

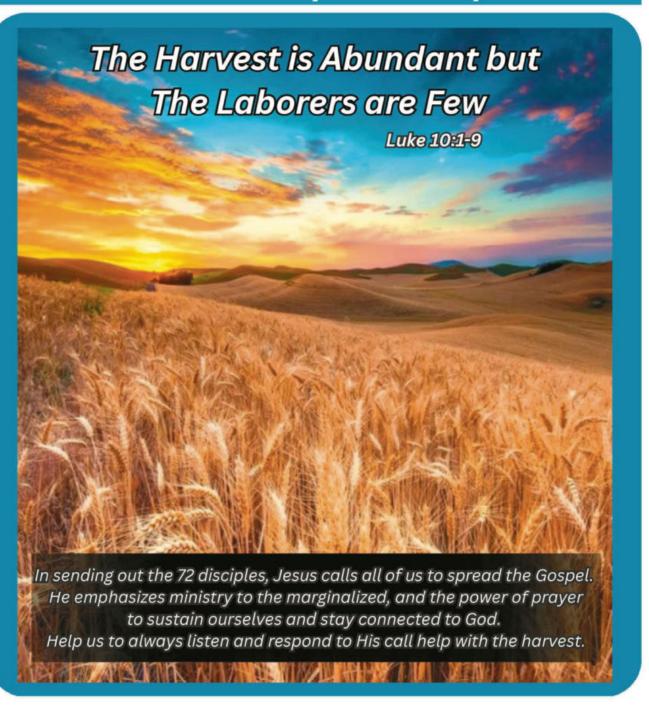
DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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July 6, 2025 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Beginning Our 4th Year

I started my assignment as your Pastor on July 1, 2022, driving from New Orleans after serving for 10 years at Notre Dame Seminary. I arrived on Friday, June 30th and hit the ground running the following day. As I now start my 4th year as Pastor, I do so grateful to Bishop Zubik, the clergy team and staff, and most of all, to you. Please pray that I can be the best shepherd I humanly can be for you. Thank you!

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 Saint Gregory; **July 20** at the 9:00 am Mass at Holy Redeemer, and the noon Mass at Saint Ferdinand. Our Patronal Feast Day is July 23, Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace.

<u>Life Teen this Wednesday</u>

This **Wed.**, **July 9**, our young people in grades 7-12 are invited from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room at Saint Ferdinand for food, social time, and prayer. These usually occur on Mondays but these gatherings will be hosted on Wednesdays until the end of summer.

Bishop Zubik Mass of Thanksgiving

Bishop Zubik will celebrate Mass on **Thurs., July 10**, at 7:00 pm at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The Mass is open to the public, and is celebrated in thanksgiving for his ministry.

Preparing to Welcome Bishop Mark

Evening Prayer will take place at Saint Paul Cathedral, at 4:00 pm on **Sun., July 13** and is open to the public. We will offer a holy hour at Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand Church on July 13 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Please consider praying for our new bishop. The Archbishop of Philadelphia will install Bishop Mark on **Mon., July 14** at 2:30 pm. at Saint Paul Cathedral. Congratulations Bishop Mark!

No Confessions on July 10

I will be at the Mass of Thanksgiving this Thursday to represent the parish; therefore no confessions at Saint Gregory this Thursday.

Parish Picnic

We will gather on **Saturday, July 26**, at 6:15 pm in front of the parish house at Saint Gregory Church. Leading us in pop and country music will be The Wilmett Duo, our own parishioners Mark and Anna. We will have some light refreshments. Bring picnic food and a chair for a relaxed evening of music.

Getting Ready for the Parish Festival

We are about one month away from the Family Festival that will take place from **August 8-10**. I am grateful to Jamie and Judy Shearer who are chairing the festival for the third year along with the festival committee and an army of volunteers. Please see page 15 for more information or visit <u>parishfamilyfestival.org</u>

Keeping the Mass a Priority

With vacations, sports, family picnics, and enjoying recreational time, keeping Sunday Mass as a central part of our summer schedule allows the Divine Grace of Our Lord into our lives bringing us a stable, solid foundation so we can really enjoy the peace of recreation. Have a great summer.

