

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 22 & 23, 2018*

## From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, as we make our final preparation for the celebration of Christmas, I encourage you to take a moment to spiritually open your mind, heart and soul in a greater way, to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. The hustle and bustle of these days can eclipse what we are celebrating. Rather than becoming more loving, we can become more frustrated, angry and concerned that our Christmas plans are not working as we desire. As we celebrate God's gift of perfect love, may we imitate His love in forgiveness, works of charity and genuine desire to serve the needs of others.

I would like to make you aware of some major changes that will be coming to St. Gregory the Great Church. As you recall, the "Upon this Rock Campaign" was intended to utilize our parish's 35% share of the donations to renovate our church. On Monday, January 14, the church renovation will begin.

The church building will close from January 14 until Palm Sunday. All Masses and Church services will be held in the Ministry Center at their normal scheduled times. There are **no changes to Mass times or schedule** during this renovation. It is more efficient and quicker to complete the work if the contractors have full access to the building. I apologize for any inconvenience now and for any caused during this project.

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## WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

## Christmas Mass Obligations

**Monday, December 24, Daily Mass**  
Monday, December 24, 7:00 & 8:00 am

**To fulfill your Christmas obligation there will be Masses on:**

Monday, December 24, at 4:00pm in the Church,  
4:05pm in the School Gym, and  
4:10pm in the Ministry Center Gym  
6:00pm in the Church  
11:30 pm Prelude Music Program before  
12:00 Midnight Mass in Church

Tuesday, December 25, at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00 am,  
& 12:30 pm

**\* There is no 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas day \***

**There will be one daily Mass on Wednesday, December 26, at 8:00am. All Parish Offices will be closed from Monday at noon, December 24, through Wednesday, December 26. The Parish Office will reopen at 8:30am on Thursday, December 27.**

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) MASS SCHEDULE, DAILY MASS**

Monday, December 31, 7:00 & 8:00 am & 12:00 noon  
**New Year's Vigil Masses**

Monday, December 31, 4:00 & 5:30 pm  
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, at 8:00 & 10:00am

**The Catholic Store and Café will be open through Sunday 12/23/2018.**

**Both will be closed from Monday 12/24/18 through 1/1/2019 – reopening on Wednesday 1/2/2019.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Obedience to God’s will**

- Reading I** Micah 5:1-4a (restoration through the Messiah)
- Reading II** Hebrews 10:5-10 (the second covenant)
- Gospel** Luke 1:39-45 (the visit to Elizabeth)
- Key Passage** Elizabeth said, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” (Luke 1:45)

*Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God’s plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?*

*Child: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. Dec. 17:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
- Tues. Dec. 18:** Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
- Wed. Dec. 19:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
- Thurs. Dec. 20:** Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
- Fri. Dec. 21:** Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
- Sat. Dec. 22:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
- Sun. Dec. 23:** Micah 5:1-4a (12C); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

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**VOCATION VIEW**

Today we hear that Jesus’ coming into our world and all of the love He poured out for us, through much sacrifice, was done in obedience to the Father’s will. Remember that it may be God’s will that you be a priest, or a religious sister or brother. If so, will you follow Jesus’ example of faithfulness? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website – [www.buffalovocations.org!](http://www.buffalovocations.org!)

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Donations are used by the Art and Environment Committee to purchase flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. Memorials will be acknowledged in the Bulletin. Please return to the Parish Office.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Some may question why we are doing this work when our Sunday collections have declined as reported in last weekend’s Bulletin? The answer is simple: the payment for this work is from the “Upon this Rock” campaign. As people have honored their pledge payments, we have received our disbursements, and the funds raised from “Upon this Rock” **must** be spent as proposed during the campaign. Thank you to all who contributed and to all who are continuing to honor their pledge.

Finally, some may question, why are we doing this now with all of the unrest in the Church over the recent scandal in the Diocese? Simply, while the Diocese is addressing the matters of the scandal, the work of the Church must continue. We are doing needed capital repairs. With much of this work, the longer we wait to begin will result in the condition of our church being even more weakened. It has been 20 years since anything really has been done to our church’s general condition. Weekly I get complaints about broken kneelers and pews. Twenty years for a coat of paint in a building used as much as our church is a pretty good lifespan.

