Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

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Next Sunday, the first liturgical rite will be held for adults preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Read how this initial step helped transform the life of a young convert to the Catholic faith.

See page 5.

Saint Ferdinand Church

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Father Jim's Weekly Reflections

The Week of November 16, 2025



By your preseverance you will secure your lives." - Luke 21:19

Rite for Entrance into Catechumenate

Next **Sunday, November 23**, at the 10:00 am Mass at Saint Ferdinand Church, we will welcome adults who are not Catholic and are preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter. This first liturgical rite acknowledges their desire to be with us in the Eucharist, and our desire to welcome them. If you know of someone who would like to become a Catholic, invite them to reach out to Jason Gawaldo, our Director for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministries, at igawaldo@divinegracepgh.org.

Are You Spiritually Prepared for Advent?

This coming week we are hosting a Pre-Advent Parish Mission at Saint Ferdinand Church from Monday through Wednesday featuring Nick De La Torre, host of *The Awaken Catholic Show*. Nick's presentations on Monday and Tuesday begin at 7:00 pm and will feature the healing power of prayer, the importance of Adoration and Confession, and getting ourselves ready for Advent. The Mission ends on 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.

Thanksgiving Day Masses

As you finalize your schedule for Thanksgiving Day, prayerfully consider attending Mass that day. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am at all three of our churches. We priests will be blessing food if you would like to bring a basket. We will also distribute blessed bread that you can enjoy at your Thanksgiving dinner.

Pray for the Lonely

Let's keep in our prayer all who experience loneliness. They might be the homebound, people who are sick, those raising young families, people struggling with addiction, those working hard to pay their bills, the

widowed, someone who has experienced a recent death, a spouse trying to be faithful in marriage, a person who is divorced, perhaps who lives alone, and people with mental health challenges. May God give them His peace.

To Parents and Caregivers of Little Ones YOU ARE WELCOME IN OUR PARISH. We want to hear your babies and toddlers. These sounds mean our parish is growing and our young people are participating at Mass. Children can fuss and be impatient. Never feel they are a distraction – our parish is your spiritual home. YOU ARE WELCOME IN OUR PARISH! We know that you may often be tired and struggling to just make it to Mass. How grateful we are that you make the effort to be at Mass when it might be easier to stay at home. We know it is not easy to get children fed, dressed, in the car, and then into the church. Thank you! YOU ARE WELCOME IN OUR PARISH!

You are teaching your children how important they are to our parish. You are teaching them to feel comfortable in their church. You are teaching them that to love God and to worship involves the whole community. If you notice the unwanted stare of another in the pew, that does not represent our parish. We want you here. Your babies and toddlers are the future of the Church. YOU ARE WELCOME IN OUR PARISH!

DIVINE GRACE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT



Sunday Collection total for **November 1-2, 2025 = \$67,082**

Second Collection = \$5,935 (for Archdiocese for Military Services)

All Saints Day = \$3,893

Parish Members = 18,837

Parish Households = 7,100

This weekend's second collection is for Christmas Flowers. *Thank you for your generosity.*

4 Mass Intentions Divine Grace Parish

I ask that...prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone — 1 Timothy 2:1

Saturday, November 15 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Rita & Henry Selle (Tom & Janie Lander)
5:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † Gary Rozanski, Sr. - Anniversary (Family)
5:00 pm, Saint Gregory † Lillian Hoard (Stephen & Mary Granato)
6:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Mom, Dad & Ray (Family)

Sunday, November 16 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Wayne Tepke (Tepke Family)
8:00 am, Saint Gregory For the Parishioners of Divine Grace
Parish
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Gus Fornataro (Wife, Grace)
10:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Robert Krynicki (Wife & Children)
10:00 am, Saint Gregory † Martha Frishkorn (Sean & Lisa Sawyer)
11:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Bruce Patrick (Wife, Janet & Son, Cody)
12:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Jerry & Pat McArdle (Family)
5:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Rose Foerster (Frank & Norma Wolff)

Monday, November 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Jim Martin (Family & Friends)
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Jim Moxie (Tom & Beverly Huston)
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Joan Docchio (Duane & Marilyn
Maietta)

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † LuAnn Santillo (Anonymous)
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Mary Cuny (David & Kathy Fuhr)
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Andrew Woloszyn (Wife & Children)