Would You Like to be a Cantor or Choir Member?

We have choirs, cantors at each Mass, and instrumentalists – would you like to learn more about these opportunities? Reach out to our music director Kevin at kjohnson@divinegracepah.org.

New Fiscal Year

The parish finance council has approved the operating budget for 2025-2026. You can review the budget by going to our website at https://divinegracepgh.org/parish-budget-summary. I appreciate your financial support that enables us to exercise liturgical, spiritual, and pastoral ministry. Thank you!

July 6, 2025

Today's Gospel Reading

Lk 10:8-9

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them. 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you."

Parish Leadership

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

This weekend's second collection is for the Annual Parish Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday Collection Total for June 21 & 22, 2025: NO SECOND COLLECTION -- \$28,341

Parish Members-- 18,779 Parish Households-- 7,087

MASS INTENTIONS

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SATURDAY July 5 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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 F	auzev)
6:00 pm (SF) Patricia Volpe (Family)	uumo,,
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SUNDAY July 6 - 14th Sunday in Ordinany Time	
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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 Fami	lv
(Anthony & Karen)	,
12:00 pm (SF) Elizabeth Ungarion (Ruthanne Bluemling)	
5:00 pm (SF) Beau Barclay (Larry & Jonette Capra)	
5.00 pm (Sr) beau barciay (Larry & Sollette Capia)	
MONDAY July 7	
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8:00 am (SG) Rita Schoeffel (The Warren Family)	
8:30 am (SF) Mary Booher (John & Susan Labos)	
9:00 am (HR) Joseph Aloi (John & Elizabeth)	
TUESDAY July 8	
8:00 am (SG) Francis Stoffa, Jr. (Dick & Eileen)	
8:30 am (SF) Marlene Kremer (Knights of Columbus #11838)	
9:00 am (HR) Marty Woloszyn (Wife & Children)	
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WEDNESDAY July 9	
8:00 am (SG) Lee Nocera (Anthony & Laurie Nocera)	
8:30 am (SF) Christopher Young (Joey & Jennifer DeStephano)	
9:00 am (HR) Vinny Riccio (Dave & Vicky Manzo)	
7:00 pm (HR) Louis Reda (Anthony & Karen Woloszyn)	
7:00 pm (SF) Joanne Candiello (Betsy & Ruth)	
THURSDAY July 10	
8:00 am (SG) Gail Frisk (Mark, Pam & Kyle Monroe)	
8:30 am (SF) Phil Losco (For The Temporal & Spiritual Welfare)	
(Ralph Capone)	
9:00 am (HR) Sam Pezzi (Padue LaCava)	
FRIDAY July 11 - St. Benedict	
8:00 am (SG) Raymond Thompson (Family)	
8:30 am (SF) John Rodish by Family	
9:00 am (HR) Ronald Riccardo (Pete & Fran Maietta)	
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SATURDAY July 12 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am (HR) Rose & Ned LaGrotta, grandparents (Frank LaGrotta)	
4:00 pm (CE) Julia Eckman (Torri Bornath (Magner))	
4:00 pm (SF) Julia Eckman (Terri Bernath (Wagner))	
5:00 pm (HR) Norberta Modlisewski (Dr. & Mrs. Doug Lockawich) 5:00 pm (SG) Alexander Dorsch (Jean & Nancy Flick)	
5:00 pm (SG) Alexander Dorsch (Jean & Nancy Flick)	
6:00 pm (SF) Raymond Nowak (Sons-Drew & Kevin & Grandson-Jas	per)
SUNDAY July 13 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 am (SF) David Rohm (Steve & Patty Rohm)	
8:00 am (SG) Joanne Leitholf (Diann Reiche)	
9:00 am (HR) Linda Cistola (Donna & Mike Hajduk)	
10:00 am (SF) Andrew Fornadel, Jr. (Wife & Children)	
10:00 am (SG) Mrs. Cabrina Woodruff (Carol Martin)	
11:00 am (HR) Nick Nardone, Sr. (Family)	
12:00 pm (SF) Donald Plunkett (The Cruttenden Family)	
E:00 pm (CE) loov Cklareky (Dad Brothers C Cister)	
5:00 pm (SF) Joey Sklarsky (Dad, Brothers & Sister)	

