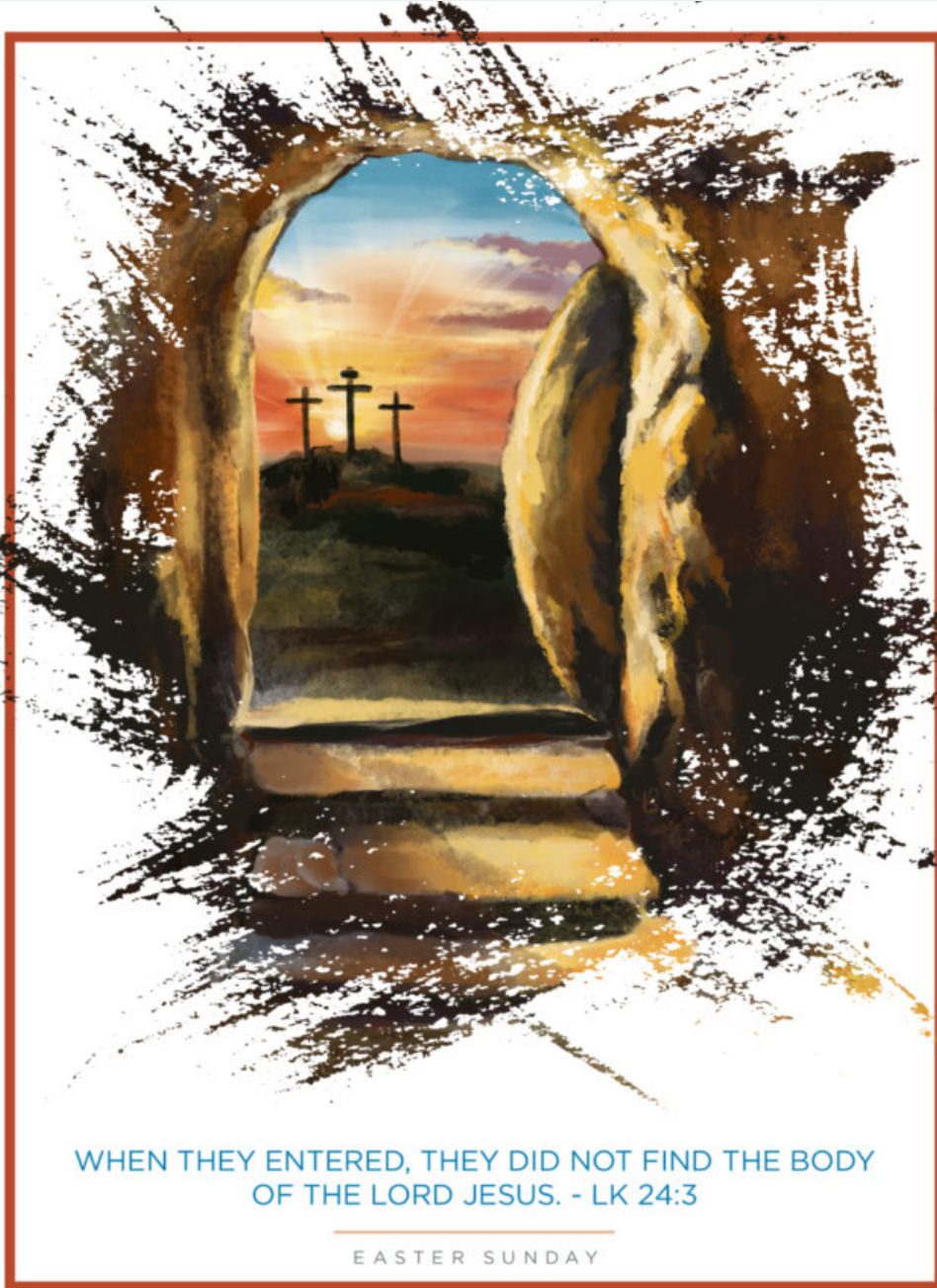


The Cities of God



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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EASTER VIGIL

7:30 pm (S.F.) Alex Tomaszewski (Sue)

8:30 pm (S.G.) Rosella Kolling (Bill Kolling)

8:30pm (H.R.) Easter Memorials (Donor)

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)

MON. APR. 18 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00 am (S.G.) Pauline Roman (son, Joe)

