

# The Cities of God



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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.

March 13, 2022 | The Second Sunday of Lent

# MASS INTENTIONS

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## 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

8:00 am (S.F.) Anges 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)

## MON. MAR. 14

8:00 am (S.G.) Angie Eppinger (Ed Sherman)

8:30 am (S.F.) Norah Owori (John & Susan Labos)

9:00 am (H.R.) David Sokolaski (Norberta Modiszewski)

## TUE. MAR. 15

8:00 am (S.G.) Michael Shantz (Mary Ann Thompson & Family)

8:30 am (S.F.) Teresa Prendergast Weis (Vanessa & Marina Weis)

9:00 am (H.R.) Mary Battaglia (John Katsades)

## WED. MAR. 16

8:00 am (S.G.) Carmen Wurdack (Ed Sherman)

8:30 am (S.F.) Dan & Florence Coennen & Ray Nowak (Family)

9:00 am (H.R.) Frank Fotia (Vici & Jerry Butler)

7:00 pm (S.F.) George Vadakkan (The Panthalukaran Family)

## THUR. MAR. 17 ST. PATRICK, BISHOP; ST. PATRICK'S DAY

8:00 am (S.G.) Norbert Miller (Audrey Makowski)

8:30 am (S.F.) Christopher DeCree (Ed & Regina Tollok)

9:00 am (H.R.) Patricia Jean Emilko (Mr. & Mrs. John Lindgren)

## FRI. MAR. 18 ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH : A LENTEN DAY OF ABSTINENCE

8:30 am (S.F.) Amy D'Amico (John & Pam Mayberry)

***Eucharistic and Stations of the Cross Adoration after 8:30 Mass***

9:00 am (H.R.) Katie Nocera & David Nocera

(Amanda & Adam Robbins Family)

9:15 am (S.G.) Joseph & Rose Gebhart (Butch & Patti Langer)

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

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

## SAT. MAR. 19 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 am (H.R.) In Honor of Saint Joseph (Jane Petrak)

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

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm (S.F.) Gloria Aiello Aubele (Nettie & Moe Culley)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Deceased Members of the Ligday & Healy Families (Kathy & Fritz)

5:00 pm (H.R.) Siblings - John, Margaret & Bill Griffen (Joanne Lowrie)

6:00 pm (S.F.) Lori Kabay (Jess Grayburn)

## SUN. MAR. 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am (S.G.) Tom & Terry Zinkham (The Family)

8:00 am (S.F.) John Pecyna (Vivienne & Frances)

9:00 am (H.R.) James Sudano (mother, Dorothy)

10:00 am (S.F.) Martin P. Aragon (The Olan Family)

11:00 am (H.R.) James & Marialice McElwain (Cindy & Jeff Magnifico)

11:30 am (S.G.) Angelene "Angie" Eppinger (Marie & Frank Voelker)

12:00 pm (S.F.) Frank Kriegisch (Larry & Jonette Capra)

5:00 pm (S.F.) Kelso Kenneth Myers (Kelly Family)

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

### Stations of the Cross on Friday's:

**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**

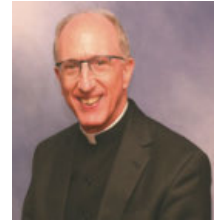
## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

### ANTICIPATION

My old Italian father used to tell me that anticipation is far greater than fulfillment...and it's true. Think about it for a moment. Say there's an item we would like to possess. We dream about it. We yearn for it. We research it. We compare it with comparable items and search out the best price. Ultimately, with the click of a button or a signature on a line, it's ours. Then, we track it and count down the number of days until it arrives. Finally, the day comes when it's in our possession. We enjoy it for a brief moment, and generally tend to go off anticipating the next new possession. It's a vicious cycle. There's a deep desire in our lives for something more – something hard to describe – that could possibly fulfill us, but it always seems to be beyond our grasp. And so we anticipate it over and over again.

This weekend we hear how Abram wants assurance that he will take possession of the Promised Land. The Lord does this in a way that only He can do – by showing up personally and making a covenant with Abram. Abram's anticipation is now no longer about a physical place but about the fulfillment of God's word, which is eternally fulfilling. In the Gospel, at the conclusion of the Transfiguration account, Moses and Elijah are taken up into the cloud, and Jesus is left standing alone. Moses and Elijah, the human symbols for the Law and the Prophets from the old order, fade out as their task of anticipating fulfillment is complete. Now Jesus stands alone as the completion of God's plan, with the Father formally stating, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Lk 9:35) Jesus, with all of the hope for eternal life that He brings, is all we need to look forward to. It is a hope that has an eternity of fulfillment. That's why Paul can tell the Philippians that we do not belong to this world with its limited hopes and dreams that never seem to satisfy. Instead, "Our citizenship is in heaven." (Phil 3:20) The only thing worth anticipating is our heavenly union with the Lord in eternity when our deepest desires are fulfilled more and more beyond our wildest imaginations. This is what we ultimately anticipate...nothing else.