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

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

> 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

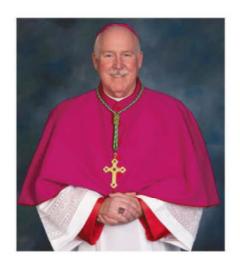
Sunday: Holy Redeemer Church 12:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Parishioner Feedback on St. Ferdinand Property

Divine Grace parishioners asked questions and provided feedback at a Town Hall regarding a proposal by Cranberry Township to purchase the land where Saint Ferdinand's ballfield is located. The township would like to develop the nine acres for recreational use. The township manager and all five supervisors attended the meeting on June 24, citing a recent study indicating a need for more local recreational opportunities. A number of parishioners said they would like to either keep the land as green space or look at alternate options. The clergy team and finance and pastoral councils have been consulted, and discussions are ongoing. Father Jim will continue to keep parishioners updated.

Bishop Eckman Ordination

Auxiliary bishop Mark Eckman will be ordained the 13th Bishop of Pittsburgh next Monday, July 14. The special Mass will begin at 2:30 pm at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The ordination is open to the public but seating is limited so arrive early, and carpooling is encouraged. A livestream also will be available at the diocesan website, www.diopitt.org. Bishop Eckman succeeds Bishop David Zubik, who has led the Diocese of Pittsburgh for nearly 18 years.



Staffing Update

With Alena Kucan transitioning into her new position, we welcome two new members to Communications working alongside Bob De Witt beginning in July. **Pilar Brown** will become our new bulletin designer with more than two decades of experience, including outstanding work designing Catholic parish bulletins. **Katerina Deem** is an accomplished graphic artist and digital strategist who will be creating designs and illustrations, expanding our social media presence, and editing video and photos. Both Pilar and Katerina will be working part-time and mostly on a remote basis. Welcome to the Divine Grace Parish Family!

This Week at Saint Ferdinand

Monday, July 7

9:15 am Flame of Love

Church

Tuesday, July 8

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

7:00 pm Festival Meeting

McAndrew-Biller Hall

Wednesday, July 9

10:00 am Summer Storytime

Holy Family Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

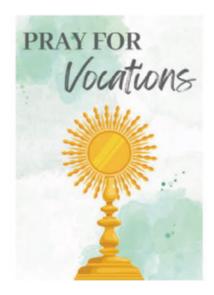
McAndrew-Biller Hall

Thursday, July 10

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



Uniting to Provide Support and Hope





The Bereavement Group which meets at Saint Ferdinand and the Seasons of Hope Group that meets at Holy Redeemer came together for an evening of prayer and support. After celebrating Mass together, they shared the names of their loved ones who had gone before them, then took part in a butterfly release on the front lawn of Saint Ferdinand Church. The evening brought hope, healing and support to all in attendance. A special thank you to Father Gallagher for celebrating the Mass, Pauline for organizing the program, and Patti and Luann who facilitate the Seasons of Hope Group. Interested in joining either of these groups? Contact Jennifer at jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org for more information.

K of C Living Rosary on July 14

The Knights of Columbus
Council 11838 invites all
parishioners to join them to
pray a Living Rosary at Saint
Ferdinand Church on
Monday, July 14 at 7:00 pm.
A 90-foot rosary will be laid
down the main aisle of the
church and everyone will be
asked to hold a bead and
help recite the holy Rosary.
Prayer handouts will be
available. Families are
welcome!

