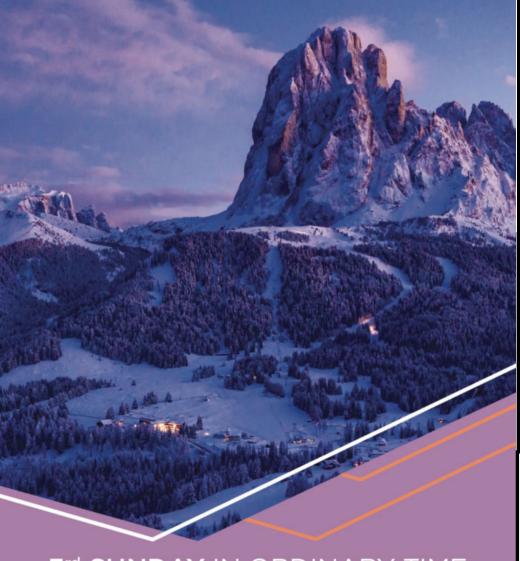
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The Cities of God



St. Ferdinand Parish 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township PA, 16066

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:00 am 12:00 pm

5:00 pm

Holy Redeemer 415 4th Street, Ellwood City PA, 16117

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

11:00 am

St. Gregory Parish 2 West Beaver Street, Zelienople PA, 16063

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

11:30 am

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

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Welcome Everyone

...to "The Cities of God" Catholic Community. OUR three parishes share a diversity of culture and faith experience all united in the one Body of Christ. The doors of OUR churches, as well as the doors of OUR hearts are open, inviting all to join in the journey to new life in Christ within OUR Catholic tradition. OUR hope is to assist one another toward a deeper encounter with the Lord through Word, Sacrament, and Community in faith, hope, and love.

January 23, 2022 | Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



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MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; ST. VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTRY; ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

4:00 pm (S.F.) Paul Glackin, Sr. (wife, Opal)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Norbert Miller (St. Anne Guild Members)

5:00 pm (H.R.) Jospeh Crawford (Lou Ferrario)

6:00 pm (S.F.) Kathleen Jenkins (Robert & Carmen Stoffa)

SUN. JAN. 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; ST. VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTRY; ST. MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

8:00 am (S.G.) Joseph Kosimski (Lou Ferrario)

8:00 am (S.F.) Vince Plocido, Sr. (Ray & JoAnn Badzik)

9:00 am (H.R.) Nick Nardone, Sr. (Shirley, wife)

10:00 am (S.F.) Megan O'Shea Durst (Mom, Dad, & Family)

11:00 am (H.R.) Sally DaVare (Bob & Judy Tammaro)

11:30 am (S.G.) Elizabeth "Betty" Speicher (Wright Family)

12:00 pm (S.F.) In Honor of Police & First Responders

5:00 pm (S.F.) Suzy Simonea (Tom & Peggy)

MON. JAN. 24 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 am (S.G.) Rebecca Reese (Debra Zelenak)

8:30 am (S.F.) Mary Panno (Pat & Chuck Ferrainolo)

9:00 am (H.R.) Violet Tanner (Ron, son)

TUE. JAN. 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8:00 am (S.G.) David Spirk Family (Robert Spirk)

8:30 am (S.F.) Steve A. Pustay (Collette Pustay)

9:00 am (H.R.) Patrick Wehman (Betsy & Bob Petti)

WED. JAN. 26 SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOP

8:00 am (S.G.) Our Parents (Bob & Rosalie Bablak)

8:30 am (S.F.) Jim Warren (Joanne & Family)

9:00 am (H.R.) Rose Dudick(Knotted With Love Group)

7:00 pm (S.F.) Thomas Yingling (Gary & Eileen Morgan)

THUR. JAN. 27 ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

8:00 am (S.G.) Jean Zambo (Bill & Marie Ellen Knass)

8:30 am (S.F.) John Pecyna (Tom & Beverly Huston)

9:00 am (H.R.) Louise Vitulla (Sharon & Rick McCintock)

