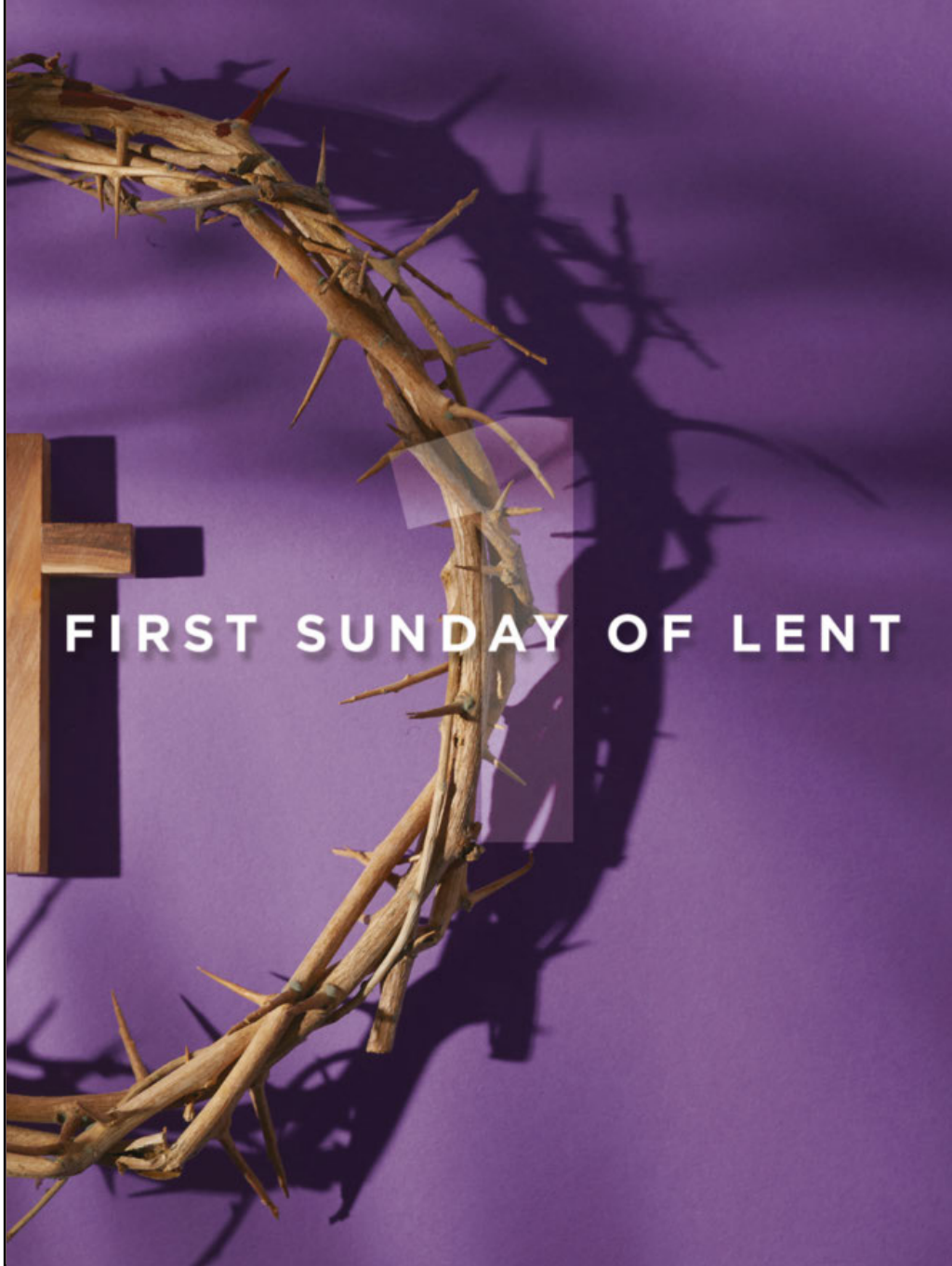


# The Cities of God



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Parish  
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

## 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.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**4:00 pm (S.F.)** Tom Salvatore (The Boccardi Family)

