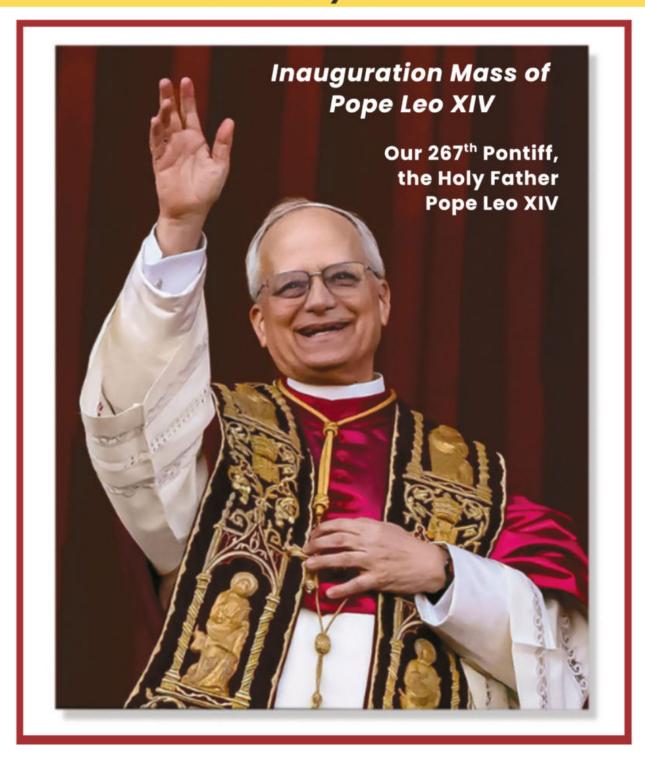


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May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter



FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Day of Prayer for the Church in China

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI designated May 24 as a World Day of Prayer for the Church in China. This day was chosen because Chinese Catholics venerated Our Lady Help of Christians at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai. Catholics are still persecuted by China's government and we pray for them.

Congratulations Seminarian Chris

This Sunday, May 18, **Chris Baker** and his classmates will be admitted into the body of candidates preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. The ceremony is called the Rite of Admission to Candidacy. Bishop Zubik will celebrate the Mass at 11:30 am at Saint Augustine Church in Lawrenceville. I will be there to represent the parish and offer support for Chris. All are welcome.

Congratulations Deacon Ryan

Parishioner **Ryan Schmeltzer** who is preparing for ordination to the priesthood for the Capuchins was ordained a deacon a few weeks ago. He will preach next Sunday at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses at Saint Ferdinand.

Honoring Mary in May

The Church reflects on the motherhood of Mary during the month of May. Last week we held May Crownings that highlight the Queenship of Mary. Consider praying the Rosary this month for special intentions, the Church, and our parish.

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.

Save The Date

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.

Looking To Be More Involved?

We have many ministries, apostolates, organizations, and clubs in our parish. If you would like more information or to talk with someone about your interests, Mrs. Jennifer Livorse serves as our Facilitator of Parish Ministries and can be reached at ilivorse@divinegracepgh.org.

Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday, **May 29**, is a holy day of obligation as the Church celebrates Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. There will be a 7:00 pm Mass on Wed. evening at each church. Saint Ferdinand will have Mass on Thurs., at 8:30 am, noon, and 7:00 pm. Holy Redeemer will have Mass on Thurs. at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Saint Gregory will have Mass on Thursday at 8:00 am, School Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

<u>Prayers for Our Confirmation Candidates</u>

Please keep in prayer the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation who will be confirmed by Bishop Zubik on **Sat., May 31** at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church.

Festival Tickets in Narthex

Parishioners are asked to pick up Family Festival raffle tickets in the narthex of each church. You can return sold tickets in the offertory collection in an envelope marked "Festival tickets" or drop them off at the parish offices.



May 18, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

<u>Jn</u> 13:33a,34a

[Jesus
said,]"My
children, I will
be with you only
a little while
longer. I give
you a new
commandment:
love one
another."

