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PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26 & 27, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family,

This past Tuesday, I celebrated the 7:00 am daily Mass. I was thrilled to see one of our younger parishioners at Mass with his father. I learned that he wanted to come to Mass that day because it was his 13th birthday. What an awesome way to celebrate your Birthday and an awesome sign of spiritual life in our youth! That called me to take a step back and to reflect on how we grow up and what forces influence us. Obviously for this young man, his faith is a force forming him in life. What is forming you in your life?

On the other spectrum of life I have often wondered what factors came into play to make the "Greatest Generation" so great. For many years now I have celebrated funerals almost weekly for members of the "Greatest Generation." As I have celebrated these funerals I have had the privilege to meet with members of their families and learn about their lives. In the process I believe I have had the grace to learn some basic or simple truths about this generation. This past week I celebrated another "Greatest Generation" funeral for a person who was 98 years old. This funeral called me again to take that step back, and objectively observe what happened in her life and lifetime, and has reinforced my understanding of the "Greatest Generation."

I believe this "Greatest Generation" was ultimately formed by their situation in life. They were shaped first of all by the Great Depression. The majority grew up in poverty and, as I have heard over and over again, they were poor but didn't realize it because everyone was poor. The poverty of the depression influenced this Greatest Generation to appreciate what little they had and to be creative to entertain themselves with "homemade" games and imaginative ways to play. Their poverty shaped them to be great thinkers and gave them a working spirit to assess what needed to be done, along with a drive to simply do it. By and large they did not look for anyone to blame for their situation in life, nor did they look for some outside source to provide the material means they needed to live.

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17th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

This Sunday, January 27, at 12:30 pm Mass, we will be celebrating the 17th anniversary of the opening of the Adoration Chapel. A reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms.

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

A general blessing will take place after all Masses on Sunday, February 3. For those who would like a personal blessing a Priest, Deacon, or Eucharistic Minister will be available after the Masses on Sunday, February 3.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 3, with Mass at 12:30pm and a reception in the Gathering Rooms immediately following. All current and past Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders are welcome to participate.

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.

The Eastern Europe and Poland Collection will be taken up next weekend, February 2 and 3. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

The Catholic Relief (American BPS Overseas Relief) collection will be taken up this weekend. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

The financial and material poverty of the moment formed them to be the great savers, and hard workers and community oriented individuals, as people were literally forced to spend time socializing with one another as it was the only real option other than sitting completely alone with little to do.

Next they were shaped by World War II. This "Greatest Generation" was able to unite with a common purpose and again do what needed to be done. I learned a great deal from my father who served for four and a half years in the Army during World War II. Virtually everyone's personal lives were put on hold in order to either go and serve in the military or to stay home and work and produce what needed to be manufactured for the success of our wartime efforts. I have met many "Rosie the Riveters" along the way as well as war heroes like my dad. These individuals emerged from the War to build new homes, businesses, churches and many civic organizations as they returned to live what appeared to be normal family lives. They were formed by what happened during World War II.

This "Greatest Generation" also was by and large formed by their faith in God. As a generation they had maybe a simple faith, but a real and genuine faith and trust in God. They accepted the teachings of our Church as **the** "Rule of Life" and not as **a** "Rule of Life." Regardless of religious tradition, the Scripture and Gospel values were imbedded in their mind, heart and soul to form the way they thought, acted and basically lived. They were formed by their faith in God and the truths of the Catechism of the Church. We may joke about the old **Baltimore Catechism** days, but in the end this generation was formed by it and they truly knew their theology and could answer virtually any question of faith. They were formed by these truths.

What has formed you? I often take a step back and reflect on this question, both personally as to what has formed me, and generationally what has formed and what does form a generation. As a pastor I sit in a unique position to see many generations and to observe what is important to them, what they truly value and how they make decisions. Almost weekly I have had insight into real lived experiences of the "Greatest Generation" and I also weekly have insight into my own generation and the ones that follow me. Today, as much as we are still formed by different experiences and "truths," we are not being formed as a generation in the same way as was the "Greatest Generation."

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

The basic elements of poverty (or simplicity of life), seeing what needs to be done for the common good and doing it, along with faith as a foundation, seem to be replaced by a desire for personal wealth and extravagance, a focus on self (the I-phone and selfies are well named), and differing philosophical ways of life apart from the unity of the Scripture and faith in God has led to a different way of life.

