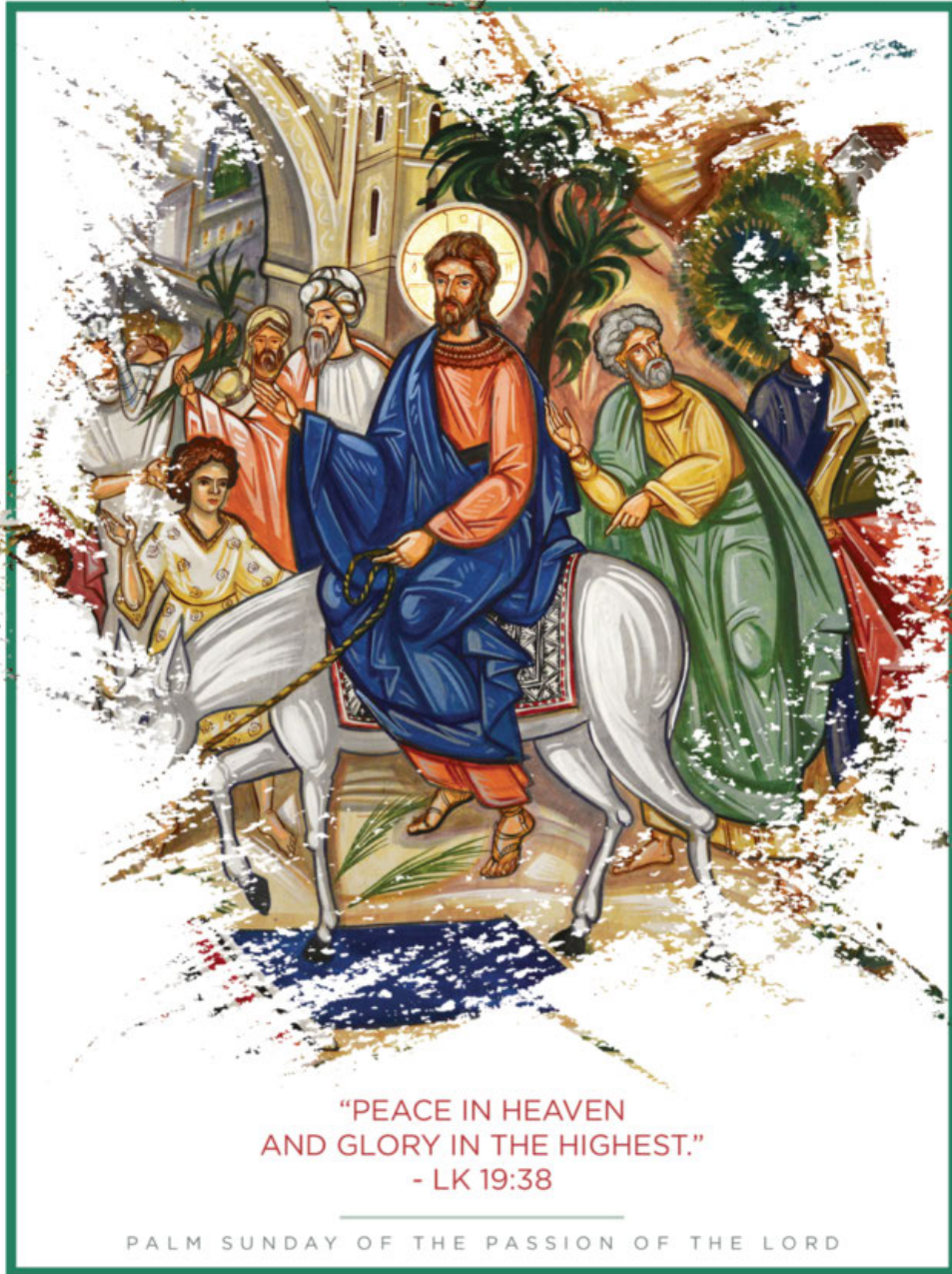


# The Cities of God



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

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm  
5:00 pm

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
11:00 am

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
11:30 am

## Welcome Everyone

No matter what your past or present status is in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital status, your past or current religious affiliation, your personal history, age, background or ethnicity, you are invited, accepted and most welcome at The Cities of God. We hope Christ will bring fullness into your life, and that we provide you with information and spiritual support.