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Divine Grace Parish Financial Report

Sunday Collection Total for May 3 & 4, 2025:
Second Collection for the Annual Parish Appeal:
April Online Giving:

-- \$46,935
-- \$16,512
-- \$56,870

Parish Members-- 18,742 Parish Households-- 7,080

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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 Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

	MASS HATEIALIONS
	ry 17 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
	60th Wedding Anniversary for Tony & Kathy Zappia
	(Children and Grandchildren)
5:00 pm (HR)	Victor Trevelline (Family) The Hernon Family (Jack & Pam Hernon)
5:00 pm (SG)	The Hernon Family (Jack & Pam Hernon)
6:00 pm (SF)	Bobby Ferris, brother of Arleen Gaydos (Judy Ortsey)
SUNDAY May	18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am (SF)	
	Theresa Mogielski (Family)
	Tom Sanders (Kathy Bloom)
10:00 am (SF)	Kaden Burley Broadus (The Tatusko Family)
10:00 am (SG)	For The Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish
	In Celebration of the 80th Birthday of Tony Woloszyn
	(Lou Ferrario)
12:00 pm (SF)	Joesph A. Ponteri, Sr. (Mr. & Mrs. George Steinmiller)
	Mary Richey (Bob & Debbie Richards)
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MONDAY May	19
8:00 am (SG)	Phil Nerti (Tim Piper)
	Mary Claire Hack (Deb & Bill Cumpston)
9:00 am (HP)	Norberta Modlisewski (Dr. & Mrs. Doug Lockawich)
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TUESDAY May	20
	Clyde & Antionettte Bernabos (The Tepke Family)
	Andrew Fornadel, Jr. (Wife & Children)
9:00 am (HR)	
7:00 pm (HR)	St. Anthony Novena - Hank Faust (Ladies of Charity)
WEDNESDAYA	4 01
WEDNESDAY	
	Kathleen Ligday (Kathleen & Mike Stobba & Betty Wellman)
	Pearl Culley (Nettie & Moe Culley)
9:00 am (HR)	Leona Puz (Dave & Vicky Manzo)
	Eugene V. Dimeo (Trish & Tim Gilchrist)
7:00 pm (SF)	Alexander Dorsch (Elva & Jim Roth)
THURSDAY MO	
8:00 am (SG)	Melvin Urschler and Bernadette Genser (The Family)
8:30 am (SF)	Fr. George Dalton
	Harold "Bucky" Weingartner (Frank & Mary Aloi Family)
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FRIDAY May 2	3
	Bill Nelson (John & Susan Labos)
	Joseph Morabito (John Ricciuti)
	Nicholas Geimer (Claire Dorsch & Family)
SATURDAY Mo	ay 24 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Patty Mullen (Kim & Lou Leymarie)
4:00 pm (SF)	Ken Krivy (Susan McVaney & Michelle Fabry)
	Tony and Helen Celli (Jonathan, Claire, Maura & Ella Fauzey)
	Martha and Frank Maksin (Jack & Phyllis Wirth)
	Raymond Philip (Family)
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SUNDAVMAN	25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am (SF)	
	Vincent & Ann Pegher, Et. Al, Herb, Lor, Pat & Ryan (Family)
8:00 am (SG)	Joseph Maddalon, Sr. (Dave & Martha Florie)
9:00 am (HR)	Edward Fray & Samuel Kasper (Gary & Kathy Fray)
10:00 am (SF)	
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10:00 am (SG)	
11:00 am (HR)	
12:00 pm (SF)	
5:00 pm (SF)	Carmen & Mary Jane Marcello (Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT FERDINAND CHURCH

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

SATURDAY 8:30am (FIRST SAT)

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am

10:00 am 12:00 pm

5:00 pm

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

415 4th Street Ellwood City, PA 16117

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 am

7:00 pm (WED)

SATURDAY

9:00 am

5:00 pm

SUNDAY

9:00 am

11:00 am

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

2 West Beaver Street Zelienople, PA 16063

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00 am

FRIDAY

9:00 am

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

> SUNDAY 8:00 am

10:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church

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

> Thursday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer

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

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

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

Pope Leo XIV Makes History

On May 8, the College of Cardinals surprised many Catholics and Vatican observers by electing a pope from the USA. But **Pope Leo XIV**, age 69, from Chicago, has global experience.