I will not share my assessment with you today, but simply ask you one question to reflect upon this week. What has formed you? Has your faith formed you as a universal truth to be lived, or do you desire to form your Church and your faith in God, which by other "truths?"

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jan 28; Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30

Tues. Jan. 29: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35

Wed. Jan. 30 : Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20

Thurs. Jan. 31: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25

Fri. Feb. 1: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

Sat. Feb. 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Sun. Feb. 3: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 (72C); 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Accepting responsibility

Reading I Nehemiah: 8:2-4a 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the law)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (analogy of the body)

Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (beginning of Jesus' peaching)

Key Passage Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."
(Luke 4:17b-18a)

Adult: *What do you believe that the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do?*

Child: *What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?*

Eucharistic Minister Training

Share your love of the Eucharist. Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session on Saturday, February 9, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary. To register, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events and Registration Information:

January Outreach: We will be collecting cleaned and gently used (or new) children's winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens. No adult clothing, please. All donations can be brought to the Family Faith Formation Office until Thursday, January 31. Please make a special effort to help little ones keep warm this winter season, and thank you for your continued support!

Friday, February 1 (for Grades 5-8)
7:00 pm First Friday Club (School Cafeteria & Gym)

Sunday, February 3
10:30 am Generations of Faith (GOF) Session A
12:30 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session B
(School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)

Wednesday, February 6
7:00 pm First Communion Parent Workshop
(School Cafeteria)

Thursday, February 7
6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C
(School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)

Saturday, February 9
FFF Board Meeting Cancelled

Saturday, February 9
9:15 am First Communion Parent Workshop (School Cafeteria)

Sunday, February 10
9:30 am First Communion Mass of Enrollment (MC)

Winter Break February 16-- 24
NO FFF Classes. FFF Office Closed.



Can you say, "Awwwww"?! These are the loaves and fishes basket craft that the Little Cherubs made on Saturday for their lesson, "Jesus Feeds 5,000". Little Cherubs (our pre-schoolers) were so cute! When classes were over, on the way out the door, they told their parents about the loaves and the fishes story- it was too cute!!

Coffee Breaks with God

Does this look familiar?!



Join us on
Saturday, February 2
from 9:15 am - 10:15 am
in the School Art Room
Our speaker, Lori Chilcott
will present, **"Family Time on the Run"**

Come for coffee, donuts and fellowship!

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) by 12noon on Wednesday, January 30.

Catechist Corner

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can register for the following workshops that are free but require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- February 13, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Ascension, Batavia
- April 25, 6:30 -8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the Catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- February 7, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.*

- March 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo
Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

Growing Pains: *This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.*

- March 30, 9:30-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean,
- April 30, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

St. Gregory the Great School

We are incredibly thankful and grateful that many of you have chosen a St. Gregory the Great education for your child. We offer children of all learning styles, the opportunity to grow, develop and prepare for high school and beyond using faith, service and a strong curriculum, with support services in place for those in need of extra resources or enrichment. Our school community provides a safe, family atmosphere where students attend Mass on a weekly basis, have daily Religion classes and frequent opportunities to join in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students participate in service opportunities through visits to nearby nursing homes, by holding charity events, and other religious service projects throughout the year. We encourage family involvement through our Home School Association (HSA), open-door policy and volunteer opportunities.

STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) continues to be the foundation of our educational philosophy. We offer a variety of enrichment programs, clubs and athletics for students to enhance their creativity and leadership skills. We have full-time counselors working with our Middle-School and Junior-High students as they navigate the changes and challenges of the early teenage years. LE3 is our partner in after school programming and they offer a variety of additional program options when school is not in session.

Registration for current and new families is now open! If you register a child in Kindergarten before **April 15, 2019**, you will receive a **\$500 tuition discount**. Registration is a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the programs are at capacity, registrants will be placed on a waitlist. Please Note: You are not confirmed for your spot until your paperwork, deposit and supporting documents are on file with the School Office. Direct all questions to registration@gmail.com or Maria Sodaro at 716-688-5323 Ext. 354. To learn, visit our Open House on January 27th from 10:30 to 12:30 pm.