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Dorothy Mellon (Mary Ann Thompson)
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Hrdlicka (Herdlicka) Family (Mary Ann Catalano)
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Edna Mae (West) Brown (Judy Portugallo)
7:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand For the Eradication of Evil within our Parish Boundaries

Thursday, November 20

8:00 am, Saint Gregory † Barbara J. Gibson (Pat & Chet DiVito)
8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Theresa Mogielski (Family)
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Joe Listorti - Birthday (Lou Ferrario)

Friday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am, Saint Ferdinand † Florence Listwak (Listwak & Kenyon families)
9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † Henry 'Hank' Faust (Gaydosz Family)
9:00 am, Saint Gregory † Tony Bonventure (Kevin, Drew & Family)

Saturday, November 22 - Saint Cecilia

9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † John Conti (Wife & Children)
4:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Harriet Medwid (Family)
5:00 pm, Holy Redeemer † John Leopardo (Elvy Kirkham)
5:00 pm, Saint Gregory † G. Alan Osan (Tom & Linda Kilian)
6:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Dick Hadley (Mary Jane)

Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Kanavit Choonit (Dad & his Sister) † Marilyn Beltsterling (Don & Karen 8:00 am, Saint Gregory Koger) 9:00 am, Holy Redeemer † William & Catherine Shuttleworth (Children) 10:00 am, Saint Ferdinand † Greg Miller (Family) † James E. Smith (Wife, Carole) 10:00 am, Saint Gregory 11:00 am. Holv Redeemer Riverside & Ellwood City School Families - For their Temporal and Spiritual Welfare (Friend) 12:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand † Robert Gwin (Diane Koski)

5:00 pm, Saint Ferdinand

† = deceased

† Mary Slusser (Slusser Family)

The Week of November 16, 2025

-† Stories of Faith †-

Young Convert: "My Faith Means Everything"

Father Jim Wehner celebrates the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate next Sunday for adults preparing to be baptized, Nick Fleeson may be thinking back to his own journey of faith. He struggled through a difficult religious childhood with little education but chooses to be grateful for his blessings - especially the Catholic Church.

"Growing up, my home life was rough," Nick quietly recalls. His father died when he was 10 years old. He also survived a bad car



Nick and Breonna with Father Joe Freedy on their wedding day

accident. Then, five years ago, he met Breonna, who was raised Catholic. When they began to talk about marriage, she wanted a church wedding. So, Nick made a life-changing choice to become Catholic. He says it was the right decision. "My faith means everything," he says.

Today, at age 26 he is active at Holy Redeemer Church, a regular at Mass and a member of the Holy Name Society and Men's Group. He can't learn enough about the Catholic faith. "I always find ways to relate to the Gospel," Nick says. "Receiving the Word of God and the Body of Christ, I feel as if my heart has been on fire.

"The Men's Group – I love it," he says. "It's a chance to connect with the other guys. They open up and we pray. I love the strength and guidance God gives me. I want to follow Him."

Nick is also an evangelizer in his family, inviting his sister and brother-in-law to join the Catholic Church. They were confirmed this month.

"Many people my age aren't influenced by the right people," he observed. "Growing up, I knew the Ten Commandments but that was about it."

A year ago last August, Nick and Breonna were married at Holy Redeemer Church. In a moment of reflection, he thought about losing his dad at a young age. "I have a Father in heaven," he said.

Schedule

Saint Ferdinand Church

2535 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

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

Holy Redeemer Church

415 4th Street Ellwood City, PA 16117

Monday - Saturday	9:00 am
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	11:00 am

Saint Gregory Church

2 West Beaver Street Zelienople, PA 16063

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am



Tap Into the Healing Power of Prayer

Catholic author, speaker, podcaster and musician **Nick De La Torre** is bringing the healing power of prayer to
Divine Grace Parish next week.

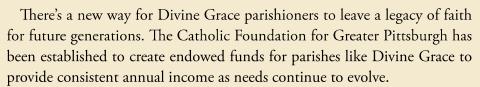
Nick will be the main presenter of a Pre-Advent
Parish Mission, presented in partnership with the
Hallow App and Dry Bones Ministries. A classically
trained vocalist-turned-evangelizer, he leads Awaken
Catholic, whose mission is to awaken hearts and minds to the
beauty, truth, healing and power found in the Catholic Church.

Nick will present on the Healing Power of Prayer on Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18, both evenings beginning at 7:00 pm, and he will lead music during Adoration and Confessions on Tuesday.