**5:00 pm (S.G.)** Thank you Dear Lord for Prayers Answered (Anonymous)

**5:00 pm (H.R.)** Deceased Member of the Perazzoni Family (Ann Folino)

**6:00 pm (S.F.)** John Hazuka (Laura Derosa)

### SUN. MAR. 6 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Bernadette Lazor (ROLO Group of St. Gregory's)

**8:00 am (S.F.)** Patrick Fahey (John & Susan Labos)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** John Kuczynski (Family)

**10:00 am (S.F.)** Ann Sheehy (Tom & Janie Lander)

**11:00 am (H.R.)** Sam & Anita Teolis (Domenic Ferrari)

**11:30 am (S.G.)** Anna Mae Kelly (daughter, Rita West)

**12:00 pm (S.F.)** John Earl, Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. John Earl)

**5:00 pm (S.F.)** Ruth Matthews (McKernan Family)

### MON. MAR. 7 SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Mike Schantz (Bill & Marie Ellen Knass)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Paul Omasits (Nettie & Moe Culley)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Lou Gatto (Nick & Rosetta Colao)

### TUE. MAR. 8 ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Angie Eppinger (William Kolling)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Carole Wagner (Family)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Catherine Treveline (Dora Benetti)

### WED. MAR. 9 ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Angie Eppinger (St. Anne's Guild, St. Gregory)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** John & Don Schaly (Joanne Warren)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Vittoria Simeoni (Paul & Maria Perrotta)

**7:00 pm (S.F.)** Robert Heusey (Family)

### THUR. MAR. 10

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Bernadete Lazor (St. Anne's Guild, St. Gregory)

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Siniki & Eudryk Families (Family)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** John Walker (Randy & Patty Laurich)

### FRI. MAR. 11

**8:30 am (S.F.)** Ellen (Tina)

#### *Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 Mass*

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Angelo & Teresa DeMauro & Larry & Connie Crespo  
(Larry & Terri Crespo)

**9:15 am (S.G.)** Shirley Depp (The Kellner Family)

**7:00 pm (S.F.)** Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Stations of the Cross and Benediction

**7:00 pm (S.G.)** Stations of the Cross and Benediction

### SAT. MAR. 12

**9:00 am (H.R.)** David Drobiezewski (Family)

#### *Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory*

#### *12:30 pm at Holy Redeemer*

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**4:00 pm (S.F.)** Mike Margo (Barb Margo)

**5:00 pm (S.G.)** Norma Rape ( St. Matthias Friends)

**5:00 pm (H.R.)** Dorothy Crowley (Jean & Nancy Flick)

**6:00 pm (S.F.)** Michael Cristallino (Pat & Frank DiFiore)

### SUN. MAR. 13 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Joe Kelly (daughter, Rita West)

**8:00 am (S.F.)** Agnes Rickard (J&R Leonard)

**9:00 am (H.R.)** Joseph Crawford (Holy Redeemer Holy Name Society)

**10:00 am (S.F.)** John Pecyna (Kathy & Rich Flango)

**11:00 am (H.R.)** Frank "Cheech" Fotia (Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dombeck)

**11:30 am (S.G.)** Toni Scassera (son, Charley)

**12:00 pm (S.F.)** David Pliskaner (Mom & Dad)

**5:00 pm (S.F.)** Joe Passmore (The Stoffa Family)

**S.F.:** St. Ferdinand, **H.R.:** Holy Redeemer, **S.G.:** St. Gregory

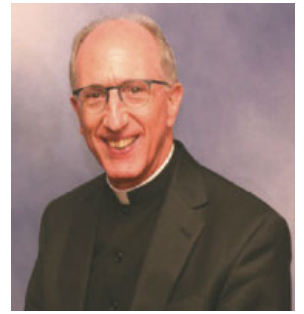
## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

### WHO WHOULD'VE THOUGHT?

Over the years, I've lived in a number of places around the country in business and a number of places around the Diocese as a priest. Some I was assigned to, and some I sought. Some I entered with excitement, and others I accepted with apprehension. However, in all of them, I have experienced the memorable hand of God. When things were successful, I understood the need to be thankful to God. When things took a downturn, I recognized that I needed to, and could, trust in God. Accomplishments weren't mine, but God's. Solutions and resolutions weren't mine, but God's. Sure, I have always tried to give it my best effort, but through the good times and through the bad times I have come to see that I've been watched over and taken care of. In my younger years, it was easy to think that so much of it was about me, but in my older years, it has become more and more obvious that I am not in the driver's seat – God is. Who would've thought?

