



# DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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## **May 4, 2025** **Third Sunday of Easter**



### ***Saying 'Yes' to Jesus***

With the College of Cardinals preparing to choose a successor to Pope Francis, Saint John's Gospel describing how Jesus revealed himself at the Sea of Tiberias provides a powerful witness to the importance of leadership in the Church.

Jesus shows mercy and forgiveness towards Peter who had denied him three times, asking him to shepherd His people. It is a call for Peter and all disciples to follow the Lord and share the Good News, no matter how great the cost.

As we continue our Easter journey, may we always be ready to say 'yes' to Jesus.

# FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

## Third Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus appears the third time to the apostles while they were fishing in the Sea of Tiberias. When Peter recognized Jesus standing on the shore, he jumped from the boat and ran towards him. This is an aspect of our spirituality as Catholics – we run to encounter Jesus at Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Peter then answers three questions Jesus asks about Peter's love for Him. In Peter, Jesus gives the mission to the Church to feed His sheep.

## Pray with the Cardinals

God has already chosen the new Pope – the cardinals must now pray and discern the Providence of the Lord as they participate in the conclave to elect the new Pope. The Church prays for the cardinals to receive the Divine Grace of God to carry out their sacred duties. The conclave will begin on Wednesday, May 7, with one ballot taking place in the afternoon. If the Pope is not elected on Wednesday, there will be 4 ballots a day until the new Pope is elected by two-thirds majority.

## Congratulations Deacon Ryan

**Brother Ryan Schmeltzer**, OFM Cap., a lifelong member of Saint Ferdinand Church who joined the Capuchins as a seminarian, was ordained to the Order of Deacon on **Saturday, May 3**. He will return to our parish and preach at Masses on the weekend of May 24-25. Deacon Ryan is expected to be ordained a priest next spring. Congratulations to Ryan and his family.

## First Holy Communion

Our third and final class of students will receive their First Holy Communion at Holy Redeemer Church this **Sunday, May 4**, at 2:00 pm.

## Welcome Bishop Zubik

Bishop Zubik will celebrate the Saint Anthony Novena Mass on **Tues., May 6** at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Church. All are invited to this special Mass. We celebrate Masses on nine Tuesdays leading up to the Feast of St. Anthony on **Tues., June 13**.

## School Social and Auction

We are blessed with Saint Gregory School and our school families. Tuition does not cover all costs, therefore, throughout the year various fundraisers are held. One of the principle fundraising events is the annual Social & Auction. See p. 13.

## Seminarian Chris Baker

Chris is expected to be ordained a deacon next spring – the final step before ordination which is the liturgical rite called Admission to Candidacy. Chris and his classmates will be admitted on **Sun., May 18** at the 11:30 am Mass at Saint Augustine Church in Lawrenceville with Bishop Zubik presiding. All are invited.

## Save The Date – Erik's Ordination

**Seminarian Erik Pintar** will be ordained to the diaconate on **Saturday, June 7** at Saint Alexis Church, Saint Aidan Parish at 10:00 am. In June 2026, he will be ordained a priest. The ordination on June 7th is open to the public.

## Farewell to Jon Zellhart

Jon's last day with us is Saturday, May 31. He will present a farewell concert on **Sunday, May 25** at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church. Join us for a reception following the concert.



**May 4, 2025**

**Today's  
Gospel  
Reading**

**Jn 21:13**

**"Jesus  
came  
over and  
took the  
bread  
and gave  
it to  
them,  
and in  
like  
manner  
the fish."**

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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  
Annual Parish Appeal.  
Thank you for your generosity.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY May 3 - Third Sunday of Easter**

- 4:00 pm (SF) William Gruca (Patty Ober)  
 5:00 pm (HR) Elizabeth "Betty" Hulick-Anniversary & Birthday  
 (Eugene & Margaret (Peggy) Ludwico)  
 5:00 pm (SG) Joseph Botti (Lillian Crespo)  
 6:00 pm (SF) Joyce Ann Snow (David & Kathryn Fuhr)