A parish is an earthly location where WE gather to celebrate OUR heavenly citizenship in Word and Sacrament – especially the Eucharist – in anticipation of Jesus' return to fulfill His promise to all of US of a land flowing with milk and honey. OUR anticipation helps to grow OUR unity, and OUR unity helps to fuel OUR anticipation. OUR Church, the physical presence of Christ's heavenly Body on earth, has asked us to grow in faith through a merger of OUR three parishes. While there is most definitely a considerable amount of work involved, WE should look at it in terms of anticipation rather than in



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terms of drudgery. WE all yearn for OUR heavenly home, but WE also desire to see a piece of it more and more visibly in OUR present life. It takes work – work of the heart – to accept and cooperate with God's plan for US. And, by the way, it doesn't end with a merger on July 1. As humans, WE are incomplete without OUR fullest participation in OUR heavenly citizenship with the Lord. The more WE seek the Lord with and through each other, the more WE become fully human. St. Augustine, in his Confessions, reminds us, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." May every day be for US a day of joyful anticipation that knows no end!  
God Bless The Cities of God!

PS. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, Pope Francis has invited the Universal Church to participate in and prepare for a synod "For a Synodal Church" to be held in 2023. This anticipates engagement at all levels of the Church. Bishop Zubik has asked each Parish/Grouping to conduct their own synodal session to provide insights that will go through the various levels of the Church, up to the Vatican. Our Grouping synodal session is scheduled for Tuesday, 29 March 2022, at St. Gregory School Gym beginning at 7:00 P.M. There are a couple of things you will need to do before attending the session:

1. Download and read the Participant Guide. Follow these steps: a. Go to the Diocesan website: [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org). b. Scroll down the homepage to the item called "Synod on Synodality" and click on it. c. Look for the item called "Download the Participant Guide" and download the Guide.
2. Register to attend our session. Follow these steps: a. Go to the Grouping website: [www.stferd.org](http://www.stferd.org). b. Scroll down the homepage to the item called "Grouping News". c. Click on the item called "Grouping Synod Registration" and complete the registration process. d. OR, Call any of our parish offices.

PPS. Recently, Adam Blotzer, the Music Minister at St. Gregory Parish and School and The Cities of God Parish Grouping, left our service. We thank him for his ministry during his time with us. May he experience God's guidance and protection as he moves on to the next direction in his life. I am working diligently with Kevin Johnson, the Interim Director of Worship and Music for our Parish Grouping, to fill this ministry gap and to address other needs in the program.



# Prayers and Worship

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

#### Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

#### Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

### 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

### Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

### Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Next Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

**John Valentine**, former parishioner,  
**Joseph A. Valentino**, husband of Jackie Valentino,  
**Laura Lynskey**, mother of James Lynskey, and  
**James Thornton**, husband of Joyce Thornton.  
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:**

**Dan & Florence Coennen**

from Family

**St. Gregory:**

**Virginia Yerger**

from Chris & Shannon Hefferan



## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

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

**St. Ferdinand:**

**Florence & Dan Coennen**

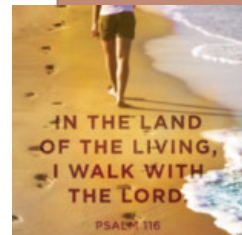
from Family

**Antoinette Panzino**

from Family

**Rita M. Lambert**

from Tom & Mary Mion



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**St. Gregory & Holy Redeemer**

**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

James M. Hackett	Ray Lutz	Mimi Tomaskovic
James W. Hackett	Bruce Patrick	Joey Deluca
Helen Guy	Lisa Vincik	Marlene Treasure
Marlene Measel	John Kati	Laura McMichael
George Sauers	Dom Viccari	Beth Jansen
Mary Tomayko	Kathleen Russo	
Helen Colossimo	Doreen Tomon	
Jody Minter	Anthony Palagallo	
Brian	Julie Tomon	
Debbie Schaefer	Catherine Procopio	
Cindy Bennett	BJ Biondi	
David Izzo, Sr.	Greg Santo	
Terri Anglin	Tony Celli	
Diane Scott	Dorothy Mellon	



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

Holy Redeemer Easter Flower Memorials are due April 6, 2022. Please call Holy Redeemer Church office if you are interested in purchasing flowers.