8:30 am (S.F.) William, Sr. & William, Jr. Yarussi

(Concetta & Ron & Family)

9:00 am (H.R.)Victoria B. Scialdone (Daughter and Son)

TUE. APR. 19 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00 am (S.G.) Mildred Howryla (Family)

8:30 am (S.F.) Robert Quinn (Tom & Beverly Huston)

9:00 am (H.R.) Jeffrey Krupa (Vince Krupa)

7:00 pm (H.R.) Joe DeLisio (Bruce & Janet Patrick)

WED. APR. 20 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00 AM (S.G.) Florence Williams (Mary Ann Thompson)

8:30 am (S.F.) Harry J. Brock, Jr. (Don Masyada)

9:00 am (H.R.) Danny DeCaria (Tina Scarpaci)

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

THUR. APR. 21 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; ST. ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00 pm (S.G.) David Fritsch (Eppinger Family)

7:00 pm(S.F.) William Albright (Lucille)

7:00 pm (H.R.) Margaret Fleo (Dave & Vicky Manzo)

FRI. APR. 22 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; EARTH DAY

8:30 am (S.F.) Deceased Members of Oklevitch Family (Patricia Herbert)

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

9:00 am (H.R.) Phyllis Crangi Bacic (cousin, Vicki)

9:15 am (S.G.) Ann Tammaro (Mr. & Mrs. R. Tammaro)

SAT. APR. 23 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER; ST. GEORGE, MARTYR; ST. ADALBERT, BISHOP AND MARTYR

9:00 am (H.R.) Elizabeth Aaron (Barb Bohzic)

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

4:00 pm (S.F.) Sis Rekasie (Dot Hunter)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Norbert Miller (Darlen & Michael Smith)

5:00 pm (H.R.) Arthur Lowie, Jr. (Joanne Lowrie)

6:00 pm (S.F.) Living & Deceased of Greeters & Ushers

SUN. APR. 24 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY); ST. FIDELI OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST AND MARTYR

8:00 am (S.G.) Anthony J. & Martha Dorsch (Claire Dorsch Family)

8:00 am (S.F.) Mike Crooks (Denise Schaeffer & Edna Poelcher)

9:00 am (H.R.) Edward, Stella, Arthur & Marian Fray (Family)

10:00 am (S.F.) Marvin Macher (wife, Marge)

11:00 am (H.R.) Sam Teolis (Holy Redeemer Knights of Columbus)

11:30 am (S.G.) The Living & Deceased Members of the Venglik & Yurocko Families (Rich & Cecilia Yurocko)

12:00 pm (S.F.) Dr. Martha Skurla (Tina Krynicki)

5:00 pm (S.F.) William Milbert (Family & Friends)

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

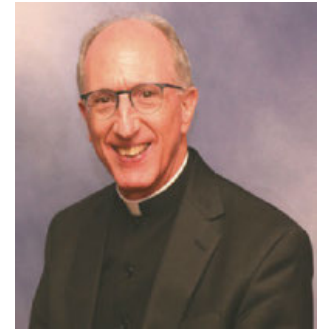
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

WHERE'S JESUS

I never met my father's father. He died from a mine accident when my father was 16. While my middle name is his first name, I never really knew how to correctly spell his first name or the family last name until I saw it on official documents from his native village in Italy. I've stood and prayed at his gravestone at a cemetery in Uniontown countless times with my father and by myself just trying to understand the sense of hope and will-power that this young man had to leave behind the country of his birth and immigrate to a land that he knew nothing about desiring to return home someday with his family. I can't identify him by his signature because he never knew how to read or write (with the exception of an "X"). There are only 1 or 2 photos of him around, but they're old, grainy technology. Nonetheless, I feel like I know him and would like to get better acquainted. My father didn't talk a lot about him when I was younger, but when my father and his family got together, there would be stories and laughter. When I grew up and was better able to understand, I encouraged my father to tell me more (and more). In little snippets (we call them pericopes in the Gospels), my father gradually revealed this man's hard life lived lovingly for his family and shared graciously with others. Like I said before, I never met my father's father, but I think now I know his heart.

