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 St. Ferdinand Parish. We hope Christ will bring fullness into your life, and that we provide you with information and spiritual support.

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.

~ Luke 12:15

Things We Leave Behind

Every heart needs to be set free from possessions that hold it so tight, 'cause freedom's not found in the things that we own, it's the power to do what is right.

We show a love for the world in our lives by worshipping goods we possess. Jesus has laid all our treasures aside, "love God above all the rest".

'Cause when we say no to the things of the world, we open our hearts to the love of the Lord, and its hard to imagine the freedom we find from the things we leave behind

~ Michael Card, Poiema album

Family Festival
August 9, 10 & 11

See inside bulletin for additional information

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed for the festival. You can sign up on the website at https://stferd.org/, call the Parish Office at 724.776.2888, or go to the Volunteer Room during the festival to volunteer where you are needed. Thank you for your time, caring and participation. You make a difference and are appreciated.
Clergy Team for our Grouping
Rev. John P. Gallagher, Administrator
Rev. James R. Torquato, Senior Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mark Thomas, Senior Parochial Vicar
Rev. David J. Egan, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Donald Pepe, Deacon

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Joseph Burkot, Parish Business Manager
Kathy Bachik, Pastoral Associate & Adult Formation
Dr. Brian Hart, Director of Music Ministry & Liturgy
Bernadette LaGamba, Bulletin & Website Editor & Safe Environment Coordinator
Audra Brown, Director of Faith Formation
Andrea Wheeler, Youth Minister & 8th Grade Program Manager
Beth Gavaghan, Youth Ministry, 6th & 7th Grade Program Manager

Parish Administration Office
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-8:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Faith Formation Office
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm
And during Faith Formation Classes

Counseling by Appointment
Catholic Charities 724.775.0758 ext. 4052
Parish Office 724.776.2888

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Please remember St. Ferdinand Parish in your will.

Sat. Aug 3 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm - Julia Colonna (James Del Greco)
6:00 pm - Eleanor Kopie (Daughter Marriane Ligget)
7:00 pm - Reconciliation
7:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer

Sun. Aug 4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am - Jim Earley (Wife & Family)
10:00 am - Zach Balog (Mom, Dad & Josh)
12:00 pm - Cheryl Meszar Lang
(Tony & Kathy Zappia & Family)
5:00 pm - Christopher Stephens (Renee Kalnas)

Mon. Aug 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
8:30 am - Wilma Doyle (Husband)

Tues. Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 am - Joe & Nick Candiello (Family)

Wed. Aug 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
8:30 am - Wilma E. Doyle (Husband & Family)
7:00 pm - Jim Harrington (JoAnn Harrington)
Mass for the Sick and Suffering

Thurs. Aug 8 St. Dominic
8:30 am - Betty Dowling (DePalma Family) & Ludwig & Mary Bryan (Family)

Fri. Aug 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
8:30 am - Mildred Giel (Eileen & Dick Quinn)
Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 am Mass for 1 hour

Sat. Aug 10 St. Lawrence
8:30 am - Nicholas Parkovich (John & Patti Booher)
10:00 am - Reconciliation
8:30 am - Pam Mashuda (Festival Committee)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm - Catherine Pawlak (Men’s Club)
6:00 pm - Chuck Haefner (Rev. Jastrab)
7:00 pm - Reconciliation
7:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer

Sun. Aug 11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am - Dee Creedon (Ray & Ann Bezila’s Sons)
10:00 am - Kathy McKeever (Huie & Sondra King)
12:00 pm - Theresa Fichtner (Daughter)
5:00 pm - Herbert Hildebrand (Joe & Rocky)

Victims of Sexual Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235
Diocesan Victim Assistance Office 412.456.3093
PA Childline 1.800.932.0313
Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 10:00 am and following the 6:00 pm Mass.

Anointing: Contact the Parish Office before entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery or an emergency 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: Adults: Through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
Infants: By appointment. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Baptism classes are required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Today’s Readings

First Reading—Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
Psalm—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
Second Reading—You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-11).
Gospel—For though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

Parish Mission
Saint Ferdinand Catholic Church is a large, vibrant parish that has a tradition of serving God’s people with the warmth of a small parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we prayerfully seek to serve God by the way we worship, celebrate the sacraments, witness the Gospel, and serve one another. We are committed to live our Christian life as a community of hospitality, spiritual enrichment, and service through works of compassion, mercy, and evangelization. We are called to proclaim, teach and model the good news of Jesus Christ. We pledge our time, talent, and treasures for the fulfillment of our parish mission.

Sanctuary Candle
The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of Liz Wiegand on our 50th Wedding Anniversary, from Dan and family.