On **Wednesday, November 19**, experience an evening of Healing & Liberation presented by Dry Bones Ministries. Following all-day Adoration, confessions begins at 5:30 pm with a talk of spiritual warfare at 6:30 pm and Mass, and blessing with relics at 7:00 pm.

There is no cost; courtesy RSVP at https://divinegracepgh.org/talks.

Education Sessions Set for ENDOWMENT PROGRAM



The Fund for Divine Grace Parish will offer a permanent source of support, receiving estate commitments such as bequests and retirement plans, designations of life insurance policies, personal or corporate matching gifts, 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. You may designate your contribution, such as sustaining vibrant religious education and youth ministry, training lay ministers, and expanding evangelization and outreach.

Two education sessions are scheduled for parishioners to learn more. On **Thursday, December 11** at 9:00 am, we will begin with a continental breakfast in Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall; the meeting will begin at 9:30. An online session also is available on **Tuesday, December 16** at 6:30 pm. Use this Zoom link: https://shorturl.at/X4OOq

Experience the joy of passing on your God-given blessings to sustain our parish, advance our faith, and endow our future. More at www.cfgpitt.org.

EUCHARISTIC

-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

—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 Common This week of November 16, 2025

What Catholics Believe About Mary

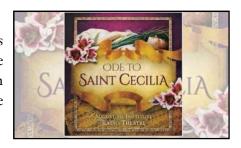
Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is she? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters



according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.



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.

Early Submission for Bulletin:

Due to the upcoming holidays, please send your announcement two Mondays before the publish date to rdewitt@divinegracepgh.org. Thank you!



SCREENFAST

Unplug to Recharge Your Faith

As Catholics we are called to live in freedom, but how many of us are hooked on our smartphones, tablets, computers and TVs? During November we have been inviting parishioners to fast from non-essential screen use, and use the additional time to prepare for Advent and grow in our faith.

How are you doing so far? Are you more aware of how much time you spend in front of a screen? Tips at https://divinegracepgh.org/screen-fast.



Saint Ferdinand Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 724-776-2888, ext. 1101 Fax: 724-776-2378

Monday, November 17

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	Pre-Advent Hallow Mission, Church
7:00 pm	Women Gathered, Children's Liturgy Rm

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am	Flame of Love, <i>Children's Liturgy Room</i>
9:30 am	Contemplative Prayer, Holy Family Room
10:00 am	Bible Study, Upper Room
12:00 pm	Rosary Makers, <i>Library</i>
7:00 pm	Pre-Advent Hallow Mission, Church

Wednesday, November 19

9:00 am	Comfort Blankets, McAndrew-Biller Hall
1:00 pm	Book Circle, Holy Family Room
2:00 pm	Women's Club, Oldenski Hall
7:00 pm	Bereavement Support Group, Holy
	Family Room
7:00 pm	Pre-Advent Hallow Mission, Church

Thursday, November 20

7:00 pm	Women's Club Auction, Oldenski Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Club Memorial Mass, Church
7:30 pm	Men's Club mtg, McAndrew-Biller Hall

Advent Retreat – To Love as Saint Joseph Loved

We will reflect on what Saint Joseph can teach us by his example of courage, fidelity, and his love and care for Mary and Jesus. The retreat will include an overview of praying with Scripture using Lectio Divina, Visio Divina and Imaginative Contemplation, silent Scripture-based prayer, and group reflection. It will be led by Theresa Rossi on **Saturday, December 6**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, in Saint Ferdinand's Holy Family Room. The \$10 cost includes lunch and refreshments. **RSVP by Nov. 26** to <u>ignatian@divinegracepgh.org</u> or 724-316-5575.

Lunch With Santa on December 6

Join us for the Women's Club's annual Lunch with Santa on **Saturday, December 6** at 11:30 am in Oldenski Hall. Enjoy crafts, face painting, raffles, party bags (ages 1+), and a visit from Santa! Lunch includes hot dogs, mac & cheese, applesauce, drink, and dessert. \$8/person; free for children under 1. To reserve, call Peggy at 724-538-9522.

Parish Leadership Opportunity

Divine Grace Parish is seeking new co-chairs for the White Elephant Sale at our August Festival. You'll lead a dedicated team that gathers and sells gently used items to support the parish and local nonprofits. With Robin and Becky retiring after years of service, we're looking for organized, service-minded leaders to continue this tradition. Please consider and email Father Jim at jwehner@diopitt.org to learn more.

