



# DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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**June 29, 2025**

## ***Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul***



**Peter & Paul**  
were unlikely  
leaders of the  
early Church.

Peter was  
impulsive but  
Christ chose  
him as the  
rock upon  
which His  
Church was  
built.

Paul, who as  
Saul initially  
persecuted  
Christians,  
literally was

knocked to the ground, converted to Christianity, and became the  
first great missionary of the faith.

Both Peter and Paul faced suffering and martyrdom in the name  
of Jesus. Their lives are examples of redemption, faithfulness,  
and strength.



# FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

This feast always occurs on June 29. This year it falls on a weekend, therefore our Masses will celebrate the martyrdom of Saint Peter, our first pope, and Saint Paul, the great evangelist. Both were executed for their faith. Our diocese has relics of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Saint Anthony Chapel on Troy Hill. Pope Leo today will place the pallium vestment on those new archbishops appointed since last summer.

## 4th of July

Masses this Friday at all three churches will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Let's thank the Lord for our country and our freedoms with the Holy Eucharist.

## Role of the Church in Society – God Bless America!

Considering the 4th of July and the freedoms we cherish, this motivates us as Catholics to be more engaged in our society so we can promote the freedom that God wants for us. The American bishops write: *Because we are a people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity into the public square. Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach about moral values that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ (Faithful Citizenship).*

## Ellwood City Festival

The Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival is coming up the weekend of **July 4th**! Ellwood's famous pepperoni puffs are made and sold by our parishioners at the event. Our parish booth is in the middle of Ewing Park. Please email Bonnie Balin at [ellwoodfestival@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:ellwoodfestival@divinegracepgh.org) or call 724-561-3364 to learn how you can help.

## Bishop Zubik Mass of Thanksgiving

Bishop Zubik will celebrate Mass on **Thursday, July 10**, at 7:00 pm at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The Mass is open to the public. I will always be thankful to Bishop Zubik in our time together when I served as Rector of Saint Paul Seminary. He appointed me to my first pastorate in 2008 at Saint Thomas More, Bethel Park. The Bishop gave consent to my appointment as Rector in Ohio and Rector in New Orleans. I am humbled that he appointed me as the first Pastor of Divine Grace Parish. Thank you, Bishop Zubik!

## Evening Prayer for Bishop Mark Eckman

Saint Paul Cathedral will host Evening Prayer at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, July 13**. The ceremony is open to the public. This prayer is the evening before Bishop Mark will be installed as our next Bishop.

## Holy Hour for Bishop Mark

Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand Church will hold a holy hour on **July 13** at 4:00 pm as Bishop Mark prepares to become the 13th Bishop of Pittsburgh. Please pray for our new bishop.

## Installation of Bishop Mark

The Archbishop of Philadelphia will install Bishop Mark on **Monday, July 14** at 2:30 pm at Saint Paul Cathedral. Congratulations Bishop Mark!

## Our Feast Day and Anniversary

Divine Grace Parish will celebrate its third anniversary since being created on July 1, 2022. Our patronal feast will be celebrated on **Sat., July 19** at the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Gregory; **July 20** at the 9:00 am Mass at Holy Redeemer, and the noon Mass at St. Ferdinand. Our actual Patronal Feast Day, Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, is **Wed., July 23**.

## Festival Tickets

I am grateful for those who picked up their tickets from the narthex. You can still get tickets from the Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand offices. Mark your calendars for the festival: **Aug. 8-10**.

## Saint Gregory School Registration

Saint Gregory School is still taking registrations as we prepare for school in August. Please contact the school office for more information at 724-452-9731.