FRI. JAN. 28 ST. THOMAWS AGUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE **CHURCH**

8:30 am (S.F.) Audrey McGreevy (Pam & Lori)

9:00 am (H.R.) Blanche Colosimo (Dave & Jeff Krupa)

9:15 am(S.G.) Harding Family (Laura McNeill)

SAT. JAN. 29

9:00 am (H.R.) Carl Agostinelli (Bob & Betsy Petti)

Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory 12:30 pm at Holy Redeemer

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

4:00 pm (S.F.) Dorothy Mohall (son, Rick)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Ron Rishack (Kathy & Fritz Ligday)

5:00 pm (H.R.) George "Skip" Hulick (Betty, Dave, MaryAnn & Families)

6:00 pm (S.F.) Pam Donahue (Friends)

SUN. JAN. 30 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CELEBRATE **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

8:00 am (S.G.) Marrianne Clendenning (Mark Tortorici)

8:00 am (S.F.) William Milbert (Family & Friends)

9:00 am (H.R.) John Pace (John & Patty Pace)

10:00 am (S.F.) Joseph McGuriman (Bonnie & Brian Connell)

11:00 am (H.R.) Stanley Piecuch (Wife & Children)

11:30 am (S.G.) Albert James Hensch (Ray & Carol Sinincki)

12:00 pm (S.F.) Nicholas Torquato (Tom & Janie Lander)

5:00 pm (S.F.) Samantha Condrick (Mildred Sweeney) S.F.: St. Ferdinand, H.R.: Holy Redeemer, S.G.: St. Gregory

From Our Administrator

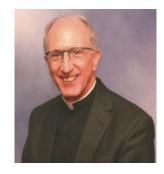
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

YOU HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE

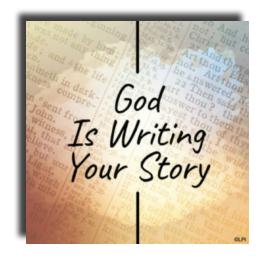
Did you ever notice that the best way to accomplish nothing is to plan for something? We destroy most great ideas by trying to resolve everything before we get started. When we attempt to grapple with the enormity of the task that lies ahead, when we ask more questions than we have answers for, or when we want to project the outcome before we recognize the path, we can very easily give in to frustration and so chuck the whole thing as not worth wasting our time on. However, are we willing to trust? Are we willing to trust that knowing may only coming with pursuing, that answers may come as the process unfolds, that the outcome may be far different (maybe even far better) than we had anticipated. Sometimes we grow through the experience, rather than being in control of it. We need to start somewhere, and the first step is trust.

From the Book of Nehemiah, this weekend, we hear about life for the Chosen People after they had returned from exile in Babylon. They had to restore what was lost and destroyed. The best place to start was with the Law given to them by God through Moses, and so Ezra reads it to the assembled crowd. They weep because they have failed to follow it; they weep because they don't know how they will ever live according to it. The future seems impossible to them, but in response, Ezra tells them, "Today is holy to the Lord your God." (Neh 8:9) If they but set their sights on the Lord, the Lord's plan will be to their benefit. From the Gospel of Luke, we hear of two beginnings. First is the beginning of his Gospel, where Luke sets out his plan to give an orderly presentation of the life and teachings of Jesus in the hope that this will validate the faith of his readers. Second is the beginning of Jesus's ministry in Galilee where He acknowledges that "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18) Each new beginning is only entered into with confidence in God's loving plan. St. Paul reminds the fledgling Church at Corinth that what might seem to be a motley crew of disparate individuals has really been fashioned into one single body by God Himself so that there is a harmony among all of the participants and their God-given gifts that could never be conceived without the foresight of God. The sum is greater than the parts, and the end of fulfillment will only be reached with a foundation in the Lord.



