

# **DIVINE GRACE PARISH**

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## May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Blessed Art Thou

For centuries, the month of May has been set aside to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. She brought new life to the world in giving birth to our savior Jesus Christ. We seek Mary's intercession as we try to grow closer to God by imitating her example of saying 'yes.'

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

# FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

#### <u>Happy Mother's Day</u>

As our country honors our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers, we thank the Lord for their vocation which orders our society and Church with a love unique to that of motherhood. Blessings to our mothers!

#### Honoring Mary in May

The Church reflects on the motherhood of Mary during the month of May. Last week we held a May Crowning at Saint Gregory School that highlights the Queenship of Mary. May Crownings will be held this Sunday, May 11 during Masses – 10:00 am at Saint Gregory, 11:00 am at Holy Redeemer, and noon at Saint Ferdinand. Consider praying the Rosary this month for special intentions you may have, and for the Church and our parish.

#### <u>Our Lady of Fatima</u>

On May 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared to three children near Fatima, Portugal, asking them to pray for sinners and to come to the same place on the 13th of each month for the next five months. They also were asked to pray the Rosary every day for world peace. On the final day, Oct. 13, over 70,000 people gathered where the children were having the visions. The "Miracle of the Sun" occurred in which they saw the sun spinning in the sky with various colors radiating from it. Reporters who witnessed this published their accounts. The 20th century would became the most violent century in history. We continue to pray for the peace called for by Our Lady of Fatima.

#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday as Our Lord identifies Himself as the Shepherd of our souls. The Church encourages prayerful support of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are grateful for our seminarians Ryan, Chris, Dominic and Erik. Please pray for the young men of our parish that the Holy Spirit may bless their discernment towards a priestly vocation.

#### Seminarian Chris Baker

Chris is expected to be ordained a deacon next spring – the final step before priesthood which is the rite called Admission to Candidacy. Chris and his classmates will be admitted on **Sun., May 18** at the 11:30 am Mass at Saint Augustine Church in Lawrenceville with Bishop Zubik presiding. All are invited.

#### <u>Save The Date – Erik's Ordination</u>

**Seminarian Erik Pintar** will be ordained to the diaconate on **Saturday, June 7** at Saint Alexis Church, Saint Aidan Parish at 10:00 am. In June 2026, he will be ordained a priest. The ordination on June 7th is open to the public.

#### Looking To Be More Involved?

We have many ministries, apostolates, organizations, and clubs in our parish. If you would like more information or to talk with someone about your interests, Mrs. Jennifer Livorse serves as our Facilitator of Parish Ministries and can be reached at <u>jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org</u>

#### Farewell to Jon Zellhart

Jon's last day with us is Saturday, May 31. He will present a farewell concert on **Sunday, May 25** at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church. Join us for a reception following the concert.



May 11, 2025 Today's Gospel Reading Jn 10:27-28b "My sheep hear my voice; l know them, and they know me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

## **Parish Leadership**

## Clergy

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Sunday Collection Total for April 26 & 27, 2025: -- \$28,903 Second Collection for Catholic School Contribution: -- \$3,723

Parish Members-- 18,742 Parish Households-- 7,080

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Presider Schedule The schedule of priests celebrating weekend Masses can be found at <u>https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w</u>

