

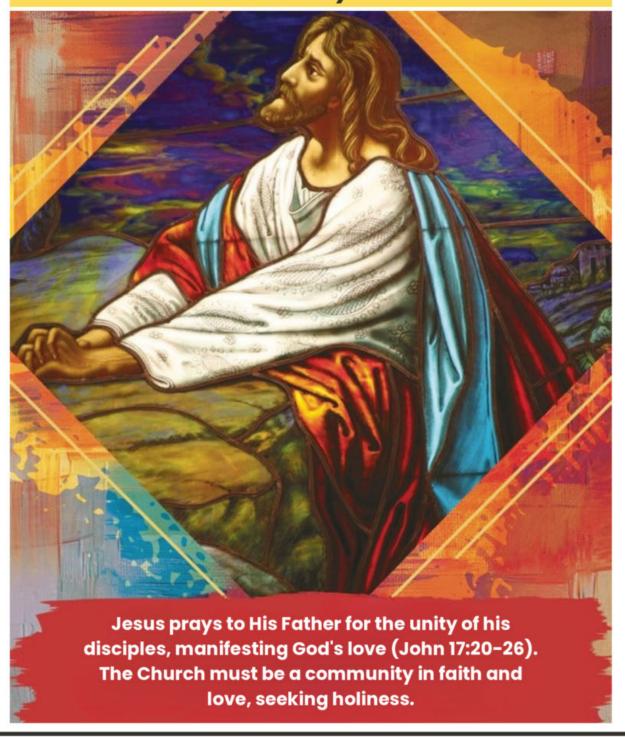
## **DIVINE GRACE PARISH**

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# June 1, 2025 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**



### FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

### Ordination of Erik Pintar

This **Saturday**, **June 7**, at 10:00 am, Erik will be ordained to the Order of Deacon at Saint Alexis Church in Wexford. You are invited – hopefully we can have a good representation. Congratulations, Erik!

### **Congratulations Christian Mothers**

On **Monday, June 2**, we will induct new members into the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild with Mass at 5:30 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center and a light meal to follow. To learn more about the Christian Mothers, please contact the membership chair at <a href="mailto:christianmothers@divinegracepgh.org">christianmothers@divinegracepgh.org</a>

### Youth and Family Bonfire Picnic

This **Wednesday**, **June 4**, all youth from 7th to 12th grade are invited along with family members for a bonfire, burgers and hotdogs, and to review some of the other youth events over the summer. We will gather at Saint Ferdinand from 6:00-8:00 pm.

### **Saint Gregory Graduation**

Congratulations to the 8th graders graduating this **Thurs.**, **June 5**, with Mass at 10:00 am and commencement at the end of Mass at Saint Gregory Church. All are invited.

### Blessings to Appalachian Mission Trip

This **Saturday, June 7**, 50 of our youth and adults will gather before their annual mission trip – this year helping with hurricane relief in North Carolina. Your support of the hoagie sales made this mission possible. The group will attend the 4:00 pm Mass in which I will offer a blessing over them.

### Welcome Mr. Kevin Johnson

We welcome back Kevin who served for several years as our assistant director of music ministry. I have appointed Kevin as the director with the departure of Jon to Texas. Kevin will have oversight of all our music ministry components including the choirs and cantors.

### Welcome Ms. Hannah Repasky

As our youth programs continue to grow, I have appointed Hannah as assistant youth minister with special attention to the youth of the Ellwood City area. She will be working at Holy Redeemer Church; however, her duties are parish-wide assisting our coordinator of youth and young adults, Michael Assaf.

### **Next Weekend - Pentecost**

We celebrate the birth of our Catholic Church established by Jesus Christ in year 33 A.D. with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Blessed Mother, the Apostles and all the disciples. They had gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost which marked the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses. You might want to consider wearing red at Mass next weekend to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit.

### **Eucharistic Processions**

The Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Jesus) on **Sunday, June 22**. There will be a Eucharistic Procession after the 10:00 am Mass at Saint Gregory, following the 11:00 am Mass at Holy Redeemer, and after the noon Mass at Saint Ferdinand. All altar servers, liturgical ministers and parishioners are invited. The procession is a reminder of our mission to bring Christ to society and the world.

### **Family Festival Support**

While the festival is not until August, thanks to our volunteers who are already hard at work. Thanks as well for picking up your raffle tickets. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please go to: <u>parishfamilyfestival.org</u>.

### Safe Summer for Our Young People

With our college students home and those who recently graduated from 8th grade and from high school, we pray that our young people make good decisions, live the Christian life, and have a safe summer.