**June 29, 2025**

**Today's  
Gospel  
Reading**

**Mt 16:18-19**

**"You are  
Peter, and  
upon this  
rock I will  
build my  
Church, and  
the gates of  
the  
netherworld  
shall not  
prevail  
against it. I  
will give you  
the keys to  
the  
Kingdom of  
heaven."**



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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  
Peter's Pence.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Divine Grace Parish Financial Report

Sunday Collection Total for June 14 & 15, 2025: -- \$38,038  
2nd Collection for School Contribution: -- \$4,994

Parish Members-- 18,809 Parish Households-- 7,100



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY June 28 – Saints Peter & Paul

- 4:00 pm (SF) Peter Caumo (The Caumo Family)  
 5:00 pm (HR) For the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Michael & Joann Smith (Family)  
 5:00 pm (SG) Michael Shantz (Jim & Joanne)  
 6:00 pm (SF) Amelia Massimino (Janice & Gary Bowser)

## SUNDAY June 29 – Saints Peter & Paul

- 8:00 am (SF) Brother Martin Zatsick (John & Rita Verona)  
 8:00 am (SG) Matthew & Richard Sefscik (Glenn & Nancy Davis)  
 9:00 am (HR) Bill, Mary Catherine Hrabosky (Bill & Bobbi Hrabosky)  
 10:00 am (SF) Bob Meinert (Chuck Collins)  
 10:00 am (SG) George Ginzel (Granddaughter, Sarah)  
 11:00 am (HR) Joan Docchio (Pete & Fran Maietta)  
 12:00 pm (SF) Frank Lamm – 1st Anniversary (The Family)  
 5:00 pm (SF) Eugene G. Manuel (Tina Krynicki)

## MONDAY June 30

- 8:00 am (SG) Nick Nardone, Sr. (Tony & Sue Korbar)  
 8:30 am (SF) Richard Quinn (Mom, Dick, Beverly & Tom)  
 9:00 am (HR) Joan Docchio (Anthony & Karen Woloszyn)

## TUESDAY July 1

- 8:00 am (SG) Joseph Maddalon (Elvy Kirkham)  
 8:30 am (SF) Nick Luft (The Luft Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) Andrew & Catherine Lample (David & Susanna Schaffer)

## WEDNESDAY July 2

- 8:00 am (SG) Al Dorsch (The Wolfe Family)  
 8:30 am (SF) Paul Kennelly (Cindy & Bill Hawthorne)  
 9:00 am (HR) Carmen Carozza (Glorine, wife)  
 7:00 pm (HR) Patty Ann Hall (Nina Dryna)  
 7:00 pm (SF) Thomas Zukowski (Mindy & Dave Kristofic)

## THURSDAY July 3 – St. Thomas

- 8:00 am (SG) Joseph Maddalon (Polly)  
 8:30 am (SF) Bob Connolly (Cathy & Ralph Ruggiero)  
 9:00 am (HR) Norberta Modlisewski (Anthony & Karen Woloszyn)

## FRIDAY July 4 – Independence Day

- 9:00 am (SG) Mary Ann Burgess (David & Susanna Schaffer)  
 9:00 am (SF) Nancy Alauzen (The Tepke Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) Bruce Patrick, Anniversary (Janet, wife & Cody, son)

## SATURDAY July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am (SF) Ken Krivy by Susan McVaney & Michelle Fabry  
 9:00 am (HR) Metro Stefura (Gary & Kathy (Kasper) Fray)  
 4:00 pm (SF) Paul Kerber (Daughter-Brenda)  
 5:00 pm (HR) John Novak (Blanche, wife & Jan Supan, daughter)  
 5:00 pm (SG) Tony & Mary Ann Celli (Jonathan, Claire, Maura & Ella Fauzey)  
 6:00 pm (SF) Patricia Volpe (Family)

## SUNDAY July 6 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am (SF) Leo Day (Brian & Linda Heery)  
 8:00 am (SG) Patricia J. & Louis D. Sobers (The Family)  
 9:00 am (HR) Lucille Massaro (Kathy & Bob Small)  
 10:00 am (SF) Donald Masyada (The Haskell's)  
 10:00 am (SG) Maryann Wallace (Jean Moyer)  
 11:00 am (HR) Deceased Members of the Stephen & Rose Simon Family (Anthony & Karen)  
 12:00 pm (SF) Elizabeth Ungarion (Ruthanne Bluemling)  
 5:00 pm (SF) Beau Barclay (Larry & Jonette Capra)

# 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 – 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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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

## Ellwood City Fourth of July Fun

Tasty food, quality crafts, great music and fireworks highlight the Ellwood City Arts and Crafts Festival, set for July 4-6 in Ewing Park. Divine Grace Parish volunteers once again are preparing their famous Pepperoni Puffs, just a sampling of a wide variety of food available at the festival. Visitors will enjoy nearly 100 craft booths and a kids area.