There is no second collection this week

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

MASS IN I EN I IONS	
SATURDAY May 10 - Fourth Sunday of Easter	MASS
4:00 pm (SF) John Moravek (The Maudie Family)	
5:00 pm (HR) Shirley McGivern (Family)	SCHEDULE
5:00 pm (SG) Daniel McCann (Valerie & Jim Bucek) 6:00 pm (SF) Leah Toth (Terri & Charles Bernath)	
6.00 pm (Sr) Lean Toth (Tern & Chanes Bernath)	SAINT FERDINAND
SUNDAY May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter	CHURCH
8:00 gm (SF) Henry Sotace & Ámelia Rollins (Louise Sotace)	2535 Rochester Road
8:00 am (SG) Andrea Paige Bausher-Grybosky (The Althouse Family) 9:00 am (HR) Stella Fray & Jean Kasper (Gary & Kathy Fray) 10:00 am (SF) Dennis Sullivan (Kevin Sullivan)	Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
9:00 am (HR) Stella Fray & Jean Kasper (Gary & Kathy Fray)	MONDAY - FRIDAY
10:00 am (SF) Dennis Sullivan (Kevin Sullivan)	8:30 am
10:00 am (SG) Peg Held (Ann Sòroka) 11:00 am (HR) Louise Lordi (The Agostinelli Family)	7:00 pm (WED)
12:00 pm (SF) Larry & Jo Gelormini (Tom & Lorraine Sarver)	
5:00 pm (SF) Kenneth Betsch (Joan Bellissimo)	SATURDAY
	8:30am (FIRST SAT)
MONDAY May 12	4:00 pm
8:00 am (SG) Florence Pasquale (Whose Coming 2 Dinner)	-
8:30 am (SF) Donald Masyada (The Haskell's) 9:00 am (HR) Eugene V. Dimeo (Frank & Mary Aloi)	6:00 pm
5.00 din (nk) Lugene V. Dineo (Trank & Mary Alor)	SUNDAY
TUESDAY May 13	8:00 am
8:00 am (SG) Nick Nardone, Sr. (Frank & Delida Viccari)	
8:30 am (SF) Terri Ziegler (White Elephant Workers)	10:00 am
9:00 am (HR) Peter Moonert (Nancy Naim) 7:00 pm St. Anthony Novena (HR) Julius and Rosemarie Ferrario (Lou, son)	12:00 pm
7.00 pm st. Anthony Novena (nk) sunds and kosemane renano (Loa, son)	5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY May 14 St. Matthias	
8:00 am (SG) Mike Yurchia (Louise Pallerino)	HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
8:30 am (SF) Carmella Moraca (Mario & Family)	415 4th Street
9:00 am (HR)  Gail Frisk (Nick & Karen Mancini) 7:00 pm (HR)   Marian and Arthur Fray (Joe & Colleen Flecher)	Ellwood City, PA 16117
7:00 pm (SF) Bob Meinert (Larry Dominic)	MONDAY - FRIDAY
	9:00 am
THURSDAY May 15	7:00 pm (WED)
8:00 am (SG) Joseph Trocci (Mar, Amy & Brian)	
8:30 am (SF) In Thanksgiving of 60th Wedding Anniversary of Don & Mary Jane Vano	SATURDAY
9:00 am (HR) John Novalesi (Michael Poff)	9:00 am
	5:00 pm
FRIDAY May 16	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
8:30 am (SF) Topper Sotace (wife, Louise)	SUNDAY
9:00 am (HR) Jimmy Raybuck (Mary Anne Mansell, godmother) 9:00 am (SG) Margaret Lawlor (Rita & Tom)	9:00 am
	11:00 am
SATURDAY May 17 - Fifth Sunday of Easter	SAINT GREGORY CHURCH
9:00 am (HR) Brianna Tappe (Fr. Joseph Freedy)	2 West Beaver Street
4:00 pm (SF) 60th Wedding Anniversary for Tony & Kathy Zappia	Zelienople, PA 16063
(Children and Grandchildren) 5:00 pm (HR) Victor Trevelline (Family)	
5:00 pm (SG) The Hernon Family (Jack & Pam Hernon)	MONDAY – THURSDAY
6:00 pm (SF) Bobby Ferris, brother of Arleen Gaydos (Judy Ortsey)	8:00 am
	FRIDAY
SUNDAY May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:00 am
8:00 am <mark>(SF)</mark> Geri Angeletti (Marty & Kathy Tack) 8:00 am (SG) Theresa Mogielski (Family)	SATURDAY
9:00 am (HR) Tom Sanders (Kathy Bloom)	
10:00 am (SF) Kaden Burley Broadus (The Tatusko Family)	5:00 pm
10:00 am (SG) For The Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish	SUNDAY
11:00 am (HR) In Celebration of the 80th Birthday of Tony Woloszyn	8:00 am
(Lou Ferrario) 12:00 pm (SF) Joesph A. Ponteri, Sr. (Mr. & Mrs. George Steinmiller)	10:00 am
5:00 pm (SF) Mary Richey (Bob & Debbie Richards)	4

