



Divine Grace Parish



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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St. Ferdinand Church
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

www.divinegracepgh.org

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am
11:30 am

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Welcome All Who Seek the Divine Grace of God

Divine Grace Parish was created by Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh, on July 1, 2022, to serve the People of God from the Cranberry Township, Ellwood City, and Zelienople areas. In creating this new parish, we are now the largest parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our mission, as with all parishes, is to unite all believers into the One Body of Christ. The evangelizing mission of the Gospel is to invite everyone into the fullness of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We, at Divine Grace Parish, seek to invite everyone in our community to experience our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us know how we can serve you!

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OFFICE DIRECTORY

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Holy Redeemer Office

Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Closed for Lunch (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

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Saint Ferdinand Office

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Monday - Friday (8:30 am - 2:00 pm)

Closed for Lunch (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

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SAT. MAR. 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:00 pm (S.F.) Dave White (Chris Tyson & Cindy Haney)
- 5:00 pm (S.G.) Rosella Kolling (William Kolling)
- 5:00 pm (H.R.) James Spielvogel (Lou Ferrario)
- 6:00 pm (S.F.) Mr. Richard Teitz (Chris, Susie & Jenna)

SUN. MAR. 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Colleen Reilley Berry (Keith Reilley)
- 8:00 am (S.F.) Adam Sismour (Richard & Mary Sismour)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Stephen Gorzkowski (wife, Kathy)
- 10:00 am (S.F.) Laura Lynskey (Family)
- 11:00 am (H.R.) Patrick Wehman (Pam and Ted Wehman)
- 11:30 am (S.G.) Richard Watkins (Lois Watkins)
- 12:00 pm (S.F.) David Pliskaner (Mom & Dad)
- 5:00 pm (S.F.) Elizabeth Flaminio (Tatusko Family)

MON. MAR. 6

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Pauline Checlosky (Tom Turify & Maryann Kilpatric)
- 8:30 am (S.F.) Marie Osterrieder (Tobolski Family)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Jerry Docchio (Family)

TUE. MAR. 7 STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Gloria Sapienza Koch (Mary Blaine Lemmo)
- 8:30 am (S.F.) Warren & Schaly Familles (Joanne Warren)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) John Leopardo (Pete and Fran Maietta)

Holy Hour every Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

WED. MAR. 8 ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Gloria Sapienza Koch (Mary Ann Thompson)
- 8:30 am (S.F.) Bill Foerster (Wife & Family)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Elizabeth Pratt (Pina Riccio)
- 7:00 pm (S.F.) Theresa Mogielski (Connie)

THUR. MAR. 9 ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Dennis Eugene Reilley (Kathleen & Ken Burr)
- 8:30 am (S.F.) Grace & William Horvatin (Kathy & Jack Doerfler)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Umberto Carosi (James and Connie Kreshon)

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory's every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

FRI. MAR. 10

- 8:30 am (S.F.) Wray Bittel (Tony & Kathy Bittel)
- Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 Mass**
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Milton Ippolito (Sharon Shelby)
- 9:15 am (S.G.) Andy Woloszyn (Mary Oprisu)
- 2:30 pm (S.G.) Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm (S.F.) (H.R.) (S.G.) Stations of the Cross

SAT. MAR. 11

- 9:00 am (H.R.) Joe Trocci (Tony, Leah and Allessando Pisano)
- Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm at Holy Redeemer**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- 4:00 pm (S.F.) Bill Dougherty (Jay & Pam Bullie)
- 5:00 pm (S.G.) Rose Koska (Mary Anne Litz)
- 5:00 pm (H.R.) Ethel Jean Greene & Mary Ellen Greene (granddaughter, Christina Greene)
- 6:00 pm (S.F.) John Plavetich (Peter & Carolyn Broeren)

SUN. MAR. 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- 8:00 am (S.G.) Tom & Theresa Zinkham (Family)
- 8:00 am (S.F.) Gerri Snow (Family)
- 9:00 am (H.R.) Joseph Aloï (Holy Name Society)
- 10:00 am (S.F.) Anges Protulipac (Marge Macher)
- 11:00 am (H.R.) Joseph and Tyna DeMasse (Lois)
- 11:30 am (S.G.) Jim Thornton (Joyce Thornton)
- 12:00 pm (S.F.) Celine Haynes (Brian & Bonnie Connell)
- 5:00 pm (S.F.) Jim Fahrion (Mike & Joyce O'Reilly)