The Little Miss Firecracker Pageant for girls ages 5-8 will be held Friday morning. On Saturday a car cruise from Cascade Park in New Castle to Ellwood City will be a highlight. Live bands will take the festival stage in the afternoon & evenings. Strolling musicians, free giveaways, and fireworks cap off the celebration. Learn more at <https://ellwood-city-festival.net>



## Corpus Christi Sunday

Hundreds of parishioners took part in Eucharistic Processions last Sunday following Masses at Saint Gregory, Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand churches. Thanks to all who helped to bring Christ to others and celebrate our devotion to the Holy Eucharist.



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Saint Ferdinand

### Monday, June 30

9:15 am Flame of Love  
Church

### Tuesday, July 1

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer  
Holy Family Room

### Wednesday, July 2

10:00 am Summer Storytime  
Holy Family Room

6:00 pm Life Teen  
Youth Room

### Thursday, July 3

7:15 pm Prayer Group  
Holy Family Room

### Friday, July 4

Parish Office Closed

### Sunday, July 6

9:00 am Blood Drive  
McAndrew-Biller Hall

### St. Ferdinand Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**(9:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

**724-776-2888 ext. 1101**

**Fax: 724-776-2378**

## IMPORTANT: Revised Bulletin Submission Guidelines

Following Independence Day weekend, bulletin announcements will need to be submitted earlier due to personnel changes in the Communications Department.

Effective **July 7, 2025**, announcements will need to be submitted **two Wednesdays** before the date you would like information published. For the July 13 bulletin, information will need to be emailed by **Wednesday, July 2** to Bob DeWitt, Director of Communications, [rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org). Thanks for your help!



## Generosity and Service - The Hands and Feet of Jesus

Earlier this month the Divine Grace ABC Moms ministry generously spent time with their children in Graham Park putting together care kits for the Cranberry Police Department.

They purchased the materials and lovingly filled the bags with requested items. These care kits will go to victims of domestic abuse and others who are living out of their cars. Thank you, ABC Moms for this beautiful work of corporal mercy!



# "SAVE A LIFE" SUNDAY!

Help us in making a difference.



## DIVINE GRACE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE at St. Ferdinand Church

**Sunday, July 6, 2025. 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

McAndrew-Biller Hall | 2535 Rochester Rd. | Cranberry Township, PA 16066

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Call 1-877-25VITAL
- Scan code for a list of all available times
- Or go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code **100561728**



APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call 877.25.VITAL or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)

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# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Holy Redeemer

### Tuesday, July 1

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope  
Catholic Center

### Wednesday, July 2

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society  
School Classroom  
7:30 pm Bible Study  
(Gospel of Mark)  
Rectory

### Friday, July 4

Parish Office Closed

### 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**

## Annual Parish Appeal

Thank you 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, 1,214 donations have been received.

To give to the 2025 Parish Appeal:

<https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW>.

## Understanding QR Codes

You may have noticed QR codes - a scannable bar code in a unique arrangement of squares - popping up on flyers, in the bulletin and on the web. If you have not used one before, here's how:

1. Open your camera on your smart phone.
2. Hold your phone over the QR code like you are going to take a photo of it.
3. A website address will pop up on your screen.
4. Tap the address and it will take you to the site the QR code was created for.

Try this one to read about the **15 Promises of the Rosary**



## 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/mycatholicwill> to sign up.

## Cruise the Caribbean



It's hot now, but winter will be here soon enough. Look forward to some fun! The Holy Redeemer Social Club is planning its annual cruise for **February 21-28, 2026**. We depart Galveston, TX, on the Norwegian Viva for Cozumel, Mexico, Harvest Caye, Belize, Roatan Bay Islands, and Costa Maya, Mexico. Details at <https://divinegracepgh.org/cruise-the-caribbean> or call **Jude Dici**, Holiday Travel International, at 724-758-4913.