This weekend, from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites that when they finally arrive in the Promised Land they are to give thanks to God for saving them from the years of slavery in Egypt and the 40 years of wandering in the desert. They could have never accomplished this spectacular feat on their own. It was only due to the watchful eye and loving hand of God. To think otherwise would be foolish presumption. In Luke's Gospel, when Satan tries to tempt Jesus in the desert, Jesus sees through the ploy. Satan wants to be recognized as powerful and in charge, but Jesus knows the Father's love personally and will look nowhere else to find it. St. Paul reminds the Romans that no one can be saved on their own, but that all can be saved if we confess on our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that the Father has raised Him from the dead. We cannot accomplish this, but how amazing that it is offered to us so freely. Who would've thought?

WE find OURselves in the midst of a rather unique situation. WE are entering into the most difficult part of OUR merger. The time for talk is winding down, and the time for firm and decisive action is upon US. However, I hope WE haven't forgotten that all of this is a time for prayer. If WE look at this as something imposed upon US organizationally, it's far too easy to grumble. But if WE are willing to see that this is a moment of growth that God is challenging US to surrender OUR will to a goal that, perhaps, only He can foresee, if WE are willing to see that God's plan is not just for any one individual or any one



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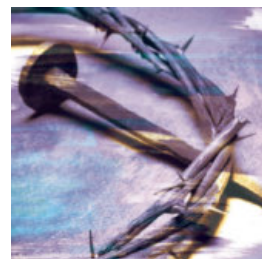
parish but for all of US, if WE are willing to see that God uses a number of people along the way to guide US and accompany US, if WE are willing to hold fast to the truth that Jesus is Lord and that the Father has raised Him from the dead, then WE will be saved and in the process become the parish that God has envisioned all along. Who would've thought? God...that's Who! And WE need to thank Him for it.

God Bless The Cities of God!

PS. Tuesday, 29 March 2022, is a very important day for us that will require a lot of prayer:

- On this day, we submit our formal petition to Bishop Zubik requesting the merger of our three parishes into one new parish. This will also include the submission of our top 5 new parish names. (Please remember to submit your ballot no later than Tuesday, 15 March 2022.)
- On this day, we will conduct our Grouping synodal session at St. Gregory Parish in the school gym, starting at 7:00 P.M. with doors open at 6:30. All are invited to participate. Please keep your eyes open in upcoming bulletins for details on registration and advance materials.

PPS. A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended in-person or online our recent parish assemblies. My hope is that people came away with a broader understanding of the scope of the undertaking and what has been done and still needs to be done to fashion our new parish. Let us use this Lenten Season of fast and prayer to open our hearts and minds to God's will for us.





# Prayers and Worship

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

#### Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

#### Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

#### Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

### Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

### Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

### Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

### Next Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

**John J. Veres**, husband of Wilma Veres and  
**Marian C. Fray**, sister of Gary Fray.

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:**

**Ellen**

from Tina



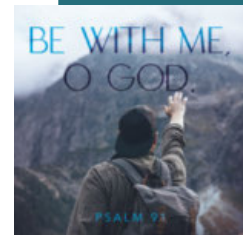
## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

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

**St. Ferdinand:**

**In Honor of Thomas Baier**

from Family



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**There are no sanctuary flowers during Lent**



## 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**

Judy Bokor	Catherine Shuttleworth
Jim Thornton	Debbie Schaefer
Antoinette Pansera	Cindy Bennett
John D'Leonardo	David Izzo, Sr.
Beth Jansen	Terri Anglin
Michael Garrett	Diane Scott
Luca Bartolomeo-Damon	Ray Lutz
James M. Hackett	Bruce Patrick
James W. Hackett	Lisa Vincik
Helen Guy	John Kati
Marlene Measel	Dom Viccari
George Sauers	Kathleen Russo
Mary Tomayko	Doreen Tomon
Helen Colossimo	Anthony Palagallo
Jody Minter	Julie Tomon
Brian	Catherine Procopio



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.  
If you would like an additional month please let us know.

