

# Divine Grace Parish

Thirty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

November 2, 2025



## *Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us*

This weekend we remember the Saints, inspired by their holy lives.  
We also pray for the dead, especially those souls in purgatory awaiting purification.



*Saint Ferdinand*

2535 Rochester Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

*Saint Gregory*

2 West Beaver Street  
Zelienople, PA 16063

*Holy Redeemer*

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*Today* salvation has  
come to this house.

— Luke 19:9

## Masses for the Deceased

Mass will be celebrated in all three churches at 7:00 pm on **Monday, November 3** for those who passed away in the last year through October 2025. All are invited as we pray for the repose of their souls. In addition, I will celebrate Mass at Saint Gregory Cemetery on **Saturday, November 8** at noon at the Mausoleum.

## Visiting Cemeteries in November

One of the important traditions of the Church is to visit the remains of our deceased parishioners in cemeteries. We are blessed to have two parish cemeteries: Holy Redeemer and Saint Gregory. Consider paying a visit to our cemeteries or wherever your loved ones are interred.

## Anointing Mass at Passavant

The first Thursday of the month I say Mass at Passavant Home in Zelenople. Twice a year, I celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I will do so on **Thursday, November 6** at 10:30 am. The Mass is open to the public.

## Farewell Deacon Jeff

Deacon Jeff has served our parish faithfully since 2020, coordinating liturgical planning, baptismal and wedding preparation, and ministries involving our Mass Proclaimers, Greeters, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Deacon Jeff and his wife Lucy will be relocating to the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, to be closer to family members. Thank you, Deacon Jeff, for your ministry in our parish and our diocese!

## Saint Gregory School Auction

The annual Saint Gregory School Auction will take place on **Saturday, November 8**, starting at 6:00 pm in the Bergman Events Center. In addition to an open bar and food tables, there are raffle items, class pottery and baskets, auction of dinners and purses, and much more. Deacon Don and I serve as the auctioneers.

## Getting Ready for Advent

We are hosting a Parish Mission at Saint Ferdinand Church from **Monday, November 17 to Wednesday, November 19** featuring Nick De La Torre, host of a podcast, The Awaken Catholic Show. Talks on Monday and Tuesday begin at 7:00 pm. Topics include the Healing Power of Prayer, and the importance of Adoration, Confession, and Praise. The mission concludes Wednesday with an evening of Healing & Liberation presented by Dry Bones Ministries. We will have all-day Adoration with Confession available at 5:30 pm, a talk on Spiritual Warfare at 6:30 pm, and Mass and Blessing with Relics at 7:00 pm.

## Saint Gregory Organ

To date, we have received 72 donations totaling \$374,830 toward overall cost of the organ restoration of \$584,935. If you are able to make a gift, please write your check to Divine Grace Parish and note it is for the organ project. If you would like to make a pledge with a reoccurring donation, please let us know.

## Organ Dedication Concert

Mark your calendars—the Dedication Concert for Saint Gregory's new organ is set for **Friday, January 30** at 7:00 pm. Those who contributed to the project will receive an invite from me in December.

### DIVINE GRACE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT



Sunday Collection total for  
**October 18-19, 2025 = \$40,980**

Second Collection = \$5,468  
(for World Mission Sunday)

Parish Members = 18,834

Parish Households = 7,112

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. *Thank you for your generosity.*

I ask that...prayers, petitions, and  
thanksgivings be offered for *everyone*

— 1 Timothy 2:1



### Saturday, November 1 – All Saints

4:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Deceased of Moravek Family (Family)  
5:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † James, Ruth & Mary DeCaria (Family)  
5:00 pm, Saint Gregory † Frank Granato, Jr. (Stephen & Mary Granato)  
6:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Amelia Balmert (Valerie & Jim Bucek)

### Sunday, November 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

8:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Marlene Kremer (Husband, Paul)  
8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Marilyn Belsterling (Polly)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Helen Colosimo (Melanie Pecora)  
10:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Zachary Balog (Mom, Dad & Josh)  
10:00 am, Saint Gregory † Janice Esswein (Butch & Joanne Sakarek)  
11:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Stan Sutkowski (Family)  
12:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Bridget Sklarsky (Mary Samsa)  
5:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Agnes Protulipac (Frank & Judy Colosimo)