Reflection From The Pastor

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Second Sunday of Lent

We hear of the amazing event of Jesus' Transfiguration before three of the apostles which means the Church is present at this moment through them. The Father declares Jesus as "Beloved Son" and invites us to "Listen to Him." So, what is Jesus saying to each of us as disciples and as a parish community – are we listening to Him? The Word of Jesus transforms us, that is, transfigures us into a new creation and into His Body. May the Divine Grace of Our Lord pour into our lives the gifts of the Holy Spirit we need in order to be the saints that God calls us. Blessed Second Week of Lent!

Friday Lenten Fish Lunches and Dinners

Take-out lunches from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and dinners are served every Friday from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. during Lent at Oldenski Hall at Saint Ferdinand. Saint Gregory School hosts dinners each Friday from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Survey of All Parishioners

We are embracing a three year parish renewal spearheaded by the national organization Catholic Leadership Institute at no cost to the parish. In preparations for this initiative, every active Catholic is asked to complete an online survey between now and through March 31. For those unable to complete the survey online, we will have hard copy surveys. Click here to take the survey:
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gd4c1g>

Fridays of Lent Observe Abstinence

All Catholics are asked to refrain from eating any meat on the Fridays of Lent for those starting at the age of 14. Abstaining from meat is a public witness in which we are united to the sufferings of Christ who died and rose for our salvation.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Stations will be prayed at each church at 7:00 pm, after the 8:30 am Mass at Saint Ferdinand, at 2:30 pm at Saint Gregory's with the school students. Unite your sufferings to that of Jesus as we pray the Stations. You can also pray these on your own – all three churches are unlocked most of the day time for personal prayer.

Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent each weekday morning from 7:30 am-8:30 am at Saint Ferdinand; from 8:30 am-9:30 am at Saint Gregory; and from 8:00 am-9:00 am at Holy Redeemer.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

This Saturday, March 4 and next Saturday, March 11, our confirmation candidates will be participating in a day-long retreat on the campus of Saint Ferdinand. Please pray for our young people as they prepare for the sacrament which will be administrated by Bishop Zubik on April 1.

Parish Lenten Mission

I will lead a three day mission for our parish on March 6, 7, 8 at Saint Gregory Church from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm titled "Preparing for the Divine Mercy of God". All three evenings will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



FATHER JAMES WEHNER

Daily Mass Count

On average, there are usually about 31 people at Saint Gregory, 74 people at Holy Redeemer, and 92 at Saint Ferdinand. For those who are able, consider attending daily Mass, praying for your families, and for our parish.

Annual Parish Appeal Pledges

Your contribution to the annual appeal assists both our parish and our diocese in carrying out ministry in the Church. All households should have received a letter from me asking you to consider a pledge. If you could match or even increase your gift from last year, I would be most grateful.

Weekend Collections

Because of your generosity, the total collection from the 12 weekend Masses on the weekend of February 18-19 was \$29,461.95. Please know that we do not take your generosity for granted.

Gift Card Program to Conclude

The finance council devoted a very thorough analysis and study of the gift card program that is primarily at the Saint Ferdinand campus. Considering a small annual profit and the considerable staff time and effort that is required to sustain the program, the council recommended and voted that we terminate the program. Gift cards will continue to be sold until we are out of them. You can purchase them at the Saint Ferdinand office during the week from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Saint Gregory Super Bingo

This Sunday, March 5, the monthly school Bingo takes place with doors opening at 12:30 pm and early bird special at 1:15 pm. Proceeds directly benefit the school.

Saint Patrick's Lunch

I'm looking forward to the March 12 lunch at Saint Gregory cafeteria from 12:15 pm-4:30 pm with corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and dessert. Call 724.452.7245 if you are interested in volunteering.

Saint Gregory Steps Repaired

The steps located between the rectory and church have been repaired. The steps were in danger of collapsing. The repair to these steps cost \$8,579.

