrate Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist as well as the ordained priesthood. These mysteries are at the heart of our Catholic faith. Without the priesthood, there is no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist there is no Church. Our churches will remain open until 11:00 pm to pray before the Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday

This is the only day of the year when Mass is prohibited – not even a funeral Mass. We observe that Jesus is executed with the Roman death penalty of crucifixion. The Passion Liturgy is celebrated, we reverence the Cross, and we do receive Holy Communion which will be consecrated at the Holy Thursday Mass.

Holy Saturday - Easter Basket Blessing

As we prepare our Easter feast, parishioners are invited to bring a basket of food for the clergy to bless. Blessings will take place at all three churches at noon.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Easter Vigil Mass is a culmination of all that we Catholics profess and believe. We begin outside with the blessing of the Easter Fire and Easter Candle. We hear the Old and New Testament readings. The Great Alleluia is sung. After the homily, we reject Satan and renew our Catholic faith. This Mass is the mother of all liturgies.



April 13, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

Lk 19:38

"Peace in

the

heaven

and glory

in the

highest"

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Divine Grace Parish Financial Report

Sunday Collection Total for March 29 & 30, 2025: -- \$29,806
Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for
Human Development: -- \$4,870

Parish Members-- 18,765 Parish Households-- 7,089

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Presider Schedule
The schedule of priests celebrating
weekend Masses can be found at
https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w

This weekend's second collection is for the Maintenance and Building Upkeep.
Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY April 12 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 4:00 pm (SF) Robert Hornick (Connie) 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 of the Passion of the Lord 8:00 am (SF) Barbara Grabowski (Paul & Amy Hoyt) 8:00 am (SG) 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) **MONDAY April 14 Monday of Holy Week** 8:00 am (SG) Maryann Wallace (Jean Moyer) 8:30 am (SF) William Rausch (Tom & Beverly) 9:00 am (HR) Paul Petrak (Family) **TUESDAY April 15 Tuesday of Holy Week** 8:00 am (SG) Albert Richard Seaburn (John & Elizabeth Biondi) 8:30 am (SF) Frank Conte (Knights of Columbus #11838) 9:00 am (HR) Ronald Riccardo (Ben & Mary Anne Nassin) **WEDNESDAY April 16 Wednesday of Holy Week** 8:00 am (SG) Carl Koziar (Anthony & Laurie Nocera) 8:30 am (SF) Dennis Bertness (Mary Jane Trotta) 9:00 am (HR) Brianna Lorine Tappe (Fr. Joseph Freedy) 7:00 pm (HR) Lindsay Pia (For The Temporal & Spiritual Welfare) (The Patrizio Family) 7:00 pm (SF) Farid, Josephine & Faez Bunni (Fadia Bunni) **THURSDAY April 17 Holy Thursday** 7:00 pm (SG) Increase of Priestly Vocation 7:30 pm (SF) Increase of Priestly Vocation 7:00 pm (HR) Increase of Priestly Vocation FRIDAY April 18 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord 1:00 pm (SF) (SG) (HR) Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm (SF) (SG) (HR) Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 pm (SF) (SG) (HR) Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 pm (HR) Tenebrae **SATURDAY April 19 Holy Saturday** 12:00 pm (SF) (SG) (HR) Blessings of the Easter Basket 7:00 pm (SF) For The Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish 8:00 pm (SG) For The Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish 8:30 pm (HR) For The Living & Deceased Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish Sunday April 13 Easter Sunday of the Resurrections of the Lord 8:00 am (SF) Carol Sinicki (Dan Wiegand) 8:00 am (SG) Dale Benedum (St. Gregory Arts & Environment Team) 9:00 am (HR) John and Arlene Maielli (John & BJ Biondi) 10:00 am - Oldenski Hall (SF) Paul Gallagher, Sr. 10:00 am (SF) Carmella Moraca (Mario & Family) 10:00 am (SG) Karen and Richard Kwaiser (The Livorse Family) 11:00 am (HR) Kathy Carsele (Gillespie Family) 12:00 pm (SF) Beau D. Barclay (Robert & Carmen)

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



Holy Week 2025

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Divine Grace Parish. This week, Catholics around the world celebrate the events of our salvation in Jesus Christ. This is often a great time for those who may no longer practice the faith to reestablish a relationship with the Lord through the sacraments of the Church.