### Monday, November 3

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Kenneth Loomis (Dan & Tonya)  
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Richard Quinn (Mom, Dick, Beverly & Tom)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Mary Anne Caputo (Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Woloszyn)  
7:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Deceased Members of Divine Grace Parish  
7:00 pm, Saint Gregory † Deceased Members of Divine Grace Parish  
7:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † Deceased Members of Divine Grace Parish

### Tuesday, Nov. 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Ed Wolford (Ann & Salvatore Dino)  
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Amelia Massimino (Stephen & Laurette Bentz)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Mary D. Moore (Karen Mancini)

### Wednesday, November 5

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Rita Schoeffel (Bruce & Carol Gallagher)  
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Christopher Young (Raymond & Carol Ritzert)

9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Metro Stefura (Mark & Soni DeChellis)  
7:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Scott James (Julie & Jeff Kastelic)  
7:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † For the Eradication of Evil within our Parish Boundaries

### Thursday, November 6

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Crowley Family (Jonathan, Claire, Maura & Ella Fauzey)  
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † John Pecyna (Family)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Michelle "Mickey" Piecuch (Nick & Kathy Nardone)

### Friday, November 7

8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Phillip Durler, Jr. (Tom & Janie Lander)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Petie Frontini (Aunt Marie)  
9:00 am, Saint Gregory † Stan Verona (John & Rita Verona)

### Saturday, November 8

9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Judy Simon (Patti Kuhn)  
4:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Robert Connolly (Ray & Sherry Maudie)  
5:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † Katherine M. Bellissimo (Family)  
5:00 pm, Saint Gregory † Richard Bachmann (Steve & Carolyn Miller)  
6:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Joe & Cecelia Wirth (Jack & Phyllis Wirth)

### Sunday, Nov. 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Greg Weimer (Mom & Dad)  
8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Alexander W. Dorsch (Gene & Veronica Vezzani)  
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society (Members)  
10:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Beau Barclay (Mary Jane Hadley)  
10:00 am, Saint Gregory † Joseph Goral (Cristalli Family)  
11:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Vito Bellissimo (Bellissimo Family)  
12:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † George Bluemling (Ruthanne Bluemling)  
5:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Janet Johnston (Michael Stuban)

† = deceased

## Building a Bridge to the Future

By Fr. Jim Wehner

When a Catholic passes from this life to the next, we may read about how they gave to many worthy causes during their lifetime and in death. But too often, Catholic parishes and organizations are not listed among their beneficiaries, even though they faithfully tried to follow Jesus.

Now there is a way for such a legacy of faith to live on.

The Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh has been established to support Catholic causes across southwestern Pennsylvania. Divine Grace Parish is one of the first parishes to be able to benefit through this program.

The foundation is creating endowed funds to provide consistent annual income to parishes as needs continue to evolve. The Fund for Divine Grace Parish will offer a permanent source of support, with annual distributions allowing us to look to the future, plan strategically for expected needs and those that cannot be anticipated.

“Stewardship is more than financial support; it is a spiritual act of love,” Bishop Mark Eckman said in a recent article in *Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine*. “It is a way of participating in God’s work, of planting seeds that will bear fruit long after we are gone.”

As an independent non-profit corporation, the Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh will make giving easier through long-term, short-term and quasi endowments. Investments will be managed with Catholic values in mind, provide lasting support for parishes, and offer transparency to donors so that gifts reflect their values and help the programs and ministries they care about.

Common legacy gifts include estate commitments such as bequests and retirement plans, designations of life insurance policies, personal or corporate matching gifts, and trusts or annuities such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts.

Because they are typically funded with assets, legacy gifts usually cost donors nothing during their lifetimes. Such donations allow for extended impact, as the principal is invested through the foundation and grows over time, allowing Divine Grace Parish to use earned interest to help fulfill our mission.

