CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP. ELLWOOD CITY. ZELIENOPLE

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

9:00 am 11:00 am

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

8:00 am 11:30 am

Welcome Evervone

...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.

February 6, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMANIONS, MARTYRS 4:00 pm (S.F.) Ellen Shea (Luma & Nadeem) 5:00 pm (S.G.) John & Margaret McKinney 62nd Anniversary (Sister Patricia) 5:00 pm (H.R.) Tony Scala (Blanche Novak) 6:00 pm (S.F.) Michael Cristallino (Jay & Pam Bullie) SUN. FEB. 6 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMANIONS, MARTYRS 8:00 am (S.G.) Ruth Flick (Jean & Nancy Flick) 8:00 am (S.F.) Kathleen Patronie (Frank, Brian, Christine, & Frank III) 9:00 am (H.R.) William & Dorothy Flecher (Joe & Colleen Flecher) 10:00 am (S.F.) Martha Maksin (Jack & Phyllis Wirth) 11:00 am (H.R.) Joseph Crawford (Knights of Columbus) 11:30 am (S.G.)In Memory of Carl Ulrich (Alan Marin) 12:00 pm (S.F.) Mary Jane Tarasovich (Tarasovich Family) 5:00 pm (S.F.) Elisa Egan (St. Ferdinand Knights of Columbus 11838) MON. FEB. 7 8:00 am (S.G.) Angie Varrato (Grace DeCaria Family) 8:30 am (S.F.) Rigaud Paine (Don & Alida) 9:00 am (H.R.) Patricia Jean Emilko (Nephews & Nieces) TUE. FEB. 8 ST. JEROME EMILIANI; ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN 8:00 am (S.G.) Michael & Sandy Krozel (Barb Cummings) 8:30 am (S.F.) Ellen Shea (Tim & Carole O'Shea) 9:00 am (H.R.) Joe & Mary Battaglia (Dave Krupa) WED. Feb. 9 8:00 am (S.G.) Ernest & Jane Springer (Barb Cummings) 8:30 am (S.F.)Alice Fill (The Tatusko Family) 9:00 am (H.R.) Gerry Lutz (Laurie Nocera) 7:00 pm (S.F.) Megan O'Shea Durst (Mom, Dad & Family) THUR. FEB. 10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN 8:00 am (S.G.) Theodore L. Jeannette (Claire G. Dorsch) 8:30 am (S.F.) Marty Mihok (Wife, Bonnie & Family) 9:00 am (H.R.) Douglas & Julia Lockawich (Doug & Janet Lockawich) FRI. FEB. 11 OUR LADY OF LOURDES 8:30 am (S.F.) Bob Beatty (White Elephant) 9:00 am (H.R.) Grace Scarpetti & Rose & Charles Pezzi (Family) 9:15 am(S.G.) Joseph Roman (son, Joe) **SAT. FEB. 12** 9:00 am (H.R.) Clara Fabyanic (Frankie Friday) Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory 12:30 pm at Holy Redeemer SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WOLRD MARRIAGE DAY 4:00 pm (S.F.) Mary Ellen Roth (Bill, Barb, Caroline & Chris) 5:00 pm (S.G.) Tom Connelly (Kathy Blattenberger) 5:00 pm (H.R.) William P. Skvaria(Virginia, Anita, & Deanne Ottobre) 6:00 pm (S.F.) Paul Omasits (Norma Gannon) SUN. FEB. 13 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 8:00 am (S.G.) Edward Goodwin (Rita West) 8:00 am (S.F.) Jean DeCarlo (Herbert Family) 9:00 am (H.R.) Souls in Purgatory (Donor) 10:00 am (S.F.) Joseph & Cecelia Wirth (Phyllis & Jack Wirth) 11:00 am (H.R.) Tommy Novasel (Dad) 11:30 am (S.G.) Tom & Terry Zinkham (The Family) 12:00 pm (S.F.) Selle & Lander Family (Tom & Jane Lander) 5:00 pm (S.F.) Alida Masyada (Jenny Lardo)

From Our Administrator

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FROM THE ADMINISTATOR'S DESK

MISFITS?