New Bulletin Submission Guidelines

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

Effective July 7, announcements will need to be submitted two
Wednesdays before the date you would like information published. For the July 20 bulletin, information will need to be emailed by Wednesday, July 9 to Bob DeWitt, Director of Communications, rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org.
Thanks for your help!

This Week at Holy Redeemer

Tuesday, July 8

6:30 pm Seasons of Hope

Catholic Center

Wednesday, July 9

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

7:30 pm Bible Study

(Gospel of Mark)

Rectory

Friday, July 11

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

Sunday, July 13

1:00 pm

Knotted with Love Catholic Center Lunchroom

Holy Redeemer Office Hours Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Closed for Lunch

(12:30 pm - 1:00 pm) 724-758-7587 ext. 3002

Fax: 724-752-1466

Celebrating Divine Grace Parish

This month marks the third anniversary of the establishment of Divine Grace Parish. Join us to celebrate in Masses scheduled for 5:00 pm **Saturday**, **July 19** at Saint Gregory, 9:00 am Sunday, **July 20** at Holy Redeemer, or noon on the 20th at Saint Ferdinand. The Feast Day of our patron, Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace, is **Wednesday**, **July 23**.

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, 1,217 donations have been received.

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

Cruise the Caribbean



Let's go cruising! The Divine
Grace Parish 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/cru
ise-the-caribbean or call
Jude Dici, Holiday Travel
International, at 724-758-4913.



Ministry Spotlight - Divine Grace Parish Social Club

The **Divine Grace Parish Social Club** is rooted in over 60 years of ministry. Its mission is to bring our parish and community together in a spirit of Christ-led fellowship.

The Social Club sponsors various events throughout the year including the New Year's Eve Bingo and the Children's Christmas Party. They also host a weekly Bingo which draws parishioners and community members alike to our Holy Redeemer Catholic Center. Funds raised go toward sponsoring three generous scholarships for high school seniors, one at each of our church sites.

They also support Saint Gregory School, the Christian Mothers and other Divine Grace ministries. In a spirit of fellowship and sense of community, the group has hosted various social activities including bus trips to Niagara Falls, parks and plays.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about this ministry, we welcome you to email socialclub@divinegracepgh.org or call 724-776-2888 ext. 1210 for more information.

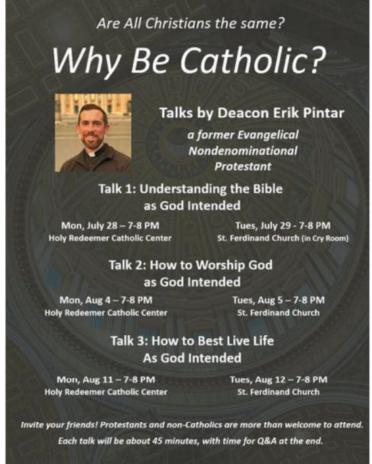


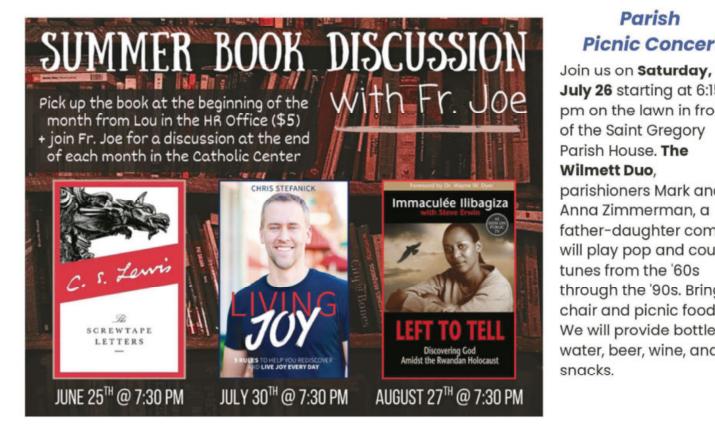
ADULT MEN'S GROUP

Pray ~ Reflection ~ Fellowship

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

> For more information, contact Paul Unni: paulunni618@gmail.com





Parish Picnic Concert

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.