In the coming weeks I will be sharing more information with you about the Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh and the Fund for Divine Grace Parish. I’m excited about this opportunity to sustain our parish, advance our faith, and endow our future. Learn more at [www.cfgpitt.org](http://www.cfgpitt.org)



## MASS Schedule



### Saint Ferdinand Church

2535 Rochester Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	8:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm
<b>First Saturday</b>	8:30 am
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	4:00 pm
	6:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	Noon
	5:00 pm

### Holy Redeemer Church

415 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

<b>Monday - Saturday</b>	9:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am
	11:00 am

### Saint Gregory Church

2 West Beaver Street  
Zelenople, PA 16063

<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	8:00 am
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am
	10:00 am

# SCREENFAST

## Unplug to Recharge Your Faith

Screen Fast, a parish-wide initiative, gets underway this weekend. The goals are to fast from non-essential screen use during November, and use that time to prepare for Advent and grow in our faith.

### *Did you know?*

- 95 percent of teens in the U.S. have access to a smartphone, and 80 percent say they check their phones throughout the night
- Gen Z users (born between 1996–2010) average about 9 hours a day in screen time
- Health advocates say too much screen time exposes us to constant stimulation, creating an addiction that leads to poor sleep quality, shorter attention spans, and higher rates of anxiety and depression.

Staring at screens have become a way of life for many of us, but there are benefits. Using a smartphone, tablet, computer or TV can boost our cognitive skills, help children prepare for school, increase work productivity and allow us to work from home and improve our life-job balance.

Visit <https://divinegracepgh.org/screen-fast> to sign up for weekly tips on how to be more intentional about screen time. Take part in fun parish activities like games, a bonfire, and talks. Focus on prayer.

As Catholics we are called to live in freedom! Make this November a month to put Christ first in our life. Use this newfound time to grow closer to Him. Unplug to Recharge Your Faith.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Is there a ministry you would like to start, or do you have ideas on how Divine Grace Parish can better serve you or your family through ministry? Please complete our Ministry Survey through the following options:



- Scan the survey QR code here.
- Visit <https://divinegracepgh.org/ministries> and scroll down to the survey button.
- Pick up a hard copy in church or a parish office. Drop it in the return basket when complete.

Please complete and return your survey by **December 1**. Reach out to Jennifer with any questions at [jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org). Thanks for your input!



## EUCCHARISTIC Adoration

### —MONDAY—

*Holy Redeemer Church*

8:00 am to 8:50 am

### —TUESDAY—

*Saint Gregory Church*

Paused due to organ installation

*Holy Redeemer Church*

8:00 am to 8:50 am

### —WEDNESDAY—

*Saint Ferdinand Church*

9:00 am to 6:30 pm

*Holy Redeemer Church*

9:30 am to 7:00 pm

### —FRIDAY—

*Holy Redeemer Church*

8:00 am to 8:50 am

*Saint Ferdinand Church*

9:00 am to 10:00 am

### —SUNDAY—

*Holy Redeemer Church*

12:15 pm to 5:00 pm





## CONFESSION *Schedule*

### —TUESDAY—

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

### —WEDNESDAY—

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

### —SATURDAY—

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

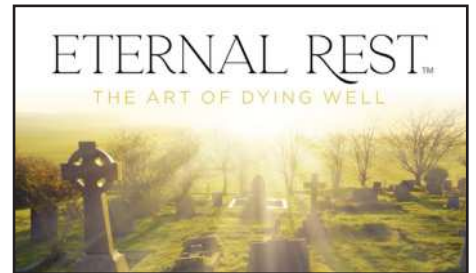
**Saint Ferdinand Church**  
10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

## *This week on* **formed**<sup>TM</sup> Week of November 2, 2025

### **Eternal Rest**

What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through *Eternal Rest*, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



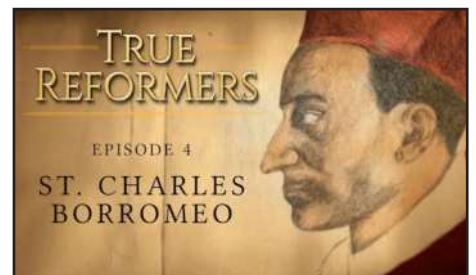
### **Litany of the Faithful Departed**

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who is in need of prayer.