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**Parish Offices will be CLOSED**  
**April 14 - April 18 in observance of**  
**the Easter holiday.**  
**Offices will open on April 19.**  
**St. Ferdinand 9 am - 5 pm**  
**Holy Redeemer 9 am - 3 pm**  
**St. Gregory will be closed**

**HOLY WEEK BEGINS; PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**4:00 pm (S.F.)** Peg Stearn (Debbie & Don Frazien)  
**5:00 pm (S.G.)** Angie Eppinger (Jim & Joanne)  
**5:00 pm (H.R.)** Roger & Pattie Mangerie (Anthony Pietrandrea)  
**6:00 pm (S.F.)** In Honor of Pamela Baker (Christopher & Carey Baker)  
**SUN. APR 10 HOLY WEEK BEGINS; PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

### OF THE LORD

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Marie Goodwin (Rita West)  
**8:00 am (S.F.)** Ann Sheehy (Family)  
**9:00 am (H.R.)** Andrew Woloszyn (Joan Goins)  
**10:00 am (S.F.)** Joseph & Sarah Divito (Gary & Debbie Cummings)  
**11:00 am (H.R.)** Golden Jubilee of Sr. Joanne Kokosinski, MPF  
 (Holy Redeemer Staff)

**11:30 am (S.G.)** Don Schuster (Marge Schuster)  
**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Brad Smith (Gizella Kahler)  
**5:00 pm (S.F.)** Robert & Anna May Kapfer (Don & Kim)

### MON. APR. 11 ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Betty Thompson (Mary Ann Thompson & Family)  
**8:30 am (S.F.)** Mike Margo (Lina Dilisio)  
**9:00 am (H.R.)** Marilyn Frost (Keith & Patty Kuhn)  
**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Scriptural Rosary

### TUE. APR. 12

**8:00 am (S.G.)** Helen Timko (Family)  
**8:30 am (S.F.)** Wendy Gavaghan (Luma)  
**9:00 am (H.R.)** Sam & Anita Teolis (Vince & Dave Krupa)  
**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Holy Hour

### WED. APR. 13 ST. MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR

**8:00 AM (S.G.)** Helen Kocis (Jim Bucek)  
**8:30 am (S.F.)** Raymond Sierka (Ray & Carol Sinicki)  
**9:00 am (H.R.)** Margaret Peggy Fleo (Don & Geogian Mudric)  
**7:00 pm (S.F.)** Vincent Plocido, Sr. (Guess Who's Coming To Dinner)  
**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Taize

### THUR. APR. 14 HOLY THURSDAY/MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**7:00 pm (S.G.)** Mary Battaglia (Josie Taormina)  
**7:00 pm (S.F.)** George Noonan (Charlene Noonan & Family)  
**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Marian Fray (Mary Hoffman)

### FRI. APR. 15 GOOD FRIDAY

**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Stations of the Cross followed by The Passion of  
 The Lord at 1:30 pm  
**12:00 pm (H.R.)** Stations of the Cross followed by The Passion of  
 The Lord at 1:00 pm  
**1:30 pm (S.G.)** The Passion of The Lord  
**2:30 pm (H.R.)** Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**7:00 pm (H.R.)** Tenebrae

### SAT. APR. 16 HOLY SATURDAY

**12:00 pm (H.R.)** Blessing of the Baskets (Church)  
**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Blessing of the Baskets (Cry Room)  
**12:00 pm (S.G.)** Blessing of the Baskets (Church)  
**7:30 pm (S.F.) (Easter Vigil)** Alex Tomaszewski (Sue)  
**8:30 pm (H.R.) (Easter Vigil)** Easter Memorials (Donor)  
**8:30 pm (S.G.) (Easter Vigil)** Rosella Kolling (Bill Kolling)

### SUN. APR. 17 EASTER SUNDAY

**8:00 am (S.G.)** John B. McGivern (Karyn McGiver)  
**8:00 am (S.F.)** Sherree Richards  
 (Edna Poelcher & Family & Mr. & Mrs. Murtha)  
**9:00 am (H.R.)** All Living & Deceased Priests of the Diocese (Donor)  
**10:00 am (S.F.)** Georgina Chunka (Mary & Alan Funovits)  
**11:00 am (H.R.)** Frank "Cheech" Fotia (Wife & Daughters)  
**11:30 am (S.G.)** Rodolf Vaccaro (Family Celebration of Life)  
**12:00 pm (S.F.)** Warren & Schaly Families (Joanne Warren)