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm Holy Redeemer Church

Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am Holy Redeemer Church

10:00 am to 11:00 am Saint Ferdinand Church

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# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church

Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Saint Ferdinand Church

9:30 am - 7:00 pm Holy Redeemer Church

> Thursday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Friday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church 9:00 am -10:00 am Saint Ferdinand Church

Sunday 12:15 pm - 5:00 pm Holy Redeemer Church

## **Progress on Parish Priorities**

In March, members of our Pastoral Council each asked ten parishioners ten questions regarding the progress of our **three Parish Priorities.** These were identified as a result of the **Next Generation Parish** survey conducted in Spring 2023 and the work of the teams who studied the results of the surveys. Three priorities were identified: **evangelization, faith formation** for people of all ages, and **unification** of our three churches into one parish.

The purpose was to get a pulse on the progress of the goals and parishioner awareness of some of the changes made before the Next Generation Parish survey takes place for the entire parish in 2026.

Progress for **Priority One, Evangelization**, was recognized by most of those surveyed by the increase in Mass attendance; the many ways that the clergy, staff and fellow parishioners work to establish a welcoming atmosphere; and the numerous opportunities to participate in Mass, Confession, Adoration and other prayerful liturgies.



The progress of **Priority Two, Faith Formation** for people of all ages, also was recognized by the majority of those surveyed. Parishioners cited the increased catechetical opportunities as well as the large number in attendance at these events throughout our three churches. The opportunities mentioned ranged from live instruction from guest speakers and clergy, to online instruction and the use of teaching apps such as Hallow. Most of those surveyed acknowledged an increase in the number of children and teens participating in faith formation classes as well as the various opportunities offered to fit individual family needs. They also recognized the re-establishment of a youth group and an increase in the number of young adult opportunities provided by the Faith on Fire ministry.

Those surveyed about **Priority Three, Unification**, said our Parish is recognized as one parish with three unique churches continuing to serve the needs of their communities through many ministries that are open for all to join. Furthermore, despite the miles between our churches, communication related to events and opportunities at each church is well received and appreciated.

The overall findings were very encouraging, recognizing the efforts of the clergy, staff and parishioners throughout our parish who are working hard to make your recommendations and needs expressed in the 2023 survey a reality. **Thank you** for being a vital member of Divine Grace Parish. God Bless You!

## This Week at Saint Ferdinand

Monday, May 12	
9:15 am	Flame of Love
	Children's Liturgy
9:30 am	Women Gathered
	Holy Family Room
10:00 am	God's Precious Preemies
	Upper Room
6:00 pm	LifeTeen
	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Living Rosary
	Church
7:00 pm	Ultreya
	Upper Room
7:30 pm	Women Gathered
	Holy Family Room
Tuesday, I	May 13
9:30 am	Contemplative Prayer
	Holy Family Room
9:30 am	Middle Moms
	Room 10
10:00 am	Bible Study
	Upper Room
Wednesd	
9:00 am	Comfort Blankets
	McAndrew-Biller Hall
6:30 pm	Praise Band
	Oldenski Hall
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
	McAndrew-Biller Hall
7:30 pm	Bereavement Support
	Group
	Holy Family Room
Thursday,	•
7:00 pm	Women's Club
	McAndrew/Biller Hall
Friday, Ma	mer man en pener man
7:00 pm	iy 16
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	r <b>y 16</b> Friends & Fun Upper Room
Sunday, N	r <b>y 16</b> Friends & Fun Upper Room I <b>ay 18</b>
	<b>ry 16</b> Friends & Fun <i>Upper Room</i> I <b>ay 18</b> Spiritual Adoption
Sunday, N	<b>riends &amp; Fun</b> Upper Room Iay 18 Spiritual Adoption Birthday Party
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**St. Ferdinand Office Hours** Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-776-2378