### **St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd**

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the most beloved and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose to live in humility and service, rejecting riches and honors. Learn about the incredible life of a Renaissance cardinal who lived to serve and shepherd the members of his flock.



Want to grow in faith on your own time? Divine Grace Parish offers free access to *Formed*, an online hub of Catholic movies, talks, studies, and kids' content. Visit <https://signup.formed.org>, enter our parish name, and start exploring today.



**Submissions for Bulletin:** Announcements are requested two Wednesdays before the date you would like it published. Please email [rdewitt@divinegracepg.org](mailto:rdewitt@divinegracepg.org). Thank you!



## Oratory Dedication at Saint Ferdinand



*Father Dan Kushner celebrates Mass, dedicating the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Oratory at Saint Ferdinand Administrative Center. It will be available during office hours and for faith formation and youth ministry.*



## Saint Ferdinand Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

724-776-2888, ext. 1101

Fax: 724-776-2378



## This week at Saint Ferdinand Church

### Monday, November 3

- 9:15 am Flame of Love, *Church Cry Room*
- 9:30 am Women Gathered, *Holy Family Room*
- 6:00 pm LifeTeen, *Youth Room*
- 7:00 pm Women Gathered, *Holy Family Room*

### Tuesday, November 4

- 9:00 am Flame of Love, *Children's Liturgy Room*
- 9:30 am Contemplative Prayer, *Holy Family Room*
- 10:00 am Bible Study, *Upper Room*
- 7:00 pm Folk Choir rehearsal, *Church*
- 7:00 pm Bible Study, *Children's Liturgy Room*

### Wednesday, November 5

- 9:00 am Comfort Blankets, *McAndrew-Biller Hall*
- 6:30 pm Temporalities Committee, *Library*
- 7:00 pm The Search, *Oldenski Hall*
- 7:00 pm K of C Officers, *McAndrew-Biller Hall*

### Thursday, November 6

- 2:00 pm Women's Club Board, *Library*
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal, *Church*
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting, *McAndrew-Biller Hall*

### Friday, November 7

- 9:30 pm ABC Moms, *McAndrew-Biller Hall*

### Saturday, November 8

- 4:30 pm Big Money Bingo, *Oldenski Hall*

## K of C Living Rosary, Memorial Mass, Sacred Icon

The Knights of Columbus Council #11838 will again offer a Living Rosary for the faithful. The service will be held on **Monday, November 10** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. A 90-foot rosary will stretch down the aisle as all pray together, each person holding a bead.

Council #11838 will hold their annual Memorial Mass for deceased council brothers on **Wednesday, November 12** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. All Knights and families of the deceased are invited to attend. The Knights also will display the Sacred Heart Icon at Saint Ferdinand Church the entire week. A prayer service will be held immediately following the Memorial Mass on **November 12**. It is open to everyone. **November 8-9**, Soup Sale after Masses

## Corporal Work of Mercy

Our Blanket Ministry will again be collecting blankets, socks, hats and gloves for those in need of warmth this winter. Please leave your donations in the Bridal Room of Saint Ferdinand Church (to the left as you enter the main doors) between **November 10 and November 28**. Questions may be directed to Jennifer at [jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org). Thank you!

## Help for the Holidays

Holiday cleaning at Saint Ferdinand Church will take place on **Monday and Tuesday, November 3-4**, and **Thursday November 6**. We will begin after morning Mass. Contact Vera with any questions: 878-250-3936. Many hands make light work. Thank you!





## Holy Redeemer Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch (12:30-1:00 pm)

724-758-7587, ext. 3002

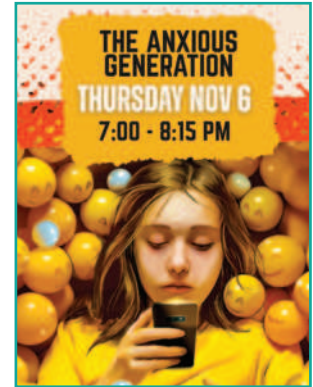
Fax: 724-752-1466

### Real Talk with Father Joe Freedy

Why are so many young people stressed out? Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are invited to Father Joe Freedy's two-part series, Real Talk.