**Sunday May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 am (SF) Marty Chabala (Margie-daughter)  
 8:00 am (SG) Tom Magnifico (George Hammer)  
 9:00 am (HR) Norberta Modliszewski (Dave & Vicky Manzo)  
 10:00 am (SF) Edward Bunni (Luma, Nadeem, Rawah, & Ryan)  
 10:00 am (SG) Evelyn Manzetti (Adam & Dana Ross)  
 11:00 am (HR) Rose DeNome (Lisa Thomas)  
 12:00 pm (SF) George Bluemling (Ruthanne Bluemling)  
 5:00 pm (SF) Harry "Skip" Cook (Karen Bardos & Debbie Combes)

**MONDAY May 5**

- 8:00 am (SG) Denise Pisano (Lou Ferrario)  
 8:30 am (SF) Gertrude "Trudy" Trautner (Freedom Crossing Neighbors)  
 9:00 am (HR) Sr. Mary Elizabeth Carsele, MPF (John & Elizabeth Biondi)

**TUESDAY May 6**

- 8:00 am (SG) Nancy Alauzen (The Tepke Family)  
 8:30 am (SF) Raymond Kraus (Children & Grandchildren)  
 9:00 am (HR) Minnie Ferrante (Gary & Kathy Fray)  
 7:00 pm Saint Anthony Novena (HR) Bruce Patrick (Wife & Children)

**WEDNESDAY May 7**

- 8:00 am (SG) Griffin Patrick Meehan (The Scott Family)  
 8:30 am (SF) Julius Casali (Cindy & Bill Hawthorne)  
 9:00 am (HR) Fred Schry (Ted Bearer)  
 7:00 pm (HR) Norberta Modlisewski (Knotted With Love Group)  
 7:00 pm (SF) Christopher A. Young (Tuesday Night Bible Study)

**THURSDAY May 8**

- 8:00 am (SG) Robert O'Brien (Scott Family)  
 8:30 am (SF) Robert Kish (Macher Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) John Novak (Blanche, wife)

**FRIDAY May 9**

- 8:30 am (SF) Florence Listwak (Sanner & Boccardi Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) Sam Pezzi (Curt & Joann)  
 9:00 am (SG) Stephen Meyer (Anthony & Laurie Nocera)

**SATURDAY May 10 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 am (HR) Mr. & Mrs. Fred DiMuzio & Virginia (Glorine Carozza)  
 4:00 pm (SF) John Moravek (The Maudie Family)  
 5:00 pm (HR) Shirley McGivern (Family)  
 5:00 pm (SG) Daniel McCann (Valerie & Jim Bucek)  
 6:00 pm (SF) Leah Toth (Terri & Charles Bernath)

**Sunday May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 am (SF) Henry Sotace & Amelia Rollins (Louise Sotace)  
 8:00 am (SG) Andrea Paige Bausher-Grybosky (The Althouse Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) Stella Fray & Jean Kasper (Gary & Kathy Fray)  
 10:00 am (SF) Dennis Sullivan (Kevin Sullivan)  
 10:00 am (SG) Peg Held (Ann Soroka)  
 11:00 am (HR) Louise Lordi (The Agostinelli Family)  
 12:00 pm (SF) Larry & Jo Gelormini (Tom & Lorraine Sarver)  
 5:00 pm (SF) Kenneth Betsch by Joan Bellissimo

# 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

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Saint Gregory Church, April 26

**Harper King**'s excitement about the sacraments is contagious.

The second grader is one of 120 children receiving First Holy Communion at Divine Grace Parish over two weekends. Harper received Jesus on April 27 at Saint Ferdinand Church. Her mother **Sarah** loves how **Emma Sabados**, Coordinator of Faith Formation, put it, "There are so many people excited for you today, but no one as much as Jesus."