The new pope spent many years in Peru, where he served as a bishop. He most recently led the Vatican office for bishop appointments. Ordained a priest in 1982, the future pope was named a cardinal-bishop in 2023. His **inauguration Mass** is May 18.

Since the announcement, many of the 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide have expressed strong support for the new pope. We asked several members of **Divine Grace Parish** for their thoughts:

"I was very surprised by the cardinals. I didn't think our next pope would be an American. I'm hoping Pope Leo will be able to strengthen the Catholic Church in the U.S., with special prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life."

- Mary Anne Mansell

"My reaction to the announcement was surprise, excitement and delight. It will be interesting to see how Pope Leo shapes the mission of the Church and opens the doors to everyone." - Brian Kutchma

"With his missionary background, Pope Leo might be able to teach us how to evangelize. Younger people seem to relate to him. My granddaughter, who watched the announcement, said 'I love his smile."

- Polly McConahy

"I had tears in my eyes watching Pope Leo appear in St. Peter's Square. I never thought I'd see an American pope in my lifetime."

-Tom Streicher, age 99

Our pastor, **Fr. Jim Wehner**, hopes the great interest in Pope Leo XIV will help rejuvenate the Church in America.

Watch the video here: https://bit.ly/4dh6N2E

Pope Leo XIV's Coat of Arms and Motto



The new pope's **coat of arms** reflects his roots as an Augustinian friar while embodying the values he is expected to promote during his pontificate, especially **unity** and **communion** in the Catholic Church.

The **shield**, divided diagonally into two sections, contains several symbols. The upper half, with the white fleur-de-lis on a blue background, represents the Virgin Mary. The lower part of the

shield recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a book with a heart penetrated by an arrow. This references the conversion experience of **Saint Augustine**, who described his personal encounter with God through Scripture, writing "You have pierced my heart with your Word."

Pope Leo XIV also has chosen a **motto** for the heraldic design, *In Illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one." It comes from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he writes that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

This Week at Saint Ferdinand

Monday, May 19

9:15 am Flame of Love

Children's Liturgy

9:30 am Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

6:00 pm LifeTeen

Youth Room

7:30 pm Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

Tuesday, May 20

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

10:00 am Bible Study

Upper Room

12:30 pm Rosary Makers

Library

7:00 pm Festival Meeting

McAndrew-Biller Hall

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 am Comfort Blankets

McAndrew-Biller Hall

12:00 pm Book Circle

Holy Family Room

6:30 pm Baptism Prep

Upper Room

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul

Library

7:30 pm Bereavement Support

Group

Holy Family Room

Thursday, May 22

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

Sunday, May 25

7:00 pm Farewell Concert with

Jon Zellhart

Church

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



Note Regarding the St. Peregrine Service

Please be advised that there will be **no St. Peregrine Service on Monday, May 26**, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

We invite you to join us for the next St. Peregrine Service on **Monday, June 23**, at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church. We look forward to praying with you then.

Family Festival Meeting May 20

The monthly Family Festival committee meeting will be held **Tue., May 20**, at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall. See you there!.



Got your Family Festival Big Raffle Tickets?

Tickets for the Parish Family Festival's \$15,000 Big Raffle are available for pick up in your church narthex. All households receive an envelope with one book of 20 tickets to use or sell. Tickets not picked up will be mailed, so please help us save postage.

Completed ticket stubs and payment may be placed in the offertory basket at weekend Mass, deposited in the black collection boxes in each narthex, or returned to church offices. If you do not plan to purchase raffle tickets, please deposit the envelope with unused tickets in the designated boxes in the narthex. Thanks!