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

- A. Richard Battaglia from Sarah Tokash
- Sam Zigrossi from Mary and Sally
- Edith and Tony Joseph from Cathy Ruggiero
- Helen Kamenicky from her daughter and family
- Mary L. Ross from Barb Querrier and family

Readings for the Week

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Weekend Mass Schedule

- Holy Redeemer Parish
  415 4th Street, Ellwood City
  Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
  Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

- Saint Gregory Parish
  2 West Beaver Street, Zelienople
  Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
  Sunday 8:00 am, 11:30 am

Gift cards are sold in the Nursery after all Masses and at the Parish Office during the week.

Born to Eternal Life
Please pray for the deceased members of St. Ferdinand Parish.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Amen.
**Book Circle**

The St. Ferdinand Book Circle is taking a break for the summer, but will start up again on September 18. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Holy Family Room. Here is a preview of some of the books that will be read this year: September 18: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, October 16: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova, and November 20: *The True Saint Nicholas* by William J Bennett.

Please join us! We always have a relaxing and enjoyable time discussing great books! Questions? Please contact Kathy at 724.776.1357 or kathy@stferd.org.

**Women's Retreat**

The ladies of St. Ferdinand Parish Women's Retreat group invite the women of the parish and their friends to join us this fall for a weekend retreat. The theme of the Retreat is *I have Chosen You*, and is at St. Paul Monastery and Retreat Center. Save the dates of November 2-4, 2019. Additional information will be provided during coming months.

**RCIA: What is it? Is it for you?**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Kathy Bachik at 724.776.1357 or by email kathy@stferd.org. These initial inquiry meetings help you obtain answers to questions about the Catholic Church in order to discern the extent of your call to become Catholic.

The RCIA process starts in September and comes to completion with the reception of the sacraments of initiation (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) during the Easter Vigil. RCIA meets Tuesdays in the Holy Family Room from 7:30 until 9:30 pm.

**Parish News**

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

How would you like to join a small faith group? If you do, the Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner program is for you! On the second Saturday of each month from September through May, you are invited to a different home to enjoy a delicious meal, meet other parishioners, and make new friends. All you are asked to bring is a side dish for usually eight people. We currently have over 40 members and we would love to have you join! The first dinner is September 14. Please contact Janie at 814.834.4275, Bernadette at 724.933.0518, or email jatt207@yahoo.com for more information or to register.
Help Move an Elephant

All rising 6th graders through recent high school graduates and their families: Please join Youth Ministry on Monday, August 5, as we help our White Elephant volunteers move items from the Education Building to the tents in preparation for the Parish Festival, August 9-11. No need to sign up; just check in at the Youth office at 6:00 pm and lend a hand for as long as you can.

Youth Festival Workers Needed

Like Ball Pong and Fortnite? Help us run these games at our Parish Festival booths August 9-11. All rising 6th graders through 2019 high school grads are invited to sign up for a 2 or 2½-hour time slot on our bulletin board outside the Youth Office in the Education Building. We need adult help, too! Questions? Call Andrea at 724.776.1920.

Join Us for Waldameer Park

On Sunday, August 18, we will travel to Waldameer Amusement & Water World Park. The price is $35 and includes park admission, bus transportation and lunch. Please bring money for dinner. The trip is open to all rising 6th graders through 2019 high school graduates and their friends. We will meet in the Youth Office at 10:00 am and return about 11:00 pm. Registration forms are required. Hope you can join us!

Please help fill the baskets for the Raffles

We are asking for basket donations for the Basket Raffle Booth. New items are being accepted at the Parish Office, and no donation is too small. Lottery tickets are also needed.
**Faith Formation**

Do you find it hard to stay active in your faith during the summer months? Here are a few ideas to keep you close to God and prayerful with your families as we get closer to starting the program in the fall.

Work on memorizing one prayer or Bible verse with your children this month. You could start with these simple verses:

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find.” Mat 7:7

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Mat 11:28

Let your children role play the Feast of Transfiguration with you. Remember to use the Holy Bible when reading the Scripture story. This feast is on August 6.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 31.** Use the form on our website; complete the form and send in with your payment to the Faith Formation Office. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and read the bulletin weekly as your newsletter for Faith Formation.

**Be ACTIVE not PASSIVE!**

Your parish is hoping you will answer the call to actively participate in its Faith Formation Program. One of the best ways to learn is to teach. Your own faith will come alive. You become an ACTIVE participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church community. You show your own family that you value the faith. You become a role model. There are other ways of assisting, such as hall monitor, office assistance, catechist aides and substitutes, and hospitality. Teens, come forward and be active. This is a great service opportunity for you, and children will look up to you. Thank you to all who help make this program energetic, rich with faith, and fun in CHRIST! Please contact the Religious Education Office at 724.776.9177 to volunteer.

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**Pies needed Sunday August 11**

Pies are needed for the dessert for our Sunday dinner. Home made, store bought, and bakery pies are appreciated and welcome. Pies can be dropped off in Oldenski Hall on Sunday.