- **Thursday, November 6**, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm: The Anxious Generation - the childhood mental health crisis
- **Thursday, November 20**, 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm: Childhood 2.0, growing up in the digital age

Each session at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center includes a video and discussion, with wine, beer, and appetizers served.



### Upcoming Parish Missions

An Advent Parish Mission will be held at Holy Redeemer Church on **December 9-10**. The presenter will be Father Anthony Frederico, a former sportswriter with ESPN who left the media business to answer God's call to the priesthood. Schedule:

**Tuesday, December 9**, 7:00 pm - From ESPN to the Priesthood: How the Eucharist Changed my Life

**Wednesday, December 10**, Father Anthony celebrates 9:00 am Mass followed by his talk, Under the Gaze of Jesus: The Difficulty and Beauty of Eucharistic Adoration; 7:00 pm - Desire: Coming to Know the Heart of the Father

A Pre-Advent Hallow Mission is scheduled for Saint Ferdinand Church on **November 17-19**, presented by Nick De La Torre, who hosts a podcast called The Awaken Catholic Show. Schedule:

**Monday, November 17**, 7:00 pm - An inspiring talk on the Healing Power of Prayer

**Tuesday, November 18**, 7:00 pm - A shorter reflection followed by Adoration, Confession, and Praise

**Wednesday, November 19** - An evening of Healing & Liberation presented by Dry Bones Ministries. 5:30 pm - Confessions, 6:30 pm - Talk on Spiritual Warfare, 7:00 pm - Healing Mass and Blessing with relics

Both missions are free and open to all. Kindly RSVP at <https://divinegracephg.org/talks>



### This week at Holy Redeemer Church

#### Thursday, November 6

6:00 pm Adult Choir, *Church*

#### Friday, November 7

5:00 pm Bingo, *Catholic Center*

#### Sunday, November 9

3:00 pm Youth Ministry, *Church Parking Lot*  
4:00 pm Community Dinner, *Catholic Center*

### Scriptural Rosary on November 13

Divine Grace Parish Holy Name Society will lead the Scriptural Rosary on Thursday, November 13, 7:00 pm at the Holy Redeemer Convent. Enjoy an evening of prayer and fellowship.

### Calendar Raffle Tickets on Sale

The Divine Grace Parish Social Club 2026 calendar raffle tickets are now available. Tickets are \$40 for the year and make great Christmas gifts. Prizes are \$40 weekdays, \$60 weekends, and \$100-\$500 for special days. Tickets are available at parishes offices at Holy Redeemer or Saint Ferdinand, or by leaving a message at 724-752-3751.



## This week at Saint Gregory Church

### Monday, November 3

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Council #6177, *Blue Room*

6:30 pm Evangelization Team, *School Library*

### Thursday, November 6

7:00 pm Theology on Tap, *Blue Room*

### Saturday, November 8

8:00 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, *School Library*



### Saint Gregory Office Hours

Closed: Monday – Thursday

Friday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

724-776-2888, ext. 1101

Fax: 724-452-4064



### Saint Gregory Cemetery Mass

Father Jim will celebrate Mass at Saint Gregory Cemetery, 503 South Oliver Avenue, Zelienople, on **Saturday, November 8** at noon at the Mausoleum. All are invited.

### Theology on Tap: The Mass

Father Dan will help answer important questions about the Holy Mass, such as: What happens every time the Eucharist is celebrated? What does it mean and how should we respond? Join us on **Thursday, November 6** at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room at Saint Gregory. It's part of the monthly formation experience Theology on Tap, where faith can ferment in a casual setting that includes drinks and appetizers. Free; courtesy RSVP at <https://divinegracepgh.org/talks>

### Proclaimer Training November 15

Would you like to become a Proclaimer of the Word at Mass? A training will be held on **Saturday, November 15** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Saint Gregory Church.