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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

This week at Holy Redeemer Church



Thursday, November 20

6:00 pm Social Club, Catholic Center Lunch Room

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, November 21

5:00 pm Bingo, Catholic Center

Sunday, November 23

3:00 pm Youth Ministry, Rectory

4:00 pm Community Dinner, Catholic Center Lunch Room

Helping Young People in the Digital Age

In our first Real Talk with Father Joe Freedy, we learned about the Anxious Generation – why many young people are experiencing a mental health crisis. On **Thursday, November 20**, 7:00 pm in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, the video and discussion will be on Childhood 2.0: Growing Up in the Digital Age. Join us for an important conversation to help our young people. Wine, beer and appetizers will be served.

Coat Drive in Ellwood City

We are collecting new and gently used coats for women, men and children of all ages. If you are able to help, please bring your coats to the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center lunch room on **Thursday, December 4** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm or **Friday, December 5** from noon to 3:00 pm. If you are in need of a warm coat, distribution will take place on **Saturday, December 6** from 9:30 am to noon at the Catholic Center.

Santa to visit Holy Redeemer

The Social Club will host their annual Children's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 7** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center. No cost for lunch and activities that include crafts, face painting, an Ugly Sweater Contest, gifts, and of course a visit from Santa. Please RSVP with children's names and ages by calling 724-657-4661.

Got Your Calendar Raffle Tickets?

The 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. Pick up your tickets at Holy Redeemer or Saint Ferdinand offices, or by leaving a message at 724-752-3751.



Parish Mission to feature Sportswriter turned Priest

Our Advent Parish Mission with Father Anthony Federico is set for **December 9-10** at Holy Redeemer Church:

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

No cost; courtesy RSVP at https://divinegracepgh.org/talks



This week at Saint Gregory Church

Monday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 pm Parish Finance Council, School Library

Thursday, November 20

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, November 22

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



Organ Restoration and Dedication Concert

Work is wrapping up on the restoration of the pipe organ at Saint Gregory, but there is still time to support this important project. The cost is \$585,000, and gifts to date have totaled about \$375,000. You may make a pledge with a reoccurring donation or a one-time gift. Please email Fr. Jim at jwehner@diopitt.org. The Dedication Concert for the new organ is set for Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Donors will be receiving a personal invitation from Fr. Jim.

Adoration Resumes December 2

With the organ restoration project being completed, Eucharistic Adoration will resume at Saint Gregory Church on **Tuesday**, **December 2** from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Confessions will continue to be heard at 5:00 pm on Tuesdays. If you are able to sign up as a permanent adorer or substitute to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never alone, please email Alena at akucan@divinegracepgh.org or call 724-776-2888, ext. 1107. Thank you!

Angels for Advent

The Angel Tree is now up in the Saint Gregory Church narthex. The Angel Tree is a Christmas gift-giving program for people in need. Please take a gift tag from the tree and sign the sheet next to it.

Return your wrapped gift with the tag securely attached to the outside of it, placing it next to the tree by **Tuesday, December 9**.

Questions? Email

SGAngelTree@divinegracepgh.org.

God bless you for your generosity.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? There will be a training on **Saturday, December 6** from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Saint Gregory Church. Those who would like to serve as a minister and all current volunteers needing a refresher are invited. Please email a courtesy RSVP to Jennifer at jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org or call 724-776-2888, ext. 1210. Thank you!

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The Lord comes to rule all the earth with justice

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Art & Environment

Ever wonder who decorates our churches so beautifully? Meet our Art and Environment volunteers who care for our sacred spaces with flowers, candles, linens, and seasonal décor, bringing reverence and beauty to every liturgy. From steaming altar linens to arranging flowers for Christmas, Pentecost, and Easter, their work is a quiet ministry of love. If you see them in action, please offer a word of thanks. Interested in helping? You can connect with a team by contacting Jennifer at 724-776-2888, ext. 1210 or emailing the teams:

Saint Gregory:

artenvironmentsg@divinegracepgh.org

Saint Ferdinand:

artenvironmentsf@divinegracepgh.org

Holy Redeemer:

artenvironmenthr@divinegracepgh.org

Appeal for Christmas Trees

To get Saint Gregory and Saint Ferdinand churches ready for the Christmas season, we are in need of three live evergreen trees, 12-20 feet tall. If you have a tree you would like to donate, please call the Divine Grace Parish Office at 724-776-2888. Thank you!