June 1, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

<u>Jn 17:20</u>

Jesus
praying
said:
"Holy
Father, I
pray not
only for
them, but
also for
those who
will believe
in me
through
their
word."

# **Parish Leadership**

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Sunday Collection Total for May 17 & 18, 2025: 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief/Overseas Appeal: -- \$32,134

-- \$ 5,101

Parish Members-- 18,778 Parish Households-- 7,091

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

This weekend's second collection is for Parish Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY May 31 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm (SF) Joan & Bernard Cauley (Family)
5:00 pm (HR) Gary Rozanski, Sr. (Family)
5:00 pm (SG) 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) Dennis Eifler (The Family)
11:00 am (HR) Joseph & Martha Mancini (Joseph & Marilyn Mancini)
12:00 pm (SF) Valeria Silva (Greg, Jeanine & Bella)
5:00 pm (SF) Elaine King (Robert & Carmen Stoffa)
MONDAY June 2
8:00 am (SG) Maryann Wallace (Jean Moyer)
8:30 am (SF) Bernice Haig (Sister, Louise Sotace)
9:00 am (HR) Norberta Modlisewski (Patricia Regna)
TUESDAY June 3
8:00 am (SG) Vince Riccio (Valerie Butler)
8:30 am (SF) Gertrude "Trudy" Trautner (Freedom Crossing Neighbors)
9:00 am (HR) Frank Perrone (Rina, wife)
7:00 pm (HR) St. Anthony Novena - JoAnn DeLuca (Jane Petrak)
WEDNESDAY June 4
8:00 am (SG) William Atkinson (John & Elizabeth Biondi)
8:30 am (SF) Andrew Boschetto, Elsie's brother (Rocky & Joe Renaud)
9:00 am (HR) William and Elizabeth Petro (Debbie Pagley)
7:00 pm (HR) John Kati, George Patrick, Sr. and Bruce Patrick (Janet Patrick)
7:00 pm (SF) Joanne Candiello (Komoroski Family)
THURSDAY June 5 - St. Boniface
8:00 am (SG) Holy Face of Jesus
8:30 am (SF) Fr. William McAndrew
9:00 am (HR) Norm Giancola (Dave & Vicky Manzo)
FRIDAY June 6
9:00 am (SG) Clyde & Antionettte Bernabo (The Tepke Family)
8:30 am (SF) Carrie Teracave (Nettie & Moe Culley)
9:00 am (HR) Gus Fornataro (Wife, Grace)
SATURDAY June 7 - Pentecost Sunday
8:00 am (SF) Bobby Ferris, brother of Arleen Gaydos (Judy, Tom, BJ & Cathy)
9:00 am (HR) Anne Elam (Knotted With Love Group)
4:00 pm (SF) 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dan & Daria
5:00 pm (HR) Elizabeth "Betty" Hulick (Kristina & Jacob Ross)
5:00 pm (SG) Florence Listwak (Listwak & Kenyon Families)
6:00 pm (SF) William "Bill" Gruca (Lisa Korner)
SUNDAY June 8 - Pentecost Sunday
8:00 am (SF) Carmella Moraca (Mario & Family)
8:00 am (SG) William Johns (Polly)
9:00 am (HR) Bill and Dorothy Flecher (Joe & Colleen Flecher)
10:00 am (SF) John R. Zbiegien (Gary & Janet Wall)
10:00 am (SG) Rose Pietrcollo (Jimmy, Julie & Cookie Keener)
11:00 am (HR) Leona Puz (Sons, Michael & Mark)
12:00 pm (SF) Donald Plunkett (Sharon & Bob Klinger)
                     John Matthew Stillwagon (John Stillwagon, Father)
5:00 pm (SF)
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# **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

# **Helping with Hurricane Recovery**

Divine Grace Parish's **Appalachia Mission Group** is making final preparations for their summer trip to help those in need. Only this year instead of traveling to West Virginia, they are heading to Asheville, North Carolina, still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Helene.

The powerful storm last September caused massive flooding and damage, wiping out homes, businesses, roads, and bridges, cutting power and internet service, and claiming 96 lives.

Emergency officials estimate the total damage at \$53 billion. The lights are back on, and roads repaired, but much work remains.

"Eight months later, many residents are still not back home," said group leader **Mindy Pasquale**. "Some are living in campers, tents, and even vehicles."



Lake Lure, NC, filled with debris last fall.

The mission group of 50, about half of whom are young people, is set to depart on **Sunday**, **June 8** after a special Mass the day before and a send-off blessing. Some volunteers are expert carpenters and plumbers, others are simply willing workers ready to help rebuild homes. Government funding mostly covers infrastructure, including government buildings and public areas damaged or destroyed.

