

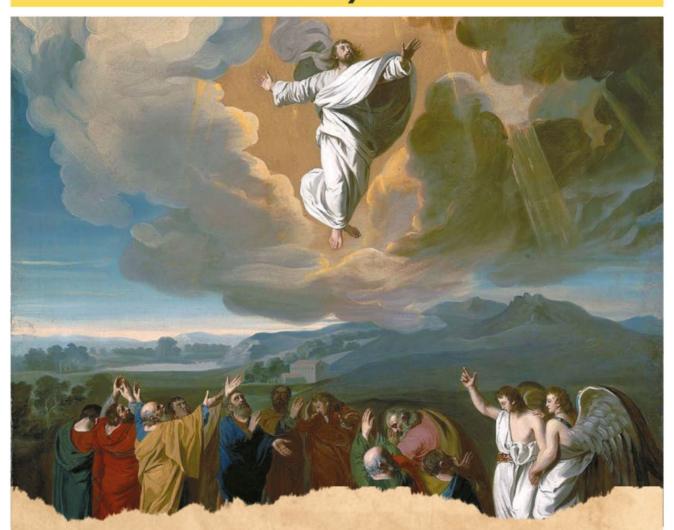
DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Feast of the Ascension - Thursday, May 29, 2025

One of the most important feast days in the Church, the Ascension of Jesus 40 days after the Resurrection marks His triumph over death and sin, glorification, and continued presence among us. Our Lord and Savior opened the way to follow Him into eternal life.

FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

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.

Memorial Day

This civic observance honors all the men and women in the armed forces who have died while serving our country. Initially known as Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War and became a federal holiday in 1971. We thank those who are presently serving in the armed forces and all who have died defending our nation. All Masses this Monday will be held at 9:00 am. God Bless America!

Ascension Thursday

This 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>Welcome Bishop Zubik</u>

We welcome Bishop David Zubik to our parish as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates on **Saturday, May 31** at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church.

Congratulations Confirmandi

Our candidates were told that they should not feel forced into receiving the sacrament and it is their decision whether they want to be a practicing Catholic. I am therefore grateful as their pastor that each candidate has freely chosen to present themselves for the sacrament. We are all sinners and can struggle with our faith; however the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are generously given to us by God so we can travel through our lives with His Divine Grace guiding each step of the way. Congratulations to our young people!

No Confessions on Saturday

With the Sacrament of Confirmation being administered next Saturday, all our priests will be at this celebration. There are no confessions.

Visitation of the Blessed Mother

This Saturday the Church celebrates Mary's Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth while pregnant with Our Lord. Mary, the "Human Tabernacle," is a model of how God's Divine Grace in the Holy Eucharist inspires each Catholic to bring the presence of God to others as Mary did while carrying Jesus in her womb. As we carry the Lord in our being after receiving Holy Communion, may we Christians have the courage to act upon our faith in word and deed.

Welcome Home!

Universities, colleges, and tech schools are finishing up their semesters – welcome home to our students and best wishes for a safe and restful summer. I look forward to seeing you at Confession and Mass.

Congratulations Graduates

Our 8th graders, high school seniors, and those completing college and related programs – congratulations on this milestone. Do not sully your success with poor decisions involving drugs, alcohol, pre-marital sex, and parties. Enjoy your accomplishments in virtue. Have a great summer!

Saint Gregory Friday Masses

Starting **Friday, June 13**, morning Mass at Saint Gregory will be at 8:00 am for the rest of summer until school resumes in August when Mass will return at 9:00 am.



May 25, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

<u>Jn</u> 14:26-27a

Jesus said to his disciples:]"The Advocate, the **Holy Spirit,** whom the **Father will** send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you."