## Volunteers Needed for EC Arts & Crafts Festival

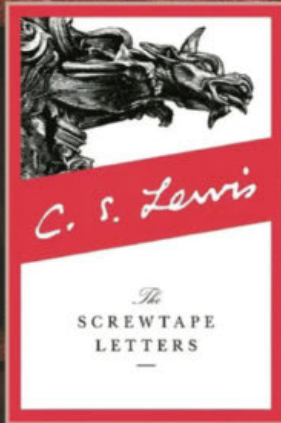
We need your help to prepare and sell our famous Holy Redeemer pepperoni puffs at our parish food booth during the Ellwood City Arts & Crafts Festival the weekend of July 4th. To volunteer visit <https://bit.ly/3WENB8v>. If you don't have child safety clearances, please contact Christine Kunz at [ckunz@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:ckunz@divinegracepgh.org).



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION with Fr. Joe

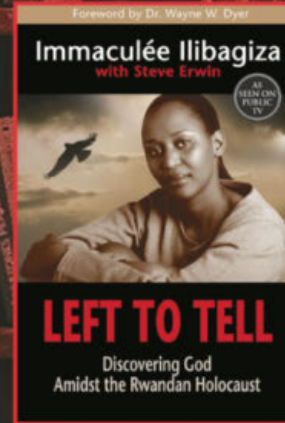
Pick up the book at the beginning of the month from Lou in the HR Office (\$5) + join Fr. Joe for a discussion at the end of each month in the Catholic Center



JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:30 PM



JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:30 PM



AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:30 PM

Are All Christians the same?

## Why Be Catholic?



**Talks by Deacon Erik Pintar**  
*a former Evangelical  
Nondenominational  
Protestant*

### Talk 1: Understanding the Bible as God Intended

Mon, July 28 – 7-8 PM  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Center

Tues, July 29 – 7-8 PM  
St. Ferdinand Church (in Cry Room)

### Talk 2: How to Worship God as God Intended

Mon, Aug 4 – 7-8 PM  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Center

Tues, Aug 5 – 7-8 PM  
St. Ferdinand Church

### Talk 3: How to Best Live Life As God Intended

Mon, Aug 11 – 7-8 PM  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Center

Tues, Aug 12 – 7-8 PM  
St. Ferdinand Church

*Invite your friends! Protestants and non-Catholics are more than welcome to attend.  
Each talk will be about 45 minutes, with time for Q&A at the end.*



## ADULT MEN'S GROUP

*Pray ~ Reflection ~ Fellowship*

**SATURDAYS AT 8:00 AM**  
**Holy Redeemer Church Rectory**  
**Followed by 9:00 AM Mass**

*For more information, contact Paul Unni:  
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# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## This Week at Saint Gregory

### Tuesday, July 1

7:00 pm Men's Group  
School Library

### Saturday, July 5

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**

## Parish Picnic Concert

Join us on **Saturday, July 26** starting at 6:15 pm on the lawn in front of the Saint Gregory Parish House. **The Wilmett Duo**, parishioners Mark and Anna Zimmerman, a father-daughter combo, will play pop and country tunes from the '60s through the '90s. Bring a chair and picnic food. We will provide bottled water, beer, wine, and snacks.



## Funeral Help Needed

Our funeral luncheons parish-wide are back in full swing but we are short on coverage for luncheons at **Saint Gregory**. We currently only have two volunteers at this location. We need at least 10 to have enough help to rotate through shifts. The luncheons will only take place at Saint Gregory when school is not in session. If you are interested in helping at this location please reach out to Jennifer at 724-776-2888 ext. 1210 or [jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org)  
Thank you!

## Honor Roll

Congratulations to parishioner **Olivia Campagna**, sophomore at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School, who was named to the Honor Roll for the fourth quarter.

## Saint Gregory Improvements

Before Divine Grace Parish was established in 2022, the former Saint Gregory Parish raised funds as a part of the diocesan *Church Alive* campaign. Those donations totaled **\$190,968** as of Apr. 30, 2025.

The original Case for Support approved by the Finance Council designated money for HVAC upgrades, audio improvements, security cameras, redesigning the organ space area, and handicap spaces.