Offering Warmth this Winter

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

Faith Direct is now ParishSOFT

Our online giving provider Faith Direct has upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving. You may have received an email from Faith Direct or seen the change on your credit card statement. Your account and payment information transferred securely – there is no need to create a new account or re-enter your details. You may opt out of ParishSOFT email notifications. If you have any questions or issues logging in, call 866-930-4774 - option 6, Monday – Friday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, or email donorsupport@parishsoft.com.

If you need further assistance, please contact Linda at Divine Grace Parish: 724-776-2888, ext. 1104. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Divine Grace Parish merchandise will be on sale in our online store from **November 16**- **December 23**. Shop for shirts, hoodies, hats, jackets, mugs, bottles and more. Your order will be delivered directly to your home. If you order by **November 29**, you'll receive a free Divine Grace t-shirt!

For questions, please email Jennifer at <u>jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org</u>.
Visit https://bit.ly/DGPMerch today.

Drive Off in a New Car in 2026

Car raffle ticket sales are underway in the narthex of our churches following Mass. Are you able to out? The



parish is raffling off a 2025 Chevy Trax LT. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Click here: https://bit.ly/3UUqJjR or scan the QR code to sign up and see the raffle rules. You will receive an email with details.

Unpacking the Word

— Malachi 3:19-20A (4:1-2) —

In the early fourth century B.C., the Exile in Babylon was firmly a thing of the past, and the civic and religious reforms of Nehemiah and Ezra had not yet happened. The individuals who took up Cyrus the Great's offer to return to the Promised Land had already rebuilt the Temple and their lives, although the former was underwhelming in comparison to Solomon's Temple. The Jews, as they were called by this time, were not allowed to reinstitute the Davidic Monarchy, and so for all practical purposes local leadership fell to the priests who ministered in the Temple. The religious fervor of the rebuild had started to fade, and the priests began to abuse their authority. Into this mess, the Lord sent the prophet Malachi.

The book that bears the Prophet Malachi's name is structured around six disputations in which the Lord states a truth or makes an accusation, the people respond, and then the Lord presents evidence to back up his claim. Our reading this week is from the final disputation in which Malachi speaks of the coming Day of Lord, a day of fire that will consume the wicked, as opposed to the refining fire that will purify the sons of Levi (see 3:3). This day of judgment will usher in a new era which Isaiah and Revelation call a "new heavens and a new earth." It is the Final Judgment that we speak of in the Creed: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

In these waning days of the liturgical year, as the lectionary readings have an increasingly pronounced focus on the end times, the Lord invites us once again to ponder the reality of our individual judgment at death and the final judgment at the end of time. Those who fear his name are not just those who are afraid of fiery judgment but those who embrace the gift of the Spirit that is the fear of the Lord (see Isaiah 11:2). It is a fear that trembles in awe before the majesty of the Lord, but it is also rooted in love, the fear of hurting the beloved, of letting Him down. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). When the Lord returns, may we be found ready to rise with the sun of righteousness and not burn up as stubble in arrogant pride.

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Annual Parish Appeal

The 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, religious education, and upkeep of our properties. To date, 1,317 donors have contributed.

To give to the 2025 Parish Appeal, please click on https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW





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6:00-8:00 pm @ St. Ferdinand

Nov. 17 – Nacho Libre Night Nov. 21–23 – Fall Retreat

BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAYS

7:00–8:00 pm @ St. Ferdinand

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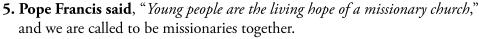


As they prepare for their Fall Weekend Retreat: November 21-23

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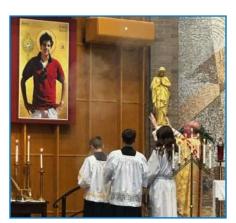




LEARNING THROUGH A ROBOTIC BIRD



Many Saint Gregory students benefit from STREAM class (Science, Technology, Religious, Engineering, Art, Math). Our 4th graders recently created road maps complete with bumps and curves. Then they used coding to program Robotic Finches to travel the route.



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

In a recent Mass, student altar servers took part in the blessing of the Saint Carlo Acutis icon with Father Jim at Saint Gregory Church.