Early Bulletin Submission

With Memorial Day approaching, please send information by 9:00 am on the deadline below. Email to akucan@divinegracepgh.org

For Sunday, June 1 Due Monday, May 19



Annual Parish Appeal

Thanks to our parishioners for supporting our **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, 1,151 donations have been received.

To give to the 2025 Parish Appeal: https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW.

This Week at Holy Redeemer

Wednesday, May 21

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

6:00 pm Social Club

Catholic Center

Lunchroom

7:30 pm Bible Study

(Gospel of Mark)

Rectory

Thursday, May 22

6:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

Friday, May 23

7:00 pm Bingo

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





Saint Anthony Novena



Father Adam Potter will preside at the Saint Anthony Novena on **Tues.**, **May 20**, 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





A Story of Hope and Faithfulness

The show **Noah** returns for a 30th anniversary season--complete with live animals that fill the aisles and an enormous ark on stage. Divine Grace Parish is sponsoring a trip to see this epic production at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. www.sight-sound.com/shows/noah

A chartered bus is set to leave Holy Redeemer Church on **Friday**, **Sept. 19** at 8:50 am, and will return late Saturday, Sept. 20. The cost for the show, hotel, transportation and two meals varies from \$379 to \$469 based on room occupancy. A \$50 deposit is due by June 2 to hold your spot. Final payment is due Friday, August 1. Trip insurance is available see https://bit.ly/4kElkYh

To register call 724-758-7587 ext. 3002. Seating is limited. Hope you can join us!

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.

This Week at **Saint Gregory**

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 pm Men's Group

School Library

Wednesday, May 21

5:00 pm Walking with Moms

School Library

6:30 pm Finance Council

School Library

Thursday, May 22

6:30 pm Pastoral Council

School Library

Saturday, May 24

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

Attention High School Seniors

Mogielksi 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.

Saint Gregory Organ Update



Thanks to all who have supported the restoration of the Saint Gregory Church organ.

We have received nearly \$340,000 in donations. The project cost is \$575,000. The organ expected to be installed in September.

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Divine Grace Parish Magazine Launches in July

Look for a new **monthly parish magazine** in July 2025 that will be mailed free of charge to **every registered household** in Divine Grace Parish (7,000+ homes).

It's a great opportunity to **evangelize** and **tell the story of our parish** to all parishioners every month through articles featuring a family from the parish, highlighting a ministry or group, and providing information about liturgical seasons, feasts, and traditions. Long term we plan to distribute the magazine to every Catholic household within our parish boundaries to further grow our parish family.

The new magazine is also a **sponsorship opportunity** for local businesses. If your company or organization is contacted by Decided Excellence Catholic Media with an offer to reserve space in the magazine, we would appreciate your prayerful consideration. If you'd like to **learn more** about becoming a sponsor or have a **story idea**, please contact Jason at igawaldo@divinegracepgh.org