Current proclaimers who would like a refresher are also welcome to attend. Call Jennifer at 724-776-2888, ext. 1210 or email [jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org) to RSVP.

### A Helping Hand for Thanksgiving

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Gregory Conference is reaching out to families and individuals who need a little help this Thanksgiving. They will distribute gift cards on **Wednesday, November 19** at 10:30 am in the Saint Gregory Church narthex. To qualify, recipients need to reside in one of four zip codes: 16063, 16033, 16037, or 16123. Contact [SVDPsg@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:SVDPsg@divinegracepgh.org) or call the church office at 724-766-2888 by 3:00 pm on Friday, November 14 to reserve a gift card. Paperwork needs to be completed before the distribution.

### Natural Family Planning

Côr Fertily and Divine Grace Parish are offering the Billings Ovulation Method Class, one of several approaches to Natural Family Planning. By learning their body's natural observable signs women can become their own health advocate, achieve or postpone pregnancy, and monitor their overall health.

The initial class for engaged or married couples will be held **Tuesday, November 11** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in Saint Gregory's Blue Room. The cost is \$99 and includes materials, the first class, three follow up sessions, and a refresher course. Financial assistance is available, please contact [jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org). To register, please visit <https://divinegracepgh.org/marriage>

The Lord is my *shepherd*  
there is nothing I shall want.



### Blessed Fr. McGivney Relic Mass

Presentation of a relic of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, to Saint Anthony Chapel, on October 23. Left to right: Relic Presenter Theodore Schorr, District Deputy, K of C, Ohio State Council; Fr. Nicholas Vaskov, pastor of Saint Anthony Chapel; and Dr. Dave Pasquale, member of Fr. Joseph P. Newell Council, Saint Ferdinand Church, who led the effort to bring the relic to Pittsburgh.

### Praying with Scripture the Ignatian Way

Join us on **Zoom Monday, November 17**, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for a session on Ignatian Discernment, including silent prayer and group reflection. Free and open to all. Presented by Theresa Rossi. Register by November 12 to receive the link: [Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com](mailto:Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com).

### Big Money Bingo

Big Money Bingo is almost sold out! Don't miss the fun on **Saturday, November 8** at Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall! Doors open at 4:30 pm, Early Bird Games begin at 5:45 pm, and Regular Games at 6:00 pm, with over \$8,000 in payouts. Tickets are \$35 in advance (available after Masses Nov. 1-2) or \$40 at the door. Only 400 will be sold. Hosted by the Divine Grace Parish Men's Club; proceeds support parish ministries and local charities

### Women's Club Annual Auction

You are invited to the Divine Grace Parish Women's Club Annual Auction on **Thursday, November 20** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Proceeds from the auction will support local charities. Donations of new items from parishioners are always appreciated, such as sports tickets, liquor gift baskets, baked goods, crafts, and small kitchen appliances. If you would like to donate, please call Peggy at 724-816-4109 or drop off your item(s) at the Saint Ferdinand offices.

### Car Raffle Tickets

Thanks to all who picked up their ticket from our church narthexes. More tickets can be purchased from the church offices at Holy Redeemer and Saint Ferdinand. Tickets are \$25 or 5 for \$100. The drawing for the 2025 Chevy Trax LT will take place on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**. Tickets make a great holiday gift. Special thanks to McElwain Motor Car Company, Ellwood City, for providing the vehicle to us at a substantial discount. Raffle rules can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4z6a92kx>

### Annual Parish Appeal

This important campaign funds formation, outreach and pastoral care of parishioners and those in need across our diocese. Additional support last year helped parish youth and young adult ministries, growth in religious education, and upkeep of our properties. To date, 1,310 donors have contributed. To give to the 2025 Parish Appeal, please click on <https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW>

### Festival Meeting on November 6

Our Parish Family Festival meetings resume on new day - **Thursday, November 6**, at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall. Let's build on the success of the 2025 festival. New volunteers are always welcome. See you there!



