

## DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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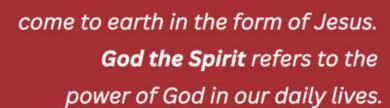
## June 15, 2025 The Most Holy Trinity

I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It's one of the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. There is one God, yet three divine persons.



God the Father is the creator of all and Lord over the entire universe. God the Son reflects our belief that He chose to



God is love, we were created for that love, and we eternally belong to God.

## FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

#### <u>Trinity Sunday</u>

The source and foundation of Christianity is our belief in God in three persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, revealed to us by Jesus Christ as recorded in the New Testament. When we enter a church, we bless ourselves with holy water in making the sign of the cross. We begin every Mass with the sign of the cross, and we conclude Mass with the sign of the cross. This weekend we celebrate the tenet of our Catholic faith that all the baptized are conjoined to the Holy Trinity.

#### **Eucharistic Processions**

The Church celebrates the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (Body and Blood of Jesus) next **Sunday, June 22**. There will be three Eucharistic Processions—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 to participate as a reminder of our mission to bring Christ to others.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Our young people will be learning more about Jesus this week. VBS will be held in Oldenski Hall at Saint Ferdinand from **Monday through Friday**, **June 16-20**, 9:00 am until noon. They'll be learning Bible stories through music, skits, games and more. Please pray that they will continue to grow in their love for our Lord.

#### **Parish Picnic Concert**

Enjoy an evening with your family! Parishioners Mark and Anna Zimmerman will lead us in oldies, country, and folk music on the lawn in front of the parish house at Saint Gregory Church on **Saturday**, **July 26** starting at 6:15 pm. Bring a chair and picnic food. We will provide bottled water, beer, wine, and snacks.

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

You are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday**, **June 24** at 6:30 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church to hear from Cranberry Township officials who are interested in purchasing the property we use for a ballfield. They would like to develop part of the nine acres for recreational use. I have consulted with the Finance Council and clergy team, who are open to this possibility. However, I would like to hear from you. From my perspective, the land has not served our mission as a parish. I hope you can attend.

#### **Deacon Erik Pintar**

This weekend, Deacon Erik is preaching at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at Holy Redeemer, 8:00 am Sunday Mass at Saint Gregory, and the noon Mass at Saint Ferdinand. There will be a reception afterwards to congratulate Erik on his ordination. He will be with us on weekends until his priesthood ordination in June 2026. Meanwhile, Chris Baker returns to school in August to prepare for his diaconate ordination next spring.

#### <u>Attention Men - is God calling you?</u>

Bishop Zubik has announced a new formation class of permanent deacons for our diocese. There will be three listening sessions to learn more: **June 17** at 6:30 pm, **June 21** at 9:00 am, and **July 9** at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (2900 Noblestown Road, 15205). For details, visit: <a href="https://diopitt.org/new-deacon-class">https://diopitt.org/new-deacon-class</a>. Let's pray for the men of our parish!

#### Thanks for Your Stewardship

As the fiscal year soon comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude for your financial support of our parish through weekly giving, the Annual Parish Appeal, and your support of various fundraisers. As the Lord has blessed you, you bless the parish with your support – THANK YOU!

June 15, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

<u>Jn 16:14-15</u>

"He will glorify me, because He will take from what is mine and declare it to you. **Everything** that the Father has is mine; for I told you that He will take from what is mind and declare it to you."