REV. PHILIP N. FARRELL

In OUR Grouping of three parishes, WE have been accepting and working through the On Mission process for over three years. Who would have believed those many years ago that WE would be where WE are today? When WE look at all that needs to be completed by July of this year, how are WE ever going to make that happen? Sure, there may be some doubts along the way, but WE all have to remember where WE started and what inspires US every morning to keep going. It started with a desire to keep the faith alive and grow the faith, and every day begins with the hope that the next 24 hours will take that dream one step farther. It started with a conviction that the Good Lord wants US to do the seemingly impossible and the unthinkable to strengthen and enhance His body, the Church. Does any of US have all of the answers; does any of US have a clear picture of the outcome? However, if WE overthink it, WE'll never take another step. Since WE have to start somewhere, WE might as well start at the best place possible – faith and trust in God. God Bless The Cities of God!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022 Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 **Wednesday:**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41 **Next Sunday:**

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

Brian Patronie, son of Frank Patronie, Dorothy Lynch, mother of Edward Lynch, Anna Marie Colavincenzo, mother of Martin Colavincenzo, Frank E. Lucas, father of Steve Lucas, and Edward Walkowiak, husband of Alberta Walkowiak

May the souls of our deceased parish members and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Amen

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of **St. Ferdinand:**

Greg Yeager

from John & Pam Mayberry

St. Gregory:

Ron D'Alessandro

from Wife

PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

A prayer Garden Candle will burn this week in loving memory of:

St. Ferdinand: Kaleb Kean

from The Kavanagh's



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

St. Gregory:

Ron D'Alessandro

from Wife



SACRAMENTS

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturdays at 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory and Saturday at 12:30 at Holy Redeemer.

Anointing: Contact the Parish Office before entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery or an illness, or contact the Pastoral Care Department of the Hospital.

Marriage: Please call six months in advance for an appointment with a priest. Marriage preparation classes are required. Call the Parish Office as soon as possible to schedule.

Baptism for Adults: Through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Baptism for Infants: By appointment. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. A Baptism class is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Victims of Sexual Abuse Hotline 1.888.808.1235 Diocesan Victim Assistance Office 412.456.3093 PA Childline 1.800.932.0313

Prayer and Parish Office Information

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING CITIES OF GOD PARISHIONERS

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carlo Agostinelli Sarah Arbaelaz B.J. Biondi George Bokor Norma Borroni Cathy Bucci Vance Byram Kristi Campbell Helen Colosimo Frederick Conley Mary Jo Conley Sally Costanza Shirley Dominelli Jared Longwell Darlene Esoldo Donna Evans Gus Fornataro Michael Garrett Mark Greene

Steve Grinnen John/Mary Guerrini Jodi Minteer Helen Guy Jim Hackett, James M. Hackett Isaac Hall Nancy Hinzman Sandy Huffman Beth Jansen Kathie Joiner John Kati Frank LaGrotta

Charlotte Miller Dara Morris Roberta Morris Ann 'Tootsie' Muoio Olga Nardone Bob Nauman Jim Norton Sr., Bill Oehmler Christine Osche, Antoinette Pansera Regina Pasini John DiLeonardo Paula Maochi Laird Patrick, Bruce & Janet Lisa Marie Vincik **Audrey Patterson** Antonietta Lightner Debbie Piper Kathleen Russo Cy Saba

Julie Santillo

Greg Santo

Diane Scott Catherine Shuttleworth Peggy Nancy Smith James Spielvogel Sr. Patricia Dunham Paul Stefura Rita Stoops Connie Tetmire Doreen Tomon Kenneth Ung Carol Viccari Dom Viccari Nikki Usenick Karen Williams Kenneth Wiley Mike Yuricha Chuck Ziegler

Helen Yuricha

2022 dates are available

for Altar and Tabernacle

Holy Redeemer Church

purchasing flowers for

any available weekend.