**Country Kitchen**

Cookies, cakes, pies, any home made or store bought baked goods, jams, jellies, flowers and plants are all welcome additions to the Country Kitchen Booth. Please bring your donations directly to the booth on the days of the festival. If possible, please label your donation with a list of ingredients.

**Newspaper Needed**

Newspaper is needed at the White Elephant for wrapping fragile items. Please bring newspaper to the White Elephant drop off.

**Cranberry Twp. Area Restaurant and Merchant Gift Cards Needed**

Please donate a gift card for the festival basket raffle? Cards can be any denomination for fine dining, casual dining, pizza, ice cream, bakery, donuts, yogurt, clothing, home improvement, or sporting goods. Please bring cards to the Parish Office.

**Lottery Tickets**

A donation of lottery tickets is greatly appreciated for the basket raffle. Please bring any kind of scratch off tickets to the Parish Office.

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**Festival Dinners**

**$11 Adult**

**$5 Children under 12**

**Italian Dinner**

Friday, August 9
4:00-8:00 pm

**Chicken BBQ**

Saturday August 10
4:00-8:00 pm

**Ham or Turkey**

Sunday, August 11
3:00-7:00 pm

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**Iceburgh**

Friday
7:30 pm
Boutique Booth Needs Donations
The Boutique Booth is in need of donations that are hand crafted and other items such as jewelry, candles, purses, pictures, frames, porcelain dolls, holiday items, and small household decorations. Please brings items to the Parish Office marked for the Boutique.

Laser Tag is back this year

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast
Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on August 24, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Nicole Abisinio, producer, actor, and marketing executive for films. Nicole had a life journey of success in Hollywood, working with movie and television stars and even appearing in a movie with Bill Murray. But her life felt empty and worthless until she understood her identity in Christ and how much God loves her. She will tell you how God changed her, the struggles of this new life in the film industry, her journey to Catholicism, and how God showed her to use the media for His glory—which she does today. The cost of the breakfast is $23. To register, call Deb, 412.736.7523 or Pam, 412.461.8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is August 16.

Teens Encounter Christ at Quigley Catholic High School
All 7th and 8th graders are welcome to attend Teens Encounter Christ Youth Conference at Quigley Catholic on Saturday, September 28, from 9:00 am-10:00 pm. Guest speakers include Fr. Mike Ackerman, Sr. Mary Gianna, Genevieve Jackson, and many more! Eucharistic Adoration, Music, Mass, and Confession. $35.00 for admission and $20 for a half-day. Sibling discount available. Meals and t-shirt included. Register by September 9 to be guaranteed a shirt. Register online at QCHS.ORG. Hope to see you there!

GIFT CAMPAIGN AND CHURCH ALIVE/BUILDING CAMPAIGN HAVE ENDED
As of June 30, 2019, our Gift Campaign and Church Alive/Building Campaign fundraising have officially ended. We want to thank all of you for your donations through these campaigns. We have come a long way in upgrading and enhancing our parish facilities because of your generosity. Our building plans are not yet complete, however, and our various parish committees will be continuing their work in determining St. Ferdinand Parish needs as we move forward with the merger process. Please keep in mind that ALL funds raised in these campaigns are for the benefit of St. Ferdinand Parish only. Also keep in mind that these funds cannot be used in any way by the diocese. Please note that additional contributions can still be made as outlined below. Excess Parish Share funds are restricted for use by St. Ferdinand Parish only.

IF YOU STILL HAVE AN OUTSTANDING PLEDGE THROUGH "CHURCH ALIVE" AT THE DIOCESE AND WISH TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON YOUR PLEDGE:
1) Continue to make your pledge payments through the diocese just as you always have, even after June 30
2) If you have not made payments in a while, please contact the parish office and we can tell you how to make those payments. All payments will have to be sent directly from you to the diocese. This can still be done, even after June 30.

IF YOU HAVE FULLFILLED YOUR PLEDGE THROUGH "CHURCH ALIVE" AT THE DIOCESE, BUT STILL WISH TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:
1) Please contact the parish office for information on how to do this. You can continue to make contributions on fulfilled pledges, even after June 30.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER MADE A PLEDGE THROUGH "CHURCH ALIVE" AT THE DIOCESE BUT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO FUTURE ST FERDINAND BUILDING PROJECTS:
1) Please contribute to St. Ferdinand and indicate "Parish Share" on your check or envelope. Excess Parish Share funds will continue to be restricted for use here at St. Ferdinand just as they always have been.

THE SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPE LABELED “GIFT/CHURCH ALIVE CAMPAIGN MONTHLY ENVELOPE” HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH "PARISH SHARE MONTHLY ENVELOPE" AS OF JULY 1.
1) Parish Share funds will continue to be used here as they always have at St. Ferdinand. Excess Parish Share funds are restricted for St. Ferdinand use only.
2) Any donations made to the "Gift Campaign" and “Church Alive/Building Campaign” through the offertory collections here at St. Ferdinand after June 30 will be placed in the Parish Share fund of the parish.
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