## 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

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Pastoral Council - pastoralcouncil@stferd.org  
Safe Environment - ckunzsafeenvironment@gmail.com  
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  
holyrdmrec@zoominternet.net

#### 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.stgregparish.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 April 4, 2022, and June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.776.2888 ext. 101

## READERS

### ST. FERDINAND

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Rich Fuga
- 6:00 pm - Art Riccadonna
- 8:00 am - Bill Yates
- 10:00 am - Patricia DiVito
- 12:00 pm - Mary Samsa
- 5:00 pm - Michael Garczynski

#### March 12/13, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Bill Yates
- 6:00 pm - Julie Klimaszewski
- 8:00 am - Daria Kubisiak
- 10:00 am - Frank Weiss
- 12:00 pm - Mary Samsa
- 5:00 pm - Michael Garczynski

### HOLY REDEEMER

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani
- 9:00 am - John Biondi
- 11:00 am - Grace DeCaria

#### March 12-13, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Stacey Cunningham
- 9:00 am - Anna Marie Dicerbo
- 11:00 am - Eva Herman

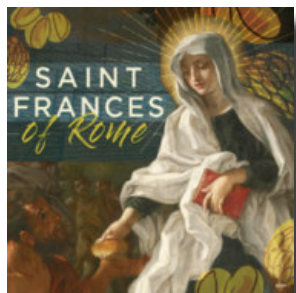
### ST. GREGORY

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Valerie Bucek
- 8:00 am - Chuck Schaum
- 11:30 am - Sophia Stumm

#### March 12/13, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Mark Kline
- 8:00 am - Mark Harmanos
- 11:30 am - Mike Kamnikar



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### ST. FERDINAND

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Sharon Beck, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Connie Gruca
- 6:00 pm - Barbara Margo, Richard Kucia, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Eileen Newara
- 8:00 am - Beverly Quinn-Huston, Carol Bartley, Anthony Bartley, David Creedon
- 10:00 am - Sherry Maudie, Barbara Moeller, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Bob Meinert
- 12:00 pm - John Milius, Mazie Pliskaner, Melinda Terbosic, Judy Sapos
- 5:00 pm - Tom Way, Pat Way, Tom Moravek

#### March 12/13, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Harry McNeillie, Debbie Frazier, Barbara Margo, Connie Gruca
- 6:00 pm - Anita Stright, Eileen Newara, Dan Drotar, Marsha Grabowski
- 8:00 am - Carol Sinicki, David Creedon, Tony DeCesaris, Norma Wolff
- 10:00 am - Donald Kretschman, Joan Spirk, Deacon Don Pepe, Patty Besonson
- 12:00 pm - Mark DeNapoli, Sally Jack, Laura Asseff, Daniel Flynn
- 5:00 pm - Kathleen Kozmin, Cynthia Olshavsky, Richard Kucia, Heide Resch

### HOLY REDEEMER (\* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 5:00 pm - \*Dave Raybuck, Annie Raybuck, Kay Bellissimo
- 9:00 am - \*Barb Russo, Mimi Spade, Jan Zayas
- 11:00 am - \*Francine Hunter, Rosina Betz, Loretta Silvestri

#### March 12/13, 2022

- 5:00 pm - \*Vickie Koach, Guy Calabro, Patty Kuhn
- 9:00 am - \*Mark Stosnider, Julie Stosnider, & Dorothy Schilling
- 11:00 am - \*Francine Hunter, Rosina Betz, Loretta Silvestri

### ST. GREGORY

#### March 5/6, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Chuck Schaum, Drew Mathew, Denise Knauff
- 8:00 am - Bill Kolling, Scott Calligan, Matt Saurers
- 11:30 am - Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz, Michael Smith

#### March 12/13, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Chuck Schaum, Drew Mathew, Denise Knauff
- 8:00 am - Bill Kolling, Scott Calligan, Matt Saurers
- 11:30 am - Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz, Michael Smith

**FAITH FORMATION**

**ST. FERDINAND:**

There will be sessions this weekend.

Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 10:00 am  
Jesus Day Retreat: March 26 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 15.

If you have any questions, please give the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

**ST. GREGORY:**

There will be sessions this weekend.

Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 1:00 pm  
Jesus Day Retreat: March 26 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, April 24.

If you have any questions, please give the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

**HOLY REDEEMER:**

Grades 1 – 6: Monday, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Grades 7 – 8: Sunday, March 6 & 13 at 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 (1 p.m.)  
Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 1.