There's a unique aspect about the Scripture passages for Easter Sunday morning - we don't see or hear from Jesus. Yet, we know He's alive and still with us. From the Gospel of John, we see Mary Magdalene totally beside herself on arriving at the tomb to find the stone rolled back and the body of Jesus nowhere in sight. However, when John gets there, we are told that he looked in and that "he saw and believed" even though the disciples didn't yet understand fully what rising from the dead was all about. (Jn 20:8-9) John, the Beloved disciple, knew in his heart that the heart of Jesus would never abandon them. Somehow or other, He had to be alive. From the Acts of the Apostles, years later, we hear Peter in the house of the centurion Cornelius preaching about the saving power of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Peter proclaims himself to be a "witness", a witness to the words and deeds of Jesus as well as a witness to all of the world of how Jesus has saved. (Acts 10:39-42) Although Jesus is not physically present, Cornelius and his household accept the testimony of Peter in faith and then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit followed by their Baptism. Perhaps the key to all of this lies in the Letter to the Colossians, where we are told, "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." (Col 3:2) If we are truly united with Christ, we will know him in our hearts and will be able to see Him when we look through the physical and into the eternal. He's never left us.

As WE merge OUR three parishes into one on 1 July, it's so easy to get caught up in the logistics and the organization and then begin to wonder, "Where's Jesus?" Jesus is present in the Sacraments, above all the Eucharist. Jesus is present in OUR sacred spaces. Jesus is present in OUR community of faith - "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt. 18:20) Jesus is also present in all 200 square miles of



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OUR new territory...if only WE let Him be. WE have to be the ones who look to the eternal and anticipate it now. WE have to be the ones who experience the presence of God in faith and then witness to Him in OUR lives lived for others. WE have to be the face of Jesus if WE expect others to experience the face of Jesus. Where's Jesus? Well, He's always been in OUR hearts, and others should be able to find Him there, too.

God Bless The Cities of God!

PS. Well, we have another piece of Easter good news. We have been searching since last Summer for a Director of Worship and Music to serve our Grouping and eventually our new parish. We've utilized the skills of a number of our parishioners to develop criteria and then to review and interview. We looked locally as well as nationally. Ultimately, we found the person we had been looking for right next door. As of 2 May 2022, we will have a new Director of Worship and Music; his name is **Jon Zellhart**. Jon is presently the Assistant Music Director at the Grouping of St. Kilian Parish and Holy Sepulcher Parish. (While not trying to harm the music ministry at a neighboring parish, we hope to be offering an opportunity to a good leader.) He has a Bachelor of Music from Duquesne University and a Master of Music from Carnegie Mellon University. He has served a number of Catholic parishes in our Diocese (and some Protestant communities as well). We look forward to Jon's arrival and to seeing the music ministry program thrive across our three churches. I would like to thank all those on our search and interview committee for their hours of skilled assistance. Above all, I would like to thank Kevin Johnson, who has served as Interim Director of Worship and Music during this time. When Jon arrives, Kevin will return to his position of Assistant Director and remain a great asset in assisting Jon in furthering the liturgical praise of God among our faithful. Thanks to all!!



Prayers and Worship

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

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

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk
16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

Anthony D. "Tony" Capalbo, father of Michael Capalbo,
Sandra Winchell, wife of Richard Winchell,
Doloroes Kastroll, mother of Missy Mason,
William B. Horvatin, father of Bill J. Horvatin, and
Eleanor Ann Angelucci, mother of Alfonso "Butch" Angelucci.
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:

Dr. Martha Skurla

From Tina Krynicki

St. Gregory:

Virginia Yeger

from Al & Laurel Hefferan



PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

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

St. Ferdinand:

Helen Verona

from John & Rita Verona

George D. Virostek

Anniversary Prayers from
wife, Gloria.

Lynda Stevens

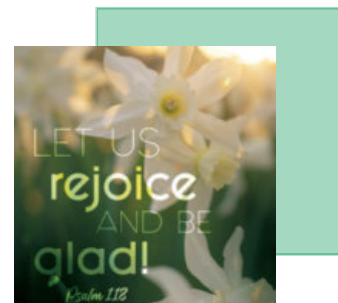
from The Stevens Family

Giacomina Della Valle

from Cindy Petraglia

Stephen Staniland

from Larry & Jonette Capra



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

**St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, &
Holy Redeemer
Easter Flower Donations**



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**

BJ Biondi	Helen Guy	Bob Marshall
Tony Celli	Helen Colossimo	Greg Santo
Bob Nauman	Doreen Toman	Judy Bokor
Carmen Bucci	Kathleen Russo	
Ralph Vincent Fotia	Anthony Palagallo	
Lois McKay	Julie Tomon	
Dom Vicarri	Catherine Shuttleworth	
James W. Hackett	Antionette Pansera	
James M. Hackett	John DiLeonardo	
Joyce A. Hackett	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
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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