"Harper has always been very attentive at Mass, learning the prayers and listening closely," Sarah says. "She also came out of the confessional at First Reconciliation with a big smile on her face, saying it felt good to talk to Father about what she was sorry for. Her excitement has helped me prepare for the sacraments."

First Communion at Holy Redeemer Church will be held on **Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 pm.**

*Dear Lord, we thank and praise you for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to help all who are making their First Holy Communion to grow in love for You each day of their lives.*



Saint Ferdinand Church, April 27

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Saint Ferdinand

### Monday, May 5

- 9:15 am Flame of Love  
*Children's Liturgy*  
9:30 am Women Gathered  
*Holy Family Room*  
6:00 pm LifeTeen  
*Youth Room*  
6:30 pm White Elephant  
*McAndrew-Biller Hall*  
7:30 pm Women Gathered  
*Holy Family Room*

### Tuesday, May 6

- 9:30 am Contemplative Prayer  
*Holy Family Room*  
10:00 am Bible Study  
*Upper Room*  
1:30 pm Evangelization Team  
*Library*  
7:00 pm Folk Choir  
*Church*  
7:00 pm Bible Study  
*Upper Room*

### Wednesday, May 7

- 9:00 am Comfort Blankets  
*McAndrew-Biller Hall*  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus  
*McAndrew-Biller Hall*

### Thursday, May 8

- 7:00 pm Adult Choir  
*Church*  
7:15 pm Prayer Group  
*Holy Family Room*  
7:30 pm Men's Club  
*Library*

### Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 am Mother Daughter Tea  
*Oldenski Hall*

### St. Ferdinand Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**(9:00 am - 5:00 pm)**  
**724-776-2888 ext. 1101**  
**Fax: 724-776-2378**

## Mother's Day Prayer Cards

Mother's Day Prayer Cards with a blessed Miraculous Medal will be available after all Masses next weekend, courtesy of Walking with Moms In Need. Quantities are limited.

## Farewell Concert

You are warmly invited to an evening of music with our Sacred Music Minister **Jon Zellhart** and friends as he presents his farewell concert. Jon has accepted a position in Frisco, TX.

Join us for a special performance on **Sunday, May 25** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church.

This concert offers a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beautiful music in our liturgies and to wish Jon well.

We hope you will join us for this memorable occasion.

## Sharing the Gospel with Children

Consider volunteering for our **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at Saint Gregory or Saint Ferdinand churches. Share your love of the Gospel with the children at the 10:00 am Masses. All materials are provided. You can volunteer weekly or based on availability. Contact Susan at 724-816-3403, [skburnet@gmail.com](mailto:skburnet@gmail.com) for Saint Ferdinand or Jennifer at 724-776-2888 ext. 1210, [jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org) for Saint Gregory. Clearances are required.

## Annual Parish Appeal

Parishioners continue to respond generously in support of 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.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2025 Parish Appeal. <https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW>.



## Saint Anthony Novena

Bishop David Zubik will preside at the Saint Anthony Novena on **Tues., May 6**, at Holy Redeemer Church. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the novena.

Join us for prayer, reflection, and community fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Scan QR Code for schedule or visit

<https://bit.ly/4iQXRdD>



## PARISH LENTEN FISH FRY REPORT

Thanks to the hard work of so many volunteers and all who ate at our Lenten Parish Fish Fry, we collected **\$136,862**.

Expenses totaled **\$45,436**, so the net profit benefiting parish ministries is **\$91,425**. Thanks to **Mike** and **Jen Renk** and the entire volunteer team that spent hundreds of hours preparing and hosting the meals.



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Holy Redeemer

### Tuesday, May 6

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus  
Convent Chapel

### Wednesday, May 7

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society  
School Classroom

6:00 pm Adult Choir  
Church

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope  
Catholic Center  
Lunchroom

7:30 pm Bible Study  
(Gospel of Mark)  
Rectory

### Friday, May 9

7:00 pm Bingo  
Catholic Center

### Saturday, May 10

9:30 am Altar Server Training  
Church

### Sunday, May 11

10:00 pm Holy Name Society  
Catholic Center  
Lunchroom

## 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**

## MyCatholicWill

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.