Much of this work has been completed through our regular maintenance. We have cameras inside and outside the church, the school has a completely new HVAC system, the church received an enhanced HVAC system along with new HVAC in the sanctuary, the organ space has been redesigned with new flooring, the church bells were repaired, and the cry room/restroom/sacristy have new flooring. These projects totaled **\$334,609**.

Recently, we had to repair the church skylight due to persistent water leaks at a cost of **\$65,836**. We also installed a new lighting system for the church at a cost of **\$100,461**. The Finance and Pastoral councils on May 21 approved the transfer of the **\$190,968** to cover the balance of these necessary projects.

Thanks to your generosity, our Saint Gregory campus is well-prepared for the future so we can focus on our mission of evangelization and faith formation. We appreciate your support.



# FAITH FORMATION



**JASON GAWALDO**

**Director for  
Evangelization &  
Catechetical Ministries**

## Unpacking the Word

### Acts 12:1-11

*Note: If you attend Mass on Saturday evening this weekend, you'll hear a different first reading from earlier in Acts.*

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul takes precedence over what would be the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Throughout much of the world, though not in the United States, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and it celebrates the two pillars of the early Church who helped establish Christianity in the heart of the Roman Empire.

The Herod mentioned in the first reading is neither the Herod of Jesus' birth (his grandfather) nor the Herod of Jesus' trial (his brother-in-law); this one is Herod Agrippa I, ruler of Judea from A.D. 41-44. The martyrdom of James the Greater, son of Zebadee, happened near the end of this Herod's reign. Peter's arrest during Passover at the hand of a Herod leads one to suspect that this story will follow a similar course as Jesus's Passover arrest during the reign of a different Herod. Yet the Lord's plan in this instance was to rescue Peter by the hand of an angel, a non-bodily spirit that can act in the physical world.

This is Peter's third imprisonment recorded in Acts (see 4:3 and 5:18) and the second time he is rescued by an angel (see 5:19). It's interesting that, even though he has experienced this type of miraculous rescue before (in addition to all the miraculous things he witnessed during Jesus' ministry), Peter initially didn't think it was real. Sometimes we might feel the same way. Despite the many times the Lord has shown up in our lives, helped us through a difficult time, or just given us an unexpected grace, when he does it again sometimes we think it isn't real, that it's a vision, or that we just don't fully understand the cause. It couldn't be the Lord, right?

Today's solemnity encourages us to reflect on how the Lord brings about incredible things through our ordinary efforts. Peter and Paul both were human beings with limitations and even outright failures in ministry. And yet through their efforts, the Lord planted his Church in Rome, and from there it has spread to the ends of the earth. What might the Lord be doing through your ordinary efforts? Perhaps God actually is at work in your life in ways that you attribute to something else. It could be the Lord, right?

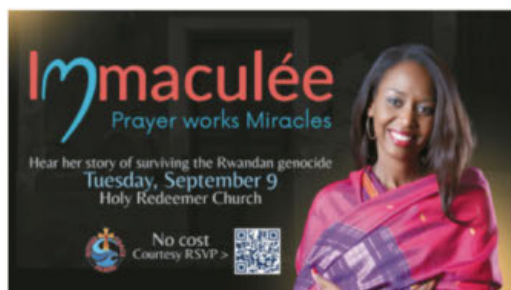


**Summer Storytime**

Up to age 5  
Wednesdays  
at Saint Ferdinand  
10:00-10:45 am  
May 28th-August 20th  
Snacks and crafts for kids  
Coffee for parents!

Sign up here  
to receive weekly  
communications

[www.divinegraceph.org/storytime](http://www.divinegraceph.org/storytime)



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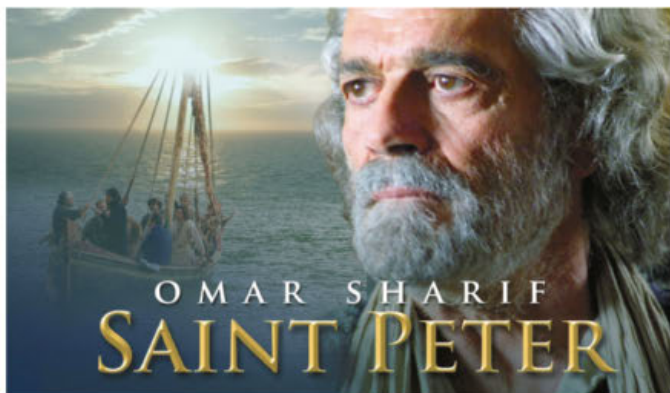
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## What is Faith Formation at Home?