Flowers. Please call

office if you are

Donation is \$50.

interested in

Joy McElwain Betty Korczynski **Dorothy Mellon** Mary Tomayko Eleanora Milbert **Bob Polak** Michael Mack Andy Szakelyhidi Ed Smith Marie Voelker Elaine Hafner Sharon Hunter Patricia Zivkovic Stacey & David

Mary Pat O'Neal Krissy White **Smail Family** Clarence Marsh

Call:

St. Ferdinand-724.776.2888 Holy Redeemer - 724.758.4411 St. Gregory-724.452.7245 to add or delete a name. Only family members are

to call!

Prayer Intentions will run for 1 month

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Chris MacDonald

Arlene Maielli

Mary McClurg

ST. FERDINAND

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Parish Office 724.776.2888

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724.776.2888 ext. 401

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Safe Environment - cathy@stferd.org

Small Faith Communities 724.776.1357

Website - www. stferd.org

Youth Ministry Office - 724.776.1920

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Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed for Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00 pm 724.758.4411 Fax: 724.752.1466

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724.752.1271

Social Services

724.758.3465

Music Ministry

724.752.9518

Catholic Parish Cemetery Association

724.323.0033

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Administration Office

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The bulletin deadline for submitting articles is ten days before the bulletin date (except for Holidays). All articles must be written in paragraph form and include a name and phone number. Pdf articles are not accepted for print in the bulletin. For complete article submission guidelines, please visit our website at https://stferd.org/

BAPTISM CLASSES

One parent preparation session is required before baptism. Please come before the baby is born.

* Classes at Holy Redeemer are on April 6, 2022, July 13, 2022, and October 12, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.758.4411

* Classes at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory are on

February 7, 2022, April 4, 2022, and June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by calling724.776.2888 ext. 101



READERS

ST. FERDINAND

January 22/23, 2022

4:00 pm - Joe Renaud

6:00 pm - Eileen Newara

8:00 am - Richard Duggan

10:00 am - Art Riccadonna

12:00 pm - Mary Samsa

5:00 pm - Michael Garczynski

January 29/30, 2022

4:00 pm - Daria Kubisiak

6:00 pm - Mark Hahn

8:00 am - Richard Duggan

10:00 am - Gregory Melucci

12:00 pm - Michael Garzynski

5:00 pm - John Meyers

HOLY REDEEMER

January 22/23, 2022

5:00 pm - Guy Calabro

9:00 am - Frank Manzo

11:00 am - Grace DeCaria

January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani

9:00 am - John Biondi

11:00 am - Eva Herman

ST. GREGORY

January 22/23, 2022

5:00 pm - Jennifer Livorse

8:00 am - Mark Kline

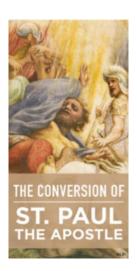
11:30 am - Greg Melucci

January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - J.R. Lovre

8:00 am - Lorie Voland

11:30 am - Christina Weigand



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

ST. FERDINAND

January 22/23, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfore, Sharon Beck, Betty DeCicco, Connie Gruca

6:00 pm - Marsha Grabowski, Barbara Margo, Julie Heidish, Anita Stright

8:00 am - Tony DeCesaris, Karen Good, David Creedon, Carol Sinicki

10:00 am - Carole Gigliotti, Ray Maudie, Kristine Marthinsen, Sherry Maudie

12:00 pm - Judy Sapos, Mark DeNapoli, Laura Assef, Mazie Pliskaner

5:00 pm - Heide Resch, Kathleen Kozmin, Barbara Moeller,

Cynthia Olshavsky

January 29/30, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Harry McNeillie, Peggy Moravek, Keith Monahan

6:00 pm - Amy Hahn, Eileen Newara, Michele Vetovich, Patricia Mann

8:00 am - Norma Wolff, Carol Bartley, Karen DeCesaris, Beverly Quinn-Huston

10:00 am - Joan Spirk, Barbara Moeller, Mary Jane Vano, Phyllis Wirth

12:00 pm - Sally Jack, Gloria Virostek, John Milius, Melinda Terbosic

5:00 pm - Kathleen Kozmin, Pat Way, Mark DeNapoli, Tom Way

HOLY REDEEMER (* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

January 22/23, 2022

5:00 pm - *Jackie Dimeo, Dave Raybuck, Annie Raybuck

9:00 am - *Alena Kucan, Barb Russo, Mimi Spade

11:00 am - *Loretta Silvestri, Francine Hunter, Kathy Gorzkowski

January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - *Lisa Greco, Holly Angelucci, Patti Kuhn