Open House
Sunday, January
27, 2019
10:30 AM to
12:30 PM

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Parishioner rate tuition available if you are an active parishioner in another local Catholic Church, without a school.

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Sacramental Information

First Communion Parent Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, February 9, at 9:15 am in the School Gym and Cafeteria. Parents please attend ONE of these sessions for important information regarding First Communion.

First Communion Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, February 10, at the 9:30 am Mass in the Ministry Center.

Ladies of Charity

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, January 28, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be Our Lady of Hope Home School on Walden Avenue. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, February 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.



Music Ministry



Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, January 29th in GR2
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 17th

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, January 29th in GR2

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.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janecek: njanecek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite- January 29

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

EDGE- January 31

Our amazing 7 and 8 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!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

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 30

Are you looking to dive 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- February 6

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. Meeting **Wednesday at 7:00pm** once a month, this group offers opportunities for young women to share and learn about their Faith together. All High-School girls welcome!

High School Hangout- February 15

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, High-Schoolers get to take over the ministry center for a night of food and fun! Come and bring a friend!

If you have any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

Summer Experience for Youth

Camp Covecrest- July 21-28

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Camp Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high-ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Ministry Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

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**.

St. Greg's Café

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

Forgot Your Lunch ?

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our "family" of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.



The Catholic Store is having a 20% OFF SALE on Christmas and Advent items now through January 31, 2019.

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "When Our Faith is Challenged" 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.



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HEART-TO-HEART FOOD DRIVE

The Heart-to-Heart Food Drive, in memory of Father David Kirsch, will be held the weekend of **February 9 and 10**. Fr. Dave was always very aware of the plight of the needy in winter and the burden on Food Pantries in trying to feed the hungry. We hope to collect non-perishable food that our St. Vincent de Paul can distribute. **Here are suggestions for donations:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Cereal, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Cake mix, Mac and cheese and Paper Products.

Help Needed: Students (Grades 7- 9) can volunteer for the positions listed below. Please contact Mrs. Gilbert in the Family Faith Formation Office at pgilbert@stgregs.org if you can volunteer. **In your email, please specify the volunteer position you can fill and the time slots you prefer to work.**

Teachers' Aide: We need Aides to help for Grades 1-4 on Mondays or on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5:45 pm. You can volunteer for one or both days.

Classroom Aide for Generations of Faith: Assist in the classroom and help with setup and cleanup once a month; choose from the following dates/times:

- Sundays: February 3, March 3 and April 7. Times needed are: Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – 12:15pm, or Sunday afternoons from 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm.
- Thursdays on February 7, March 7 and April 4 from 5:30 - 8:15 pm.

“Coffee Break with God” Babysitter: on Saturday, February 2 and/or March 2, 8:45-10:45 am in the School Art Room.

SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" FROM FR. FRANCIS

The Bible without the Holy Spirit is a sundial by moon light. [Dwight L. Moody, 1837-1899]

Dear Friends,

Father Leon has asked me to assemble a small group of people to provide leadership for our Parish efforts in Evangelization, and I am happy to accept this assignment. In the Church's understanding, Evangelization has two thrusts: to go **out**, bringing the message of Christ to others, and to go **deep**, enriching and strengthening the Faith life of those who are already “in the pews”.

This Evangelization Committee would meet six to eight times a year, and consider ways and means that have proved fruitful in other Parishes, in some of which I have served.

If you have an interest in this Ministry, please email me at tfm210@hotmail.com, with “Committee” in the title line, or phone me at 688-5678 ext. 305. Here are a few lines from the Gospel to ponder as you consider this possibility:

“To whom much has been given, much will be expected”.

“Give, and it shall be given unto you”.

“Do not hide your light under a bushel basket”.

Cordially,

Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

EVENING PRAYER

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30pm in MC3. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

Catholic Charities 2019

Create a ripple effect. Each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts – meaning your gift goes three to four times as far. Every dollar counts because more funding means more services for those who are in need. Your donation can **help your neighbor find hope**. Check out new gift designation options when making a secure donation online at www.cwny.org/donation or by calling Catholic Charities

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.



Respect Life

Many thanks to the over 600 parishioners who took the time to sign the petition opposing Governor Cuomo's "Reproductive Health Act" and to all who sent e-mails and made phone calls. The Pro-Life cause in New York State faces hostile opposition from both Governor Cuomo and the state legislature. Please continue to voice your strong disapproval of any legislation that cheapens human life, be it for the unborn, the poor, refugees, the elderly, sick, and disabled. We need to stand up and be a Voice for the Voiceless!