## **Parish Leadership**

## Clergy

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# Divine Grace Parish Financial Report

Sunday Collection Total for May 31 & June 1, 2025: -- \$25,768 2nd Collection for the Annual Parish Appeal: -- \$5,952

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

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The schedule of priests celebrating
weekend Masses can be found at
<a href="https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w">https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w</a>

This weekend's second collection is for Catholic School Contribution. Thank you for your generosity.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY Ju	ne 14 - The Most Holy Trinity
4:00 pm (SF)	Albert & Marie Kapples (The Family)
5:00 pm (HR)	Jack & Verna Lee Cortes (Jacki, Leslie & Steven)
5:00 pm (SG)	Jeff Ertz (Jimmy, Julie & Cookie Keener)
6:00 pm (SF)	Ken Krivy (Susan McVaney & Michelle Fabry)
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SUNDAY June	15 - The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 am (SF)	Dennis O'Donnell (Tony & Sharon Buzzelli)
8:00 am (SG)	Gary & Marianne Gebhart (Butch & Patti Langer)
	Pete & Rose Pietrcollo (Larry & Jonette Capra)
9:00 am (HR)	
10:00 am (SF)	Bob Meinert (Nettie & Moe Culley)
	Blanche & Fred Burgess (Susanne Perkun)
11:00 am (HR)	
12:00 pm (SF)	
5:00 pm (SF)	Gladys M. Streicher (Her Loving Husband)
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MONDAY June	
8:00 am (SG)	
	Alex Tomaszewski (Wife, Sue)
9:00 am (HR)	Domenic Viccari (Anne Spanik Family)
TUESDAY June	
	Gertrude Kellner (Amy Kellner)
8:30 am (SF)	
	Brianna Lorine Tappe (Fr. Joe)
6:30 pm (HR)	St. Anthony Novena - Catherine Hazen
	(Grace Geniviva & Family)
WEDNESDAY	lune 18
	Blanche Burgess (Mary Ellen Barry & New Haven Court
0.00 a (00)	Residents)
8:30 am (SF)	Kathryn Lowder (Lyn & Tom Dunn)
9:00 am (HR)	Herman and Carmel Petti (Son)
	Tony & Mary Ann Celli (John, Claire, Maura & Ella)
	Edward & Lena Bunni (Fadia Bunni)
7.00 pm (3F)	Edward & Leria Barrili (Fadia Barrili)
THURSDAY June 19	
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9:00 am (HR)	
4:00 pm (SF)	Eileen Spoales (David & Kathryn Fuhr)
5:00 pm (HR)	Rose Pietrcollo (Dan Angelucci, brother & family)
5:00 pm (SG)	Andrew J. "Scooter" Soltesz, Jr. (St. Gregory Ushers)
	Aiden Bartley (Kristie Moran)
6:00 pm (SF)	Alderi burtley (Kristle Mordin)
SUNDAY June 22- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
8:00 am (SF)	Karl Kushnereit (Tony & Kathy Zappia)
8:00 am (SG)	Raymond Thompson (Family)
9:00 am (HR)	Connie and Emmett Manzo (Family)
10:00 am (SF)	Diana Lura Antenucci (The Tatusko Family)
10:00 am (SG)	
11:00 am (HR)	Sharon Petrocelli (Jimmy, Julie & Cookie Keener)
12:00 pm (SF)	Gladys M. Streicher (Your Loving Husband)
5:00 pm (SF)	Anna May Kapfer (Don & Kim Kapfer)

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### SAINT FERDINAND CHURCH

2535 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

8:30 am 7:00 pm (WED)

SATURDAY 8:30am (FIRST SAT) 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

> 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)

> 9:00 am 5:00 pm SUNDAY

> > 9:00 am

11:00 am

#### SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

2 West Beaver Street Zelienople, PA 16063

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 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

## Congratulations, Deacon Erik



Deacon Erik with his family and friends

Last Saturday, June 7, **Erik Pintar** and four seminarian classmates were ordained to the **transitional diaconate**, the final step before priesthood. The ordination Mass at Saint Alexis Church led by Bishop Zubik and Bishop Eckman was witnessed by hundreds of priests, deacons, family members, friends, and parishioners. Deacon Erik expressed his joy and gratitude for everyone's prayerful support. Congratulations!