9:00 am - *Grace Fornataro, Mark Strosnider, Julie Strosnider

11:00 am - *Mary Ann Viccari, Rosina Betz, Paula Keane

ST. GREGORY

January 22/23, 2022

5:00 pm - Dave Dailey, Drew Mathew, Teresa O'Malley

8:00 am - Mary Ann Brill, Don Koger, Matt Sauers

11:30 am - Mary Barry, Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz

January 29/30, 2022

5:00 pm - Dave Dailey, Drew Mathew, Teresa O'Malley

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ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Server Schedule Coming Soon (St. Ferdinand is already Scheduled in the app)



FAITH FORMATION

ST. FERDINAND:

Sessions resume Sunday, Monday and Tuesday January 23 – 25. St. Ferdinand Church First Reconciliations/Confessions will be held on Friday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

ST. GREGORY:

Sessions resume Sunday, Monday and Tuesday January 23 – 25. St. Gregory Church and school First Reconciliation/Confessions will be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

HOLY REDEEMER:

Holy Redeemer Elementary Faith Formation for January: Sessions will be held January 24, 31, 2022 from 4:45pm to 6:00 pm. If you have questions please contact Kay at 724.758.4411, ext. 222 or hrreledu@zoominternet.net.

ADORATION

Please join us on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at St. Gregory Church to worship our Lord in the Eucharist. Holy Hour begins promptly at 6:30 pm, and Benediction will conclude by 7:30 pm. Come spend some time in silent fellowship with Jesus, really present in the Eucharist. All are welcome for all or any part of the Holy Hour. We look forward to seeing you, but more importantly, so does our Lord. We will next be gathering for this beautiful time of adoration and prayer on Thursday, January 27, 2022. CORPUS SANGUIS ANIMA et DIVINITAS



COME PRAY WITH US -- FROM HOME! LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF YOUR DAY?

Is it often too tough to be up and about before that first cup-O-Joe? Well, bring your steeping hot mug and come join us from the comfort of your home - on ZOOM - for morning prayers, as we come together for the rosary, daily petitions, the daily Mass readings and a brief reflection. This regional on-line prayer group started to meet at the beginning of the COVID shut down back in March of 2020 with a group of faithful Catholics, including Deacon Jeff, in response to the need for a spiritual experience in those isolating days, but now continues to welcome participants from many neighboring North suburb parishes as well as friends and family members from all over the country. We start each morning promptly at 7:00 am, and finish by about 7:40 am. Feel like you might want to join but don't want to have to get all gussied up that early in the morning? No problem, leave your video feed off!

 we won't mind. If you are interested in joining this group, or even just checking it out, email Deacon Jeff at Jeff@stferd.org and he will send you the zoom link.

ST. FERDINAND MEN'S CLUB GOLF BASH

Due to our current COVID Protocol, the Men's Club Annual Golf Bash originally scheduled for January 29 will be postponed until Saturday, April 30. If you have any questions contact a Men's Club Board member or contact Mark Gebrosky at 724.772.6409 or email at MARK810@zoominternet.net.

ST. PATRICK'S POT OF GOLD

Holy Redeemer's Holy Name Society's St. Patrick's Pot of Gold tickets are available for \$5.00 at Holy Redeemer Church Office. Prizes are \$500 on March 15 and 16 and \$1500 on March 17 based on the 3 digit Lottery number. Call the church office at 724.758.4411 Ext. 110 if you have any questions. Good Luck!