If you have questions please contact Kay at 724.758.4411, ext. 222 or hrreledu@zoominternet.net.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please join us in worship of our Lord in the Eucharist. Holy Hours are now being regularly observed at both our St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory worship sites, as follows: St. Ferdinand- every Friday morning from 9:00 am. to 10:00 am.; and St. Gregory- every second and fourth Thursday evening from 6:30 pm. to 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. CORPUS SANGUIS ANIMA et DIVINIITAS

**During this Lenten season, Holy Redeemer will have Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.**



**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](mailto:Jeff@stferd.org) and he will send you the zoom link.

**ST. FERDINAND'S CONTRIBUTION TAX  
STATEMENT REQUEST**

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.



**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 the 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!



## FR. JOSEPH P. NEWELL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN LIVING ROSARY MONDAY, MARCH 14

The Fr. Joseph P. Newell Knights of Columbus Council 11838 will again be offering the Living Rosary at St. Ferdinand Church on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 pm. The 75' Living Rosary is spread down the main aisle of the church and everyone holds a bead, joining together in this beautiful prayer to our Lady. Prayer handouts are available for those who wish them. During Lent, this is a wonderful time for families to come and introduce your children to this prayerful meditation.



## SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON FR. PHILIP FARRELL

Please join Father Philip Farrell on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a scripture study that will take us a little deeper into the Sunday Gospel. If you are still 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 Phil 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 Phil for this Scripture Study, if you haven't already, you must register by Wednesday, March 30 so you can receive a Zoom link. Please send an email to [jeff@stferd.org](mailto:jeff@stferd.org) with your name and preferred email address. You will then receive a link to join the Zoom session by Thursday, March 31.

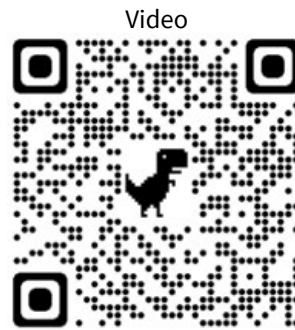
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### Stations of the Cross: on Fridays

St. Ferdinand - After the 8:30 am mass followed by Adoration; 7:00 pm followed by Adoration  
St. Gregory - 7:00 pm followed by Adoration  
Holy Redeemer - 7:00 pm followed by Adoration

## ST. GREGORY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have some very exciting news to share about how you can help us raise \$100,000 for our great school! Please scan QR code with smart phone to watch the video below and scan the other QR code to donate!



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## FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

The Cities of God is contemplating holding our First Annual Family Festival on Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14, on the grounds of St. Ferdinand. This festival would be the first major efforts of our newly combined parish and a wonderful opportunity to come together and build one of relationships among our parish family. A successful festival requires many volunteers, including leaders of committees (set-up, White Elephant, outdoor food, inside dinners, booths, kiddy-land, entertainment, etc.) and volunteers to support each committee. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 pm at St. Ferdinand to determine if we have enough volunteer support to hold the festival. If you are willing to give your time and talent, please contact the office at St. Ferdinand at 724.776.2888 or [parish@stferd.org](mailto:parish@stferd.org) in advance of the meeting to express your interest and possible level of participation. Everyone is welcomed.

**Safe Environment for Children Policy: The policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh mandates that clearances are required for all festival volunteers. To apply for, update, or check on the status of your clearances, please contact Christine Kunz, Safe Environment Coordinator at 724.452.7245 or at [ckunzsafeenvironment@gmail.com](mailto:ckunzsafeenvironment@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!**



**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](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com), or Donna Goss at [gdgoss620@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) for more info, or check out our blog at [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com)**



Miss. Ward had a special "Twosday" shirt that she wore for 2-22-22. Students learned all about Palindromes, worked on matching pairs of words, while some of the younger children counted by 2's in 2 minutes and 22 seconds

Our first graders made special headbands to wear and celebrate this one in a lifetime date

Hope you all had a great Twosday!

We wanted to thank everyone that has generously donated to our

**"Matching Funds" Campaign .**

If you have not had the chance to do so yet, donations will be accepted through the end of March.

For more information check out our video at: <https://school.stgregzelie.org/>

St. Gregory Fish Fry Dinners are back every Friday. Choices are Baked Fish, Fried Fish, Fish Sandwich, Shrimp, and Combo of Fish and Shrimp and pizza is available for children.