Additional photos: Nick Sciarappa

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

#### This Week at Saint Ferdinand

#### Monday, June 16

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

Faith Formation Building

9:15 am Flame of Love

Church

Tuesday, June 17

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

7:00 pm Festival Meeting

McAndrew-Biller Hall

#### Wednesday, June 18

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

Faith Formation Building

12:00 pm Book Circle

Holy Family Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

#### Thursday, June 19

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

Faith Formation Building

#### Friday, June 20

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

Faith Formation Building

6:30 pm Faith on Fire Bonfire Field outside Faith

Formation Office

#### St. Ferdinand Office Hours

Monday - Friday

(9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

724-776-2888 ext. 1101

Fax: 724-776-2378

#### **Prayer for Fathers**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood and for all fathers, both living and deceased. Bless them with strength, wisdom, and perseverance as they guide and love their families. May they be supported in their faith and find joy in their roles. We entrust them to the care of Saint Joseph, your earthly father. Amen.

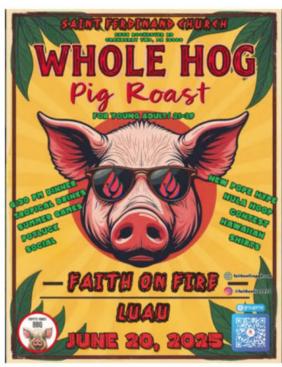
# Early Bulletin Submission

With the Fourth of July approaching, please send information by 9:00 am on the deadline below. Email to <a href="mailto:rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org">rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org</a>

For Sunday, July 6 Due Monday, June 23

#### Town Hall at Saint Ferdinand

You are invited to a parish town hall meeting on an important topic. Cranberry Township has approached Divine Grace Parish with interest in purchasing the land where our ballfield is located to develop it for recreational use. The parish has owned the nine-acre site for nearly 25 years. Fr. Jim has consulted with the Finance Council and the clergy team, and now he would like to hear from parishioners. The town hall will be held on Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. Township officials will give a presentation on how they would like to use the site.





## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

#### This Week at Holy Redeemer

#### Wednesday, June 18

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

6:30 pm Finance Council

Catholic Center

7:30 pm Bible Study (Gospel of Mark)

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Rectory

#### Thursday, June 19

6:00 pm Social Club

Catholic Center

Lunchroom

#### Friday, June 20

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

#### **Holy Redeemer Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

(9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Closed for Lunch

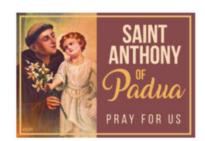
(12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

724-758-7587 ext. 3002

Fax: 724-752-1466

#### Final Saint Anthony Novena Night

The Saint Anthony Novena concludes this **Tuesday, June 17**. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm in Holy Redeemer Church, followed by the Novena. Father Carmen D'Amico will preside, with a reception to follow in the Catholic Center. All are welcome!



#### **Help for Those Hurting**

Seasons of Hope is a unique grief support program for Catholics that focuses on the spiritual side of grieving the death of a loved one. It invites those who mourn to accompany one another and meet Christ through scripture, prayer, reflection, and simple activities to foster healing and spiritual growth. We will meet on Tues.

June 24, 6:30 pm at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center.

### Call for New Permanent Deacons

Men of Divine Grace Parish, have you discerned whether God is calling you to the **permanent diaconate**? As ordained ministers, deacons assist priests at Mass, preach on occasion, and preside at baptisms, weddings, funeral services, and other liturgical functions. They also provide pastoral care to those in need, sharing the faith by word and example.

Applicants must be between the ages of 30 and 59, a college graduate, and in full communion with the Catholic Church. To learn more, prayerfully consider attending one of three information sessions at the Diocesan Pastoral center, 2900 Noblestown Rd, Pittsburgh 15205: Tues., June 17, 6:30 pm, Sat., June 21, 9:00 am, or Wed., July 9, 6:30 pm.