In one county alone, there are about 500 piles of debris still to be hauled away.

Thanks to parishioners who supported monthly hoagie sales, the group raised enough money for building materials and food. Each morning will begin with prayer, and after the day's work, the missionaries will return for nightly faith sharing as well as Adoration and Mass in a nearby church. Seminarians **Chris Baker** and **Erik Pintar** will be part of the group, which will return **June 13**.

The trip also will be an interfaith experience. "We are a Catholic church group working with Jewish disaster relief team, staying at a Lutheran summer camp," Mindy says. "All of us together using our hands to do God's work."

# **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at Saint Ferdinand

### Monday, June 2

9:15 am Flame of Love

Church

9:30 am Women Gathered

Upper Room

6:30 pm White Elephant

McAndrew-Biller Hall

### Wednesday, June 4

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

McAndrew-Biller Hall

### Thursday, June 5

7:15 pm Prayer Group

Holy Family Room

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

Fax: 724-776-2378



# Wednesday Evening Mass Moves Outdoors

With warm weather arriving, we are delighted to announce that our 7:00 pm Wednesday evening Masses at Saint Ferdinand Church will be held outdoors in our beautiful Rosary Garden, effective immediately and continuing through the end of summer!

Experience the serenity and peace of an evening Mass under the open sky, surrounded by the natural beauty of our garden. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship in a unique and inspiring setting during these warmer months.

In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved indoors to the main church. Please check our Facebook page for any last-minute, weather-related updates.

We invite you to join us for this special outdoor celebration of the Eucharist!



### **Funeral Luncheons**

Funeral Luncheons are now being offered at all three of our church locations.

With hearts of service and hands of love, our funeral luncheon committees are ready to serve our church family in their time of grief.

Luncheons are held in the
Catholic Center at Holy
Redeemer, Oldenski or
McAndrew-Biller halls at Saint
Ferdinand, or the Blue Room at
Saint Gregory when school is not
in session. Families can have the
lunch catered or bring food for
our volunteers to set out. We
provide hospitality, set up, clean
up, and any necessary paper
products, coffee, tea and water.
To learn more, call the main
office at 724-776-2888.

### Living Rosary on June 9

The Knights of Columbus will be offering the **Living Rosary** at Saint Ferdinand Church on **Monday**, **June 9** at 7:00 pm.

A 90-ft. Living Rosary is spread down the main aisle of the church as everyone holds a bead, joining together in this beautiful prayer to our Lady. Prayer handouts are available. Families are encouraged to attend.

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Convent Chapel

Wednesday, June 4

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

7:30 pm Bible Study

(Gospel of Mark)

Rectory

Thursday, June 5

6:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

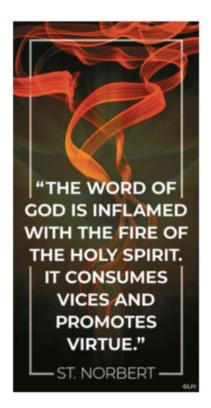
Sunday, June 7

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



# Ministry Spotlight

### **Calling All Pepperoni Lovers!**

Get ready to enjoy another year of Divine Grace Parish's homemade pepperoni puffs sponsored by Holy Redeemer Church!

The fun is set again for the Ellwood City Arts and Crafts
Festival held July 4-6 in Ewing
Park. Once again our 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 <u>bit.ly/3WENB8v</u> or scan the QR code.

For questions, contact **Bonnie Balin** at 724-561-3364 or email ellwoodfestival@divinegracepgh.org



When: July 4-6 11 am - 10 pm Where: Ewing Park Joffre St. Ellwood City

If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up early so we can have **Christine Kunz**, our Safe Environment Coordinator, help you with your clearances. Call her at 724-776-2888 ext. 1117.

### **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 with questions may contact Jackie, President: 724-333-5947; or Mary, Membership Chairman: 724-758-6006.





# **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

### This Week at Saint Gregory

### Monday, June 2

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Blue Room

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm Men's Group

School Library

Saturday, June 7

8:00 am Catholic Men's

Fellowship School Library

4:20 pm Knights of Columbus

Rosary Prayer before

Mass Church

### St. Gregory Office Hours Mondays

(8:30 am - 12:00 pm) Closed on Tuesday - Friday 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-452-4064

### **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, 1,161 donations have been received.

To give to the 2025 Parish Appeal: <a href="https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW">https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW</a>.

### St. Gregory Adoration



Thanks for your patience as the renovations took place at Saint Gregory Church. Adoration will resume in August. The church is still open daily for private prayer.