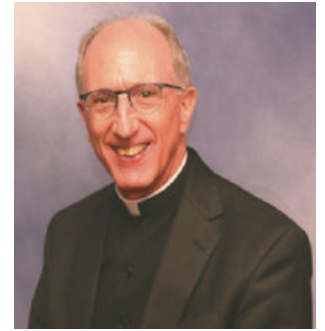
## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

### OUR IDENTITY

If someone asks us “Who are you?”, how do we answer? Perhaps we give our first name to show our individuality or our last name to show connections and ties. Maybe we speak of our profession, our pastimes, or our accomplishments. We might be inclined to talk about our hometown or current neighborhood. However, we’ve danced around the question and come up with a less than satisfactory answer. At the heart of this is not so much what we express but what underlies what we express. “Who” we are is a lot about “Why” we are – what makes us tick, what is our underlying motivation or theme. This can only be discovered at the place where our life intersects with the source of all being and all purpose – God.

As we hear and participate in the reading of the Passion this weekend, we are given an opportunity to enter into the very heart of Christ, the very identity of Christ. His is a heart of service. At the Last Supper, Jesus boldly reveals Himself to his Apostles, “I am among you as the one who serves”. (Lk 22:27) In the giving of the Eucharist, He admits that it is offered “for you”. (Lk:22 19, 20) In his agony in the garden, Jesus hands over His life to His Father – “not my will but yours be done”. (Lk 22:42) As He hangs upon the cross, the soldiers and one of the thieves challenge Jesus to come off the cross and save Himself; instead, He stays on the cross and saves us. (Lk 23:36-39) Jesus shows Himself to be the Suffering Servant prophesied by Isaiah – “The Lord God has given me...and I have not rebelled, have not turned back” (Is 50:4-5) and “The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced” (Is 50:7). In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul beautifully sings the praises of Jesus’ service: “He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross”. (Phil 2: 7-8) Time and again, we encounter Jesus as the one Who comes to serve the Father and all of us.

As Christians, fashioned after the image of Christ through Baptism, which WE will renew at Easter, WE need to reclaim OUR identity with Jesus as servants, servants of God and servants of one another. As WE



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try to put the finishing touches on OUR merger, it’s time for US to turn the words written on the printed page into words written on OUR hearts. Regardless of the name WE are given by Bishop Zubik, at the end of the day, WE will only be known by who WE are. Are WE servants of Christ? Are WE servants with Christ? Lent has been the time for US to ponder those important questions. Easter, with it’s renewal of OUR Baptismal promises, will be the time for US to return to OUR source and recommit OURSELVES to answer those important questions. The merger will be the time for US to live out those important questions. Who are WE? WE are fashioned in the image of God for Christ-like service. WE are called to go beyond OUR physical, mental, and spiritual boundaries to serve and minister to one another. WE are made to be the Suffering Servant voice and a helping hand that builds bridges and freely gives. WE are to be channels of Christ, pure and simple. This is OUR identity, and WE are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus OUR Lord!

God Bless The Cities of God!



# Prayers and Worship

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

#### Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

#### Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

#### Gospel:

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Lk 23:46)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

### Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/  
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

### Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday:

*Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/  
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

*Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15*

### Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1—19:42

### Saturday:

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]/  
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/  
Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/  
Ps 42:3-5, 43:3-4/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

### Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/  
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

**Catherine E. Procopio**, wife of Sam Procopio,

**Grace Horvatin**, mother of Bill Horvatin, and

**Margaret Klimczyk**, sister of Karen Klimczyk. 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:**

**James Fiscus**

From Mr. & Mrs. Robto



## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

A prayer Garden Candle will burn this week in loving memory of **St. Ferdinand:**