#### Last Weekend for Sale of Religious Items

Those attending Mass this weekend at Holy Redeemer Church will have an opportunity to support Christians in the Holy Land. Bethlehem Christian Families will be offering religious items made from olive wood, including crucifixes and rosaries, following Masses at Holy Redeemer. The organization is supporting Christians in the Holy Land, who continue to live every day under the threat of violence. To learn more, visit <a href="https://landofpeace.org">https://landofpeace.org</a>

#### Volunteers Needed for EC Arts & Crafts Festival

We need your help to prepare stacks of pepperoni and cheese for our famous Holy Redeemer pepperoni puffs which we will be selling at our parish food booth during the Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival the weekend of July 4th. We'll be doing this prep work on **Thurs., June 26** from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, 311 Lawrence Ave. To volunteer, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3VmK7qh">https://bit.ly/3VmK7qh</a>. Other volunteers are also needed – see <a href="https://bit.ly/3WENB8v">https://bit.ly/3WENB8v</a>. If you don't have child safety clearances, please contact Christine Kunz at <a href="https://bit.ly/awengegh.org">ckunz@divinegracepgh.org</a>.

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### This Week at **Saint Gregory**

#### Monday, June 16

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Blue Room

#### Tuesday, June 17

7:00 pm Men's Group

School Library

#### Wednesday, June 18

5:00 pm Walking with Moms

School Library

7:00 pm Temporalities

Committee

Ritzert Hall

#### Saturday, June 21

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



#### **Pious Pilgrimage** June 22

The Pittsburgh Mass Mob is planning another pious pilgrimage. On Sunday, June 22, we plan to travel to Saint Peter Church at All Saints Parish in Butler for 8:00 am Mass. We will carpool from Saint Gregory at 7:15 am. Contact Paul Foster for more information: 724-612-1097

#### **Prayers for the** Unborn

On Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm, a prayer service for the unborn will be held at Saint Gregory Church. All are welcome. The date marks the third anniversary of the Dobbs decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, ending the constitutional right to abortion. However, more prayers and work are needed to protect the unborn. Sponsored by the Saint Gregory Knights of Columbus.

#### Ritzert Hall Sale

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 donations to support the Saint Gregory Organ Project currently underway.

#### 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 https://divinegracepgh.org/myca tholicwill to sign up.

#### **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, 1,206 donations have been received.

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

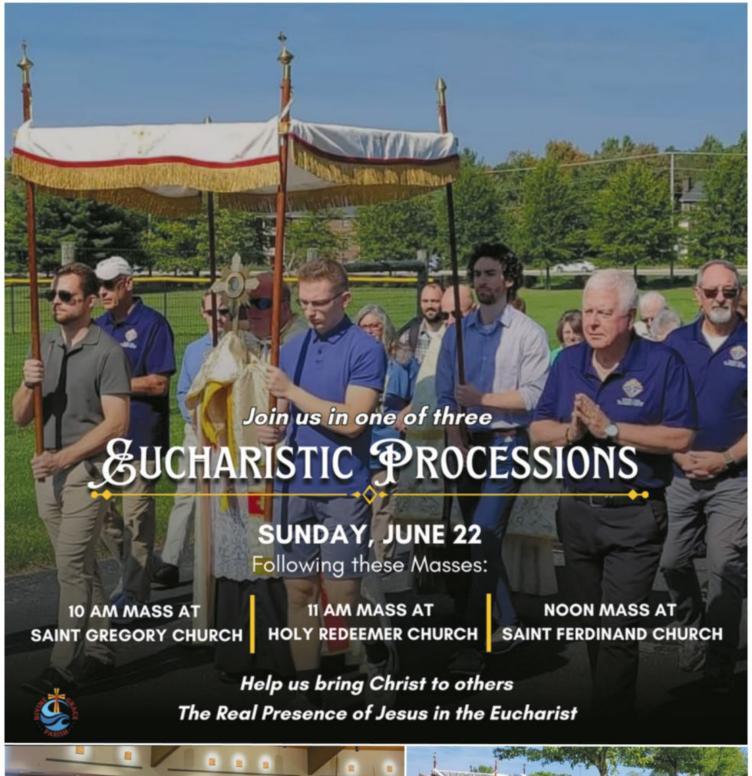
#### **Summer Book Discussion**

Join Father Joe for our summer book discussion! We'll be diving into C.S. Lewis's classic, The Screwtape Letters.