Feasibility Study for New Compressor

The compressor at Saint Ferdinand Church that heats and cools the main body of the church is about to expire. Our compressor is 31 years old. If it breaks, it will take 6 months to order and install one. The usual cost is around \$75,000. We are in a position to get one for just under \$60,000. The temporalities and finance committees have recommended we proceed in getting the new compressor.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN-PLEASE READ AND HELP!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gd4c1g>
- You can obtain a paper copy in the Narthex and Parish Office of all 3 churches.
- Surveys will also be available at the Fish Dinners at St. Ferdinand.
- Surveys will not be mailed.

The survey will only be available from February 22 until March 31 on-line and in paper form until March 24. The survey asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enables you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate as possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Wehner and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples/parish we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6177 MEETING

The St. Gregory Knights of Columbus Council 6177 meets every first and third Monday of the month in the St. Gregory Blue Room at 7:30 pm. A Rosary is prayed at 7:15 pm. If you would like to join our email list and follow our activities, please email stgregkofc@yahoo.com or follow our Facebook Page. At just our last meeting, we donated to St. Gregory School and the Butler County Food Cupboard. This past year, we have had over a dozen events and programs supporting the unborn, community, seminarians, and families. You are born a man, you become a Knight!

DIVINE GRACE PARISH BINGO

Divine Grace Parish Bingo is held every Friday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, 311 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City Pa. Doors open at 5:00 pm, early birds start at 7:00 pm followed by regular Bingo. Kitchen opens at 5:15 pm. Any questions, call 724.752.3751.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Please call Divine Grace Parish office at 724.776.2888 to request your contribution statements for the year of 2022. You will receive multiple statements as Divine Grace was established on 7/1/2022. Please allow a week for statements to be processed.

THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, March 13, at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center, 311 Lawrence Avenue, Ellwood City. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. The business meeting will immediately follow the Mass. A light lunch will also be served. Please join us for Mass in communion and prayer. All adult women, single or married, are welcome to attend our organization. Questions can be directed to Jackie Dimeo, President: 724.758.5888; or Mary Parente, Membership Chairman: 724.758.6006.

DIVINE GRACE SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The Divine Grace Social Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Holy Redeemer Lunchroom. All members of the parish are welcome. Any questions call John at 724.752.3751.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11838 MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

The Knights of Columbus Council 11838 will be holding their regular monthly meeting this Wednesday, March 8 in Biller-McAndrew Hall at St. Ferdinand Campus. The rosary will be recited starting at 7:10 pm with the meeting taking place immediately following. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.

ST GREGORY'S ST VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY MEETING

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Gregory Conference will not hold a meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 12 at 6:30 pm.

BAPTISM CLASSES

One parent preparation session is required before baptism. Please come before the baby is born.

* Classes at St. Ferdinand are on May 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

* Classes at St. Gregory are March 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.776.2888 ext. 101

Parish News

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LENT RETREAT FOLLOWING JESUS WITH MARY MAGDALENE. A DAY OF SCRIPTURE-BASED REFLECTION

Mary of Magdala was one of the earliest followers of Jesus. She traveled with him, stood vigil at the Cross, witnessed his burial and was the first to meet the risen Christ. Join us as we journey with her, with Jesus through His Crucifixion and Resurrection. The retreat will include an overview of praying with Scripture using Lectio Divina, Visio Divina and Imagination Contemplation, silent Scripture-based prayer and group reflection. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Holy Redeemer Church, 9:00 am-3:00 pm OR Saturday, March 25, 2023 at St. Ferdinand Church, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Presenter: Theresa Rossi, Graduate Spiritual Leadership Program, Pneuma Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. Cost \$10. RSVP by March 10, 2023. Registration is required and space is limited so register early. RSVP to Theresa Rossi at [724.316.5575](tel:724.316.5575) or by email at theresa.rossi@yahoo.com. For more information contact Theresa.

LIVING ROSARY AT ST. FERDINAND CHURCH ON MONDAY, MARCH 13

The Joseph P. Newell Knights of Columbus Council 11838 invites all parishioners to join them in the recitation of the holy Rosary on Monday evening March 13 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. Come and join us this Lent to honor Mary, our Mother.