Probably, one of the most difficult parts about being a priest is a feeling of being a misfit. Who am I that people stop me in a grocery store and ask me questions about faith or the Church? Who am I that people request that I pray for someone or bless some religious articles? Who am I that people invite me to walk with them and their family through death and dying? Who am I that people randomly urge me to hear their Confession? Who am I that people wait for me to offer their sacrifice at the altar and to change common bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? I admit I'm not the smartest or the holiest, the most insightful or the most organized. However, for reasons beyond my understanding, God and His Church have asked me to do what I do the best I can do it. It's not about me. It's all about divine grace.

The story of our faith is filled with the proverbial misfits just look at whom we hear about this weekend. Isaiah sees God Himself in the temple. Isaiah recognizes that he is "a man of unclean lips" (Is 6:5), but God sends an angel with a burning ember to touch Isaiah's lips and remove his wickedness. Then Isaiah is ready to accept the Lord's invitation and speak to the people on God's behalf. Isaiah went on to become perhaps the most influential prophet in the Old Testament. When Jesus tells Peter, an experienced fisherman, to cast his nets for an unlikely catch that turns into more than Peter's crew could handle, Peter begs Jesus, "'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.'" (Lk 5:8) Nonetheless, Jesus calms Peter's fears and commissions him to become a fisher of men. (Lk 5:8) Peter would become the spokesperson for the Twelve Apostles and the 1st leader of the Church. Paul reminds the Corinthians that he was the last to meet the Resurrected Jesus, well after the Twelve had witnessed Him. He honestly acknowledges that he is "the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because [he] persecuted the church of God". (1Cor 15:9) However, look what he says next, "But by the grace of God I am what I am and his grace to me has not been ineffective." (1Cor 15:10) Paul is known as the great letter writer of the New Testament and the establisher of many early Christian communities. Ancient Christian authors would refer to Paul as simply "the Apostle". In all three instances, it's all about the grace of God, nothing else, pure and simple.

In the 1 ¹/₂+ years that I've been the Administrator of The Cities of God Parish Grouping, I've fielded the questions and concerns of many parishioners who have wondered



REV. PHILIP N. FARRELL

how a merger of OUR three parishes will ever work. People cite the distances between OUR three communities and the different lifestyles that the three espouse. I'm reminded that that WE are in three different counties and that OUR children are educated in a multiple of school districts. To date, a number of OUR people have pointed out to me that they have never been inside all three of OUR churches or have even visited all three of OUR communities. Many people still struggle with referring to "our" (my parish) rather than "OUR" (my Grouping). Some might just say that WE don't belong, that WE're misfits. However, it's at times like this that I'm reminded of the Scripture verse that I had printed on a card for my ordination to the priesthood: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (Jn 15:16) These are words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper to the greatest group of misfits ever known - the Twelve Apostles. Obviously, God has a plan, or WE wouldn't be here today as Church. Before WE receive the Lord in the Eucharist, WE proclaim, "Lord, I am not worthy", and yet the Lord still comes to US and makes of US the one Body of Christ. As I said before, it's all about divine grace. It's all about making possible the seemingly impossible. God can and does make the supposed misfits belong.

God Bless The Cities of God!

PS. Please keep your eyes on your postal mail in the next couple of weeks for a letter you will be receiving from me containing two important announcements:

1. How to vote for the five names to be submitted to Bishop Zubik from the eight he has preapproved.

2. An invitation to attend one of the parish assemblies to be held at each of our parishes:

- a. Saturday 2/26, 6:30 P.M. St. Gregory Parish
- b. Sunday, 2/27, 1:30 P.M. St. Ferdinand Parish
- c. Tuesday, 3/1, 6:30 P.M. Holy Redeemer Parish

Prayers and Worship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK sunday readings

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138) **Second Reading:**

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11) **Gospel:**

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022 Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30 Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF: *Carol Leech*, mother of Daniel Leech

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:**

Anna Klir from daughter, Gloria Virostek



PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

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

St. Ferdinand: Healthcare Workers & First Responders



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

St. Gregory: *Blaine Family* from Anonymous



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

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING CITIES OF GOD PARISHIONERS