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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 Maintenance/Building Upkeep.
Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MO	ry 24 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (SF)	
	Tony and Helen Celli (Jonathan, Claire, Maura & Ella Fauzey)
5:00 pm (SG)	
6:00 pm (SF)	Raymond Philip (Family)
SUNDAY May	25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
	Vincent & Ann Pegher, Et. Al, Herb, Lor, Pat & Ryan (Family)
	Joseph Maddalon, Sr. (Dave & Martha Florie)
9:00 am (HR)	
	Nikki Renaud (Mom, Dad, Christina, Brandon, Tallulah &
	Emerson)
	Kay McLafferty (Tom & Erin Duvall)
	Sally Abels (Ray, husband)
	Joan Georgette Doles (The Scelsi Family)
5:00 pm (SF)	Carmen & Mary Jane Marcello (Family)
MONDAY May	26 - Memorial Day
	Bud and Rose Draeger-71st Wedding Anniversary (Eifle)
	Andrew Boschetto (Nadeem & Luma)
	Geraldine Rough (Pina Riccio)
TUESDAY May	27
	Phil Nerti (Tim Piper)
8:30 am (SF)	
9:00 am (HR)	
	St. Anthony Novena - Liz Brandenburg (Bob & Judy Tammaro)
WEDNESDAY N	Amiee Clare Vaniglia (Divine Grace Social Services)
	Sandy Mullins (Ray & Carol Sinicki)
9:00 am (HP)	J. Eugene Montozzi (Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dombeck)
	Vincent Jeannette (Marilyn & Joseph Mancini)
	Rose Marie Rohm (Family)
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7:00 pm (SG)	The Deceased Members of The Livorse Family
	(The Tony Livorse Family)
THURSDAY MO	ry 29 - The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 am (SG)	
8:30 am (SF)	Bob Meinert (Kristine & Marty Griffin)
9:00 am (HR)	Metro Stefura (Mike & Jo Tress)
9:00 am (SG)	
12:00 pm (SF)	
7:00 pm (SF)	Mary Jean McAfee (Chuck & Terri Bernath)
7:00 pm (SG)	The Deceased Members of The Kwaiser & Geno Families (Family)
7:00 pm (HR)	Denise Pisano (Lou Ferrario)
FRIDAY May 3	
	Geri Angeletti (Tammi Vering)
	Jeff Krupa (Dave, brother)
9:00 am (SG)	Donna Barnard (Kris & Deb Heskin)
	ry 31 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 am (HR)	
4:00 pm (SF)	Joan & Bernard Cauley (Family)
5:00 pm (HR)	
	Marcia Hannan (Susan & John Labos)
6:00 pm (SF)	Amelia Massimino (Jim & Marilyn Massimino)
SUNDAY June	1 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 am (SF)	Jack Maurer (Dave & Kathy Fuhr)
8:00 am (SG)	Bonnie Wright (Mark & Sandy Eonta)
9:00 am (HR)	Thomas Russiello
	(Macie, Tegan, Sadie, & Madison, Granddaughters)
10:00 am (SF)	Michael Sirianni (Tom & Barb McCarthy)
10:00 am (SG)	
11:00 am (HR)	Joseph and Martha Mancini (Joseph & Marilyn Mancini)
12:00 pm (SF)	
5:00 pm (SF)	Elaine King (Robert & Carmen Stoffa)

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

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

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

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

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: Holy Redeemer Church 8:00 am

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

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

> Thursday: Holy Redeemer 8:00 am

Saint Gregory Church (will resume in August)

Friday: Holy Redeemer Church 8:00 am

Saint Ferdinand Church 9:00 am -10:00 am

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

Calling on the Holy Spirit

Two eighth graders who are among more than 100 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Divine Grace Parish say they're looking forward to growing in the faith.

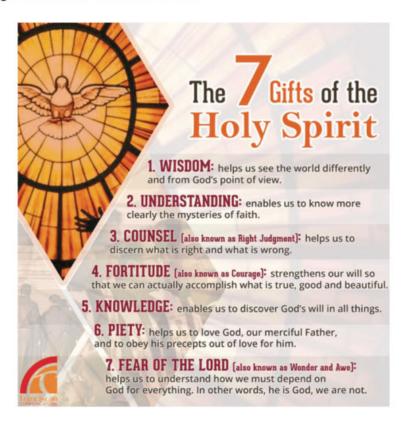
"My sponsor has been helping me to understand the gifts of the Holy Spirit," said **Christian Meyer**, who is about to graduate from Saint Gregory School. "Being confirmed means growing closer to the Lord through prayer and service. The Holy Spirit is always there to help me."

Bishop David Zubik will confirm 112 candidates, including five adults, on **Saturday, May 31**, at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church.