Join us for dine in, or place your order for take-out or curbside.

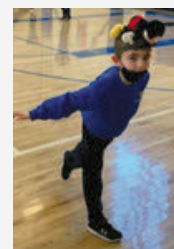
For more information, see the full ad in this bulletin.

**We appreciate your support!**

**Kendall, one of our Kindergartners, recently donated her hair to "Locks of Love". What a wonderful Act of Kindness.**



Kindergarten was working on their Yoga positions with the help of a "plush" buddy from home. **Namaste!**



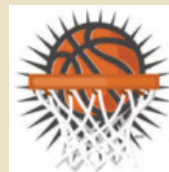
*IT'S MARCH MADNESS  
AT  
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**Both teams played very well but our JJV Girls came out on top 16-11 over Ave Maria Academy in the South Hills Catholic President's Day Tournament. Congratulations!**



**Our JJV Boys and Girls both competed in the Butler Tournament these past 2 weekends. The boy made it to the Semi-finals and our girls won the championship. Good Job to both teams.,**

**The JV Boys and Girls are both in the diocesan play-offs. Both teams won their first game and are awaiting a game date and a team for round two. Our varsity team finished the season undefeated section champs and were given a bye week. They are waiting for a game date.**



The Varsity Basketball Team was recognized in a special way during their last home game. These 8th graders deserve a round of applause and we wish them all well as they move on to high school and perhaps continue with basketball.

## 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Grateful for the parishioners, students and the many others who have blessed their Franciscan journey, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God wish to extend an invitation to join them in celebration of their 100th anniversary on March 12, 2022. Liturgy will be at 1:00 PM at St. Thomas More Church in Pittsburgh's South Hills with Bishop David Zubik serving as Celebrant. A special reception with light refreshments will follow. Anyone who plans to attend should call Mimi DiGregory at 412.882.9911 or [info@osfprov.org](mailto:info@osfprov.org) by February 25.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2022 C.O.A.L. RAFFLE

Knights of Columbus 2022 Chance of a Lifetime (C.O.A.L.) Raffle tickets are currently available. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing is Friday, May 13 with a Grand Prize of \$15,000. Additional prizes of cash range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Sixteen prizes in all. Tickets can be ordered by emailing name, address, and number of tickets requested to [jkipavido@yahoo.com](mailto:jkipavido@yahoo.com) (St. Ferdinand Church) or [stgregkoc@yahoo.com](mailto:stgregkoc@yahoo.com) (St. Gregory Church). Proceeds benefit The Knights of Columbus PA State Scholarship Fund and the St. Ferdinand Father Joseph P. Newell Council #11838 and St. Gregory Council #6177 charitable efforts.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Ferdinand Church will be participating in the 40 days for Life event this spring. On Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 am -11:00 am and again on Friday, April 1 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm, St. Ferdinand will link with dozens of area Churches in the completion of two shifts at the ongoing Peaceful Vigil held at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh (Planned Parenthood location). The Respect Life Committee would like to invite anyone interested to join us for either of our vigil shifts. We are hoping for a strong Cities of God turn-out to show our support for the Pro-Life movement. The vigil will involve periods of prayer and reflection. You do not have to be present for the entire shift to participate, as we would welcome anytime you could make it. It is completely acceptable to bring a chair if standing for long periods is an issue. For more information, please contact Bill at 724.772.7962.

## ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

A Saint Patrick Celebration with dinner and Irish Music will be held on Sunday, March 27 in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh. Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by music, dancing, and a basket raffle. Tickets are \$50 per person and only 50 tickets will be sold. For tickets, please call 412.378.9290 or via our website, <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZJ2>

## PRESENTATION ON "THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN: SAINTS AND ANGELS"

The St. Gregory Men's Fellowship meeting on Saturday, March 12 will feature a presentation by Deacon Jeff entitled, "The Hosts of Heaven: Saints and Angels." Men from all three churches are welcome to attend. The Men's Fellowship holds its meetings on Saturday mornings starting at 8:00 am in the St. Gregory School Library. Come enjoy some good prayer and fellowship, highlighted by Deacon Jeff's talk. For more information, contact Bob Darkey ([darkeybob@gmail.com](mailto:darkeybob@gmail.com)).