I am aware that many people have left because of the clergy scandals and mistrust in Church leadership. There are no words that can describe the evil of abuse and the neglect of leadership.

People also have told me that COVID diminished their practice of attending weekly Mass. Others have stated their disillusion with the parish mergers. I appreciate this honesty.

We are also aware of the impact that secularism is having on our youth and young families where there is no practice of faith or religion.

As the Pastor of our parish, if there is anything I can do to assist Catholics in returning to the Church, I am prepared to meet people where they are at in their journey. My email address is jwehner@diopitt.org.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the Church nearly 2,000 years ago. The Sacrifice of the Mass, Sacraments, and the many vibrant ministries that serve God's people are all important aspects of our faith.

While each member of the Church is a sinner, it is for this reason that all who seek a relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to Divine Grace Parish and the Catholic Church.

Let me know how I can serve you! Blessings for a great Holy Week and Easter celebration. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Father James A. Wehner, S.T.D.

Pastor

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

This Week at Saint Ferdinand

Monday, April 14

9:15 am Flame of Love

Children's Liturgy

9:30 am Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

10:00 am God's Precious Preemies

Upper Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

7:00 pm Living Rosary

Church

7:00 pm Ultreya

Upper Room

7:30 pm Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

Tuesday, April 15

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

10:00 am Bible Study

Upper Room

12:30 pm Rosary Maker

Library

1:30 pm Evangelization Team

Room 10

7:00 pm Folk Choir

Church

Wednesday, April 16

Parish Office Closing at Noon

1:00 pm Book Circle

Holy Family Room

Finance Committee

McAndrew-Biller Hall

7:00 pm Bereavement Support Group

6:30 pm

Holy Family Room

7:30 pm Adult Choir

Church

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office Closed

Friday, April 18

Parish Office Closed 3:00 pm Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

Saturday, April 19

10:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Outside Faith Formation

Building

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.



Good Friday Fish Fry

A reminder that the **final Fish Fry of Lent** will be available on **Good Friday, March 18**, at Saint

Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall, from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. No lunch will be served. Thanks again to all of our dedicated volunteers and faithful patrons for their support!

Full menu is online at https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry.

Pilgrimage Presentation April 23

Follow the Footsteps of Saint Paul with seminarian Chris
Baker as he presents
highlights from his 10-day
pilgrimage to Greece and
Turkey. Chris' presentation
will take place on Wed.
April 23, at 8:00 pm in Saint
Ferdinand's Holy Family
Room following the Rosary
Garden Mass.

Family Festival Mtg. April 22

Our monthly meeting of the Family Festival Committee is shifted due to Holy Week. It will be held on **Tuesday**, **April 22** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall. All are welcome. Please

bring a friend!



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

This Week at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope

Catholic Center Lunchroom

Wednesday, April 16

Parish Office Closing at Noon
10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office Closed

Friday, April 18

Parish Office Closed

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

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!

Scan QR Code for Schedule or visit https://bit.ly/4iQXRDd



Academic Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 2025

Tommy Novosel Scholarship

to assist students attending full-time at an accredited university/college, trade school or technical school.

Applicants must be graduating seniors at Lincoln High School or Riverside High School in Ellwood City, and active members of Divine Grace Parish/ Holy Redeemer Church. Two \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded.

Applications are due May 3

Applications are due May 3 and must include an official letter of enrollment from the school you will be attending in the fall. Pick up forms at the Holy Redeemer office.

Annual Parish Appeal

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of giving to the **Annual Parish Appeal**.

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

Holy Week Schedule

During **Holy Week** we spend time in prayer deeply reflecting on the life, death, and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Triduum begins on **Holy Thursday** with the Chrism Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at all three of our churches.

On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Passion, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at all three sites, and Tenebrae will be held in the evening at Holy Redeemer.

Holy Saturday features the Blessing of Easter Baskets and the Easter Vigil Mass, followed by **Easter Sunday of the**

Resurrection of the Lord.