I am confident that when this project is completed you will see and be very proud of the final result. Just as you take pride in a renovation project in your home (a new kitchen or bath or a remodeled basement or addition to the house), we hope you will take pride in the renovation project of our home; our church home.

On behalf of Fathers Tom, Paul and Thomas and on behalf of Deacons Michael and Paul and Sister Shawn and our entire Staff at St. Greg’s, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please know of our daily prayers for you and our entire parish family. May God bless, you always!

**Living Nativity**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Join St. Gregory’s on Wednesday, December 26, from 7:00 - 9:00pm, and Thursday, December 27, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, to continue the celebration of Christ’s birth with a walk-through Living Nativity. This will feature live animals, a children’s choir of angels, and much more. Guests will meet in the Parish Gathering Room, where they will walk through various scenes depicting the journey to Bethlehem. All are welcome to join us for this special event which focuses on the holiness of the season.



## **Matthew 25:37:**

*Then the righteous will answer Him and say LORD, when did we see you hungry and feed you ...*

**When you collected and made up baskets of food for St. Vincent DePaul's Thanksgiving.**  
When you joined us in prayer for persons needing help.

*Or, thirsty and give you drink . . .*

When you shared your food abundantly with the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Collection.

*When did we see you a stranger and welcome you . . .*

**When you made welcome cards for new babies and welcome cards for the New Parishioners Orientation.**

When you shared over 1500 gifts this Christmas with persons whose faces you will never see from Holy Cross, Strengthening Families Program, Bissonette House, St. John Kanty, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Response to Love Center and area group homes.

**When you made hundreds of Rosaries and donated them to other children and parishes so that they, too, can pray for an increase in priesthood vocations.**  
When you made Rosaries for Our Lady of Black Rock School.

**When you helped us provide school supplies to Response to Love Center and Our Lady of Black Rock School.**

When you shared personal care items with the Franciscan Center, SS. Columba & Brigid and TRY House.

*...and naked and clothe you . . .*

When you made 44 blankets for Harvest House and the Child Advocacy Center!  
**When you contributed hundreds of toiletry items for the Franciscan Center, Response to Love Center, School 33 and needy persons in parishes in the city.**

When you gave hundreds of pairs of mittens, socks and hats for needy children in the city at the Seneca Babcock Center and Our Lady of Black Rock School.

**When you generously gave gift cards to share with all of those in need.**

When you shared clothing and hundreds of presents with children at Public School 33, Seneca Babcock Community Center, SS Columba & Brigid, Jericho Road Family Ministries, TRY House and here at St. Gregory's.

**When you made over 100 tie-dyed tee shirts for the children of Our Lady of Black Rock Vacation Bible School.**



**All Roads Leads to Bethlehem: Scenes from the Christmas Pageant held on December 15 in the School Gym.**



When you gave First Communion and Sunday best clothing for children at Our Lady of Black Rock Parish.

*When did we see you ill and visit you or, in prison and visit you . . .*

**When you shared toys and gifts with children at the WNY Children's Psychiatric Center.**

When you sent so many cards and Christmas gifts to retired priests and religious.

**When you made and sent hundreds of cards with get-well wishes to the sick and elderly parishioners in nursing homes and retired priests and nuns.**

When you gave hundreds of gifts for children of families affected by violence and incarceration at Bissonette House, H.O.P.E., Peaceprints and Cephus.

**When you made placemats for our elderly in area nursing homes.**

When you drove all over WNY to deliver the collections of food, gifts and clothing to those who needed it.

**When you collected packages of snack crackers for Sr. Karen's Peaceprints Prison Ministry.**

*And the King will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me."*



**May the Blessings of Christmas be yours!**  
Our heartfelt thank you to all of you who helped them!

-from all of us at Family Faith Formation

## St. Gregory the Great School News

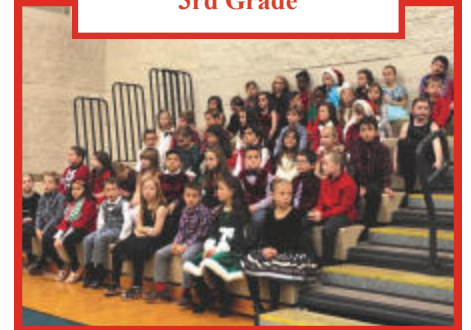


The Saint Greg's Cougars were undefeated again in their division of the Neumann Catholic Swim League after a strong showing in all age groups. The season culminated with the championship meet on November 10, at the SUNY Buffalo pool with swimmers from over twenty schools racing.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students had an Advent Retreat with Fr. Paul. The students spent the morning reflecting on the true meaning of the Season and meditating on how they prepare themselves during this time.