Research continues to show that faith is best passed on from parent to child. This program for students in all grades will facilitate this with family-style learning in the comfort of your own home and on your own schedule. Families will be supported by a weekly email from the parish detailing the material to be covered that week and including brief teaching videos explaining the weekly materials and supplemental materials (additional videos, worksheets, and printables).

Faith Formation at Home involves five steps each week, which will be spelled out in each weekly email:

1. Begin with prayer – Reciting basic prayers is the easiest way to memorize them.
2. Explore the Sunday Gospel – Follow a simple format to reflect and share what God says to you.
3. Read and discuss a handful of catechism questions and/or an additional Bible story. Age-appropriate resources keep the whole family focused on the same topic and able to share what they learn.
4. Complete the Learning Check-in in your email – A simple Google form that shows your family has completed the week's material.
5. Conclude with prayer – Sharing your prayer intentions with each other enhances your bond as a family.

Online registration for all Faith Formation programs opens **July 1** at [divinegracepgh.org/formation](https://divinegracepgh.org/formation).

## Evangelization and Advertising Opportunity

Our **monthly parish magazine** is arriving in all homes of registered parishioners and eventually will be mailed to every Catholic household in our territory. It's a fantastic opportunity to evangelize and tell the story of our parish, and it's also a great advertising opportunity for businesses. If you own a business and would like to hear more about sponsorships in our magazine, please reach out to Jason at [jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org).

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# YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



**MICHAEL ASSAF**  
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 Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Saint Ferdinand's Field behind the maintenance annex. with a meal provided!

## **Upcoming Schedule**

Located at Saint Ferdinand Youth Room

**Life Teen - July 2nd**  
**Life Teen - July 9th**  
**Life Teen - July 16th**  
**Life Teen - July 23rd**

## **Amazon Wish List**



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## **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](mailto:massaf@divinegracepgh.org) if you are interested in being a chaperone.

Fees are waived for chaperones.

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

## **Youth Ministry Kickoff – Cancellation Notice**

The Youth Ministry Kickoff event scheduled for **Sunday, June 29** at Holy Redeemer Church has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. We apologize for the change and appreciate your understanding.

Please stay tuned for updates on upcoming youth ministry events!

Sincerely,

Hannah Repasky

Assistant Coordinator of Youth Ministry

[hrepasky@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:hrepasky@divinegracepgh.org)

## **Join the Youth Ministry Core Team!**

We're looking for faith-filled adults (18+) to help lead our middle and high school youth ministry programs at Holy Redeemer Church. High school students are also welcome to serve as volunteers for the EDGE middle school program.

If you're interested in walking with young people on their journey toward Christ, please join us for an information session on **Monday, July 7th** at 7:00 pm at the former Holy Redeemer Convent on Crescent Ave. Enter at the Crescent Avenue door.

No commitment required to attend — just come and learn!

To RSVP, please email Hannah Repasky at

[hrepasky@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:hrepasky@divinegracepgh.org)



# STREAMING THROUGH SPACE



## Summer STREAM camp



The Summer STREAM Camp at Saint Gregory School was out of this world! Organized by the **North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools**, the camp held June 16-20 was space-themed. The kids learned about science through hands-on activities. They used treats to discover details about asteroids (chocolate chip cookies), phases of the moon (oreos), and constellations (marshmallows and pretzels).

Using mnemonics came in handy to remember the names of planets. The campers also painted the solar system, and made slime! And they enjoyed a visit from Father Jim, who talked about how faith and science work together. Thanks to Nothing Bundt Cakes, Soergel Orchards and Goodfello's Pizza, Pasta, and Grille for their food donations.



Teachers (L-R) Lee Dittman, Stephanie Baldauf, and Rebecca Crawford.