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joy McElwain Krissy White Smail Family Clarence Marsh **Brooks Anthony Sarver** Bethany Burick B.J. Biondi Gus Fornataro Nancy Smith John/Mary Guerrini Karen Williams Helen Yuricha Mike Yuricha Judy Bokor Christine Schweinsberg Jim Thornton



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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PARISH OFFICE

ST. FERDINAND

Administration Office Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 724.776.2888 Fax: 724.776.2378

Faith Formation Office Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm And during Faith Formation Classes 724.776.9177 Fax: 724.776.6640

Counseling by Appointment

Catholic Center 724.775.0758 ext. 4052 Parish Office 724.776.2888 Music Ministry

724.776.2888 ext. 401

Directory

General email - parish@stferd.org Pastoral Council - pastoralcouncil@stferd.org Safe Environment - cathy@stferd.org Small Faith Communities 724.776.1357 Website - www. stferd.org Youth Ministry Office - 724.776.1920

HOLY REDEEMER

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 Faith Formation & RCIA 724.752.1271 Social Services 724.758.3465 Music Ministry 724.752.9518 Catholic Parish Cemetery Association 724.323.0033

2022 dates are available for Altar and Tabernacle Flowers. Please call Holy Redeemer Church office if you are interested in purchasing flowers for any available weekend. Donation is \$50.

ST. GREGORY

Administration Office Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm 724.452.7245 Fax: 724.452.4064 parishoffice@stgregzelie.org **Ritzert Hall Rental (temporarily suspended)** 724.452.7245 **Directory** St. Gregory School - 724. 452.9731 schooloffice@stgregzelie.org School Website - www.stgregzelie.org Church Website - www.stgregzelie.org

Bulletin: AKucan@stferd.org

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

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READERS

ST. FERDINAND

February 5/6, 2022 4:00 pm - Joe Renaud 6:00 pm - Rich Fuga 8:00 am - Art Riccadonna 10:00 am - Frank Weiss 12:00 pm - Shalini Savio 5:00 pm - Michael Gaarczynski February 12/13, 2022 4:00 pm - Bill Yates 6:00 pm - Brian Connell 8:00 am - Richard Duggan 10:00 am - Art Riccadonna 12:00 pm - Lois Bradley 5:00 pm - Daria Kubisiak

HOLY REDEEMER

February 5/6, 2022 5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani 9:00 am - Janice Chesko 11:00 am - Mary Ann Viccari February 12/13, 2022 5:00 pm - Stacey Cunningham 9:00 am - Debbie Kucan 11:00 am - Licia Lentz

ST. GREGORY

February 5/6, 2022 5:00 pm - Mike Kamnikar 8:00 am - Chuck Schaum 11:30 am - Sophie Stumm February 12/13, 2022 5:00 pm - Valerie Bucek 8:00 am - Mark Harmanos 11:30 am - Jack Neal



ST. FERDINAND

February 5/6, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Jim Beck, Connie Gruca, Dolly Beck

- 6:00 pm Carol Hartman, Julie Heidish, Marsha Grabowski, Anita Stright
- 8:00 am Kathleen Newcomer, David Creedon, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Karen DeCesaris
- 10:00 am Phyllis Wirth, Kristine Marthinsen, Donald Kretschman, Sherry Maudie
- 12:00 pm Dan Drotar, Maureen Hulick, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Melinda Terbosic
- 5:00 pm Richard Kucia, Heidi Resch, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Kathleen Kozmin

February 12/13, 2022

- 4:00 pm Richard Sismour, Kevin Monahan, Deacon Don Pepe, Barbara Margo
- 6:00 pm Julie Heidish, Marsha Grabowski, Patricia Mann
- 8:00 am Karen Good, Jim Haefner, Norma Wolff, Tony DeCesaris
- 10:00 am Mary Jane Vano, Bob Meinert, Barbara Moeller, Phyllis Wirth
- 12:00 pm Daniel Flynn, Judy Sapos, Mark DeNapoli, Mazie Pliskaner
- 5:00 pm Heide Resch, Kathleen Kozmin, Carol Herman, Steffany McCafferty

HOLY REDEEMER (* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

February 5/6 , 2022

- 5:00 pm *Karen Woloszyn, Lou Ferrario, Kay Bellissimo
- 9:00 am *Cathy DeBlaso, Jan Zayas, Alena Kucan