**Michael Feeney**

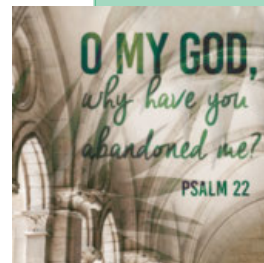
from Vicki Kelley

**William & Violet Wagner**

from Granchildren

**Carmen & Mary Jane Marcello**

from Family



## 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. / **No Confessions on Holy Saturday**

**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

BJ Biondi	James W. Hackett
Tony Celli	James M. Hackett
Easton	Joyce A. Hackett
Bob Nauman	Helen Guy
Carmen Bucci	Helen Colossimo
Michael Garrett	Doreen Toman
Ralph Vincent Fotia	Kathleen Russo
Lois McKay	Anthony Palagallo
Sandy Winchell	Julie Tomon
Dom Vicarri	Catherine Shuttleworth

Antionette Pansera  
John DiLeonardo  
Jodi Minter



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

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

### ST. GREGORY

#### Administration Office

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday CLOSED

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 submitted articles is  
**12:00 pm Tuesday, Twelve 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 July 13, 2022, from  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Holy Redeemer Center.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.758.4411

\* Classes at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory are June 6, 2022 at  
7:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.776.2888 ext. 101

# Schedules

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## READERS

### ST. FERDINAND

April 9/10, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski & Joe Renaud
- 6:00 pm - John Meyers & Eileen Newara
- 8:00 am - Art Riccadonna & Bill Yates
- 10:00 am - Kathleen Flango & Rich Fuga
- 12:00 pm - Lois Bradley & Mary Samsa
- 5:00 pm - Julie Klimaszewski & Daria Kubisiak

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Please Check Scheduling Website for Information

### HOLY REDEEMER

April 9/10, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Guy Calabro & Deacon Don
- 9:00 am - John Biondi & Deacon Don
- 11:00 am - David DeCaria & Deacon Don

April 14, 2022

- 7:00 pm - Lou Ferario

April 15, 2022

- 1:00 pm - Janice Chesko & Virginia Ottaviani
- 7:00 pm - Debbie Kucan

April 16/17, 2022

- 8:30 pm - Stacey Cunningham & Eva Herman
- 9:00 am - Frank Manzo
- 11:00 am - Licia Lentz

### ST. GREGORY

April 9/10, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Mike Kamnikar & J.R. Lovre
- 8:00 am - Lorie Volland & Mark Harmanos
- 11:30 am - Jack Neal & Sophia Stumm

April 16/17, 2022

- 8:30 pm - Valerie Bucek & Chuck Schaum
- 8:00 am - Mark Kline
- 11:30 am - Greg Melucci

## EXTRAODINARY MINISTERS

### ST. FERDINAND

April 9/10, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Vera Belfore, Sharon Beck, Richard Sismour
- 6:00 pm - Anita Stright, Carol Herman, Julie Heidish, Patricia Mann
- 8:00 am - Kathleen Newcomer, Dan Wiegand, Norman Wolf, Susanne Reynolds
- 10:00 am - Barbara Moeller, Carole Gigliotti, Mary Jane Vano, Joan Spirk
- 12:00 pm - Sally Jack, Laura Assef, John Milius, Melinda Terbosic
- 5:00 pm - Tom Way, Stefany McCaferty, Pat Way, Dan Drotar

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Please Check Scheduling Website for Information

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

April 9/10, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Dave Raybuck, Ann Raybuck
- 9:00 am - Cathy DeBlaso, Alena Kucan
- 11:00 am - Kathy Gorzkowski, Paula Keane

April 14, 2022

- 7:00 pm - \*Betsy Petti, Karen Woloszyn, Jackie Dimeo

April 15, 2022

- 1:00 pm - \*Guy Calabro Kay Bellissimo, Cathy DeBlaso

April 16/17, 2022

- 8:30 pm - Mimi Spade, Paula Keane
- 9:00 am - \*Grace Fornataro, Melissa Rosendale, Barb Russo
- 11:00 am - \*Rosina Betz, Kathy Gorzkowski, Francine Hunter

### St. Gregory

April 9/10, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Michael Gaydosz, Drew Mathew, Mary Lutz
- 8:00 am - Mary Ann Brill, Don Koger, Matt Sauers
- 11:30 am - Mary Barry, Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz

April 16/17, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Michael Gaydosz, Drew Mathew, Mary Lutz
- 8:00 am - Mary Ann Brill, Don Koger, Matt Sauers
- 11:30 am - Mary Barry, Cathy Shantz, Jim Shantz



## FAITH FORMATION

### ST. FERDINAND:

April 3 was our last regular faith formation session for this year. We would like to thank all our catechists and helpers that have made this year great for us!