PARISH APPEAL

We are **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church**, called to work together to support Jesus' mission. That's what the Annual Parish Appeal is about. It supports diocesan-wide ministries – from outreach to local Latino communities to training our faith formation leaders – that benefit people across all six counties of our diocese. Text **OneChurch** to **84576** to receive stories about the good things your donation to the Annual Parish Appeal will help to accomplish.

SCRIPTURE STUDY DEACON JEFF LUDWIKOWSKI

Please join Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a scripture study that will take us a little deeper into the Sunday Gospel. This is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of the scripture and grow in your relationship with Christ as Deacon Jeff explains, discusses, and answers questions about the week's Gospel. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of your previous scripture study experience. To join Deacon Jeff for this Scripture Study, if you haven't already, you must register by Wednesday, March 29 so you can receive a Zoom link. Please send an email to akucan@divinegracepgh.org with your name and preferred email address. You will then receive a link to join the Zoom session by Thursday, March 30.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-MARCH 11, MARCH 29 AND ALL SUNDAY EVENINGS

Divine Grace Parish will be participating in the 40 days for Life Campaign this Spring. The event runs from February 22 through April 2. 40 days for Life is a worldwide Pro-Life mobilization that involves three components: Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil and Community Outreach. Divine Grace Parish will link with dozens of area Churches in the completion of multiple shift at the ongoing Peaceful Vigil held at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh (Planned Parenthood location). Divine Grace will be present for the following shifts: Every Sunday of the Campaign from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Saturday March 11, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Wednesday March 29, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm The Respect Life Committee would like to invite anyone interested to join us for our vigil period. We are hoping for a strong 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 two hours 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 Denise/Bill at 724.494.1552.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

Divine Grace Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment from any form of abuse for everyone. If you suspect any form of abuse, please call the diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline at 1.888.808.1235.

FAITH FORMATION Vacation Bible School - June 12-16, 2023

The Office of Faith Formation is calling for **volunteers to help** with Vacation Bible School. You must have your State of Pennsylvania Child Protection clearances to volunteer. We need at least 40 volunteers with valid clearances. If you have clearances and are interested, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 724.776.9177 ext. 307, or email Darlene at dmarks@divinegracepgh.org. If you need to obtain clearances, please contact Christine Kunz, Safe Environment Coordinator, at 724.452.7245 ext. 4, or email her at ckunz@divinegracepgh.org.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

OUR DATE FOR CONFIRMATION: SATURDAY, APRIL 1

10:00 am AT HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH (Holy Redeemer & St. Gregory)

1:00 pm AT ST. FERDINAND CHURCH (St. Ferdinand & other Catholic Schools)

NEXT CONFIRMATION RETREATS - MARCH 11 (St. Ferdinand & other Catholic Schools)

Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724.776.9177 ex. 307 or 302 with any additional questions.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE DATES - SATURDAY, MARCH 25 Holy Redeemer 10 am and St. Ferdinand 1 pm

Jesus Day Retreat, for our 2nd Graders: Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 am-12:15 pm

(We are looking for volunteers for Jesus Day, if you have your clearances, please contact our office!)

DIVINE GRACE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Divine Grace Youth Ministry

On Sunday, March 19 from 7:30 pm-9:30 pm we will meet in the St. Ferdinand Youth Room for a hangout night! We have a pool table, ping pong, and air hockey! We also have plenty of board games and video games as well for those of you that like Mario Kart or Mario Party.

We will have snacks and drinks available for those that are coming straight from Faith Formation. So come with your friends and enjoy a night of fun and games with Justin, our Youth Minister

All 7th and 8th graders are welcome!

Flocknote: <https://DivineGraceParish.flocknote.com/DGPYouth>

Website: <https://divinegracepgh.org/youth-ministry-1>

Divine Grace Young Adult Ministry

On Sunday, March 12 from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm, we will meet in the St. Ferdinand Youth Room and continue our theme on Finding the Real You. The second topic is titled "Intuition and the Holy Spirit." How can we be better decision makers? Do you ever feel something out rather than think about it? How is intuition connected to the Holy Spirit? There will be snacks and drinks! See you there!

On Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, we will meet at Missing Links Brewery for another installation of Theology on Tap hosted by All Saints Parish! Come out and enjoy a night of faith and fellowship with us! This event is open to adults of any age, so please spread the word to anyone that would be interested!