11:00 am - *Paula Keane, Kathy Gorzkowski, Francine Hunter February 12/13, 2022

- 5:00 pm *Anne Cvetich, Lou Ferrario, Jackie Dimeo 9:00 am - *Mimi Spade, Barb Russo, Dorothy Schilling
- 11:00 am *Rosina Betz, Kathy Gorzkowski, Mary Ann Viccari

ST. GREGORY

February 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Mark Lutz, Frances Tartel, Michael Gaydosz 8:00 am - Denis Knauff, Dan Sauers, Carol Keener 11:30 am - Mary Barry, Michael Smith, Jason Burr February 12/13, 2022

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ALTAR SERVERS

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



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FAITH FORMATION **ST. FERDINAND:**

Sessions resume Sunday, Monday and Tuesday February 6-8 and February 13-15. The week of February 20, 21, and 22 will be off for President's Day* with sessions resuming on February 27,28, and March 1.*except where noted on the calendar 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 Grades 1 – 6: February 7 – 14 : 4:45pm to 6:00 pm Grades 7 – 8: February 6 : 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM Sunday February 13 : 2:00 pm to 4:00 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, February 10, 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'S CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

Due to the current circumstances, a seven day notice is required to process a contribution statement request. Please call St. Ferdinand's office at 724.776.2888 to request yours. Statements can be picked up or mailed.

HOLY REDEEMER RECENTLY BAPTIZED Nina Celeste Lodovico, daughter of Steven and Lacey (Belonzi) Lodovico. May God Bless your family and friends.

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 DEACON DON PEPE

Please join Deacon Don Pepe on Monday, March 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 Deacon Don 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 Deacon Don for this Scripture Study, you must register by Wednesday, March 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, March 3.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

The Valentine's Day Dance has been canceled. We will see you all next year.



HOLY REDEEMER HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Holy Redeemer Holy Name Society meeting on February 13 has been canceled but please come to 9:00 am Mass to recite the Rosary



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Again this year at Holy Redeemer Parish, we will hold soup pots at the doors of the Church Super Bowl weekend February 12 & 13. They will join churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting in our community, country and world. Please support our youth in this effort. \$1 from each parishioner would fill our soup pots and help those in need.

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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JOB OPPORTUNITY

As we work to unify our operations in anticipation of the merger of our three parishes in July of 2022, The Cities of God announces opportunities in two classes of positions - Maintenance Workers and Janitors – to attend to the repair and upkeep of our properties. These positions are available immediately. A brief summary of each position is stated below. For more details, including job descriptions and application requirements, please go to https://www.diopitt.org/jobs.

Maintenance Workers, Parish Grouping of The Cities of God (St. Ferdinand Parish, St. Gregory Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish)

The Parish Grouping of The Cities of God, which includes the three parishes of St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, and Holy Redeemer is seeking both full time and part time Maintenance Workers for the Parish. These parishes call together the faithful in three principle cities (Cranberry Twp., Zelienople, and Ellwood City) and all the many other communities in between. All Maintenance Workers will maintain and ensure the safe and proper maintenance of all church, school, and parish buildings and grounds.

Janitors, Parish Grouping of The Cities of God (St. Ferdinand Parish, St. Gregory Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish)

The Parish Grouping of The Cities of God, which includes the three parishes of St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, and Holy Redeemer is seeking both full time and part time Janitors for the Parish. These parishes call together the faithful in three principle cities (Cranberry Twp., Zelienople, and Ellwood City) and all the many other communities in between. All Janitors will maintain and ensure that all church, school, and parish buildings are clean, in an orderly manner, and ready for use.





From March 2nd – April 10, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: **Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com**

- 20,689 babies saved
- 229 abortion workers converted
- 114 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood led by Fr. Chris Donley, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish. All Christians are welcome to participate! This is a free event.

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com



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Catholic Schools Week 2022

As this year's "Catholic School's Week" comes to a close we want to first thank all the parishioners that support our school through donations and fundraising. This was a week where students got to show their talents with interesting science experiments and their rock and mineral displays; there were STEM and building projects being assembled and some of the older students became "school reporters" conducting interviews of other students and staff. Our 4-year olds brought in a favorite book, dressed as one of the characters and talked about who they were. It was a great way to showcase our students and staff.