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

## Academic Opportunities

### Mogielski Scholarship

Applications for the **Rachel A. Mogielski Scholarship** are now available. This \$2,000 federal and state-recognized scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors.

Applications are due by **Monday, June 2**. Please pick up an application in the narthex of all three churches or on Facebook: Rachel A. Mogielski Fund.



### Social Club Scholarship

The **Divine Grace Social Club** awards \$1,000 college scholarships to three graduating high school seniors who are members of Divine Grace Parish--one from each of our churches. Candidates must have volunteered for at least one parish activity during 9th-12th grade, and write an essay on why they believe they are deserving of the scholarship. Applications can be picked up at any church office or call **John** at 724-752-3751. The deadline to apply is **Sun., May 25**.

**Altar Server Training**  
WITH FR. KUSHNER AND SEMINARIAN CHRIS  
**SAT. MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> | 9:30AM - 11AM | HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH**



**FOR CURRENT SERVERS + THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SERVERS  
(4TH GRADE AND UP)**

**TO REGISTER FOR THE TRAINING PLEASE CONTACT LOU  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT HOLY REDEEMER - 724-758-7587 X 3002**

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Saint Gregory

### Monday, May 5

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus  
Blue Room

### Tuesday, May 6

7:00 pm Men's Group  
School Library  
7:00 pm Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Prayer Service  
Church

### Saturday, May 10

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

## Saint Gregory Organ Update

Thank you to all who have supported the restoration of the **Saint Gregory Church organ**.

We have received \$338,590 in donations. The project cost is \$575,000. The organ should be installed in September 2025.

If you would like to make a contribution visit <https://bit.ly/3D6scOg> or write a check to the parish with the note "Organ Project."  
Thank you.

## Sacred Heart of Jesus

There will be a Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer service 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.

## Knights of Columbus Bishop's Project



The Knights of Columbus Saint Gregory Council 6177 received an award from the Bishop's Project for their work in helping intellectually disabled and physically challenged youth and adults. Bishop David Zubik honored the council for raising funds for Saint Anthony Schools and McGuire Memorial Home and Schools. Grand Knight **Tom Szewczyk** says \$3,398 was donated this past year through their Christmas Seals, Tootsie Roll, and Church and School (Penny Collection) drives.

K of C councils in the Diocese of Pittsburgh have raised more than \$7.4 million since the Bishop's Project began in 1959.

## Funeral Luncheons are Returning

We have been blessed at Holy Redeemer with our tireless funeral luncheon crew. Now Saint Gregory and Saint Ferdinand are preparing to revive this ministry.

If you would like to help restock the closets to offset initial costs, we would be most grateful. The following items may be dropped off at any of our church offices (boxes at the entrances):

- Coffee (ground)
- Powdered lemonade
- Powdered iced tea
- Aluminum foil or Saran wrap
- Large and small paper plates
- Paper salad bowls
- Napkins
- Hot and cold drink cups
- Stirrers
- Creamer
- Sugar packs
- Plastic round table cloths
- Plastic long table cloths

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter candy and treats for the **Southwest Butler Food Cupboard**. Due to your kind generosity we were able to provide an overflowing bag of treats to the children we serve at our Easter distribution. Our clients and volunteers are grateful for your generosity. Thank you for helping to spread Easter joy to others in our community and for your continued support of this parish mission!



# PARISH MINISTRIES

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## MAY SPOTLIGHT: CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Sharing faith in a group is powerful.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** is a ministry in which men come together to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We support one another to grow as Catholic Christians by praying the Divine Office, discussing Catholic topics, and sharing our faith and struggles. We take time to pray for one another and the group's intentions while building one another up to become better Catholics, fathers and husbands.