### **Erin Rice Appointment**

Former Saint Gregory School principal **Erin Rice** has been appointed by Bishop David Zubik as Regional Superintendent for the North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools, Inc. effective July 1. Mrs. Rice has 20 years of experience in school administration and teaching. She most recently served as Regional Superintendent for the South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools.

### **MyCatholicWill**

Need an easy way to complete your will and ensure that the most sacred part of your life is protected?

Help pass on the faith to your loved ones through

### MyCatholicWill.

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

## Saint Anthony Novena



Father Matt McClain will preside at the Saint Anthony Novena on **Tues., June 3**, 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 FAMILY FESTIVAL



August 8, 9, 10

### **Country Kitchen Goodies**

Calling all bakers! The Country Kitchen is looking for **homemade treats** for the Parish Family Festival. Festival favorites include chocolate chip cookies, small loaves of zucchini or banana bread, brownies, pizelles, homemade pies, gluten-free items, and individually packaged cupcakes.

Package your goodies for easy, on-the-go enjoyment when possible. Please label all your items with allergen information, and a full ingredient list is appreciated. Please do not donate anything that requires refrigeration or freezing.

Donations can be dropped off at the Country Kitchen tent (located outside the dining hall) during the festival. Thank you for helping to make life a little sweeter!

### 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 <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/white-elephant-sale">https://divinegracepgh.org/white-elephant-sale</a>

# 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 <a href="peggyw919@gmail.com">peggyw919@gmail.com</a> to arrange a pick up. Thank you!

# Festival Basket Raffle Booth Donations

Special thanks to all who generously donated last year. We are 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 checks-made 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

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Acts 7:56





Wed. Sept. 10 - St. Ferdinand

## **Unpacking the Word**

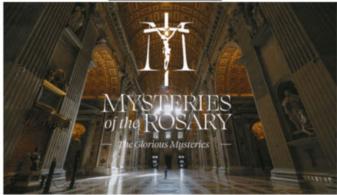
Acts 7:55-60

A few weeks ago, we heard Paul and Barnabas reminding the new Christians in Lystra and Iconium, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Now this week, we see that necessity played out in Stephen, one of the first deacons and the first Christian martyr. His preaching angered some people enough that they brought him before the Sanhedran for preaching that Jesus would destroy the Temple and change the Mosaic customs. Our reading this week picks up the narrative after Stephen gives a lengthy discourse summarizing salvation history and accusing the leaders of opposing the Holy Spirit. As a result, they stone him to death. The whole narrative is strikingly similar to Jesus' own death: persecuted for preaching, trial before the Sanhedran, forgiveness of the murderers.

Stephen's witness—the Greek word martyr means just that—is a challenge to each of us. This whole Jesus thing either is true or it's a giant waste of time. If it's the same as any other path to God, then what was the point in what Jesus did, in what we hear this week of Stephen doing? If everyone and anyone gets into heaven simply by dying, then why go to Mass, say prayers, and deny yourself certain pleasures in this life? How much must we hate someone else to know the truth about Jesus and His offer of eternal life and not share it with them?

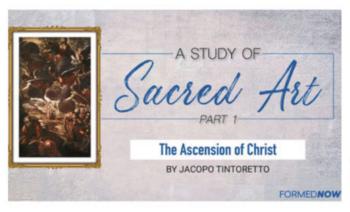
It can be uncomfortable to talk about Jesus with someone who "isn't religious," but we probably won't incite them to stone us to death. If this whole Jesus thing is true, isn't it worth the risk of someone thinking you're weird for the chance that you might change their life for eternity? The Church exists to share the saving message of who Jesus Christ is and what He offers. We don't exist to be a social club or even to provide service to society. Those things are empty if they don't flow from the core identity of the Church and of each of us as Christians: to tell others about Jesus, even if they choose not to listen.

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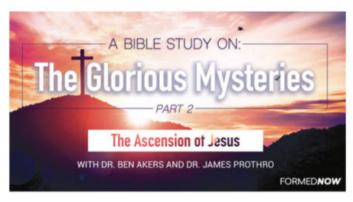
# The Glorious Mysteries | Mysteries of the Rosary | Trailer

Enter into the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary like never before with this incredible series from Paradisus Dei.



### The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.



### A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

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.



### Vacation Bible School Snacks

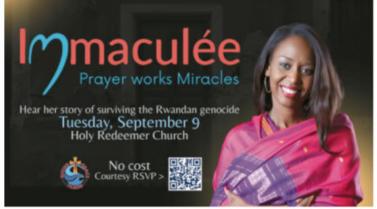
We're getting ready for nearly 150 kids who will be attending our True North VBS at St. Ferdinand on June 16-20. They get hungry! We would really appreciate if the next time you are at the grocery store to pick up a few of the items below. Drop off in VBS bins inside the three churches main entrance by **Friday, June 13**. Thank you!