Christmas Concert EK-3rd Grade



## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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~ 688-3578

**Middle School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

### **Ignite– January 15, 22, 29**

Our brand-new 5th and 6th Grade group meets from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

### **EDGE– January 17, 24, 31**

Our amazing 7th and 8th Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

### **Ultimate- January 25**

Ultimate is open every one in 5-8 Grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle schoolers take over the ministry center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

### **Life Teen– January 27**

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm Mass**, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

### **SWAT Team– January 9, 16, 23, 30**

Are you looking to delve deeper into your Faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

### **Empowered In Christ–January 2**

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. We meet once a month at 7:00 pm. This group offers opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

### **High School Havoc January 11-12**

Attention all high-schoolers! We will be taking over the Ministry Center all night for a night of awesome games, tons of food, movies and more! Come and bring a friend! Grab a permission slip from the youth office or print one online at [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org)!

### **March For Life January 17-19**

We are going to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life. This trip includes the march as well as tours of the city of Washington DC. Transportation will be by coach bus. Contact Richard if you are interested in participating!

If you have any questions about High School Ministry,

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

### Open Young Adult Lineup

**Oasis Magazine:** Monthly email refresher with good content to keep you going!

**Amped: \*NEW\*** is an ongoing program which builds community and develops faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, **check the website for dates**.

**Mass and Lunch:** #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

### College Lineup

**College Life:** College Life helps fuel college students through the semester. College Life will gather 7:00-8:30pm every other Monday in the Café. Come grab something to eat and seek answers to the biggest questions you'll have being a student on campus. **Check website for dates**.

**Exodus 90: Gentleman!** Our next session of Exodus 90 is starting soon. Running January 21 through Easter, we are gathering a group of men looking for a challenge to grow in faith. For 90 days, men will learn to persevere, suffer and depend on God, above all else. Well-documented science tells us it takes a minimum of 90 days to break addictions and bad habits. The 90 days of Exodus aids men in beginning anew and preparing them for a life of greater virtue. Steeped in asceticism by stripping away the distractions of life and building discipline of faith and body through spiritual and physical exercise, we will journey together through 90 days of growth with the brotherhood. This is a difficult and rewarding challenge. If you are looking to up the ante in your life, consider learning more about this by contacting Adam at 688-5678 ext. 316.

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### **Oplatki Christmas Hosts**

Oplatki Christmas Hosts are at all entrances to the Church. Oplatki is a tradition of sharing bread with your family during Christmas. Please take one to share with your family. Free-will offering accepted.

NEW DATE-  
January 11  
NEW LOCATION-  
School Gym

# MEAT RAFFLE

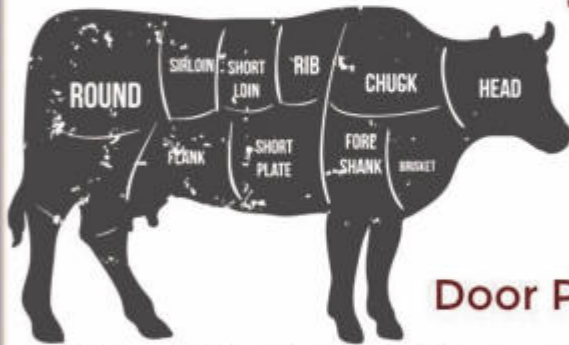
St. Gregory the Great School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

6 PM DOORS OPEN

7 PM FIRST SPIN

ST. GREG'S SCHOOL GYM



**TICKETS** \$8 pp, must be 21.  
Reserve a table.

**Includes:** 2 pizza squares,  
unlimited beer, wine, pop and  
**Door Prize Chance to Win 'Cooler of Meat'.**

No outside alcohol. Bring snacks. Desserts for sale. Split Clubs and Raffles.

## Order Form (Checks payable to: St. Greg's HSA)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Table \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Submit form and payment to School Office: MEAT RAFFLE.