All men of the parish 18 and older are invited to attend. Our meetings are part of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania. More information on speakers, gatherings and events can be found at [cmfwpa.org](http://cmfwpa.org)

Join us every Saturday morning at 8:00 am in the Saint Gregory School Library. Contact **Rob DePolo** for more information [cmf@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:cmf@divinegracepgh.org)

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## PITTSBURGH'S CONCLAVE CONNECTION



In the Vatican conclave that will discern who will succeed Pope Francis, four cardinals have close connections to Pittsburgh. Father Jim Wehner described the cardinals in his presentation, *The Death of a Pope – The Election of a Pope*. Those under age 80 are eligible to vote for the new pope.

**Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo**, 75, who recently retired as prelate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, grew up in Castle Shannon and was ordained in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1977. He served as the founding pastor of Saints John & Paul in Franklin Park.

**Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley**, 80, retired from the Archdiocese of Boston, also lived in the South Hills and was graduated from Saint Fidelis High School Seminary in Herman. He was ordained to the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in Lawrenceville in 1970.

**Cardinal Adam J. Maida**, 95, retired leader of the Archdiocese of Detroit, attended Saint Vincent College and was ordained in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1956. A canon lawyer, he taught law at Duquesne University and theology at LaRoche College.

**Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl**, 84, was ordained in 1966 and was consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Seattle in 1985. Three years later he was named Bishop of Pittsburgh and in 2006 was assigned as Archbishop of Washington, D.C. Elevated to cardinal in 2010, he retired seven years ago.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Unpacking the Word

### Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41



**JASON GAWALDO**

**Director for  
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Catechetical Ministries**

**“He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”**

John 21:6

## Save the Dates

### **Immaculee Ilbagiza**

Tues., Sept. 9 at Holy Redeemer

### **Chris Stefanick**

Wed., Sept. 10 at St. Ferdinand

### **Hallow Pre-Advent Mission**

November 17-19 at St. Ferdinand

### **Parish Advent Mission with**

### **Fr. Anthony Federico**

December 9 - 10 at

Holy Redeemer

Sign up at

[divinegracepgh.org/talks](http://divinegracepgh.org/talks)

The early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles showcase Peter's role as the leader of Jesus' Church. Our reading this week comes from the second time he was imprisoned with the Apostles for preaching. This time was a bit comical as angels broke them out of their cells in the middle of the night, and so when the chief priests sent for them in the morning, they couldn't find them. Eventually they discovered Peter and the others preaching in the Temple area, the same act for which they were arrested in the first place.

In this power struggle between the old priestly leadership of the Sanhedran and the new priestly leadership of Peter and the Apostles, Peter articulates a key principle for all of us: We must obey God rather than men. Throughout history, followers of Jesus have felt pressure to obey human authority rather than divine authority. Sometimes it's from a supervisor or a spouse, and others it's from your kid's soccer coach or your best friend. Wherever the pressure comes from, the principle holds true: we must obey God above all others. As Christians, it is our duty to bring the laws, rules, regulations, and practices around us into harmony with divine law, and to make a difficult stand for the Gospel if that fails.

We sometimes miss that this is the very same Sanhedrin who little more than a month before arranged for Jesus' crucifixion. Peter and the Apostles must have realized that they were in mortal danger and may even have expected to die. And yet they were excited to suffer dishonor for being Christians, seeing it as something they had to be worthy of. Are you excited for your neighbors to think you're a bit strange because you follow Jesus and refuse to miss Mass on Sunday? Are you worthy of your family members thinking you're a religious fanatic because you're into all this God stuff?