## Interested in Distributing **Holy Communion?**

Deacon Jeff will be hosting a training on **Sat., May 17**, 11:30 am at Saint Gregory Church. This training is required for all Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion both at Mass and in our homebound ministry. Current ministers are always welcome for a refresher! Please RSVP to Jennifer at

jlivorse@divinegracepgh.org or call 724-776-2888 ext. 1210



## Successful Lenten **Parish Fish Fry**

Thanks to our many volunteers and diners who enjoyed our Lenten Parish Fish Fry, we collected \$136,862.

Expenses totaled \$45,436, so the net profit benefiting parish ministries is \$91,425. Thanks to Mike and Jen Renk and the entire volunteer team that spent hundreds of hours preparing and serving meals.

## Mother's Day **Prayer Cards**

Mother's Day Prayer Cards with a blessed Miraculous Medal are available after Mass - courtesy of Walking with Moms In Need. Quantities are limited.

## **Early Bulletin** Submission

With Memorial Day approaching, please send in information by 9:00 am on the deadline dates below. Email to akucan@divinegracepgh.org

For Sunday, June 1 Due Monday, May 19

## Living Rosary Monday, May 12

The Knights of Columbus Council 11838 invites all parishioners to join them for the recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand Church. A 90 ft. rosary will be laid down the center aisle of the church, and everyone will be asked to hold a bead and help recite the Rosary. Prayer handouts will be available.

## **Annual Parish Appeal**

Parishioners continue to respond generously in support of the **Annual Parish Appeal**.

The appeal funds formation, outreach and pastoral care of God's people. Additional support last year helped parish youth and young adult ministries, growing enrollment in reliaious education, and vital property maintenance.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2025 Parish Appeal. https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW.

## This Week at Holy Redeemer

#### Wednesday, May 14

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society School Classroom **Bible Study** 7:30 pm (Gospel of Mark) Rectory 7:30 pm Ultreya Rectory Thursday, May 15 6:00 pm Adult Choir Church Friday, May 16 7:00 pm Bingo Catholic Center Sunday, May 18 1:00 pm Knotted with Love Catholic Center Lunchroom

Holy Redeemer Office Hours Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) Closed for Lunch (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm) 724-758-7587 ext. 3002 Fax: 724-752-1466

## All Aboard the Ark

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The show **Noah** returns for a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season--complete with live animals that fill the aisles and an enormous ark on stage. Divine Grace Parish is sponsoring a trip to see this epic production at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. <u>www.sight-sound.com/shows/noah</u>

A chartered bus is set to leave Holy Redeemer Church on **Friday**, **Sept. 19** at 8:50 am, and will return late Saturday, Sept. 20. The cost for the show, hotel, transportation and two meals varies from \$379 to \$469 based on room occupancy. A \$50 deposit is due by June 2 to hold your spot. Final payment is due Friday, August 1.

To register call 724-758-7587 ext. 3002. Seating is limited. Hope you can join us!

## **Calling All High School Seniors**

## **Mogielksi Scholarship**

Applications for the **Rachel A. Mogielski Scholarship** are now available. This \$2,000 federal and state-recognized scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors.

Applications are due by **Monday**, **June 2**. Please pick up an application in the narthex of all three churches or on Facebook: Rachel A. Mogielski Fund.



## Social Club Scholarship

The Divine Grace Social Club awards \$1,000 college scholarships to three graduating high school seniors who are members of Divine Grace Parish--one from each of our churches. Candidates must have volunteered for at least one parish activity during 9th-12th grade, and write an essay on why they believe they are deserving of the scholarship. Applications can be picked up at any church office or call John at 724-752-3751. The deadline to apply is Sun., May 25.