If you are thinking of having your child/children join St. Gregory School, give us a call and set up a tour. We would love to have you be part of the school family. Our third graders made personalized Snow globes and decorated the school hallway with them.









Flat Stanley had a great vacation in New Mexico visiting Luke's Aunt Vicki and her dog Bruiser. Stanley enjoyed the downtown area of Las Cruces checking out the Farmers Market, and enjoying local musicians.

Since it was December, there were many beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the city. During his stay they all went hiking to Organ Peaks National Monument where they explored

the Organ Mountain Range, the Chihuahuan Desert and Hermit's Cave located at the base of the mountains. It was so different from Pennsylvania with the wildlife, granite crags and Ponderosa pine trees.

This has been a popular area for thousands of years. Stanley was frightened by the high winds and they had to hold him tight to keep him safe.

It was a new adventure for sure and one that Stanley highly recommends you try.



It was a HOT trip to Delray Beach, Florida when Stanley vacationed with Brooks' family. It was so hot that Stanley had to go buy summer clothes! He was not ready for this weather and got a bad sunburn and had to be careful in the ocean because of all the jellyfish. So, they ate lots of ice cream and drank smoothies to cool off. Stanley had his first fresh, local orange and it was

YUMMY! One day they rode a golf cart to get delicious pizza and looked at all the amazing Christmas lights. Delray Beach has a famous 100-foot Christmas Tree that you can actually go inside! During a special ceremony, Santa comes by and lights the tree with a special candy cane.



This trip to the "Village by the Sea" was one Stanley will not forget and suggests to consider putting this on your "to do" list.

PRAYING THE SENSES OF THE BODY: SIGHT, HEARING, SMELL, TASTE, TOUCH

Monday Evenings of Scripture-based Prayer Based on the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ever imagine seeing with the eyes of Jesus or using your hands in the way Jesus would? Join us as we use Holy Scripture and our life experiences to consider how we might use the gifts of our senses better for the greater service of God.

Monday, February 21, 2022 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Free but registration is required. Please register by February 16, 2022 so you can receive the Zoom link. To register send an email to

Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com with your preferred email.

Presenter will be Theresa Rossi, Graduate, Spiritual Direction & Spiritual Leadership Program Pneuma Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

If you have questions call Theresa at 724.316.5575.



THE ARK AND THE DOVE

The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center (Gibsonia, Pa) is hosting a Holy Spirit Retreat from

March 11-13, 2022. Participants can register for overnight registration (\$150), commuter registration (\$100), or virtual registration (\$50).

We invite you to attend and experience a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit. To register, please visit our website:

www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/2022HolySpirit . Space is limited, so register today! Speakers include Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Mike Ackerman, Alicia Hartle, DLJC Sisters, Katie Grella, and more!"

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

A.R.M. is sponsoring a panel discussion titled, "A Day of Hope and Healing" on Saturday, February 26, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. This event will feature speakers talking about recovery and substance use disorders. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or by calling 412.378.9290. The cost is \$10 per person to help defray the cost of lunch.

A ZOOM virtual Bingo fundraiser to benefit our Light of Life Rescue Mission brown bag lunch initiative will be held on Sunday, February 20. Tickets are \$25 per person and will include 15 regular games, 5 specials and a jackpot. Tickets - please call 412.378.9290 or go to our VANCO website,

https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZJ2.

Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance use disorder in a safe and confidential environment. Addiction Recovery Ministry is sponsoring a 12-week session beginning on Tuesday, February 22, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Using a study guide workbook based on the best-selling book, "Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children," by Allison Bottke, families will learn how enabling and codependency contributes to addiction. Registration in advance is required and to register or for more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412.793.4511 ext. 213 or tnoca@diopitt.org



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

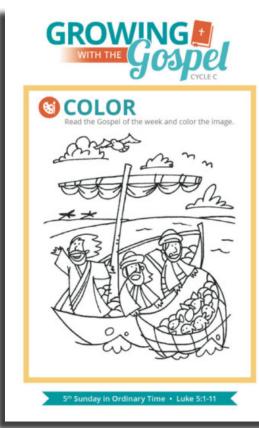
February 6, 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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