Deacon Jim Shope serves as a Deacon for All Saints Parish, and the topic will be "Trust in the Midst of Challenge." The address is [891 Evans City Road #9209 Renfrew, PA 16053](https://www.google.com/maps/place/891+Evans+City+Road+%239209+Renfrew,+PA+16053). See you there!

Ages 19 - 39 are welcomed!

Flocknote: <https://DivineGraceParish.flocknote.com/DGPYoungAdults>

Website: <https://divinegracepgh.org/young-adult-ministry-2>

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

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Divine Grace Parish
St. Patrick's Day Lunch



Join us for lunch and celebrate

St. Patrick's Day!

When: Sunday, March 12

Where: St. Gregory School

Time: 12:15pm - 4:30 pm

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage
with Potatoes and Carrots
Dessert and Beverage

Cost: \$12

Volunteers Needed for Lunch Prep
on Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 am and
Sunday, March 12 for Prep, Cooking,
Serving and Cleanup.

We are also in need of dessert
donations.



Call: 724-452-7245 ext. 3



Junior Achievement Day at St. Gregory School

The Junior Achievement (JA) students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School (OLSH) came to work with our school for a day. Each grade focused on a different level of work readiness, entrepreneurship and finances using hands-on programs.

In the primary grades they learned about different community helpers and how they support and keep their community safe. In second grade each student created their own doughnut business and learned the importance of production, and the quality of their products while another class had “earning a salary” explained to them and then how to use that money for spending, saving and donating. Some students created ‘JA City’ and each of them built their own business and together they created a productive, thriving community. JA helps prepare young people for the real world and to learn the value of contributing to their communities. Thanks to OLSH for an educational, fun day!



We celebrated Mardi Gras and enjoyed dressing in the carnival colors. The students may have been a bit outdone by Father Jim's outfit. Everyone looked great!



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

“Did you know...?”

The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist. On our journey toward eternal life, Christ nourishes us with His very self. Once, when told by someone that she no longer saw the point of going to daily Mass, the Servant of God Dorothy Day reflected: “We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to. . . He took upon Himself our humanity that we might share in His divinity. We are nourished by His flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother’s breast.”¹

1 The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day, ed.

Robert Ellsberg (New York: Image, 2011) p. 483

Taken from: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH, UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



DIVINE GRACE PARISH SOCIAL CLUB CRUISE

Divine Grace Social Club is planning a cruise on the Norwegian Joy from October 4-11, 2023. Cruise begins in Quebec City, Quebec, and ends in New York City, with additional stops in Saguenay, Quebec, Newfoundland, Cape Breton Island and Nova Scotia. There will also be cruise on the Norwegian Escape from January 27-February 3, 2024. The ship will stop in Cozumel, Grand Cayman Island, Jamaica and Norwegian's private island Great Stirrup Cay. Also, The Divine Grace Social Club is planning a cruise in October 2024. The cruise departs from Athens, Greece, with stops in the Greek Islands, Montenegro, Croatia and ends in Venice, Italy. Contact Jude Dici at 724.758.4913 for pricing and any questions.

YOU ARE INVITED -- TUESDAY

CENTERING PRAYER:

LEARNING TO ENJOY THE PRESENCE OF GOD

You are invited to pray with the Centering Prayer group every Tuesday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am, in the parish's Holy Family Room in Cranberry, 2535 Rochester Road. This year marks the 19th year for this adult enrichment gathering at our parish. Our group is affiliated with Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh, and is one of 16 similar prayer groups throughout Western PA. This hour of prayer consists of two practices: the first is Lectio Divina, a way of gently and slowly pondering a passage from Holy Scripture, and the second is the silent prayer called Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is the still and quiet enjoyment of the presence of God. It is based on the teachings of Jesus (Matthew 6:6), as well as the Christian mystics who followed, including the Desert monastics of the 3rd century, Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton and Therese of Lisieux. This quiet prayer invites us into a deeper relationship with God, because we put aside all our thoughts, plans and needs, and choose to simply BE with the God who made us and sustains us. Our presence and attention then become our gifts to God. We acknowledge that any good accomplished by Centering Prayer is the work of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome with no notice required; please attend whenever you are available.