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Parish Office 724.776.2888

Music Ministry

724.776.2888 ext. 401

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Safe Environment - cathy@stferd.org
Small Faith Communities 724.776.1357
Website - www.stferd.org
Youth Ministry Office - 724.776.1920

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

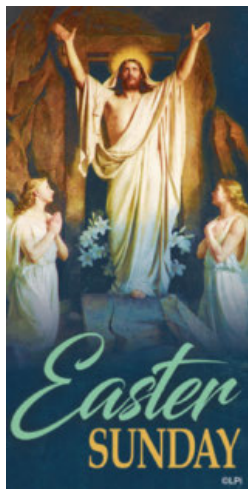
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Music Ministry

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Catholic Parish Cemetery Association

724.323.0033



ST. GREGORY

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724.452.7245 Fax: 724.452.4064 parishoffice@stgregzelie.org

Ritzert Hall Rental (temporarily suspended)

724.452.7245

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**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 on
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 16/17, 2022

Please Check Scheduling Website for Information

April 23/24, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Joe Renaud
- 6:00 pm - Brian Connell
- 8:00 am - Bill Yates
- 10:00 am - Emeka Emcheta
- 12:00 pm - Shalini Savio
- 5:00 pm - Michael Garczynski

HOLY REDEEMER

April 16/17, 2022

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

April 23/24, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Guy Calabro
- 9:00 am - Debbie Kucan
- 11:00 am - Jennifer Bowser

ST. GREGORY

April 16/17, 2022

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

April 23/24, 2022

- 5:00 pm - Mike Kamnikar
- 8:00 am - Chuck Schaum
- 11:30 am - Lorie Volland



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

ST. FERDINAND

April 16/17 2022

Please Check Scheduling Website for Information

April 23/24, 2022

- 4:00 pm - Kevin Monahan, Dolly Beck, Jim Beck, Peggy Moravek
- 6:00 pm - Carol Herman, Patricia Mann, Marsha Grabowski, Anita Stright
- 8:00 am - Tony DeCesaris, Beverly Quinn-Huston, Jim Haefner, Carol Sinicki
- 10:00 am - Sherry Maudie, Judy Shearer, Bob Meinert, Fred Galovich
- 12:00 pm - Mazie Pliskaner, Melinda Terbosic, Daniel Flynn, Maureen Hulick
- 5:00 pm - Dan Drotar, Kathleen Kozmin, Steffany McCafferty, Heide Resch

HOLY REDEEMER (* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

April 16/17, 2022

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

April 23/24, 2022

- 5:00 pm - *Anne Cvetich, Linda DeSanzo, Lisa Greco
- 9:00 am - *Jan Zayas, Mark Strosnider, Julie Strosnider
- 11:00 am - *Loretta Silvestri, Mary Ann Viccari, Paula Keane

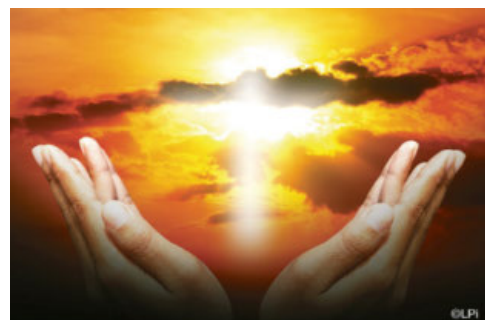
St. Gregory

April 16/17, 2022

- 8:30 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

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FAITH FORMATION

ST. FERDINAND:

Up Coming Dates:

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.

ST. GREGORY:

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.

HOLY REDEEMER:

Up Coming Dates:

First Communion practice is Thursday, April 28 at 4:30 pm

First Holy Communion Mass: Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 pm

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

HOLY REDEEMER SOCIAL SERVICE

Social Services Office opened Tuesday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed the first Thursday of every month to help empty the Food Truck. Please call 724.758.3465.

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!