The discussion is set for Wed., June 25, at 7:30 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center. All are welcome!

If you need to purchase the book, please call 724-758-7587 ext. 3002.

## **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS**





## **FAITH FORMATION**

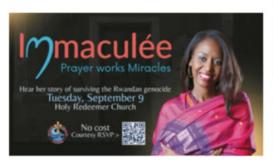


JASON GAWALDO

Director for
Evangelization &
Catechetical Ministries







## **Unpacking the Word**

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of Israel's wisdom sayings, often in series of short, pithy statements. Occasionally, the material is arranged in a longer set of sayings addressing the same theme as in our first reading this week. Divine Wisdom herself speaks about her pre-existence with the Lord and of her creation of the universe along with God the Father. It is a highly appropriate reading for Trinity Sunday as a reflection on the nature of the Holy Trinity.

Christian tradition has always seen Divine Wisdom, personified in scripture as feminine, as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity who became incarnate as Jesus of Nazareth, enfleshed as a male. It is important to remember that in Himself, God is not a gendered being, but rather both genders reflect the image and likeness of God. However, when the eternal Second Person of the Trinity took on flesh in the womb of Mary, He also took on gender, and specifically the male gender.

Passages such as this one can seem to say that the Second Person of the Trinity was created before the rest of creation. Indeed, this was the erroneous reading of the Arian heresy in the years around 300 A.D. When we speak of the Second Person as being begotten by the Father and the Third Person proceeding from the Father and the Son, we must bear in mind that this begetting and proceeding occur eternally, before there was time. As our reading from Proverbs affirms, the creation is a work of the entire Trinity, and that includes the creation of time itself.

While the theological and philosophical explanations of the Holy Trinity describe a mystery that is at times difficult to grasp, they contain deep truths about God and about us. God is an eternal relationship, and being made in his image and likeness you and I are made for relationship as well. Our Trinitarian Creator affirms that he delights in the human race, and so you and I exist because God delights in us. He is not an abstract philosophical concept but a personal being who wants to be in a relationship with you.

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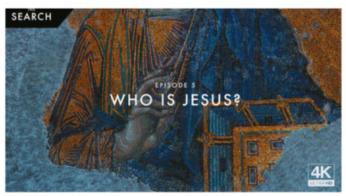
#### I Am Who I Am | Lectio: God | Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



#### I Believe in the Holy Spirit | Symbolon | Session 8

Who is the Holy Spirit and what does it mean to believe in Him? Find out in this episode of Symbolon.



#### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?



#### What is EDGE?



**Edge** is a different approach for Faith Formation. This youth ministry program is designed for students in grades 6-8 to help deepen their faith and relationship with God. It involves a variety of activities, including large group gatherings, small group discussions, and prayer rather than a classroom setting. Edge focuses on providing a safe and fun environment where young people can connect with their faith community and experience Jesus in a personal way.

Want to help make this happen as a Core Team
Member? Contact **Michael Assaf** at

massaf@divinegracepgh.org. Core team members
are high school students or Safe Environment compliant adults who help lead small group
discussions or large group games and provide
general supervision for the students engaged in EDGE.

This fall, we will launch EDGE as our in-person option for grades 6-8 at the following times and locations:

- Sunday mornings at Holy Redeemer prior to the 11:00 am Mass
- Sundays, 11:15-12:45 pm at St. Ferdinand
- Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Ferdinand

Online registration opens Tuesday, July 1 at <u>divinegracepgh.org/formation</u>.

#### Summer with the Psalms

Join our Prayer Challenge on **Hallow**, the #1 prayer app in the world. **Summer with the Psalms** began on June 9, and you can join it on our parish page in the app. If you're already a Hallow user, simply open the app, find the Community tab (bottom of screen), search for our parish by 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 <a href="mailto:hallow.com/parish">hallow.com/parish</a>.