AUCTION WRAP-UP

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed our annual auction, Tailgate for a Cause, on November 8. Special thanks to our organizers – Candace Sanders, Katelyn Cortez, and Amy Greathouse – and all who worked so hard to make it a great

night!

Pictured right are our Live Auction purse winners - congratulations!

"We had a fantastic turnout for our 25th Annual Auction & Social. We're so grateful for the support from our Parish and local community." —Participant



PINK POWER

Saint Gregory's Student Council recently hosted a PINK OUT Dress Down Day. Students who wore pink for the school day made a donation to the Michelle Peduto "Lighting the Way" Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the strong participation, students raised \$515.



Photo: Mrs. McElree and her kindergarten students who took part in the fundraiser.

CLASSROOM WISH LIST

Saint Gregory teachers continue to create wish lists of supplies needed for their classrooms. This week's list comes from Mrs.



Tutor, STREAM and Student Support teacher.

In Celebration, In Prayer: As a parish family, we lift up the names and needs of those in our hearts through prayer. If you would like to have sanctuary or prayer garden candles, or sanctuary flowers dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one, call 724-776-2888.



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In addition to contemplation of God, the three Archangels communicate His Will to us, serve as our inspiration, and are catalysts of His Divine Grace.

—Their feast day is September 29—

Michael

A name that echoes awe: Michael means "Who is like God?" a rhetorical question that reminds us of God's unmatched power. Michael stands as the mighty warrior of heaven, the archangel who cast down Satan and defends God's people with unwavering strength. He is the heavenly protector of first responders and soldiers, those who run toward danger with courage in their hearts.

Gabriel

Gabriel's name means "God's Power," and his presence radiates divine authority and clarity. As the messenger of heaven, Gabriel delivered God's word to Daniel and announced the birth of Jesus to Mary with grace and conviction. He is the patron of postal workers and communicators, those who carry messages that matter, bridging hearts and homes.

Raphael

Raphael means "God's Doctor," a gentle yet powerful reminder of divine healing. Known for restoring both body and soul, Raphael walks with the sick, the weary, and the traveler. He is the patron of medical professionals and all who seek healing, physical, emotional, or spiritual, bringing comfort and renewal wherever he is invoked.

Be a Light for all to see. - Matthew 5:16

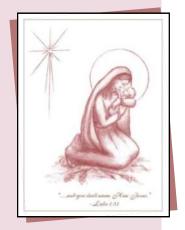


Families Facing Food Insecurity **Need Help**

With the loss of SNAP benefits due to the U.S. government shutdown, Mary's Place of Pittsburgh is asking for donations of grocery store gift cards. Mary's Place provides safe housing and support for pregnant women and mothers of newborns, and leaders say many moms are struggling to put food on the table. Gift cards to stores such as Giant Eagle, Aldi, Walmart and Target are needed. They can be mailed or dropped off at Mary's Place, 2905 Castlegate Ave., Pittsburgh 15226, or sent electronically to director@marysplacepgh.org. Thank you!

Christmas Cards and Crafts

The Little Sisters of Poor are again selling Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, LSP. Christmas 2024's card (a blue sketch) is also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 + \$2 shipping; 12 for \$15 + \$3 shipping; or 30 for \$25 + \$10 priority shipping.



Christmas cards and crafts can be viewed and ordered at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or call 412-307-1100. All proceeds help support the elderly poor residents in the Little Sisters' care.

Support Catholic Education Through EITC

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is making it easier for individuals and businesses to turn their PA state tax dollars into tuition assistance for Catholic school students, at no cost. Through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit programs (EITC), participants can receive a 90 percent state tax credit by contributing to the diocese's approved

scholarship fund. These contributions are distributed as tuition assistance to families across the diocese. While businesses have long benefited, recent changes now allow individuals paying state taxes to take part as well. Visit https://diopitt.org/eitc to learn more and participate.

Bible Study at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the constant challenges of daily life? Perhaps struggle to "let go and let God?" Trust and perseverance are two virtues most powerfully demonstrated in the Book of Joshua. Join us for Bible Study classes online or in-person Thursday mornings 9:30 am to 11:30 am, **January 8 – March 29**, 2026 at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, Ss. John & Paul Church, in the Upper CDC. The cost of \$23 includes streaming and a study guide. To register, mail a check by November 20 made out to St Luke's Parish to Rosemary Boyce, 2589 Cole Rd, Wexford, PA 15090 (412-585-2831). Please include your phone number.



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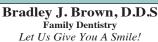
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