MARCH & APRIL NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS

ST FERDINAND:

New Members:

Dirk & Nan Cappo

Mark & Kelly Ciorra & Family

Debbie Cowan

Louis DiCaprio

Frank & Catherine Iaria

Michael & Jolene Lowry & Family

Joshua & Laura Pascazi

Tyler & Chelsea Stuber & Family

Clement & Elaine Suski

Daniel & Jill Tatangelo & Family

Cory & Leah Vogel

Baptisms:

Jolene Leslie

Trevor Michael

Carmine Michael

Lincoln Bradley

Easton Walker

Millie Kay

Anniston Ray

Jackson Joseph

Michael & Lindsey Demetris

Brian & Stephanie Hutchinson

Kenneth & Kristi Sinagra

Bradley & Amber Clifford

Daniel & Emily Jergel

Randy & Madeline Morris

Richard & Alyssa Riesenberger

Stephen & Amanda Snyder

HOLY REDEEMER:

Baptism:

Blakely Ann

Matthew & Erica Marshall.

May God Bless Your Family & Friends

PARISH FINANCE COUNCILS IN THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

MEANS FOR MISSION

WHAT IS A PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL?

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory body to the Pastor in the administration of the temporal affairs of the parish. The skills and expertise of its members are utilized in strengthening and monitoring the financial activity of the parish. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Finance Council must be directed by the values of the Gospel as well as good business practice.

The Finance Council is composed of between 3 and 9 members. They are appointed by the Pastor, who is the President of the council. The length of service is 4 years, but the Pastor has the option to re-appoint members to an additional 4 year term. The maximum length of service is 8 years. The council meets at least quarterly, in addition to 2 meetings with the Parish Pastoral Council. It is recommended that a Committee Structure is developed as a means of actively engaging the Finance Council, with a focus on Financial Planning, Controls/Risk Management, Facilities and Stewardship. *Means for Mission, The Parish Finance Council Guidelines of the Diocese of Pittsburgh*, provides further guidance on the role and responsibilities of the council.

WHAT DOES CANON LAW SAY ABOUT PARISH FINANCE COUNCILS?

According to Canon Law, the Pastor represents the parish in all juridic affairs...He is to see that goods are properly administered in accordance with the norms of the canons (Can. 532). The Pastor maintains full control of all assets of the parish and ensures good stewardship of parish resources.

Canon Law also states that each parish is required to have a Finance Council (Can. 537) to assist the Pastor in the administration of parish goods. 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.

WHAT PARISH RELATIONSHIPS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE WORK OF THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL?

The Parish Finance Council is to collaborate on an Annual Planning Cycle with the Parish Pastoral Council, to ensure that the pastoral priorities of the parish are met with a realistic budget. It is also important for the council to have a working relationship with the Parish Business Manager. Staff and Clergy, other than the Pastor, may not serve on the council, although they may be invited to attend meetings to provide their expertise.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL?

The Key Responsibilities are to aid and advise the Pastor regarding:

- Application of Diocesan Financial Policies
- Long-range financial planning to support the stability & viability of the parish
- Efficiency of Operations/Internal Controls
- Review of Monthly Statements & Annual Financial Reports
- Parish Operating & Capital Budgets
- Assessment of short & long-term building needs for maintenance & repairs
- Capital Campaign Case Statement Revisions

PARISH FINANCE COUNCILS IN THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

MEANS FOR MISSION

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF A PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL?

1. **Identification of interested parishioners** - All registered parishioners are invited to consider whether or not they might have the gifts for the leadership ministry of the Parish Finance Council. All those interested can provide their own name or a suggested name by completing the identification form below or contacting the parish office. The Criteria for membership and the Key Skills that the council members should collectively possess are as follows:

Criteria

- Fully initiated Catholic
- Active member of the parish & faithful participant in the celebration of Sunday Eucharist
- Faith-filled with a desire to live by Gospel values
- Ability to work in a spirit of collaboration
- Committed to being informed and engaged
- Has the time and energy for training on diocesan parish financial policies, review of regular financial updates, potential committee work & the yearly cycle of planning efforts

Key Skills

- General business acumen
- Accounting
- Risk Management
- Facilities expertise
- Strategic Planning
- Marketing/Communications
- Development/Advancement

2. Everyone "identified" as a potential candidate will be formally invited to an **Information Session** to learn more about the role and the detailed responsibilities of the Parish Finance Council leadership ministry from the Pastor and current Finance Council members.
3. Interested candidates who wish to proceed with the process will **inform the Pastor** by email or letter of their willingness to serve and the Key Skills they can contribute to the council.
4. Candidates will be invited to **interview with the Pastor**.
5. The **Pastor will make the final decision** regarding membership on the Parish Finance Council, considering the right composition of Key Skills needed. All candidates will be required to comply with regulations regarding Safe Environment policies.
6. The new **Parish Finance Council members will be announced** to the parish by the Pastor.

IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

If you wish to take an active role in advising the Pastor on financial matters of the parish, please include your name on the Identification Form. Or if you think someone you know is capable of fulfilling this leadership ministry, please identify them on the form.

SUBMIT THIS FORM OR PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 2

I suggest that the following individuals be invited to consider leadership ministry through service on our Parish Finance Council. I will continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the selection process.

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (PHONE AND/OR EMAIL): _____

REFERRED BY: _____

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.

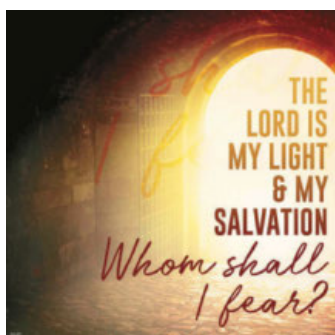
HOLY REDEEMER BINGO

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.

KNOTED WITH LOVE MEETING

Knotted with Love will meet in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center Lunch Room on April 24 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Business meeting will start at 1:30 pm.

Name Correction: **Marcos Lopez** was misspelled in last weeks confirmation list in the bulletin. We apologize for the error.



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. You must be free of all sin by going to confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, and receive Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday (either on that Sunday or the vigil Mass of that Sunday) and pray for the people's intentions. Additionally, you must also say a short specific prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, while in a spirit completely detached from the affection of sin, venial or mortal 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 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

"Let us pray to almighty God for our brothers and sisters who have asked for Baptism and to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. God has called them and brought them to this moment...."

THE EASTER VIGIL when the Elect and Candidates received the Sacraments of Initiation - **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.**

ELECT: (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist):
Melanie Babusci

CANDIDATE: (Confirmation & Eucharist): Joshua Kopp
Let us pray for them and welcome them into the Catholic church and The Cities of God.





The staff and students of St. Gregory School wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Please keep all of the 2nd Graders in your prayers this week as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next Sunday, April 24. May God Bless them!



Some of our preschool students with their "Resurrection Gardens" which Represents Jesus rising from the tomb.



Venn Diagrams of the Holy Triduum.



You can see how the 2nd Graders show us the relationship between Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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

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

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

Thank you for your support!

Triple Crown Night at the Races & Auction Saturday, May 14 in the Bergman Event Center



Doors open at 6:00;
Betting begins 6:30 and ends at 6:50 First race starts promptly at 7:00
Ticket prices: \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door
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Get your tickets today in the school office.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! VBS 2022

We would like to host VBS this year in the middle of June 2022. But, we need 35-40 people to help. These folks must have their Protecting God's Children clearances to participate. The program would be hosted in the mornings Monday – Friday for children 4 yrs. old to 4th grade completed. Older youth could serve as helpers for this week of fun! If you would be interested in helping with this event, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-776-9177. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

ST. GREGORY SCHOOL MATCHING FUNDS RESULTS

At St. Gregory School, we value each and every one of our supporters and we are overwhelmed by the love and support that was shown throughout our matching fund's campaign. With your donation, we are able to fill the gaps of lost fundraising caused by the pandemic over the last few years. These funds will help ensure that we can continue to offer the excellent, faith-based education we've come to be known for. You are truly making a difference in the lives of the students at St. Gregory School and we are so appreciative! The final amount brought in was \$54,875. Our generous donor will match that total amount giving us a grand total of \$109,750.

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.

ELLWOOD CITY MEALS ON WHEELS

Ellwood City Meals on Wheels, INC provides members of this community vital nourishment via a dependable and structured program while still living at home. If you, or anyone you love can benefit from our program, please contact Gina McKenna at 724-730-9316 or Terri Crespo at 724-752-9413 or EllwoodMOW@gmail.com.