Up Coming Dates:

First Communion practice is Saturday, April 23, 10:30 am -11:30 am in the Church. BANNERS ARE DUE THAT DAY!

First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday, April 24 2:00 pm in the Church.

If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724.776.9177.

### ST. GREGORY:

The last regular faith formation session ended on April 3-5 for this year. We would like to thank all our catechists and helpers that made this a wonderful year.

First Communion practice is Saturday, May 14, 10:30 am-11:30 am in the Church. BANNERS ARE DUE THAT DAY!

First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm in the Church.

If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724.776.9177.

### HOLY REDEEMER:

April 4 was the last faith formation session for this year. We would like to thank all our catechists and helpers that made this a wonderful year.

Up Coming Dates:

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 1.

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

## 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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING THE CHURCH AT HOLY REDEEMER

Help needed at 8:30 PM on Good Friday to prepare the Church for Easter. We will need help carrying and placing the flowers, cleaning and other miscellaneous items. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at 724.758.4411 Ext. 110.

## SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA AT HOLY REDEEMER

The Saint Anthony Novena will again be held at Holy Redeemer Church at 7:00 pm every Tuesday beginning April 19. It concludes on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm followed by an outdoor procession to the Catholic Center for our Festa Celebration. Please Check bulletin board for the participating priest of the week.

## THE CITIES OF GOD FESTIVAL MEETING

The next parish festival meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 pm, in the Lunch Room at Holy Redeemer (Elwood City). All volunteers and interested individuals are welcome to attend!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold their Easter gift card distribution on Friday, April 8, at 10:30 am in the narthex at St. Gregory Church in Zelienople. To qualify, you must reside in one of the following zip codes: 16063, 16037, 16033, and 16123, or be a member of St. Gregory Church. Current paperwork must be completed at the time of distribution. Please call the Church office at 724.452.7245 to reserve your card.

## ST. GREGORY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY MEETING

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Gregory Church will hold its next monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm in the Blue Room of the School. All members are encouraged to attend.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING THE CHURCH AT ST. GREGORY'S

Cleaning St. Gregory's church for Easter will be on Holy Thursday, April 14, at 8:00 a.m. If you can help, please bring a bucket and rags with you. Any questions, call Maryann at 724.452.9672.

# Candidates For Confirmation

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## *Come Holy Spirit*

Anthony Barberio	Samuel Duer	Marco Lopez	Christopher Proch
Erica Barlow	Teresa Duer	Austin Kvasager	Cameron Raynak
Amber Barnyk	Brooke Dufford	Molly Linville	Ryan Rebholz
Madison Barnyk	John Eaton	Marco Lopez	Erica Rebovich
Molly Bell	Landon Eifler	Sean Love	Rylee Roccon
Henry Belsterling	Joseph Felitsky	Ava Lucarelli	Abby Romito
Eva Beres	Brock Fuller	Callie Mardis	Jaxon Rozanski
Cheyenne Berglund	Regan Gallagher	Mariah Martin	Ryan Sain
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### **CONFIRMATION 2022 - CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI!**

**As members of 'The Cities of God' Parish Grouping, we take pride in the spiritual growth of the faith of our candidates for Confirmation. Let us congratulate them in their spiritual journey that they received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 2, through the hands of Bishop Mark A. Eckman. A Special Thank You to our catechists who accompanied us on our journey Jill Cenna, Anna Dimeo, Jordan Gilchrist, Trish Gilchrist, Art Riccadonna, Kevin Sullivan, and Dr. Veronica Vezzani.**





## PARISH REGISTRATION

Question:

Why is it important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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## ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR THE NEW PARISH (FROM FR. PHILIP)

As we move to become ONE parish united in the ONE Body of Christ, we are now working to align our organizational and financial processes. Part of this effort entails the creation of one, unified Parish Finance Council and one, unified Parish Pastoral Council. Since Canon Law requires that we must have a new Finance Council in place when we become one new parish on July 1, plans are being developed for the selection of new Finance Council members. A new Parish Pastoral Council will be established after the merger, and details regarding that process will be provided at a later date.