# Unpacking the Word

## — Wisdom 3:1-9 —

*Note: The Church provides several options for the readings at this Mass. You may hear a different first reading proclaimed depending on which Mass you attend.*

**All Soul's Day is a feast day to commemorate all the faithful departed**, those we know of and those known only to the Lord. It is a day to recall that although death separates us visibly in this life, the holy souls in Purgatory remain full members of the Mystical Body that is the Church, members who benefit from our prayers and who can benefit us with theirs. The bonds created in the sacrament of Baptism are so real that not even death can sever them.

**The reading from the third chapter of Wisdom** is a popular reading at funerals because of the hope it presents. Even though death feels like an end in this life and perhaps as a punishment for the deceased, it is in reality the doorway to peace in the hands of the Lord. Here is one of the clearest references to life after death in all of the Old Testament. Its references to testing and refinement in a furnace point to our understanding of Purgatory as a final purification before experiencing the beatific vision in heaven.

**While the earlier part of the reading feels heavy** with its references to the difficulties surrounding the experience of death, in the end this is a very joy-filled message from the Lord. The deceased souls of the just will shine, judge nations, rule over peoples, understand truth, and abide in love with the Lord. They will also experience the Lord's grace, mercy, and care. This encouraging passage, written a little over a century before Jesus walked the earth, reminds us today that Jesus Christ has conquered death and so we need not fear it anymore. Death is not the end; it is not a farewell. For the righteous, it is the gateway to eternal life with the Lord.

**Let us pray for our beloved dead**, and for all those holy souls with no one to pray for them, that they may "dart about as sparks through stubble" through the furnace of purification and into the waiting arms of God. May they pray for us as well to be counted among the just who are in the hand of God.

Visit <https://divinegracepgh.org/unpackingtheword> to share this reflection and previous columns via email or text.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*On All Souls Day, we're invited to visit cemeteries, light candles, and offer Masses for loved ones who have died.*



## Jason Gawaldo

*Director for Evangelization  
& Catechetical Ministries*

## Help the Poor Souls in Purgatory

The Our Lady of the Flame of Love devotion says that for each Hail Mary recited in her honor during November, ten souls will be released from Purgatory. For each Holy Rosary said using the Flame of Love Hail Mary prayer, 530 souls will be discharged.

### ***The Flame of Love Hail Mary Prayer:***

*Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art though among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all humanity, now and at the hour of our death.*  
*Amen*



## Michael Assaf

*Ministry Coordinator of  
Youth and Young Adults*

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### – Upcoming Schedule – Weekly Meeting

Mondays at 6:00 pm  
St. Ferdinand Youth Room

**November 3, 10 & 17**

**November 21-23:**  
Fall Weekend Retreat

Sundays at Holy Redeemer:  
**November 2, 9 & 16**

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### Give Young People the EDGE

EDGE is our parish's Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people to deepen their faith and relationship with God... but we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help organize games, lead small groups, give talks, pray, and just be present.

To learn more, please contact ministry coordinator Michael Assaf at [massaf@divinegracepgh.org](mailto:massaf@divinegracepgh.org).



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VOCATIONS**

A vocation is how God calls you to love and serve Him in a unique way whether as a single person, in marriage, as a priest, or in religious life.





## CONGRATS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL!

Saint Gregory's Girls Varsity Volleyball Team has been named Section Champs! They went undefeated this season (12-0), before heading into the playoffs.



Photo front row (l-r): *Giuliana, Mady, Lexi and Leah*. Back row: *Coach Dunn, Ava, Chloe, Gia, Bella, Ella, and Coach Sposito*

## DOWN ON THE FARM

Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade recently visited Yeck's Farm. They found their way out of a corn maze, petted the animals, enjoyed a hayride, and of course brought home a pumpkin!



Photo (l-r): *Third graders Sam, Eric, Leland, and Paul*

## BOOK BUDDIES

Each week our Kindergartners pair up with their 8th Grade Book Buddies for a reading session. The Kindergartners look up to the big kids, while our 8th Graders love mentoring the young ones.