FRIENDS AND FUN OVER 55 SINGLES GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 17, at which time we will be discussing future plans and enjoying an Irish themed movie together. Future meeting dates are April 14, and may 19, always the 3rd Friday of each month. A few activities discussed are Red Barn Theatre and miniature golf. Come and meet a few of your like-minded neighbors!

DIVINE GRACE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

All women of Divine Grace Parish are invited to join us for our March Women's Club meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00pm. We meet at St. Ferdinand Church in McAndrew/Biller Hall. Our program for the evening will feature local artist Dee Ruckert showing the art of pysanky (Ukrainian eggs). She will explain the art of decorated eggs, its history, and varied methods that are used. Members are asked to bring a green or Irish-themed food to share. We look forward to welcoming new attendees for this evening of fun and fellowship!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING DIVINE GRACE PARISH PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Only family members are to call! Prayer Intentions will run for 1 month. If you would like an additional month please let us know.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week:

St. Ferdinand:
In Loving Memory of
Paul Sammartino
 from Victoria Sammartino



To request a sanctuary candle please stop in St. Ferdinand's or St. Gregory's Church Office

PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

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

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 from Tina Krynicki
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 from Family
Anthony Dorsch
 from John & Rita Verona

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Message From Bishop Zubik

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Office of the Bishop

February 27, 2023

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we celebrate the holy season of Lent, I pray that the Church's yearly remembrance of Our Lord's passion, death and resurrection will strengthen and renew your faith. Please know of my prayers for you today and throughout the entire forty days of Lent.

It is hard to believe that five years have passed since we formally initiated our planning effort, *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, with the hope of bringing together parishes to align human and financial resources, create greater vibrancy, and strengthen our efforts in hospitality and welcome. Through the hard work and dedication not only of our clergy, but all the lay leaders and parishioners, and with only two Groupings left to merge, we will complete this process within the next year.

With our structure well established, we must now "double down" in the exciting work of evangelization and mission so that all people may come to learn, love and live Jesus.

At the core of EVANGELIZATION, regardless of particular circumstances, the one constant factor is this: **Evangelization is fostering relationship with Jesus Christ in and through the community of Jesus, the Church.** For those of us who practice and live our Catholic faith, evangelization is a call to ongoing growth and renewed conversion. For those who have stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to reconciliation. For children, it is a call to be formed into disciples through the family's faith life and faith formation. For those who have no faith, it is a call to conversion to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and his Church.

Fostering a relationship with Jesus is the very reason why I have rekindled our partnership with Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) and why every parish will be participating in the Disciple Maker Index from February 22–March 31, 2023. This 75-question survey is a tool that invites you to reflect on where you are on your journey of discipleship. It also enables parish leadership to make data-driven decisions in pastoral planning that will help parishioners grow in faith.

To this end, I urge every parishioner (18 years and older) to participate in the DMI by taking the survey. Directions for access to the survey can be found in your bulletins and on your websites.

Once every parish has the opportunity to review and understand the DMI results, the parishes will be ready to begin creating a Pastoral Plan. The Pastoral Plan will shift in focus from "maintenance-driven" to "mission-driven" action. More information about Pastoral Planning will be included in next week's bulletin.

In closing, I remind you that the work of evangelization is all of ours. To that end, I pray that together we unify our efforts of bringing people to personal conversion and helping others to become and make disciples for Jesus. Now is the time for us to renew our parishes to promote spiritual maturity, to embrace our baptismal call to holiness and to embrace a missionary impulse that sends us forth to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Zubik".