# PARISH FAMILY FESTIVAL



**August 8, 9, 10**

## **T-Shirts Available!**

Family Festival T-Shirts are now ready to purchase. This year's color is Sapphire Blue! Fill out the form online at <https://bit.ly/3VAhhBF>

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Our Parish Family Festival is about six weeks away, and we need your help. 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 <https://bit.ly/3VAhhBF>

## **White Elephant Donations**

**NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING INDOOR FURNITURE.**

Gather your new or gently used items. Donations will be accepted at Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall from **Monday, July 7** through noon on Friday, July 25. PLEASE ensure your items are clean, unbroken and ready to sell. There are items we cannot accept, including indoor furniture, full-size appliances, large exercise equipment, non-portable musical instruments, mattresses and box springs, pillows, TV's and monitors that are not flat screens or that have any functions that don't work, and car tires. For complete Donation Guidelines, visit <https://divinegracepgh.org/white-elephant-sale>

## **Support for Boutique Booth**

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](mailto:peggyw919@gmail.com) to arrange a pick up. Thank you!

## **Country Kitchen Treats**

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!

## **Basket Donations Needed**

We appreciate all who have generously donated so far. We continue 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!



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**Nicole Miller**

**Taylor Lagrydin**

**Steven Lagrydin**

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& Family**

**Christopher  
Abrahamsen**

*This list will appear every  
other week*



# Diocesan News

## Meet the Newest Priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

### Father Alec Scheuer

Home Parish: Saint James, Washington, PA



Father Alec was born on February 10, 1991 in South Korea. He was adopted when he was four months old and has two older sisters and one younger sister, who is also adopted.

He attended elementary schools in McLean, Virginia, and in Falls Church, Virginia. He graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 2009. He enrolled at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in August 2009 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a minor in Theology in 2013.

Father Alec's most recent employment was as the Director of Youth Ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish in Washington, PA.

In Fall 2018, he was accepted into the priestly formation program to begin pre-theology studies at Saint Paul Seminary and Duquesne University. After completing his second year of pre-theological studies he was assigned to Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, to begin theological studies in August 2020.

In Summer 2020, he participated in the Summer Priestly Spirituality Program of the Department for Pre-Ordination Formation. In June 2022, he began his Pastoral Formation Year assignment at Blessed Trinity Parish, South Pittsburgh/Hays/Brentwood. In August 2023, he returned to Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, to begin his third year of theological studies.

He was ordained to the diaconate on June 1, 2024 and assigned to Blessed Trinity Parish. He returned to Saint Mary Seminary, Baltimore, MD, to begin his fourth year of theological studies in Fall 2024. He was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on June 28, 2025.

### Father Daniel Roberts

Home Parish: Saint Matthew, Glenshaw, PA



Father Daniel was born on July 16, 1979 and has two older sisters and one younger sister.

He attended Saint Sebastian School in Ross Township, graduating from North Hills Senior High School in 1997. He graduated from Grove City College in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Theater and History. He received a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 2007.

His most recent employment was as an adjunct theater professor at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, and as a freelance actor. In Fall 2018, he was accepted into the priestly formation program and completed two years of pre-theology studies at Saint Paul Seminary and Franciscan University of Steubenville in May 2020.

In Summer 2020, he participated in the Summer Priestly Spirituality Program of the Department for Pre-Ordination Formation. He was assigned to Theological College and The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, to begin theological studies in August 2020.

In June 2022, he began his Pastoral Formation Year assignment at Holy Spirit Parish, Lawrence County. In August 2023, he returned to Theological College and The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, to begin his third year of theological studies.

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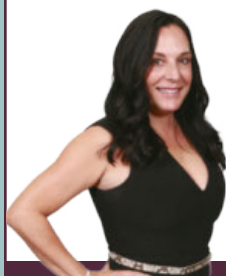
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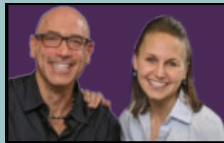
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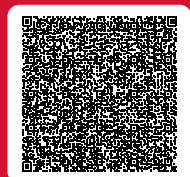


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