## Saint Anthony Novena



Father Chris Donley will preside at the Saint Anthony Novena on **Tues., May 13**, at Holy Redeemer Church. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the novena.

Join us for prayer, reflection, and community fellowship. Everyone is welcome to participate.

> Scan QR Code for schedule or visit <u>https://bit.ly/4iQXRDd</u>



## This Week at Saint Gregory

#### Monday, May 12

7:00 pm Appalachia Mission Blue Room

#### Tuesday, May 13

7:00 pm Men's Group School Library 7:00 pm Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Service Church

#### Wednesday, May 14

7:00 pm Walking with Moms School Library

#### Thursday, May 15

7:00 pm Adult Choir Church

#### Saturday, May 17

8:00 am Catholic Men's Fellowship School Library 11:30 am Eucharistic Minister Training Church

#### St. Gregory Office Hours Mondays (8:30 am - 12:00 pm) Closed on Tuesday - Friday 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-452-4064

## Saint Gregory Organ Update



Thanks to all who have supported the restoration of the **Saint Gregory Church organ**.

We have received \$338,590 in donations. The project cost is \$575,000. The organ should be installed in September 2025.

If you would like to make a contribution visit <u>https://bit.ly/3D6scOg</u> or write a check to the parish with the note "Organ Project." Thank you.



## Funeral Luncheon Supplies

We have been blessed at Holy Redeemer with our tireless funeral luncheon crew. Now Saint Gregory and Saint Ferdinand are preparing to revive this ministry.

If you would like to help restock the closets to offset initial costs, we would be most grateful. The following items may be dropped off at any of our church offices (boxes at the entrances):

- Coffee (ground)
- Powdered lemonade
- Powdered iced tea
- Aluminum foil or Saran wrap
- Large and small paper plates
- Paper salad bowls
- Napkins
- Hot and cold drink cups
- Stirrers
- Creamer
- Sugar packs
- Plastic round table cloths
- Plastic long table cloths

## **MyCatholicWill**

Help pass on the faith to your loved ones.

MyCatholicWill provides an easy way to complete your will and ensure that the most sacred part of your life is protected.

Divine Grace Parish is making this available at no charge to registered parishioners. Visit <u>https://divinegracepgh.org/</u> <u>mycatholicwill</u> to sign up.

# **PARISH MINISTRIES**

## Announcing Divine Grace Parish Magazine

We are excited to announce the launch of a **monthly parish magazine** in July 2025 that will be mailed free of charge to **every registered household** in Divine Grace Parish (7,000+ homes).

It's a fantastic opportunity to **evangelize** and **tell the story of our parish** to all parishioners every month through articles featuring a family from the parish, highlighting a ministry or group, and providing information about liturgical seasons, feasts, and traditions. Long term we plan to distribute the magazine to every Catholic household within our parish boundaries to further grow our parish family.

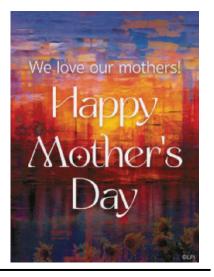
The new magazine is also a **great sponsorship opportunity** for local businesses. If your company or organization is contacted by Decided Excellence Catholic Media with an offer to reserve space in the magazine, we would appreciate your prayerful consideration. If you'd like to **learn more** about becoming a sponsor or have a **story idea**, please contact Jason at jgawaldo@divinegracepgh.org

## First Holy Communion at Holy Redeemer



Holy Redeemer Church- May 4

Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received their First Holy Communion the last two weekends. A special thank you to their parents, families and friends who support and pray for them.





## MAY SPOTLIGHT: CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sharing faith in a group is powerful.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** is a ministry in which men come together to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We support one another to grow as Catholic Christians by praying the Divine Office, discussing Catholic topics, and sharing our faith and struggles. We take time to pray for one another and the group's intentions while building one another up to become better Catholics, fathers and husbands.