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

The Liturgies of Lent

~~Ash Wednesday-Distribution of Ashes: February 22~~

~~St. Ferdinand: 8:30 am Mass, 12:00 pm Service, 7:00 pm Mass
St. Gregory: 8:00 am Mass, 12:05 pm School Mass, 7:00 pm Mass
Holy Redeemer: 9:00 am Mass, 3:00 pm Service, 7:00 pm Mass~~

Stations of the Cross (Fridays)

7:00 pm at all three Churches

St. Ferdinand after 8:30 am Mass

Living Stations of the Cross (*Youth Group*) at St. Ferdinand:

March 26 at 7:30 pm

Shadows Stations at St. Gregory Church (*with St. Gregory School students*):

March 31 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Weekdays)

Starting February 27 - March 31

St. Ferdinand: 7:30 am - 8:25 am

St. Gregory: 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Holy Redeemer: 8:00 am - 8:55 am

(Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm with Confessions at Holy Redeemer)

Lenten Mission with Father Jim

"Preparing for the Divine Mercy of God"

March 6, 7, & 8 at St. Gregory Church from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Lenten Adult Faith Formation with Father Jim

"Why are Priests Celibate"

March 14 at St. Ferdinand in Oldenski Hall from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 15 at Holy Redeemer Church from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

"Moral Issues: From Homosexuality to the Death Penalty"

March 21 at St. Ferdinand in Oldenski Hall from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 22 at Holy Redeemer Church from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

"Catholic Understanding of Sacred Scripture"

March 28 at St. Ferdinand in Oldenski Hall from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

March 29 at Holy Redeemer Church from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates

March 4: St. Ferdinand Church from 10:00 am - 3:45pm

March 11: St. Ferdinand Church from 10:00 am - 3:45 pm

The Light is On For You - Confessions

March 29:

St. Ferdinand and Holy Redeemer from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Parish News

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TAMBURITZANS COMING TO ELLWOOD CITY

“The Tamburitzans” (formerly the Duquesne University Tamburitzans) will perform their new production, Phoenix-A New Dawn, on Sunday March 26 at the Lincoln Jr / Sr High School, 501 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA at 3:00 pm. The concert benefits the Rotary Club of Ellwood City Scholarship Fund and tickets may be purchased online at ellwoodtams.eventbrite.com for \$30 Adult Advanced Reserved while tickets at the door on the day of the performance will be \$35. Student tickets are \$20. Additionally, face to face ticket sales will be held at the Ellwood City Library, 415 Lawrence Avenue, Saturday March 11 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday March 17 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In their 86th season, the Tamburitzans will take the audience on a whirlwind tour of Croatia, Serbia, Greece, Romania, Slovenia, Italy, Bulgaria as well as from the Jewish tradition. The blend of colorful costumes, precise footwork and youthful energy has long been a trademark of any Tamburitzan concert and all attendees will thrill to the performance. This concert marks the sixth consecutive year that the Rotary Club of Ellwood City has sponsored this event.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT

Are you looking for additional opportunities to deepen your faith this Lent? Join Saint Luke the Evangelist for a presentation on "The Shroud of Turin: A Face to Face Encounter With Jesus?" presented by David M. Onysko. This presentation examines various historical, scientific, and theological perspectives on this ancient, linen burial garment that many believe once wrapped the body of Jesus Christ. In addition to the presentation, David is also bringing his exhibit, "The Shroud of Turin: A Gallery of Artifacts and Images." Presentation will be Saturday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. Exhibit will be open Saturday, March 25 from 2:00 pm - 6:15 pm and Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 am - 9:00 am at Saints John & Paul in the Upper CDC. RSVP to direnzojames@gmail.com is appreciated but not required. Light refreshments will be served.

“JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT” PERFORMANCE BY OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CYO TEENS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel CYO teens are excited to present “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” from March 24-26, 2023. Pre-purchased tickets are not required for these performances. Instead, we ask for a donation at the door that directly benefits Appalachia Project HOPE and the Diocese of Pittsburgh’s mission in Chimbote, Peru. Seats are first come, first served and doors open 45 minutes before the show. Join us Friday, March 24 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, and Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 pm in Henninger Auditorium on the Saint Teresa of Avila Church campus (1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237).



TRIP TO ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPEL

All are invited to join Paul Foster on his annual trip to St. Anthony’s chapel in Troy Hill section of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony Chapel has a full sized set of the Station of the Cross and thousands of relics. We will meet on March 19 at 12:45 pm in the St. Gregory parking lot. From there we will caravan together to St. Anthony’s in Troy Hill. When we get there, we will tour the chapel and museum. At 3:00 pm, we will prayer the Stations of the Cross with the others. If you have any questions, call Paul Foster at 724.612.1097.

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- Pizza

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