

Divine Grace Parish

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026



Deacon Ryan Schmeltzer, OFM Cap, a member of Divine Grace Parish, reflects on the importance of World Day for Consecrated Life. Story on page 5.

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Parishioner and Deacon Appreciates *World Day for Consecrated Life*

Deacon Ryan Schmeltzer, OFM Cap loved going to Mass as a youngster and grew up curious about the priesthood. Then he attended a Parish Mission with his parents at Saint Ferdinand given by Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap.

“Father Scott is responsible for my priestly vocation,” Deacon Ryan said. “I graduated Vincentian Academy in 2015 and entered Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland.”

More than a decade later, Deacon Ryan is preparing to be ordained a Capuchin Franciscan priest on **Saturday, June 6** at Saint Augustine Church in Lawrenceville. He is most appreciative for World Day for Consecrated Life, held on **Monday, February 2**, reminding us to give thanks and pray for religious sisters, brothers, priests and those discerning vocations. The religious from Divine Grace Parish also include **Sr. Patricia Meyers**, formerly on staff, who is a Sister of the Holy Spirit.



*Deacon Ryan with his parents,
Phil and Maryann Schmeltzer*

“For me, it is a day of witness,” Deacon Ryan said. “As a Capuchin, our brown habit is very visible. It’s a reminder that there is something more to life.”

Deacon Ryan currently serves at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish in Cumberland, MD, where the Capuchins staff two churches and maintain the Shrine of Saints Peter and Paul. A typical day begins with 6:30 am meditation six days a week, morning prayer, Mass, then breakfast. During the day he works in the parish office, helps out at their food pantry, does baptism prep, teaches OCIA classes, preaches at funeral Masses, leads wake services, and presides at burial services.

Later there’s evening meditation, evening prayer, dinner, and fellowship with the other five Capuchins living in the friary.

How can single Catholic men be open to God perhaps calling them to discern a priestly vocation? “Prayer is the most important thing,” Deacon Ryan said. “We need to have a relationship with Christ through prayer, Holy Mass, confession, and reading Scripture.”

MASS *Schedule*

Saint Ferdinand Church
2535 Rochester Road
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Monday - Friday	8:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
First Saturday	8:30 am
Saturday (Vigil)	4:00 pm
	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	Noon
	5:00 pm

Holy Redeemer Church
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Monday - Saturday	9:00 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	11:00 am

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Monday - Thursday	8:00 am
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am