For the full schedule, go to https://bit.ly/42kPlqe or scan here

Family Adoration April 26

Join us and other families for adoration, prayer, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on **Saturday**, **April 26** at 9:30 am at Holy Redeemer Church.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

This Week at Saint Gregory

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 pm Men's Group School Library

Wednesday, April 16

5:00 pm Walking with Moms School *Library*

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



Understanding QR Codes

You may have noticed QR codes - a scannable bar code in a unique arrangement of squares - popping up on flyers, in the bulletin and on the web. If you have not used one before, here's how:

- 1. Open your camera on your smart phone.
- 2.Hold your phone over the QR code like you are going to take a photo of it.
- 3.A website address will pop up on your screen.
- 4. Tap the address and it will take you to the site the QR code was created for.

Try this one to read about the **15 Promises of the Rosary**





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

Sacred Heart of Jesus

There will be a Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer service held on **Tuesday, May 6** at 7:00 pm in Saint Gregory Church. The service will feature an icon depicting Jesus, which is on loan from the Knights of Columbus. This reproduction of the 1767 painting by Pompeo Batoni bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of about 300 icons being displayed around the world. All are welcome to attend the prayer service.

A Plan for Financial Security

Planning is crucial for financial security. Please join the Saint Gregory Knights of Columbus for a presentation by Christopher R. Gonzalez, FIC, on **Mon., April 21** at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room (basement) of Saint Gregory Church. Come and learn some important information and ask questions.



PARISH MINISTRIES

STORIES OF FAITH



Jack D'Ambrosio (left), Fr. Jim, and Justin Pityk, Jack's sponsor and friend

Jack's Journey

Jack D'Ambrosio, 20, was raised in a large nondenominational Christian church. But something was missing in his faith life.

"I was searching for something more but wasn't sure what until a friend invited me to a Catholic Mass a couple of years ago," Jack says. "Then I knew where I wanted to be. It was God's grace."

Jack's friend Justin Pityk accompanied him to that Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral. What really amazed Jack was the reverence for Scripture—in particular, standing for the Gospel reading.

But converting to Catholicism wasn't a simple decision for Jack because his family has deep roots in their church— North Way Christian Community in Pine. His late grandfather, Jay Passavant, founded North Way more than 40 years ago.

"I had to find out more about the Catholic faith," Jack said.

He received formation from priests at the Oratory in Oakland, studied the Catechism, and later reached out to Father Jim Wehner at Divine Grace Parish. On February 9, Jack was baptized, received First Holy Communion and was confirmed.

Jack's family has been supportive of his conversion—after discussions of what it means to be a Catholic. "It's about living out the faith to the fullest, as we all should," Jack says. He's attending daily Mass, praying at Eucharistic Adoration, and sharing the faith with others.

"I feel I can make a difference in someone else's life."

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUPS

On April 27, 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:





FAITH FORMATION



JASON GAWALDO

Director for Evangelization Catechetical Ministries

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6

Save the Dates

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 immaculee.com. No cost; courtesy RSVP at divinegracepah.org/talks.

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 50:4-7

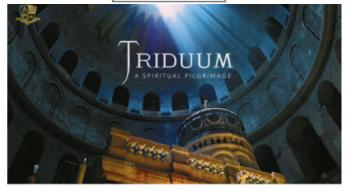
The Prophet Isaiah ministered in the eighth century B.C. He prophesied about the downfall and destruction of Jerusalem and also about a mysterious figure whom he called the Servant of the Lord. The four Servant Songs found in Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13-53:12 alternate the voice of the narrator so that some are in the voice of the Servant, some are directed to the Servant, and some are about the Servant. Our second reading on this Palm Sunday is a firstperson narrative from the mouth of the Servant himself.

This mysterious figure speaks to the weary and teaches "morning after morning," but he also suffers cruel treatment at the hands of his contemporaries, knowing all along that he will "not be put to shame." Nothing like this happened in the recorded lifetime of the Prophet Isaiah, and so he cannot be the Servant. Rather, 600 years before God the Son took on flesh, he spoke of his self-sacrificial atonement through the voice of the Prophet Isaiah. Today we hear the Word of God's own ancient words attest that he will give himself over to beatings and harassment, and yet ultimately he will not be put to shame.

As we begin this Holy Week, the Spirit is reminding us that Jesus Christ always knew what he was about, always knew what he would do to redeem you and me. The betrayals of Holy Thursday and the tortures of Good Friday did not, could not surprise him. In fact, he had been telling us about them for centuries. In the same way that the Apostles didn't get it until after the Resurrection, only a minority of first-century Jews had the eyes to see and ears to hear what the Lord had told them through a few mysterious prophecies like this one. Jesus Christ always knew what it would take to redeem you, and he still chose to do it. Are you ready to have the eyes to see it?