Honoring Mary

First Holy Communicants participate in May Crowning ceremonies on May 11



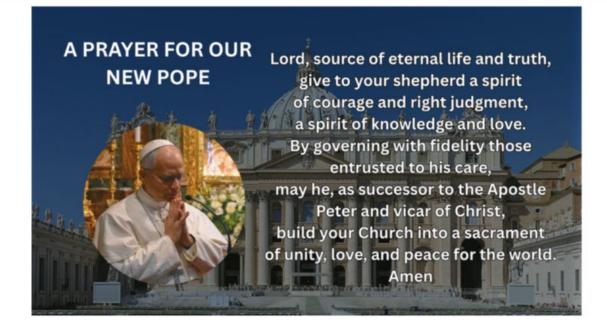
Saint Ferdinand Church



Saint Gregory Church



Holy Redeemer Church



FAITH FORMATION



JASON GAWALDO

Director for
Evangelization &
Catechetical Ministries

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

Save the Dates

Immaculee Ilibagiza

Tues., Sept. 9 at Holy Redeemer

Chris Stefanick

Wed., Sept. 10 at St. Ferdinand

Hallow Pre-Advent MissionNovember 17-19 at St. Ferdinand

Parish Advent Mission with Fr. Anthony Federico

December 9 - 10 at Holy Redeemer

Sign up at divinegracepgh.org/talks

Unpacking the Word

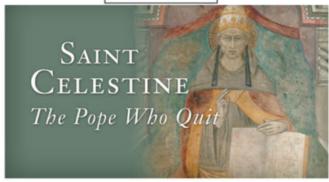
Acts 14:21-27

Our first reading this week is a summary statement at the end of Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey throughout modern Turkey. It was not the first time the Church had brought gentiles into the family of God; Peter and Philip had done that previously. But it was the first recorded time that Christian missionaries went out into the diaspora, into gentile territory, to bring the gospel directly to non-Jews. It was a remarkably fruitful journey, and also a journey fraught with danger.

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Early Christians were called polytheists for their belief in a Trinity, cannibals for their belief in the Eucharist, treasonous for their allegiance to someone other than Caesar, and fanatics for their protection of social outcasts. Christians today are also labeled as harsh traditionalists or loose liberals, judgmental bigots or accepting to a fault, piously disengaged from the world or delusional about what progress can be achieved in a fallen world. Jesus himself was considered a drunkard, a would-be military leader, a renegade preacher, and of course God-in-flesh. The hardship, the misunderstanding, the judgement cast upon us as believers and followers of Jesus is part of the territory. It is, in fact, necessary. We ought not shy away from it, but rather must find a way to embrace it. Jesus himself called this experience a blessing (see Matthew 5:10).

The hardship is not without reward in this life. On their first missionary journey alone, Paul and Barnabas faced "violent abuse" (Acts 13:45), narrowly escaped stoning (Acts 14:5), and were mistaken for gods (Acts 14:11-13), yet "made a considerable number of disciples." It is the way of the kingdom. The mustard seed is tiny and insignificant, but it can become a great tree. Wheat must be baked in fire to become bread. Grapes must be crushed and fermented to become wine. Olives must be pressed to produce oil. And you and I must undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. We don't endure them alone; Jesus walks with us. We don't chart our own path; we walk where Jesus already went so that where he is now we may also be one day.





Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.

Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

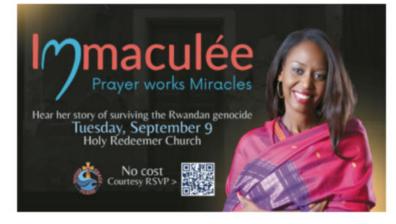
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



Pray for Confirmation Candidates

On Saturday, May 31, Bishop Zubik will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on more than 100 candidates from our parish. Please pray for them to be open to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives.





Hallow

You're invited to join Hallow! Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. As a member of our parish, you'll have the opportunity to create a profile, find friends, share prayer intentions, and journey through life-changing content together. If you're already a Hallow user, simply open the app, find the Community tab (bottom of screen), search for your parish by zip code, and join! If you're new to Hallow, or if you're currently on the free version and would like to experience all the app's premium content, you can do so for just \$1 by visiting hallow.com/parish

YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



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 - May 19th Life Teen - June 4th Life Teen - June 11th

Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

May 28th: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm





Wednesday, July 16! Open to 6th - 12th grade

The cost is \$25 with discounts for multiple teens signed up. Includes park admittance, dinner at the park, and transportation. Contact Michael Assaf at massaf@divinegracepgh.org if you are interested in being a chaperone.

Fees are waived for chaperones.

Visit https://bit.ly/3YIHtMW to sign up.

LifeTeen Dinner Volunteers

LifeTeen is looking for volunteers to help feed our hungry teens on Monday nights at St. Ferdinand's Youth Room. Sign up using the OR code!

Not able to make a meal, but still want to help out? Sign up to donate drinks or yummy treats. We thank you in advance for your generosity!