2022 HOLY REDEEMER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP (SAG) \$UPER \$PECIAL

Tickets have arrived and are available from any member or the parish office. These \$120 tickets pay \$135 Sunday thru Friday and \$500, \$750 or \$1000 on Saturdays, based on the 3 digit PA lottery evening number, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. If there is a special number you wish, call the parish office at 724.758.4411. Good Luck!



SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FATHER JOHN GALLAGHER

Please join Father John Gallagher on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a scripture study that will take us a little deeper into the Sunday Gospel. Given the recent COVID surge, if you are hesitant to attend Mass in-person, this is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of scripture and grow in your relationship with Christ as Father Gallagher explains, discusses, and answers questions about the week's Gospel. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of your previous scripture study experience. To join Father Gallagher for this Scripture Study, you must register by Wednesday, February 2 so you can receive a Zoom link. Please send an email to jeff@stferd.org with your name and preferred email address. You will then receive a link to join the Zoom session by Thursday, February 3.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

The St. Ferdinand Women's Club is hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 12 in Oldenski Hall. The cost is \$75.00 per couple (or \$37.00 for a single). This will include an hour of appetizers, dinner, dessert, beer and wine. It is a BYOB and we will supply the set ups. We will also enjoy the music of a band this year. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Please call Peggy at 724.816.4109 or email peggyw919@gmail.com to make your reservations. With the current COVID restrictions please keep watch as to the status of this event.

WIDOWED, DIVORCED, SEPARATED?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Please plan to join us Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center (St. Athanasius) located at 7 Chalfonte Ave., West View, PA 15229. Fee is \$25.00 (lunch included). Register by January 25 at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412.584.5575 or Kim at 412.352.2653 to learn more about this healing ministry

HOLY REDEEMER SOCIAL CLUB 2022 YEARLY CALENDAR TICKET

The 2022 Social Club Yearly Calendar ticket is now available at the Holy Redeemer Parish Office or from any Social Club member. The \$40 ticket is based on the 3 digit evening Pa. lottery number. Weekday prizes are \$40 and weekend prizes are \$60, except on holidays and Feast days, where prizes range from \$100 to a maximum of \$500. If there is certain number you wish, please call Lou at the parish office, 724.758.4411 Ext. 110 or Stretch at 724.752.3751. These make a great birthday gift, etc.. that lasts all year long. All proceeds help assist our parish.

GLADE RUN LUTHERAN SERVICE BLOOD DRIVE

Glade Run Lutheran Services is hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, February 18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Seiberling Rec Center, 10 St. Stephen's Drive, Zelienople PA, 16063. To schedule your appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org, search by zip code 16063, scroll down and choose Glade Run Lutheran Services on Friday, February 18. Then click see times and sign up for your appointment. For more information, contact Michelle Herr at mherr@gladerun.org

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Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

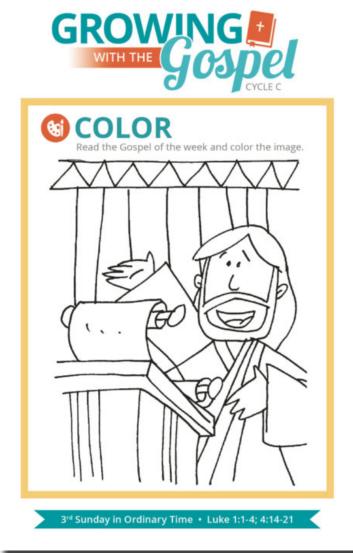
Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

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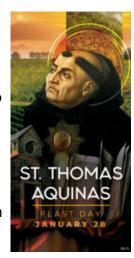
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St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aguinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church was his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aguinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi



Is it Right to Sue?

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

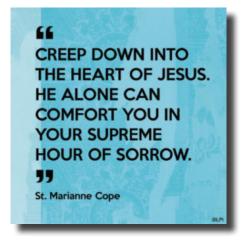
Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and

making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people have lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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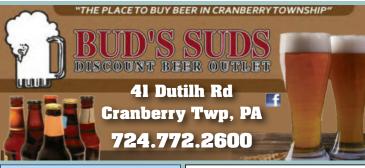
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