All men of the parish 18 and older are invited to attend. Our meetings are part of the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania. More information on speakers, gatherings and events can be found at <u>cmfwpa.org</u>

Join us every Saturday morning at 8:00 am in the Saint Gregory School Library. Contact **Rob DePolo** for more information <u>cmf@divinegracepgh.org</u>

# FAITH FORMATION



JASON GAWALDO Director for Evangelization & Catechetical Ministries

"For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

Acts 13:47

## Save the Dates

Immaculee Ilibagiza Tues., Sept. 9 at Holy Redeemer

**Chris Stefanick** Wed., Sept. 10 at St. Ferdinand

Hallow Pre-Advent Mission November 17-19 at St. Ferdinand

## Parish Advent Mission with Fr. Anthony Federico

December 9 - 10 at Holy Redeemer

Sign up at <u>divinegracepgh.org/talks</u>

## Unpacking the Word Acts 13:14, 43-52

While the first half of the Acts of the Apostles focuses on the ministry of Peter, the second half focuses on the ministry of Paul. Our reading from chapter 13 comes from Paul's first missionary journey which began in his homebase in modern Syria and took him throughout modern Turkey where he reached the city of Antioch. This episode reveals a pattern that played out frequently in his ministry.

Paul would go to the synagogue on the sabbath day and preach to the faithful who were assembled. This was a common practice at the time for traveling teachers, and so it wasn't odd that he was allowed to do this. He used existing social structures to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah and that he rose from the dead to inaugurate a new life that they could begin living now. As is typical of people, some believed his message and others despised it so much that they forced him to move on. So he quit preaching in that synagogue and instead invested his time in the people who were willing to hear his message.

There is a lesson for us in this episode. When we share our faith with others, we don't necessarily need to keep it up with the same people who have already decided not to agree with us. It's important to present the message to them, but if they don't want to hear more, it is ok to move on from them. Paul never stopped praying for the people who didn't want to hear his message: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved" (Romans 10:1). And so your adult child who doesn't go to Mass, your spouse, your uncle or friend or coworker should be constants in your prayer without being the constant focus of your words. Live your faith boldly around them, occasionally suggest faith to them, and constantly pray that the Lord will put someone or something in their life to germinate the seeds you've already planted. Follow the pattern that Paul used.

#### **Events for Families and Kids**

True North VBS – June 16-20 at Saint Ferdinand. Register at <u>divinegracepgh.org/vbs</u>



## **Parish Library**



## The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.



### The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



## Our Lady of Fatima | Brother Francis and Friends

Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of the three shepherd children from Fatima who saw visions of Mary, later to be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Learn about the courage and faith these children exhibited and how they were rewarded with an amazing miracle!

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



Our parish library at Saint Ferdinand contains over 1,300 books and counting. Explore our online catalog at <u>divinegracepgh.org/library</u>. The physical library is located beside the Upper Room (adult books) and outside of the Faith Formation Office (kids' books).

Our kids' section has become the most used section, featuring board books, picture books, and chapter books that supplement the Faith Formation curriculum and give parents an easy way to reinforce faith at home. If you'd like to help us continue to grow our kids' section, scan the QR code below to see our Amazon Wishlist, or visit

divinegracepgh.org/library



## **Baptism Prep Class**

Are you preparing to have a baby baptized? Our next Baptism Prep Class is on **Wed., May 21**, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Upper Room at Saint Ferdinand. Register for this class at <u>divinegracepgh.org/baptism</u> or by calling 724-776-2888.

Here's what some parents shared:

"Fantastic class! My husband and I had some great conversations during the talking points." -Alex & Amy

"This class led to great discussions with our family in preparation for our daughter's baptism and life with God. Thank you!" -Bryan & Rachel

## Hallow

You're invited to join Hallow! Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. As a member of our parish, you'll have the opportunity to create a profile, find friends, share prayer intentions, and journey through life-changing content together. If you're already a Hallow user, simply open the app, find the Community tab (bottom of screen), search for your parish by zip code, and join! If you're new to Hallow, or if you're currently on the free version and would like to experience all the app's premium content, you can do so for just \$1 by visiting hallow.com/parish

# YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



#### COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

#### What is Life Teen?

The goal of Life Teen is to provide a safe and fun place for youth grades 7-12 to find a solid Catholic community, get answers to questions, and, most importantly, strengthen their relationship with Christ!!