## LENT RETREAT: "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD"

Day of Prayerful Scripture-based Reflection  
Based on the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Please join us as we journey with Jesus from the beginning of his ministry, during his temptation in the wilderness, and to his agony in the garden of Gethsemane. This retreat will include a guided meditation, silent Scripture-based prayer and group reflection. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. The retreat will be held on Saturday April 2, 2022 from 9:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Holy Family Room at St. Ferdinand Church. The cost is \$10. Space is limited and registration is required by March 25, 2022. To register send an email to [Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com](mailto:Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com). Presenter will be Theresa Rossi, Graduate, Spiritual Direction & Spiritual Leadership Program Pneuma Institute, Pittsburgh, PA



## JESUS SHOWS US HOW FRIENDS LOVE

Monday Evenings of Scripture-based Prayer Based on the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In this 7th session, a guided meditation will help us explore what Jesus teaches us about friendship and love. We ask for the grace to love with Jesus.

Monday, March 21, 2022 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Free but registration is required. Please register by Wednesday, March 16, 2022 so you can receive the Zoom link. To register send an email to [Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com](mailto:Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com) with your preferred email. Presenter will be Theresa Rossi, Graduate, Spiritual Direction & Spiritual Leadership Program Pneuma Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

## ST. GREGORY SUPER BINGO

St. Gregory SUPER BINGO is today, Sunday, March 6. Doors open at 12:30 pm and Early Birds start at 1:15pm. Tickets are \$30 (cash only) and are available at the door. 50/50 raffle and 1000 pts. jackpot. Join us for a fun afternoon!

## ST. GREGORY SCHOOL LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE

Saint Gregory School in Zelienople, PA is currently seeking a long-term, 4th-grade substitute teacher beginning April 1, 2022, through June 3, 2022. Applicants must submit clearances, a resume, certification, and a cover letter. Please email your documentation directly to Erin Rice [erice@stgregzelie.org](mailto:erice@stgregzelie.org)



## APPALACHIA --- WE'RE BACK!!

The Appalachia group is more than excited to get back to the grindstone, or meat slicer, to prepare for our trip to Preston County, WVA in June 2022. Our mission group spends one week each summer building wheelchair ramps, decks, replacing roofs, and even building home additions for those in need. To make this happen for the last 25yrs, we have sold hoagies 1x/month to raise funds to pay for all materials for the trip. We will be doing so again the weekend of March 19 & 20th. Due to rising costs of all products, our 12" Italian hoagies, on fresh Breadworks buns, will now be sold for \$7.00 each. Hoagies will be sold after the following Masses until we sell all 440 of them: Saturday 5:00 pm St. Gregory and Holy Redeemer; Saturday 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm St Ferdinand; Sunday 8:00 am & 11:30 am St. Gregory; 9:30 am Holy Redeemer; Noon St. Ferdinand. If you would like to participate in this ministry or have any questions regarding it, please contact [Mindy@mdpasquale5@gmail.com](mailto:Mindy@mdpasquale5@gmail.com).

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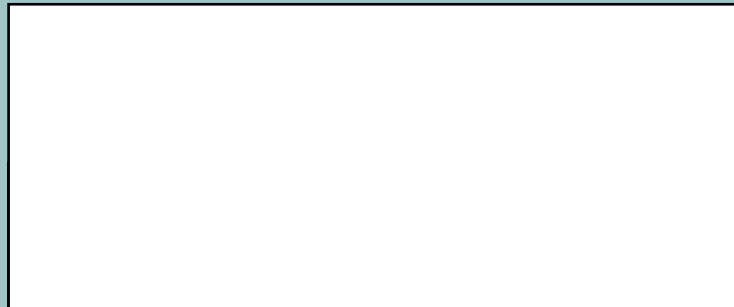
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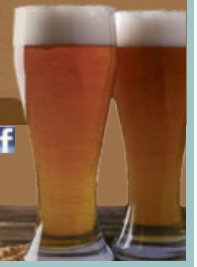
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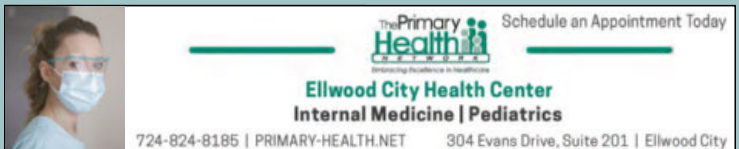


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