(FYI -This program is not a free program but provides 2 meals a day, 5 days a week, 52 weeks out of the year. The cost is \$120.00 per month.)

REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONE'S MEETING "ROLO"

Our group of men and women invite anyone who is trying to cope with the loss of a loved one to join us. We are a supportive group who gather in a non-clinical, but supportive surrounding, and talk about our loved ones and how we try to move on without them. Come and listen or participate while we share stories and struggles of dealing with our loss, whether it be a recent or loss or one from long ago. We meet every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm in St. Gregory's Library. Our next meetings will be on April 20, 2022. If you are not able to make our meetings, there are meetings held at St. Ferdinand's on the opposite alternating Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY WRITE UP

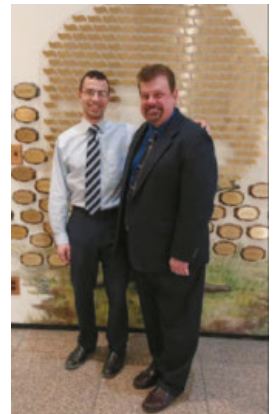
Let's work together and do something remarkable! My name is Justin D'Antonio, and I am the new Youth and Young Adult Minister for The Cities of God Parish Grouping in Cranberry, Zelienople, and Ellwood City. Some of my favorite activities include boxing, golf, trivia, and karaoke. I am also a personal trainer, and I love to do anything fitness related. It improves my life physically, mentally, and spiritually, and it gives me the confidence, motivation, and energy to perform at my best!

I am excited and grateful to receive the opportunity to lead our youth and young adults in the way of Christ! Ministry with both youth and young adults bolsters their ability to live as disciples today, and we will empower each other to work toward a world built on the values of the Catholic Church. We should always share our own experiences with the Catholic Faith because our different perspectives will allow all of us to see the uniquely beautiful life that God has given to us!

Our new Youth and Young Adult Ministry will also respond to the real lives, needs, and interests of our youth and young adults through creativity! Everyone is creative because creativity is solving problems. Our unique problems lead to unique solutions, and we want our youth and young adults to actively participate by using their individual creativity and perspective.

We will also use social media for the most up to date information. Our new Facebook page will contain general information, but we will mainly use GroupMe for event planning, social outings, and general communication. The Facebook page will contain links for both the Young Adult GroupMe as well as the Youth GroupMe. Please reach out to me at JD'Antonio@stferd.org with any questions.

"We do not think ourselves into new ways of living,
we live ourselves into new ways of thinking." – Richard Rohr



Picture Caption: Dr. Thom Brozich welcomes Justin D'Antonio, M.Ed. as our new Youth and Young Adult Minister during a recent Confirmation.



Gospel Meditation and Reflections

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

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ST. ANSELM | APRIL 21

St. Anselm of Canterbury left his home in Italy to travel as a young man and ended up at the monastery in Bec, France, which was known for the teachings of its leader, Lanfranc. Anselm rose quickly to become abbot of the community and his writings are now compared in importance to those of St. Augustine.

In 1093 Anselm was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by William II Rufus, the son and successor of William the Conqueror. However, at the time there was a controversy in Europe over whether kings or the pope had the power to invest bishops. Anselm, who believed only the pope should have the right to invest an ecclesiastical authority, spent much of his time as Archbishop exiled in Rome.

St. Anselm's teaching and works of theology are his most important contribution to the Catholic faith. He is considered of the fathers of scholastic theology and his chief achievement in philosophy was the ontological argument for the existence of God. His work *Cur Deus homo?* taught that atonement for sins could only be achieved through Christ. He was canonized in 1494 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1720.

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Easter Sunday • John 20:1-19



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It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!



PRAYER

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.



Prayer:

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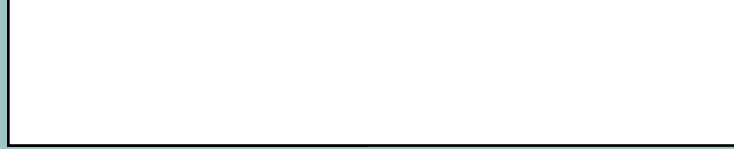
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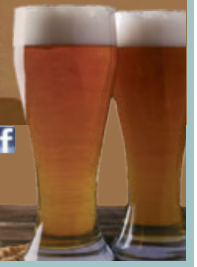
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