We get together for weekly meetings, fun outings, service opportunities, retreats, and more. All in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend!

Our regular meetings are held every Monday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Youth Room at Saint Ferdinand with a meal provided!

#### **Divine Grace Parish Life Teen**

# Catholic Heart Work Camp

Calling all those currently in grades 7-12 to join us for an unforgettable Catholic Mission Trip this Summer

#### CHWC MISSION

To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic Faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service.

PRICING : \$125 IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL AID CONTACT MICHAEL

**Q** DREXEL HILL, PA

**Trip Dates** 

CONTACT MICHAEL ASSAF AT MASSAF@DIVINEGRACEPGH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

Located at Saint Ferdinand Youth Room

Life Teen - May 12th Life Teen - May 19th Life Teen - May 26th

#### Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

May 21st: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

## LifeTeen Dinner Volunteers

LifeTeen is looking for volunteers who are willing to help feed our hungry teens on Monday nights at the St. Ferd's Youth Room! Sign up using the QR code! Not able to make a meal, but still want to help out? Sign up to donate drinks or yummy treats. We thank you in advance for your generosity!





## The Call of Our Planet: Understanding Earth Day



For Earth Day, Mrs. Schultz's 4th and 5th grade science classes made "Seed bombs" from compost, clay powder and wildflower seeds.

This combination of ingredients, mixed together, help maintain moisture needed for germination. In addition, the clay or soil coating creates a physical barrier that birds cannot easily peck through to eat the seeds. The clay is also much less appealing. The students first had to prepare the area and everyone got into that project, pulling weeds and turning over the dirt.

Once the students had all the ingredients combined, they rolled them into "seed bombs" approximately the size of a meatball. They were planted in the Mary garden and the lower lot garden. We are anxious to watch all the beautiful flowers sprout. The students will water and monitor their growth. We want to thank Mrs. Schultz and the 4th and 5th graders for helping our campus look so nice.

## **Celebrating Our Wonderful Principal!**



Principal Appreciation Day was celebrated on Thursday, May I, and we wanted to do something special for our interim principal, **Dr. Audrey Bowser**. The primary grades made cards, while the older children decorated a banner which we hung in the hallway. The day was not complete without a cake, flowers and a gift. Even though Dr. Bowser has only been here since January, we wanted to show our appreciation for all she has done.

## **May Crowning**



Above: May Queen **Olivia Clauss** crowns the Blessed Mother with assistance from **Sarah Burr** (left) and **Mary Bednarowicz.** 

Below: Olivia crowns Mary as Father Jim and students look on.





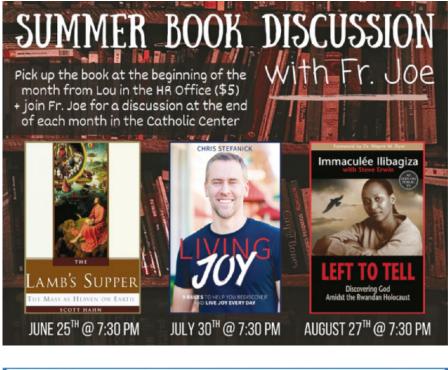
## Welcome New Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Redmond Mr. & Mrs. Owen Aslin Mr. Bill Shuttleworth Mr. & Mrs. James Jones Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bloxsom

## Praying with Scripture the Ignatian Way

In our sixth and final session we will combine the practices of Lectio and Visio Divina, and Imaginative Contemplation as we silently reflect on "God's Grandeur" by Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ, a 19<sup>th</sup> century English poet and Jesuit priest, and Monet's painting, "A Corner in the Garden at Montgeron."