Confirmation is vital for both candidates and the Church. As a sacrament of initiation, it helps Catholics to be disciples committed to spreading the Gospel. It is a rite of passage that signifies a more mature and intentional desire to live out one's faith in the world.

Matthew Burr, who is a member of the LifeTeen youth group, attended weekly preparation classes, studying the lives of the saints and learning the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

"The Sacrament of Confirmation is a way to deepen my faith and ask the Holy Spirit to guide me through the hard times and the good times," Matthew said.



This Week at Saint Ferdinand

Monday, May 26

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

9:30 am Middle Moms

Room 10

Wednesday, May 28

12:00 pm Comfort Blankets

Oldenski Hall

6:30 pm Praise Band

Oldenski Hall

7:30 pm Bereavement Support

Group

Holy Family Room

Thursday, May 29

Parish Office Closed

7:30 pm Men's Club

McAndrew-Biller Hall

Saturday, May 31

10:00 am Confirmation

Church

1:00 pm Confirmation

Church

St. Ferdinand Office Hours Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-776-2378

Helping K of C Help Others

Thanks to your generous support, the Knights of Columbus Council 11838 at Saint Ferdinand distributed \$21,295 in the past fiscal year. Of this, \$8,824 was returned to parish ministries. We donated \$5,320 to support Saint Anthony School Programs and McGuire Memorial, which serve intellectually and physically disabled youth and adults. We gave \$3,000 to our seminarians and \$2,000 to Dry Bones Ministries. The balance was donated to the Cranberry Township Miracle League, the Red Door in Pittsburgh providing assistance to those in need, Network of Life, Butler County VA, Mighty Penguins Sled Hockey, Cranberry EMS, Western PA Special Olympics, and Wreaths Across America.





Annual Parish Appeal

We appreciate all who are 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.

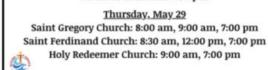
To date, 1,161 donations have been received.

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

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.



This Week at Holy Redeemer

Monday, May 26

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, May 28

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

7:30 pm Bible Study

(Gospel of Mark)

Rectory

Thursday, May 29

Parish Office Closed

Friday, May 30 7:00 pm Binge

Bingo

Catholic Center

Sunday, June 1

1:00 pm Knotted with Love

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

Saint Anthony Novena



Father David Egan will preside at the Saint Anthony Novena on **Tues., May 27**, 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



Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will meet on **Monday, June 2**, in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, 311 Lawrence Avenue, for their annual Installation of New Members Banquet.

Mass will begin at 5:30 pm. New members are asked to be at the Center by 5:00 pm. Anyone having questions may contact Jackie, President: 724-333-5947; or Mary, Membership Chairman: 724-758-6006.

Volunteers needed for Arts and Crafts Festival

The Ellwood City Arts and Crafts Festival is set for **July 4-6** in Ewing Park, and once again Divine Grace Parish is in need of volunteers to cook and sell our famous deep fried pepperoni puffs, fried dough, and pasta and meatballs. Shifts in the Catholic Center kitchen and the park typically are four hours. To sign up or see our Amazon Wish List, visit bit.ly/3WENB8v. For questions, contact **Bonnie**

For questions, contact **Bonnie Balin** at 724-561-3364.

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.

All Aboard the Ark



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!

This Week at Saint Gregory

Monday, May 26 Parish Office Closed Tuesday, May 27

7:00 pm Men's Group

School Library

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 pm Walking with Moms

School Library

Saturday, May 31

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.



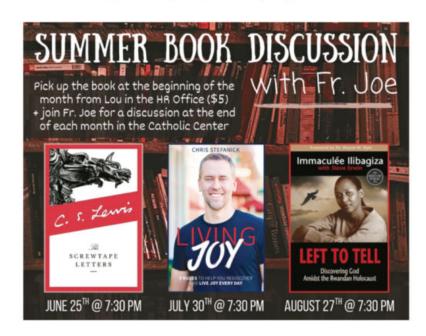
Social Club Scholarship

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 Adoration



Thank you for your patience as the renovations were taking place at Saint Gregory. Adoration will resume in August. The church is still open daily for private prayer.