Photo: *Chloe reads to Lilly*

## CLASSROOM WISH LIST

Our teachers are continuing to fill out their wish lists of supplies needed for their classrooms. This week is Mrs. Sposito, who teaches second grade (students pictured below). Thank you for considering this request!



Mrs. Sposito's Wish List



## TAILGATE FOR A CAUSE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
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FUN**

## AUCTION ITEMS:







### Sanctuary Candle

A candle burns at  
*Saint Ferdinand*

**For Matthew Sefscick**  
from Kathy & Michael



### Sanctuary Flowers

*Holy Redeemer*

Altar Flowers: **In Memory of  
Rose Ann Dunning**  
from Family

Tabernacle Flowers: **In Memory of  
the Deceased Members of the  
Ferrario and Messenzani Families**  
from Lou Ferrario



### Prayer Garden

*Saint Ferdinand*  
A candle burns for:

**Lynda R. Stevens**  
from The Stevens Family

**Anne Williams**  
from Mary & Tom Mion

**Dee Drasjack**  
from Family

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**Please keep  
them in your  
Prayers**

### Weddings

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Mr. & Mrs. Cody  
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### New Members

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Mr. & Mrs. Alexander  
Binder  
Mrs. Adrienne Eby  
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael  
Garver, Jr.  
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Mrs. Lynn Syrek

Mr. & Mrs. John Taillie  
Miss Katelyn A. Wardman  
Mr. & Mrs. John Zappia  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Zilavy



### Baptisms

Adaline Renee  
Armando Liam  
Bennett John  
Connor Michael  
Delainey Grace  
Dominick & Elliana Rae  
Emma Marie  
Noah Elio  
Vito William



### Deceased

Rita V. Bartolomeo  
Josephine A. "Jo" Bonomo  
Angelo DiNardo  
Samuel Fotia  
George M. Gobrich  
Paul Gorman  
Carolyn A. Kamensky  
Jefferie Kwiatek  
Natalie Peters  
Anthony "Tony" Recce  
Bruno J. Sciote  
Jerry Spencer  
Michael Torcasi  
Ann Williams  
Thomas "Tommy" Zinkham



## FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR PARISH FISCAL YEAR — JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

### 849001 - Divine Grace

(Quarter-1 2025/2026 Year to Date)

#### OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	876,177
Donations & Bequests	155,404
Fundraising	342,838
Campaign Income	9,240
Other Income	905,184
	<b>2,288,843</b>

#### OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	506,203
Operations & Maintenance	228,456
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	131,768
Liturgical & Rectory	97,072
Social/ Outreach/ Other	44,636
Property & Liability Insurance	39,109
	<b>1,047,244</b>

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 1,241,599**

#### NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(365,092)
Net Third Party Collections	46,287
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	178,081
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	6,600
	<b>(134,124)</b>

#### FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2025

##### ASSETS:

##### Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	511,926
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	4,295,717
	<b>4,807,643</b>

##### Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	1,325,892
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	2,725,343
Parish Endowment Investment	204,708
Other Investments	-
	<b>4,255,943</b>

##### LIABILITIES:

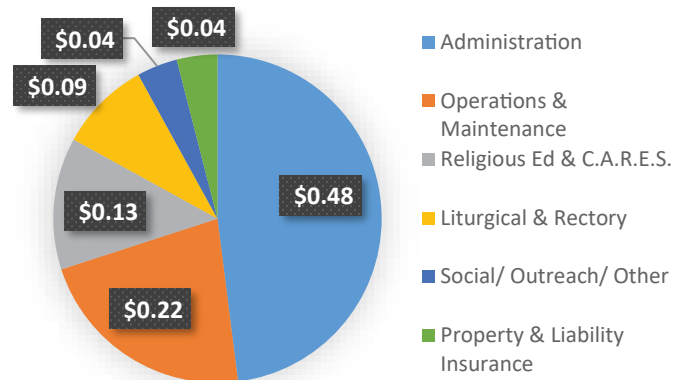
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	19,389
	<b>19,389</b>

#### Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 9-30-2025

Revenue: **2,288,843**

Expense: **1,047,244**

#### How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



#### Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

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



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