This Week at **Saint Gregory**

Tuesday, July 8

7:00 pm Men's Group School Library

Thursday, July 10

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Church

Saturday, July 12

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



Funeral Help Needed

Our funeral luncheons parishwide are back in full swing but we are short on volunteers at Saint Gregory. We need 10 people to help rotate through shifts. The luncheons will take place at Saint Gregory only when school is not in session. For anyone interested in helping or learning more about this ministry, there will be a meeting at 10:00 am on Friday, July 11 in the Blue Room kitchen, Please enter through the Church office doors. You may also contact Jennifer at

jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org 724-776-2888 ext. 1210 for more information. Thank you!

Help Divine Grace Parish When You're Away

The busy summer months ahead can affect our ministries at Divine Grace Parish. You can help us! As you finalize your summer travel plans, please prayerfully consider signing up for Faith Direct to help consistently sustain our ministries throughout the summer and all year long.

This is a way for you to simplify your giving and help provide our church with consistent support month after month. That's especially important during the summer, when many families are out of town and Divine Grace won't receive their support. Visit https://bit.ly/4lx7VSI to fill out the form or call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757 to enroll.

Join Us in Community Outreach

We continue to connect with our communities and neighbors sharing the Truth and Good News of the Gospel. Join our outreach efforts in Zelienople Thursday evenings at the Open Air Market from 5:00-8:00 pm, and at the monthly Wander Ellwood open street nights. The next event is Wed., July 16, 5:00-9:00 pm on Lawrence Ave. To learn more about how you can get involved contact Jason at jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org or

Jennifer at

jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org.

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



FAITH FORMATION



JASON GAWALDO

Director for
Evangelization &
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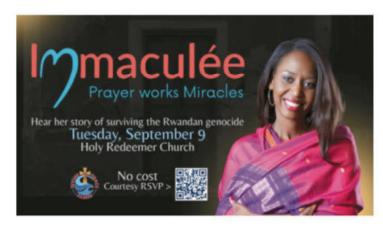
Unpacking the Word

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Isaiah 66 is the final chapter of one of the most important prophetic books in the Bible. Isaiah was used as a catechism of sorts in the Early Church because of his many prophecies of Jesus and of the restoration of the People of God. This final section of the book, beginning in chapter 56, describes the future glorification of God's people after all the persecutions have ceased and the judgment is over. It speaks in terms of comfort, rejoicing, and flourishing.

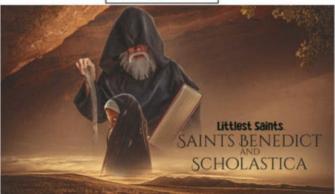
We are so used to the frequent paternal imagery for God that Isaiah's imagery may be surprising at first. It's worth remembering that the Holy Trinity is not a gendered being, except for the Second Person who took on a fully human nature, including male gender, and retains that nature with its gender eternally. Humanity, male and female together, is made in the image and likeness of God, and so the genius of each gender offers a glimpse into the divine. This week, the Spirit offers us a glimpse of the maternal aspect of God through the voice of Isaiah.

The Lord loves his people in a way that is analogous to a mother's love for her nursing infant. Babies can be a lot of work. They make demands upon your time and freedom. They are at times quite annoying, too. And yet a mother cannot help but love her baby. A smile or a coo is enough to make her forget the annoyances of parenting an infant. That same tenderness is what the Lord feels for his people, for you and for me. If we can bring ourselves to accept his love, we can experience comfort and delight akin to that of a nursing baby. The next time you see a mother with her baby, the next time you look at your own baby or grandbaby, pause a moment to take it in. It's an image of the Lord's desire for us.