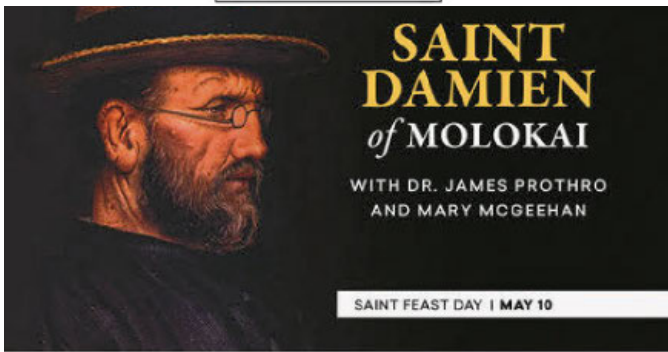
### **Upcoming Events for Families and Kids**

**Mother Daughter Tea** – Saturday, May 10,  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand. Register at  
[divinegracepgh.org/tea](http://divinegracepgh.org/tea)

**Family Field Day** – Saturday, May 10, 5:00-7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand. Register at [divinegracepgh.org/familyfieldday](http://divinegracepgh.org/familyfieldday)

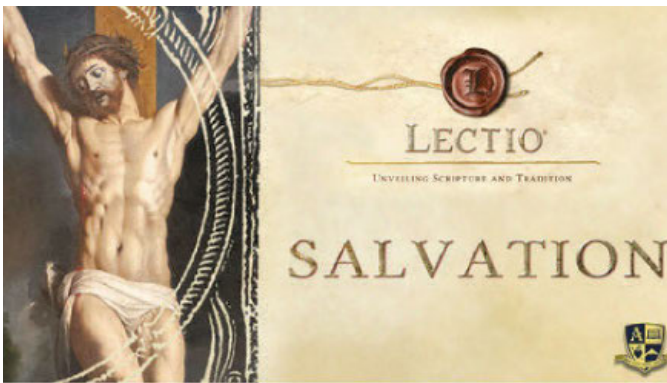
**True North VBS** – June 16-20 at Saint Ferdinand. Register at  
[divinegracepgh.org/vbs](http://divinegracepgh.org/vbs)

THIS WEEK ON  
**FORMED**



## St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.



## Lectio: Salvation | Trailer

At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.



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## 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 [jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org) to discuss a simple prep process.



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## BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Are you preparing to have a baby baptized? Our next Baptism Prep Class is on **Wed., May 21**, from 6:30–8:00 pm in the Upper Room at Saint Ferdinand. Register for this class at [divinegracepgh.org/baptism](https://divinegracepgh.org/baptism) or by calling 724-776-2888.

Here's what some parents shared:

*"Fantastic class! My husband and I had some great conversations during the talking points."* –Alex & Amy

*"This class led to great discussions with our family in preparation for our daughter's baptism and life with God. Thank you!"* –Bryan & Rachel



# 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 - May 5th**

**Life Teen - May 12th**

**Life Teen - May 19th**

## ***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**

## ***Jack's Journey: Sharing his Faith with Teens***



**Jack D'Ambrosio** said he was looking forward to sharing the Catholic faith with others. He took his message to the parish LifeTeen youth group last Monday and got an enthusiastic response.

Jack recently converted to Catholicism after being raised in a nondenominational Christian church.

He spoke about the first time he was invited by his friend **Justin Pityk** to attend Mass, his family's reaction to his decision to enter the Catholic Church, and different aspects of the faith that he loves.

The teens had lots of questions. Two inquired afterwards how they could be confirmed.

"Young people are the future, in the world as well as the Church," Jack said. "I hope my witness...brings a new light to young people so that they might (have) the same passion and desire to learn more through the Spirit."



Scan here for  
video interview

## ST. GREGORY SCHOOL SHOWDOWN



Our version of March Madness was lots of fun for our students and staff. Sixteen names were randomly chosen from among our teachers and school staff and they paired up for a "Free Throw" contest.

The final 2 competitors were **Miss Erin Porter**, our 2nd grade teacher and **Seminarian Chris Baker**. They battled through several rounds but Seminarian Chris took the trophy with one additional basket.