FORMED



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



How to make a Palm Sunday Cross

Have you ever wondered how to make a cross with palms? Join Lyn Dam from the Archdiocese of Denver on how to make a palm leaf cross for Palm Sunday!

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.



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 grtnonno@yahoo.com 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 <u>divinegracepgh.org/tea</u>

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 <u>divinegracepgh.org/vbs</u>

HOLYSMOKE

Saturday, May 3, 6:00 pm - ? in the Saint Gregory lower parking lot. Guys 21+ are invited for a relaxed evening of fellowship with Fr. Joe Freedy, featuring a pig roast, cigars, and a brief witness talk by former NFL player and parishioner Thomas Keiser. No cost; please RSVP at divinegracepgh.org/talks.

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 - April 14th Life Teen - April 28th Life Teen - May 5th

Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

May 7th: 6:30-8:00 pm May 21st: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

SEVEN CHURCHES VISITATION



Seven Churches of Rome - Holy Year of 1575

Divine Grace Parish families are invited to take part in a beautiful Catholic tradition- **visiting seven churches** following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm. The visitation recalls the final seven places Jesus traveled to between his arrest and death.

The tradition is believed to started with Saint Philip Neri who organized pilgrimages to churches around Rome in the 16th century. Today in modern Italy, Catholics visit the seven major basilicas in Rome to seek Christ and spend time with Him.

On Holy Thursday evening at **Divine Grace Parish**, all three of our churches will remain **open for Adoration until 11:00 pm**. Below is a church listing and link to a map route that includes all three of our churches. Total travel time to the seven churches is under two hours.

Area Churches Participating: For Map, visit https://bit.ly/44hbjeW

- St. Ferdinand (2535 Rochester Rd. Cranberry Twp 16066)- open until 11 pm
- St. Gregory (2 West Beaver St. Zelienople 16063)- until 11 pm
- Holy Redeemer (415 Fourth St. Ellwood City 16117)- until 11 pm
- Ss. Peter & Paul (200 3rd St. Beaver 15009) until 11 pm
- Ss. John & Paul (2586 Wexford Bayne Rd. Sewickley 15143) until midnight
- St. Alphonsus (221 Church Rd. Wexford 15090)- until midnight
- St. Killian (7076 Franklin Rd. Cranberry Twp 16066)- until 11 pm



LEARNING ABOUT LENT









Lenten lessons and activities were added over the past couple weeks to help students understand the importance of Lent more clearly.

Our **First Graders** learned about keeping Jesus in their heart which is like having a friend close by who loves them and wants to be with them; someone they can trust.

Second Grade students colored and assembled beautiful Stations of the Cross booklets that they used during Lent. This is their first year to attend the weekly Stations held every Friday afternoon.

Third Graders also colored Stations of the Cross and put together posters depicting Christ's journey to Calvary.







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

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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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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS

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George O. Virostek (Anniversary) from wife, Gloria

Kieran "Buck" Boczkowski from Chuck & Joan Spirk

Jules

from Aunt Donna

Don & Virginia from Your Kids

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Parish & Community Page



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLAY SHOOT

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SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?

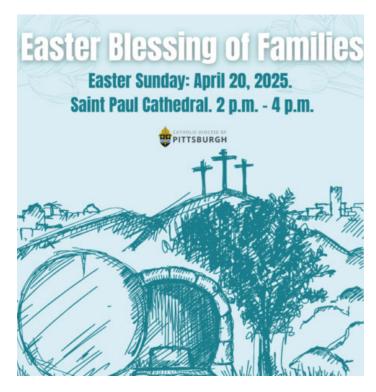
An Evening for the Separated & Divorced will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 22** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

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- Anger & Forgiveness
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- Fear & Anxiety
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Questions? <u>Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com</u>. There will be a Q&A at the end. To register: https://www.aboundingjoyministry.com/event-details/an-evening-for-the-separated-divorced-4





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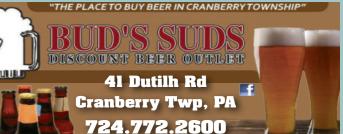


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