Paid Tickets will be sent home with youngest child.

Questions: MeatRaffleTime@gmail.com



## Respect Life

**Merry Christmas!** “And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born and she gave birth to her child, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:6-7

The Diocese of Buffalo reaches out to expectant mothers via:

**The St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center:** The center follows the example of St. Gianna Molla in respecting, protecting and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God. The center serves life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to single mothers and young families in need, from pregnancy through the first years of life. Donations of diapers, new/gently used baby items, and monetary gifts are always needed and much appreciated. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

**The Mother Teresa Home:** The pastoral mission of the Mother Teresa Home is to promote safety, stability and well-being for people who have experienced or been exposed to pressure related their pregnancy. The Mother Teresa Home will achieve this through programs that provide shelter, community service, and education referral services for all mothers in need.

If you would like to help either effort, call 847-2205 or go to [www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life)

*Dear Lord Jesus...inspire us to see You in every unborn Child*

**March for Life Pilgrimage** in Washington, DC on January 17-18. Registration is open. Breakfast and Mass at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Buses will depart on the morning of Thursday, January 17 from various locations. For Washington Plaza Hotel reservation, call 202-842-1300 or 800-424-1140 by December 17 and mention: Diocese of Buffalo. Bus deadline date: Friday is December 28 (money non-refundable if payment received after December 28). For prices and bus locations, check out our website, under Events, at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life-events> or register at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife>

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## Parish Activity Calendar

**Sunday, December 23**

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/  
Basement)

**Monday, December 24**

**Tuesday, December 25**

**Wednesday, December 26**

7:00 pm Living Nativity (Church/GR 1 & 2)

**Thursday, December 27**

7:00 pm Living Nativity (Church/GR 1 & 2)

**Friday, December 28**

6:00 pm American Heritage Girls Troop Meeting  
(School Caf/Gym/Library)

**Saturday, December 29**

12:00 pm Rosary (Church)

**Sunday, December 30**

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### ADULT MISSION TRIP – JULY 2019

*The smallest little action can explode into a lifetime of love.*

We will be taking a group of adults ages 21 and over to a Mustard Seed community in Moneague, Jamaica from July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested, please plan on attending an informational meeting on Saturday, January 5, at 3:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Can't make the meeting? Look for mission trip participants in the vestibules after all Masses January 5 and 6 or contact Elizabeth Astridge at [stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com).

Looking to give to a worthy cause this Christmas? Please consider donating to our Mission Trip Ministry! Go to [www.stgregs.org](http://www.stgregs.org), click on “donate now” and follow the link to our Mission Trip Donation page. Thank you for your generosity!

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...Advent Wreaths and Candles, Manger Sets, Art-work, Statues.

...Great Stocking Stuffers – Prayer cards, novena books, pocket statues, pocket prayer books, Christmas ornaments.

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**Catholic Store—276-6920**



## Music Ministry



The Children Choir will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Tuesday, December 25.

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

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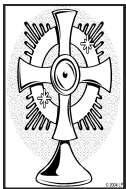
### **Marriage Moment**

It's almost here. Perhaps your tradition is to decorate the tree or open presents on Christmas Eve. Keep the focus on your love for each other, not on if everything will go right. Sometimes the best Christmas stories are about fiascos.

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### **Parenting Perspective**

December 30 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; and often this feast gets lost amidst the hustle of Christmas. Take 5 minutes today to share with your family at least one thing that makes your family holy. Hint: it need not be about saying prayers; it could be examples of selflessness.



### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE."* (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH. . Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away during the upcoming Christmas holidays.** Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

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## **K of C Free Throw Championship**



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held in the **School Gym** on Saturday, January 19, at 12:00 pm – 2:00pm.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. Winners are determined by best of 15 free throws. Participants are required to furnish date of birth (copy or original birth certificate/passport/etc.). Competing based on age on January 1, 2019. Parental/guardian consent forms are available at event.

All participants receive recognition. Winners receive special certificates and patches. Winners are invited to the District Level Championship (February 9), with an opportunity to keep advancing all the way to the State Championship.

Questions or requests for parental consent forms can be directed to Jim at 481-0986.