A joint meeting was held on April 5th with existing Pastoral and Finance Council members to communicate my gratitude for the many years of service and dedication each has offered to their respective current parishes. I also explained the need for new advisory councils and reviewed the selection process and timeline for appointing members to a new Finance Council Committee. The existing Finance Councils will continue to work throughout the end of June with our Business Manager to assist in creating a budget for the new parish. Existing Finance Council members may reapply for the new Finance Council at their own discernment.

The work of the Finance Council is to aid and advise the Pastor in the areas of financial planning and budgeting, accounting and transparency of reporting, oversight of proper controls, and education on stewardship and fundraising/development activities. The Finance Council is composed of between 3 and 9 members appointed by the Pastor, who is the Presider of the council.

An information sheet will be included in the bulletin next week and also posted on The Cities of God website to provide additional details on the role and responsibilities of the council, key skill sets required, as well as the recruitment and selection process of new members. All registered parishioners are invited to consider whether they might have the gifts of leadership ministry of the Parish Finance Council. Please watch the bulletin and website for additional news and information regarding this process.

*Let us pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin the process of forming our new Finance Council to help us discern and fulfill the mission and vision of our new parish.*

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## ST. GREGORY SUPER BINGO

We are back. Holy Redeemer's Bingo will be every Friday at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, 311 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City Pa. Doors open at 5:00 pm, early birds start up at 7:00 pm followed by regular Bingo. Kitchen opens at 5:15 pm. Any questions, call 724.752.3751.

## LIVING ROSARY DURING HOLY WEEK AT ST. FERDINAND CHURCH ON MONDAY, APRIL 11

The Fr. Joseph P. Newell Knights of Columbus Council 11838 invites all parishioners to join them during Holy Week for the recitation of the Holy Rosary on Monday evening, April 11 at 7:00 pm at St. Ferdinand Church. A 75' rosary will be spread down the main aisle of the church and everyone will be asked to hold a bead and help recite the Rosary. Prayer handouts will be available for those who wish them. What a wonderful way to start Holy Week, especially for families.

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## HOLY REDEEMER - ANN VENEZIE

### \$1,000 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Any graduating high school senior who is a current member in good standing of Holy Redeemer is eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Ann Venezie Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is being offered through the family of Ann Venezie and the Holy Redeemer Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild, of which Mrs. Venezie was a former president and active member. The scholarship will be awarded based on the eligibility requirements and selection criteria. Interested applicants should complete the application available through their high school guidance office or the Holy Redeemer website by May 2. If there are any questions, please contact Jackie Dimeo, President of the Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild at jackiedimeo11@gmail.com or 724.758.5888.



Each of the 2nd grade students made a stained glass window and included one word from John 3:16. Together this beautiful artwork remind us:

“for God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son so, whoever believes in Him shall never die but have eternal life”.



The First Graders wrote a book entitled, “This is Us” and had it published. Each student drew a picture and wrote something about themselves.

Mrs. Rice enjoyed reading it to the class.



We want to send Congratulations and Best Wishes to our 4th Grade Teacher Ashlynn Dunn and her husband on the birth of their little boy Milo on March 25.



Student Council has been coming up with ideas for students to help others during Lent. They sponsored a “Dress Down for Ukraine” day and students paid \$1 to participate.

We collected \$275 and thanks to contributions from both the state and local ‘Knights of Columbus’ a grand total of \$2,550 was donated.

Now the council is running a “Penny Race” between classes and the donation jars are filling up. All proceeds benefit the World Central Kitchen that provides free meals to those in need.

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17*

### Spring Purse Raffle

The St. Gregory PTG will be hosting a Purse Raffle online again this spring. There will be 7 beautiful bags from Kate Spade, Coach and Michael Kors.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be found at [22springpurse.givesmart.com](https://22springpurse.givesmart.com)

We also have 50/50 tickets for \$5 with a maximum take home of \$600!

For more information and to see the event LIVE check out our Facebook page: [Facebook.com/stgregzeliepurse](https://Facebook.com/stgregzeliepurse)



Remembering Lent through Art. Beautiful job.



# Parish & Community News

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## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS OF THE CITIES OF GOD

The Ladies of Charity from Holy Redeemer are holding a Divine Mercy prayer service on Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Easter, April 24. The service will last approximately 30 minutes and begins at 2:45 pm in Holy Redeemer church. Divine Mercy Sunday is our opportunity to receive total forgiveness of all your sins AND punishment. Requirements are: You must be free of all sin by going to confession up to 20 days before Divine Mercy Sunday and receive Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (either on that Sunday or the vigil Mass of that Sunday) You must also say a short prayer asking God for the grace promised through Divine Mercy Sunday and trust in God.