### ST. GREGORY

#### Administration Office

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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 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

#### March 19/20, 2022

4:00 pm - Joe Renaud  
6:00 pm - Maria Kontros  
8:00 am - Bill Yates  
10:00 am - Lois Bradley  
12:00 pm - Kathleen Flango  
5:00 pm - Julie Klimaszewski

### HOLY REDEEMER

#### March 12/13, 2022

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

#### March 19/20, 2022

5:00 pm - Guy Calabro  
9:00 am - Janice Chesko  
11:00 am - Mary Ann Viccari

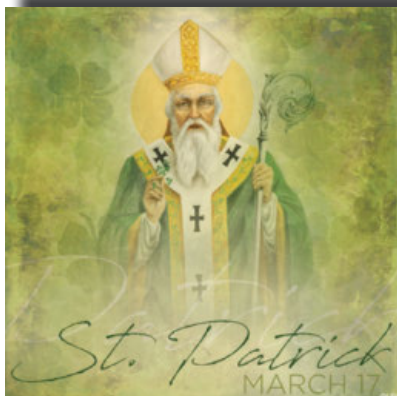
### ST. GREGORY

#### March 12/13, 2022

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

#### March 19/20, 2022

5:00 pm - Jennifer Livorse  
8:00 am - Jack Neal  
11:30 am - Greg Melucci



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### ST. FERDINAND

#### 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

#### March 19/20, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Barbara Margo, Kevin Monahan, Harry McNeillie  
6:00 pm - Patricia Mann, Julie Heidish, Eileen Newara  
8:00 am - Anthony Bartley, Tony DeCesaris, Beverly Quinn-Huston, Carol Bartley  
10:00 am - Kristine Marthinsen, Dave Harris, Steffany McCafferty, Nancy Miller  
12:00 pm - Melinda Terbosic, John Milius, Judy Sapos, Maureen Hulick  
5:00 pm - Cynthia Olshavsky, Pat Way, Tom Way, Carol Herman

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

#### 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

#### March 19/20, 2022

5:00 pm - \*Karen Woloszyn, Lou Ferrario, Anne Cvetich  
9:00 am - \*Grace Fornataro, Cathy DeBlaso, Alena Kucan  
11:00 am - \*Loretta Silvestri, Francine Hunter, Rosina Betz

### ST. GREGORY

#### 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

#### March 19/20, 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:

Sessions continue today (Sunday evening) and Monday and Tuesday evenings. Next Sunday evening, March 20th, grades 7 & 8 will meet for their final sessions. Monday (March 21) and Tuesday (March 22) evenings, sessions are as normal.

Saturday, March 26, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon Jesus Day Retreat for First Communion – 2nd Grade hosted at St. Ferdinand. Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 at 10:00 am,

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:

Sessions continue today (Sunday) for grades 1-7 (8th grade is off). Next Sunday, March 20, grades 1-8 meet 9:30 am-10:45 am. Grades 7 & 8 this is their final sessions. Saturday, March 26 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Jesus Day Retreat for First Communion – 2nd Grade hosted at St. Ferdinand. Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 at 1:00 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 14, 21, 28 at 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Grades 7 – 8: Sunday, March 13 at 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 at 1:00 pm,

Jesus Day Retreats: March 26

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 1.

If you have questions please contact Kay at

724.758.4411, ext. 222 or

hrreledu@zoominternet.net.

## EUCHARISTIC 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 DIVINITAS

**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.





## 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 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. 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 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.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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 QR code to donate!