9 oz plastic cups
3 oz plastic cups
2 oz plastic condiment cups
Napkins
Sandwich bags
Quart-sized plastic bags
Teddy Grahams\*
Pretzel sticks or twists\*
Pirate's Booty snacks\*
Animal Crackers\*
Buales\*



White powdered donuts or donut holes\*

\*individually packaged is easiest for our kiddos!



### Summer with the Psalms

Join our Prayer Challenge on Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world. Summer with the Psalms begins on 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 11th Life Teen - June 18th Life Teen - June 25th Life Teen - July 2nd

# Amazon Wish List





### 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!





### 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 <a href="massaf@divinegracepgh.org">massaf@divinegracepgh.org</a> if you are interested in being a chaperone.

Fees are waived for chaperones.

Visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3YIHtMW">https://bit.ly/3YIHtMW</a> to sign up.



### Mother's Day and Father's Day Celebrations





Our 4-year old Preschool class celebrated Mother's Day and an early Father's Day. They began by attending our Friday School Mass and continued their morning working together on a service project.

The moms helped their children plant flowers in a pot they decorated and handed them out to the school staff along with a handmade card.

Our dads and the children made placemats for the local "Meals on Wheels' Program and for shut-ins from our parish. These small acts of kindness were fun to do and brightened someone's day.

### **Making New Friends**



Recently **Miss Porter**'s 2nd grade class connected with a 3rd grade class from Corpus Christi Catholic School in Chambersburg, PA.

Their teacher, Mrs. Weiland, once taught at St. Gregory's and is a cousin to Miss Porter which made this all the more special.

The students enjoyed learning about each other such as their favorite color, do they have a pet, what type of sports do they like, what do they like to eat and so on.

It was a fun experience that helped with handwriting, spelling, letter writing and making new friends.

### A Future Picasso?

Mrs. Garcia, our Art Teacher, has been introducing some of the middle school students to a new type of art known as "Still Life" and "Pointillism".

Still Life is a drawing or painting that focuses on still objects, such as fruits, flowers, or household items. The subject is an item or items that do not move on their own. Pointillism is a style of art where small, distinct dots of color are applied in patterns to create a picture.

The students really enjoyed trying their hand at these methods and we wanted to share a couple of their "masterpieces". We think they did an amazing job.



## PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Welcome New Members**

**Miss Shirley Bates** 

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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Grese

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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hruska

Mr. Robert Hoover

Miss Clare M. Karaba

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Mr. Matthew Lamanti

Miss Sharon Milligan

Mr. Jeffrey Molnar

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sacco

Miss Julia Sicilia

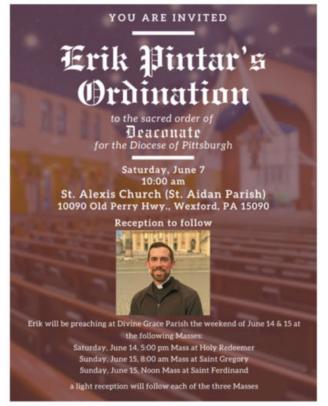
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Torcasi

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen VanLew

Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Viehweider

Mrs. Shannon Waraks

Mrs. Patricia Zuk



### Ritzert Hall - Church Alive Funds

As was announced in the bulletin a few weeks ago, the finance council approved putting **Ritzert Hall** up for sale since we are losing \$20,000 a year.

When Saint Matthias was a parish, the parishioners raised \$40,000 in *Church Alive* monies. The funds were to be used on upgrades to Ritzert Hall.

When the parish was merged with Saint Gregory Parish, the funds were not used due to COVID. Then, Saint Gregory Parish merged into what today is Divine Grace Parish. The finance council has approved shifting the \$40,000 to support the Saint Gregory Organ Project currently underway.

The **Carpenter's Project** is accepting requests from homeowners in need of assistance with repairs. To be eligible, applicants must live in the Ellwood City or Riverside school districts, own their home, and live in it.

Projects include painting, small exterior maintenance/repair/carpentry jobs, power washing, shrub trimming, building wheelchair ramps, etc. We cannot accept large repair requests. Priority is given to those who have not been helped in the past five years unless a safety issue is involved. There are no financial requirements.

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.

# Carpenter's Project



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Mike Buzzeli

Joe Hayes

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Glen McDonald

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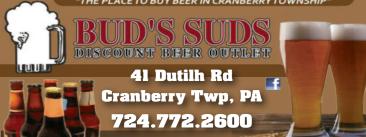


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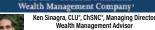
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