If you want to learn more about Divine Mercy go to [TheDivineMercy.org](http://TheDivineMercy.org) and search for the book, Understanding Divine Mercy by Father Chris Alar OR call 800.462.7426 to order the book. You can also type Explaining Divine Mercy by Father Chris Alar into YouTube and watch a video.

## ST. FERDINAND FISH DINNER

St. Ferdinand's Men's Club will host a Fish Dinner in Oldenski Hall at St. Ferdinand Church on Friday, April 15 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Baked or Fried Fish Dinner is \$13.00, Fish Sandwich Dinner is \$13.00, and Children's Dinner is \$7.00. All Dinners include desserts. Drinks with Eat-In Orders Only. Credit card payments will be welcome, however a one-dollar fee per transaction will be assessed.

## MCGUIRE MEMORIAL IS HIRING SUMMER EMPLOYEE'S

McGuire Memorial is Hiring for Direct Staff for the summer. Fulfilling and rewarding work assisting individuals who have Physical & Intellectual Disabilities. You need to be a High School Graduate or College Student. Please look at the bulletin board for more details.

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us for the Parish Breakfast on Sunday, April 24, in Oldenski Hall at St. Ferdinand Church from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. This is a wonderful way to come together as a parish community, as friends, and as neighbors to relax, dine on our delicious breakfast, and spend time together. We serve, pancakes, scramble eggs, egg frittata, ham, sausage, potatoes, toast, yogurt parfaits, apple sauce, and hot and cold beverages. We hope to see you!

## UKRAINIAN DONATION

We would like to thank all those who made a donation to Ukraine during our most recent Sunday Breakfast at St. Ferdinand. \$169 was donated and forwarded to Brother's Brother Foundation. Please remember: Our Grouping-Wide collection for Ukraine will be at all churches on Palm Sunday.

## THE CITIES OF GOD ADULT SOFTBALL TEAM

The Cities of God adult softball is looking for new members. For additional information please contact Randy Kaelin at [ranchr@verizon.net](mailto:ranchr@verizon.net).



## **SAINT FERDINAND FISH DINNER MENU**

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> (4:00 - 7:00 PM)

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (3:00 - 7:00 PM)

### **BAKED or FRIED FISH DINNER: \$13.00**

Includes: 8 oz. Baked or Fried Fish  
Choice of French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese  
Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw  
Dinner Roll

### **FISH SANDWICH DINNER: \$13.00**

Includes: 8 oz. Baked or Fried Fish  
Choice of French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese  
Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw  
Sandwich Bun

### **CHILDREN'S DINNER: \$7.00**

Includes: 4 oz. Baked or Fried Fish  
Choice of French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese  
Choice of Applesauce or Coleslaw  
Dinner Roll

**All Dinners include Dessert  
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# Gospel Meditation and Reflections

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, “To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues.” Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn’t like hearing about love, especially God’s? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God’s love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God’s love.

God’s love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God’s kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God’s love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God’s love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, “Crucify him!” There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough “to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.”

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • Luke 22:14-23:56



### GOSPEL

The friends of Jesus made a special parade just for him. The people liked Jesus. He fed them. He healed them. They wanted to crown him king. They were sure that with Jesus in charge, they could live in peace. When you praise God, and when you put Jesus in charge of your life, you really can live with peace in your heart!



### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be my king.



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

## ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS | APRIL 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular. During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.





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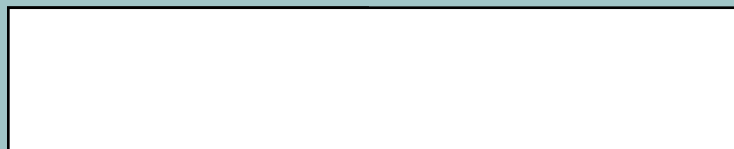
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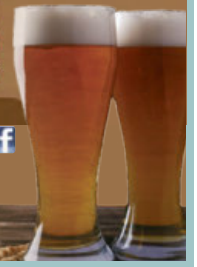
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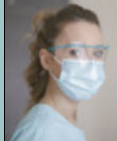
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