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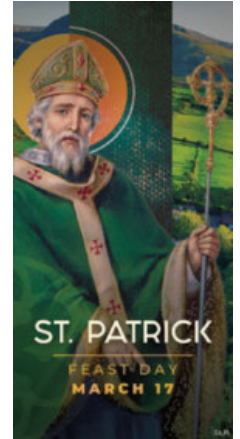


ST. PATRICK | MARCH 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



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**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)**



**Students  
Made masks  
To celebrate  
Mardi-Gras!**

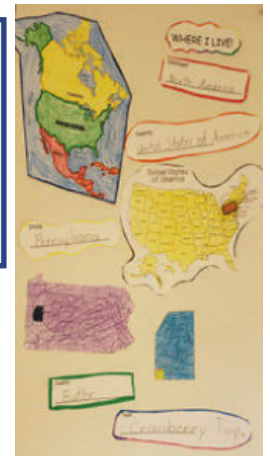


**Each grade is praying the rosary  
for the people of Ukraine.  
The Rosary is the weapon for  
these times.**

**The 4-year old  
Pre-schoolers  
with their "Ash"  
Crosses" they  
painted  
to signify the  
start of Lent.**



**The theme of the 3rd grade Social  
Studies curriculum is  
"Communities"  
so the students focused on how  
they are part of many  
communities. Since we have  
students from Beaver, Butler and  
Lawrence County and many  
different towns everyone made  
maps of where they live.**



**Leprechauns and Pots of Gold are  
decorating the school in celebration  
of St. Patrick's Day.**



**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.  
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**Kindergarten celebrated  
Dr. Seuss's birthday on  
March 2 making their own  
"Cat in the Hat".  
Other grades completed  
math and word puzzles  
with Dr. Seuss themes.**

## 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

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## 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 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 St. Ferdinand 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.

## 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)

## 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

## 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





# Letter For Extraordinary Ministers

12 | March 13, 2022

To all Existing and Potential Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

As our three church sites become fully integrated in preparation for our merger in July, it is exciting for me to make the invitation to again engage all our parishioners in the service of our parish families at Mass.

At this time, I am asking that all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (“EMHC”s) who are indeed willing to continue to serve, to let your respective parish office know of your desire to do so. You can do so by merely filling out the form provided below and dropping it of in the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. If you are currently serving as an EMHC, and fail to contact your respective parish office, we will assume you would prefer to no longer serve and remove you from the list. To insure your name is on the active list, please contact us by March 18, 2022.

For any parishioner who is not an EMHC and would like to become one, please contact your respective parish office with the information on the form below. Take a moment to pray and discern in your family if you would like to embark on this beautiful service to our parish family. Again, please do so by March 18, 2022.

It is important to note that as our three parish sites continue to work and progress toward a merged parish in July of 2022, ministries take on an even more important role. You may even be able, if it is an individual and family desire to do so, to serve at all three parish sites. This is NOT a requirement, but it may be an exciting possibility for anyone who wishes to do so.

Once I have a current list of who is interested in serving as an EMHC, we will schedule mandatory training and provide the necessary information for both a refresher for veterans and complete orientation for all new ministers. Do not be nervous, we will be there with you to give you support, guidance and love in this ministry.

God bless you all and I look forward to making this journey with all of you.

Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski  
Pastoral Associate

February 17, 2022

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YES! I am interested in serving as an EMHC. Please provide the requested information below and return the form to your Parish office or place it in the offering basket.

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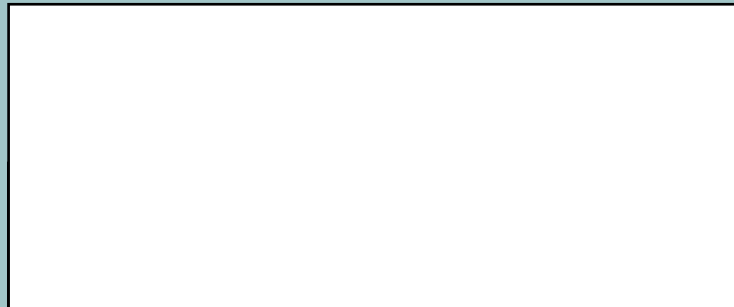
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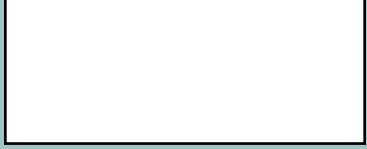
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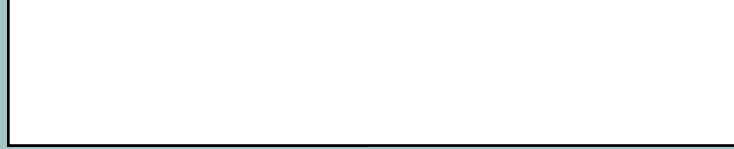
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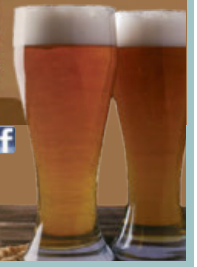
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