### **"Do This In Remembrance of Me"**

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). If you have ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

### **GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, January 2, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "Who am I Now." All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

### **OUT OF PARISH**

**ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** to be held at the **Carmelite Monastery, 75 Carmel Road in Buffalo, NY.** As in previous years, Mass will be offered in our Chapel at 11:30 pm, December 31, to give thanks to God for all graces of 2018 and to ask His blessings on the year 2019. Rev. Peter J. Santandreu will be the celebrant.

**Roe v Wade Observance Mass** will take place on Saturday, January 12, at 4:00 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. During the Mass, the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities will present the 25 Annual Pro-Vita Awards which recognize people who have labored tirelessly for the pro-life cause. Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance of the Roe v Wade anniversary by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.



## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, December 22**

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Mario & Santo Campanella  
by Maria Campanella  
Philip Pantano by Pam Pantano
- 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Bucki & Bruch  
Families by Carl & Deborah Bucki

### **Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Linda & Bill Dohn  
9:30 am Charlie Donner by Wife, Teri & Family  
11:00 am Eleanor & Chester Lis by Family  
Judy Rechan by Les Rechan & Family  
12:30 pm DeAnn T. Nicolaio by Parents  
David Hayes by Wife & Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Francis X. Trauffer  
by Bill & Kathy Schrameck  
Josephine & Alfred Caldiero by Children

### **Monday, December 24**

- 7:00 am Jennifer Uhl by Ken & Debbie Kistner  
8:00 am Rev. David Richards (Living) by Friend  
William McLaughlin by DePerio Family

#### **Christmas Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Luke Doctor by Matt & Kelly Doktor  
(Church) & Family  
4:05 pm Dr. Bernard Kalec by Family  
(School)  
4:10 pm Michael J. Wrobel (anniv) by Wife, Margaret  
(MC)  
6:00 pm Robert Faller by Vincent & Lucille LoTempio  
(Church)

#### **Christmas Eve**

- 12:00 Midnight Leon & Sophie Biernat by Son,  
Fr. Leon Biernat  
Frederick Morrison (anniv)  
by Wife, Donna Morrison  
Margaret Tomani  
by Frank & Norma Bellezza  
Paul Niedzialowski (anniv) by Family

### **Tuesday, December 25—Nativity of the Lord**

- 8:00 am Rita K. Bargmann (birth) by Daughter,  
Barbara Bargmann  
Steve Sacca by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Priore
- 9:30 am Richard C. & Richard J. Vivacqua  
by Louise & Family
- 11:00 am Gaetano Amabile by Wife, Linda  
Peter Schmitt by Maureen Schmitt
- 12:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Family  
Joshua Roetzer by Fran & Elisa Arcuri

### **Wednesday, December 26**

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Norbert Drzewiecki & Robert Leonard  
by Wife, Aurea Leonard

### **Thursday, December 27**

- 7:00 am Raphael & Sarah de Rosa  
by Michelle Bertola
- 8:00 am Paul Moran by Betty Moran  
Michael Koscho by Sam & Shirley Carocci
- 12:00 pm Billy Hartigan (anniv) by Hartigan Family  
Anthony Modicamore (birth) by Family

### **Friday, December 28**

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
8:00 am Patrick Moran by Betty Moran  
Donald Henry (anniv) by Family
- 12:00 pm Michael J. Wrobel (birth) by Wife,  
Margaret  
David Wilson by Michael Anastasia

### **Saturday, December 29**

- 8:00 am Marie Krug by Mary Ann & Walt Weber  
Norman Paolini by Ken & Debbie Kistner

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Jose Cacho by Nigam Family  
Michael & Mary Cirelli by Friends  
& Family
- 5:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Joyce Santora  
& Family

### **Sunday, December 30**

- 8:00 am Sophia Sudyn (anniv)  
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
- 9:30 am Gloria Mucha by Jim, Teresa  
& Nolan Majors  
Joan Gugliuzza by Family
- 11:00 am Phyllis DiGiore by Reppucci Family  
Grace Noelle Shick by Melody Tronolone
- 12:30 pm Nicholas M. Iannelli  
by Dr. & Mrs. Paul Lapoint  
Sophia Vastola by Pam & Jack Gray
- 1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Amadeo & Mildred Derme and Diane  
& Patricia Derme by Son & Brother, Ron

#### **HOST & WINE OFFERING**

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*Mass Schedule*

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*Sacraments*

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First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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