# 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 18th Life Teen - June 25th Life Teen - July 2nd Life Teen - July 9th

## Amazon Wish List



# Meet Hannah Repasky

Hannah is the new Assistant Coordinator of Youth Ministry



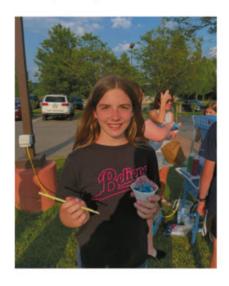
focused on serving the youth at Holy Redeemer, providing support across the entire parish. From the North Hills, she is a rising senior at Duquesne University majoring in Marketing with a minor in Catholic Studies. She is looking forward to sharing the faith with young people.

"God has blessed me with a good Catholic education and a strong relationship with Jesus," Hannah says. "I feel called to share those gifts with our youth and families."

Hannah will be speaking at Masses next weekend at Holy Redeemer.

## **Family Bonfire Night**

It was great time for the whole family on June 4th as parents learned about summer events and gave feedback on the past year. Thanks to all who turned out!







## Con-GRAD-ulations!





Pre-K Graduation

Kindergarten Graduation

Congratulations to our **preschool students** on their graduation. We are so proud of what they accomplished and look forward to seeing them in kindergarten next year. Thank you to their teacher **Mrs. Fitgerald** and her aides **Mrs. Leck** and **Mrs. Sferra**.

Our 31 **kindergarten students** received their diplomas during a graduation ceremony filled with prayer and song. Everyone had a great year and cannot wait to see what's aheah in first grade. We want to thank their teacher, **Mrs. McElree**, along with her aides, **Mrs. Drew**, **Mrs. Houlihan** and **Mrs. Von Hofen**.

We hope all our graduates have a fun and safe summer and we will see you in the fall!

## Field Day Fun

Despite all the rain we were able to get in a fun and memorable Field Day! The students always look forward to this and it is a great way to close out the school year. We were happy to include our four-year-old preschoolers, and from the smiles on their faces they had a wonderful time. Our 8th graders ran the game stations smoothly and they were joined by Father Jim, Seminarian Chris Baker and youth minister, Michael Assaf. Many thanks to everyone for their organization and help.





Scouting for Rocks

The **St. Gregory Girl Scout Troop** coordinated a service project with **Dr. Bowser** to add design and color to our gardens. Under the direction of the Girl Scouts, each student was given one rock to paint with their own creative touch. Not only did they enjoy this project, but the designs are going to be a nice addition to our landscape.

We want to thank the St. Gregory Girl Scout Troop leaders Mrs. Jarusinski and Mrs. Sanders for organizing this event, and a special thank you to Frankenstein Builders Supply of Zelienople for their generous donation.

## PARISH FAMILY FESTIVAL



August 8, 9, 10

#### Volunteers Needed

With our Parish Family Festival less than two months away we are looking for a few good volunteers. Actually, more than a few! There are a wide variety of fun activities to choose from. It's an opportunity to meet some terrific people, learn new skills, and help our parish. For details and to sign up, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3VAhhBF">https://bit.ly/3VAhhBF</a>

The next monthly meeting of the Festival Committee is set for Tues., June 17 at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall.

#### **Basket Raffle 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!

#### **Boutique Booth 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!

**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, pizzelles, 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: INDOOR FURNITURE IS NO LONGER BEING SOLD.

For a complete list of items we cannot accept, visit

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# **Community Corner**

## Carpenter's Project



The work week for the Carpenter Project in Ellwood City is **July 14 – 18**. Volunteers age thirteen or older are needed for our projects that include painting, small exterior maintenance, power washing, shrub trimming, food preparation, gophers and other jobs. Volunteer forms are available at the Holy Redeemer Church Office.

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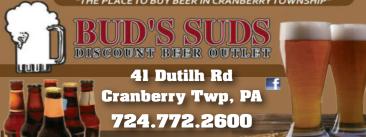


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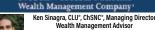
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