The session will be held via Zoom on **Mon., May 19** from 7:00- 8:30 pm. Please register by **Wed., May 14**: <u>Theresa.Rossi@yahoo.com</u>





## Priority2Work Fellowship Night

#### Career Resilience in Uncertain Times

Featuring guest speaker **Jon Delano**, retired Money & Politics Editor, KDKA-TV

**Thursday, May 15** – 6-8 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) St. Ferdinand Church – Oldenski Hall

Complimentary professional photography head shots, door prizes, appetizers and refreshments.

\$15 per person; \$5 for job seekers (cost partially underwritten by a benefactor)

#### Register at <u>bit.ly/3YkVHn5</u>

**About Us** - Priority2Work is a volunteer-led, faith-centered organization that helps job seekers gain key skills needed to secure their next position or begin a new career. <u>https://priority2work.org</u>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

**Rose Nuzzo LuAnn Santillo Audrey Patterson Diana Shallenberg Mickey Piecuch** John DiLeonardo **Patty Morabito Katie Bauer Alli Rader Doreen Tomon Julie Tomon Susan Racke Jim Hackett Jimmy Hackett Joyce Hackett** Lisa Porco **Jessie Williams Michael Fulmer & Family** Randy **Dinny Skeddle Donna Rickert** Paula Maochi Laird

**BJ Biondi Phyllis Fusco Carol Fletcher Bob Flecher Mary Hayes Mike Buzzeli Joe Hayes Phyllis Dudash Glen McDonald Patricia Pegher-Miller** Lori Grim **Tommy & Nicole Miler Joyce Heusey John Humensky Kelly Hickey Kayla Hickey Johnny Hickey Beth Amos Taylor Lagydin Steven Lagydin Jessie Williams Antionette Pansera** 

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**



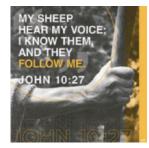
Saint Gregory Altar & Tabernacle Flowers: For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of Divine Grace Parish

> Holy Redeemer Altar Flowers: In Memory of Joann DeCarbo from husband and children Tabernacle Flowers: In Memory of Rose Marie Ferrario from son, Lou

## SANCTUARY CANDLE lit this week at

Saint Ferdinand Wagner & Bernath Families

from Grandchildren



## PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

# A candle will be lit this week for



Lynda R. Stevens from The Stevens Family

Henry Sotace from Sotace Family

**Amelia Rollins** from daughter in law, Louise

> **Barbara Scharding** from Bonnie Connell

**Adeline & Helen** from John & Rita Vensna

For all Prayers, Flowers and Candle Requests, please call 724-776-2888

# **Community Corner**

## MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN

Registration is \$35 and includes music by Living Praise, speaker, and breakfast.

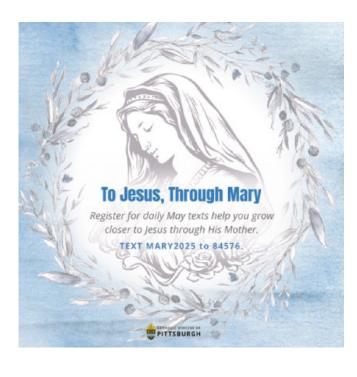
## 9:00 AM - NOON SATURDAY, MAY 31

JOIN US FOR

A DELICIOUS MORNING!

DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp., 910 Sheraton Drive, Cranberry/Warrendale

Register online at <u>https://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org/</u>



#### 91ST

PITTSBURGH EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

EPIPHANY CHURCH 164 WASHINGTON PLACE PITTSBURGH, PA 15219



Holy Mass: 1:30 pm Principal Celebrant: Rev. Michael R. Ackerman

Following Mass the Holy Rosary will be prayed in procession from Epiphany Church through the City of Pittsburgh, returning to Epiphany Church for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima.

For those who cannot process, the Holy Rosary will be prayed in Epiphany Church.

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary

For more information, call Deacon Robert Jancart at 267-549-0909 or visit https://pittsburghregia.com



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