Thank you to our Teachers



Another fantastic **Teacher Appreciation Week** is in the books!

We're thankful for all the PTG board members and families who made it so special - from fun dress down days, raffles, games, goodies, meals and so much more! Thanks to the North Regional Schools Office for sending us a delicious luncheon to close out the week. The teachers certainly felt pampered and appreciated.

Papal Surprise



Father Jim and seminarian Chris Baker are joined by seventh and eighth graders who were excited to watch the historic announcement of an American pontiff, Pope Leo XIV.

Thanks for Your Support!

Sincere thanks to all who took part in our 24th annual **Social & Auction** on May 10th supporting St. Gregory School. It's our largest fundraiser of the year, and we greatly appreciate all who planned and participated in the evening.

Favorite Field Trip: Carnegie Science Center

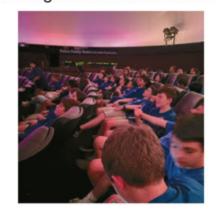
The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders recently enjoyed a day at the **Carnegie Science Center**. There were so many fascinating exhibits it was hard to hard to see them all during our stay. We visited "**Mars: The Next Giant Leap**" and viewed video and photos of the planet's surface. Did you know that Mars, called the Red Planet, once had a climate similar to Earth? Using a remote control the students were able to drive a miniature Mars Rover, which was very popular.

The **BodyWorks** display was made up of many interactive sections. The students put together a lifesized skeleton using X-rays. They were able to see what real human lungs look like and viewed

different types of cells under a microscope. BodyWorks explained every part of the human body including a "grossology" section where they explored offensive functions of the human body in a fun way.

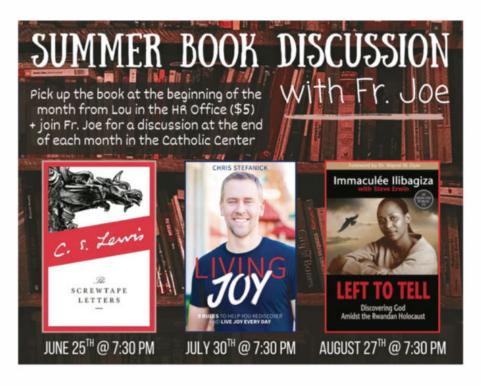
Many of the students said their favorite experience was the **planetarium** where they could gaze at galaxies and constellations.

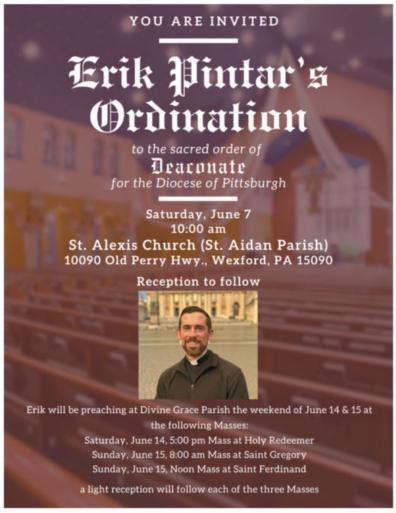
We also enjoyed the miniature railroad, which is always amazing no matter how many times you visit it.



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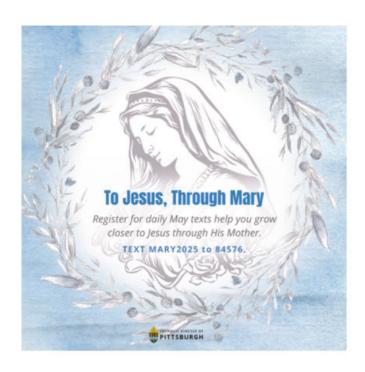
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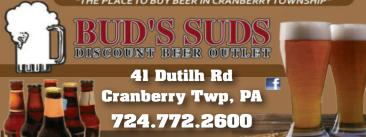


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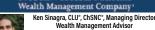
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