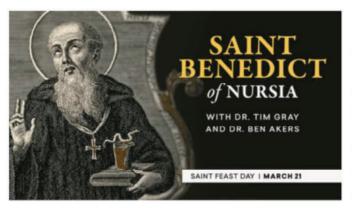






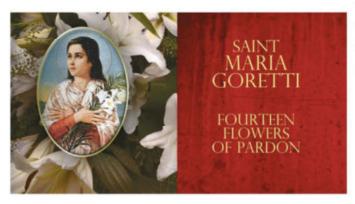
Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Online registration for fall Faith Formation programs is now open! Visit <u>divinegracepgh.org/formation</u> to read about programs being offered, see full schedules, and register your children and family. We exist to help parents pass on the faith to their kids, and so we offer a variety of options - from fully in-person to fully at-home and even a hybrid option. And we offer modifications for families with special needs. If you have questions about how best to address your family's faith formation needs, please reach out to Jason Gawaldo

(jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org).

The Search

What are you searching for? The Search leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life through a visually stunning, intellectually stimulating approach. Hosted by Chris Stefanick, The Search guides viewers through seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith. Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Who in your life do you wish knew Jesus better, or was more connected with His Church? Consider inviting them to attend this experience with you. The Search will take place on Wednesdays, Sept. 24-Nov. 5, 7:30-9:00 pm in Oldenski Hall at St. Ferdinand. Sign up at divinegracepgh.org/thesearch.

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.

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 9th Life Teen - July 16th Life Teen - July 23rd Life Teen - July 30th

Amazon Wish List





Fun and Fellowship

Members of Life Teen got wet and cooled off recently at a Slip 'n Slid Kickball game at Saint Ferdinand.









Benefits of Catholic Education- Part One

1. Catholic schools are one of the best ways the Church brings young people into a personal relationship with Jesus while preparing them for life.

Students learn that God is present and active in their lives. They see signs of His love all around them and become instruments of His grace through their relationships with family, friends, and teachers.

2. Catholic schools' holistic approach not only addresses a child's cognitive development, but also their spiritual, emotional, social, and physical growth.

Caring for the entire person helps contribute to students' success. They are prepared academically, but also come to understand their inherent worth and dignity, as well as that of others, in an increasingly changing world. They learn to love themselves, each other, and God.



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Catholic schools teach the Golden Rule from the Gospel of Matthew (7:12): "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." This helps give students the strength to say no when necessary, and the courage to stand up for the defenseless.

5. Catholic schools provide spiritual formation that encourages the pursuit of virtue. Students are taught to strive for moral excellence, bear witness to the Gospel and the Church's teachings, and build healthy relationships. This ongoing process of growth and transformation can inspire others, drawing them closer to God, and lead to a more fulfilling and meaningful life.

Classes begin August 21.

To register, call 724- 452-9731 or email schooloffice@stgregzelie.org.

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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

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 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!

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

Festival Set Up

Do you have a strong back and have some time to help out? Festival Grounds Set Up will begin with Tent Set Up on **Saturday**, **July 26** at 9 am. Set Up will continue Monday, July 28 through Wednesday the 30th, and again Monday, August 4th through Wednesday the 6th from 5:30 pm to sunset to set up the White Elephant, Kiddie Land, Game Booths and outdoor Food Booths. Whatever time you can offer is appreciated! Please contact **Brendan** at 724-766-5840 to sign up or if you have any questions.

Got Baskets?

The Basket Raffle Booth is in need of baskets for this year's Festival. If you have an empty basket that you're not using, please consider donating it. Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office marked "Small Basket Raffle" Thank you! We are also looking for volunteers to help assemble baskets. Please email

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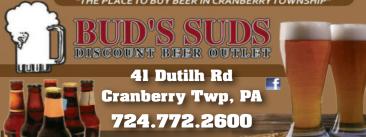


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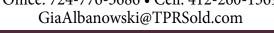
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