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 FAMILY FESTIVAL



August 8, 9, 10

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!

Festival Boutique Booth in need of Donations

The **Boutique Booth** at the Parish Family Festival is looking for **donations**. Ideas include purses, jewelry, bath and body lotions, perfume, candles, hand-crafted items, Afghan blankets, home décor, and kitchen items. They should be new or like new. Please drop off your donations at the Saint Ferdinand and Holy Redeemer offices marked "Boutique", or contact **Peggy** at peggyw919@gmail.com to arrange a pick up. Thank you!





White Elephant Donations

Gather up your new or gently-used treasures for the Parish Family Festival's amazing **White Elephant Sale**. Donations will be accepted at Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall from Monday, **July 7** through Friday, **July 25** at noon. Popular items include bikes, tools, sports equipment, kitchen appliances, decorations, baby items, toys, puzzles, games, books. **NOTE: FURNITURE IS NO LONGER BEING SOLD**.

For a complete list of items we cannot accept, visit https://divinegracepgh.org/white-elephant-sale

Festival Basket Raffle Booth Donations

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who generously donated last year. We are once again reaching out to ask for your help with donations of NEW ITEMS for **basket raffles**. Some of the most popular items include:

- · Sports-themed tickets/gear (Steelers, Penguins, Pirates)
- · Lottery tickets, spa/salon gift certificates, restaurant gift cards, passes to location attractions (i.e. zoo, museums, golf outings)
- · Gift cards of any denomination
- · Baby/Holiday/kitchen items, kids games, school supplies

We also gratefully accept cash or checksmade out to Divine Grace Parish w/ "Festival Baskets" in the memo line. Questions? Please contact **Bonny Eppinger** 724-584-4173, **Theresa Varga** 412-585-6295, or **Sandy Tepke** 724-814-1147. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION



JASON GAWALDO

Director for
Evangelization &
Catechetical Ministries

"It seemed good to the
Holy Spirit and to us
not to burden you with
anything beyond the
following requirements:
You are to abstain from
food sacrificed to idols,
from blood, from the
meat of strangled
animals and from sexual
immorality. You will do
well to avoid these
things."

Acts 15:28-29



Unpacking the Word

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

What can we do when devoted and well-intended followers of Jesus disagree on what Jesus taught or how it applies to a current situation or need? Our first reading today shows us that the Apostles and the Early Church handled these situations by a gathering of bishops to discuss the matter and reach an authoritative decision sanctioned by Peter. This is the precursor to all local synods and councils and to all 21 ecumenical councils, Vatican II in the 1960's being the latest.

The lectionary presents us with the problem and the final solution but skips over Acts 15:3–21 where the solution is reached. In these intervening verses, Peter clarifies the basic principle at work that God himself has already visibly given the Holy Spirit to the gentiles without circumcision and so the Church cannot insist on circumcision anymore. Then Paul and Barnabas describe their experience of preaching to non-Jews before James suggests a way to express their decision. They crafted a statement, the first magisterial document of the Church, and sent it out to the entire Church, which at this time only extended into modern Turkey.

This is still the practice of the Lord's Church today. Bishops gather in synod to discuss a current issue, and the Pope writes a statement, called a post-synodal apostolic exhortation, to present the decision to the world. We have seen Pope Francis lead this process for twelve years, and now we will witness this very same process from our first reading play out in the ministry of Pope Leo XIV.

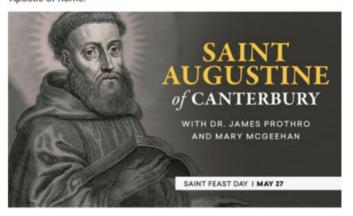
In addition to the actual decision about circumcision, the key phrase in this document is "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." When the Church makes a definitive statement on issues of faith and morals, it is not merely the decision of some old men in Rome. It is the decision of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide his Church's leaders, and those first leaders clearly understood that this was the case. The same dynamic is still in play today as it has been for 2,000 years. How can we know what God says, what he actually means, and how it applies to us today? We can listen to the decisions of the Holy Spirit through the decisions of his Church.