Our 7th grade class had the highest score and their prize was an entire week where they can dress out of uniform.

## Student Baptisms

We want to send special wishes to **Briella Thomas**, 1st Grade, and **Knox Kirschner**, Kindergarten, who were baptized into the Catholic faith recently during our Friday school Mass. It was so nice for all the students to witness this sacrament with their friends. May God shower all these children with blessings!

## CORNHOLE TOURNNEY CANCELLED

Our Cornhole Tournament, scheduled for Sat., May 31, has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. We hope to plan this for the fall.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our 2nd Grade students who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday at Saint Gregory Church.

Earlier, these students held a retreat day during school that was complete with activities, crafts and prayers. Families were welcome to join them in church on Friday afternoon for their worship and praise concert.



## 24TH ANNUAL SOCIAL & AUCTION

Join us **Sat., May 10**, 6:00 pm in the Bergman Events Center for St. Gregory School's biggest fundraiser of 2025. Silent, Live and Purse Auctions, Raffles. Shop for Mom! Tickets \$50 in advance at school office or in the St. Gregory Church narthex, \$60 at the door. Age 21+.

# 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

# EUCCHARISTIC 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

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM YOUR BABY'S 9TH MONTH



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## PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE THE IGNATIAN WAY

In our sixth and final session we will combine the practices of Lectio and Visio Divina, and Imaginative Contemplation as we silently reflect on "God's Grandeur" by Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, a 19<sup>th</sup> century English poet and Jesuit priest, and Monet's painting, "A Corner in the Garden at Montgeron."

The session will be held via Zoom on **Mon., May 19** from 7:00- 8:30 pm.

Please register by **Wed., May 14:** [Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com](mailto:Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com)

## CORRECTION

The Eucharistic Celebration and Rite of Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, scheduled to take place on April 27, is suspended indefinitely due to the death of Pope Francis, according to the Holy See Press Office.

Last week's bulletin incorrectly stated that a new date for the canonization had been set.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS REQUESTED BY PARISHIONERS



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Mickey Piecuch  
John DiLeonardo  
Patty Morabito  
Katie Bauer  
Alli Rader  
Doreen Tomon  
Julie Tomon  
Susan Racke  
Jim Hackett  
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Mallory Walmsley  
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Frank Appugliese  
Jessica  
Kelly  
Lisa Porco  
Jessie Williams  
Michael Fulmer & Family  
Randy  
Dinny Skeddle

BJ Biondi  
Phyllis Fusco  
Carol Fletcher  
Bob Flecher  
Mary Hayes  
Mike Buzzeli  
Joe Hayes  
Phyllis Dudash  
Glen McDonald  
Patricia Pegher-Miller  
Lori Grim  
Tommy & Nicole Miler  
Joyce Heusey  
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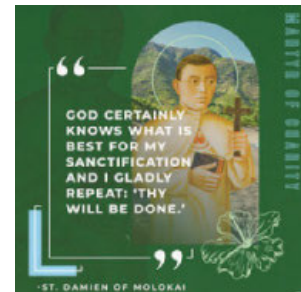
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Donations are gratefully accepted to help us help more people. Homeowners may call **Steven Miller** at 724-201-0295.

If you would like to volunteer with The Carpenter's Project from **July 14 - 18**, forms and clearances are due **Fri., June 20**. Contact Steven for more information.

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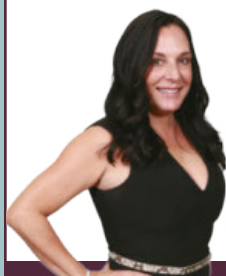
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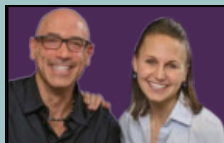
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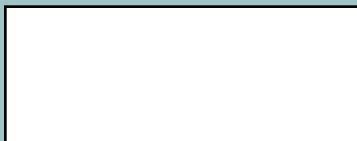
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