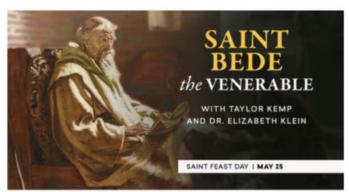
Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



St. Augustine of Canterbury | Catholic Saints

St. Augustine of Canterbury is often called the "Apostle to the English". A great missionary, St. Augustine was pivotal in converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Catholic faith. Join Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss this great saint and his witness to Jesus Christ.



St. Bede the Venerable | Catholic Saints

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss the holy life and witness of St. Bede the Venerable.

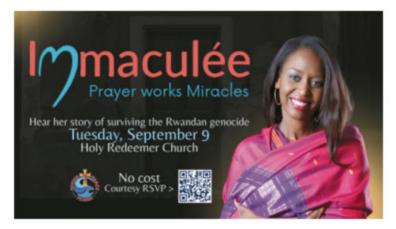
Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



Pray for Confirmation Candidates

Next Saturday, 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.





Summer with the Psalms

Join our Prayer Challenge on Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world. Summer with the Psalms begins on Monday, June 9, and you can join it on our parish page in the Hallow app. If you're already a Hallow user, simply open the app, find the Community tab (bottom of screen), search for our parish by administrative zip code (16066), and click on Summer with the Psalms. 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 - June 4th Life Teen - June 11th Life Teen - June 18th

Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

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

Amazon Wish List







Catholic Kennywood Day 2025

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 QR 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!





VFW Essay Contest Winners

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors a nationwide essay contest open to students in grades 6 through 8. Our thanks to the local chapter for inviting our school to participate.

The theme of this year's essay was "My Voice in America's Democracy".

Over 65,000 students nationwide entered, and we are pleased to announce that three of our 7th graders won on the local level.

Congratulations on a job well done!



Winning students (L-R) Ella Osterieder, Dominik Matusiak, and Bella Gaydos with veterans Rick Voetly (L) and Rex Brown.



We hope you have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day.

We are blessed to live in the "Home of the Free, because of the Brave."

Lights, Camera, Action!

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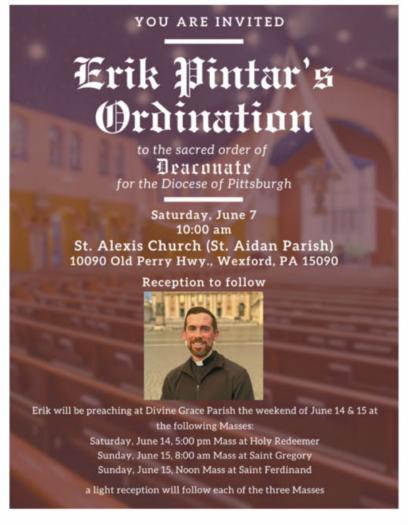
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Parish Quarterly Financial Report

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(Quarter-3 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

	3,614,636
Other Income	87,057
Campaign Income	28,995
Fundraising	379,242
Donations & Bequests	307,285
Offertory Collections	2,812,057

	2/22 1/222
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	1,043,602
Operations & Maintenance	809,583
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	319,152
Liturgical & Rectory	307,053
Social/ Outreach/ Other	245,537
Property & Liability Insurance	105,705
	2.830.632

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	784,004

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(597,103)
Net Third Party Collections	(11,250)
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	(3,478)
	(611,831)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 3/31/2025

ASSETS:

Cash

Unrestricted Funds:

001,193
2,965,897
3,647,090
1,319,270
2,944,008
201,954
-
4,465,232

681 193

LIABILITIES:

Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	
Other Payables	19,389
	19.389

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 3-31-2025

Revenue: 3,614,636 Expense: 2,830,632

So.09 \$0.04 Administration Operations & Maintenance Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S. Liturgical & Rectory Social/ Outreach/ Other

Property & Liability

Insurance

Line items include but are not limited to:

\$0.29

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc. Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,
RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools
Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep
Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

<u>Extraordinary Maintenance Expense</u>: > \$4,000

<u>Net 3rd Party Collections</u>: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

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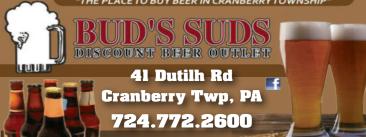


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