Project Rachel: If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, there is help. Project Rachel is a network that includes priests, mental health professionals and others who provide one-on-one assistance to those in need of healing. A local Project Rachel program is offered through the Diocese of Buffalo.

From the Diocesan website: "This [Project Rachel] experience, like the Sacrament it includes, is sensitive, private and confidential... The Project Rachel journey to wholeness helps you cope with the past through the eyes of faith, opens you to receive forgiveness and the healing grace of God, and allows you to be at peace with yourself, your unborn child, your family, your Church and God.

There is hope after an abortion. It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the empty spaces. We care. Let us help you." You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling our hotline at **716-847-2211**.

"God is always waiting for us, He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope — always!" —Pope Francis

"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). Please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

Senior Citizens

The January & February Meetings have been cancelled due to Church construction.

Tuesday, February 26; Seneca Niagara Casino, Customer Appreciation Event, \$26 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

SAVE THE DATE

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm
Details to follow.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, January 27

12:30 pm Adoration Anniversary Reception GR 1 & 2)
5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/
Basement)

Monday, January 28

12:30 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC Café)
5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Café)
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, January 29

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag
(MC Basement/Café)
6:45 pm Cub Scout Meeting (School Caf/Gym)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (Room 701, Library)

Wednesday, January 30

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)
7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, January 31

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge/Zag (MC Basement/Café)

Friday, February 1

7:00pm First Friday Club (School Gym/Caf/Kitchen)

Saturday, February 2

9:15 am Coffee Break with God (School Art Room)
10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1 & 2)
12:00 pm Rosary (MC 2)
5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, February 3

11:00 am Mass/Reception for Scout Sunday (GR 1 & 2)
5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen
(MC Café/Gym/Basement)

Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers

The Catholic Medical Association of Buffalo will be having its Annual White Mass for Healthcare workers on Saturday, February 9, at the 4:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Dinner will follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Cynthia Hunt,, a psychiatrist who will discuss the Catholic Medical Professional's Role in Exorcism and Deliverance and how it relates to mental health issues. For tickets and Pricing information go to www.cmabuffalo.org.

Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The next weekend is **February 15-17**. For details or to register, call 716-474-9371 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential; pre-registration is required.

THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th at 7PM
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THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus is hosting THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 8th at Madonna Council Hall in North Tonawanda. Ten dollars at the door or \$7 pre-sale includes admission, beer and pop (must be 21 to attend). Side raffles, 50-50 and \$1 Pizza slices available. Bring your own snacks, a cooler for your winnings and dollar bills for the drawings. Doors open at 6:00pm. Madonna Council Hall is located at 755 Erie Avenue (near Division) in North Tonawanda. For further information or pre-sale tickets email: kofcmeataffle@gmail.com or call Tom at 716-570-0964.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 26

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Chester Stuben by Sharon, Carol & Kathy
5:30 pm Jennie & Harold Brand, Sr.
by Brand & Hice Families
Herbert Hice by Wife, Mickey Hice

Sunday, January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Thomas H. Crowley by Ruth Ann Crowley
John K. Moldoch
by Bernadine & Michael Moldoch
9:30 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
Nancy Forman by Christi & Brian Carroll
11:00 am Geranda Basile
by Bruno & Josephine DeChristefero
Santina Budik by Tina & David Reynolds
12:30 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Staskiewicz
& Donius Families
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Lois Shanahan by Rose Hartmann

Monday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas

- 7:00 am Jeanne Ross by Mark & Catherine Higgins
8:00 am Salvatore Chiarello (anniv) by Mary Ann &
Sam Piazza & John Chiarello
Ruth F. Mahoney by Family Faith
Formation Staff
12:00 pm Jim Bachraty by Dolores Connors
Constance Reppucci (anniv)
by Elizabeth Ryan

Tuesday, January 29

- 7:00 am Lt. Col. Dennis M. Bermingham
by Dean & Nancy Woodrich & Family
8:00 am Charles J. Price, Jr. by St. Gregory's
Men's Golf League
Carl Pasciak by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Casey
12:00 pm Michael Mendy (birth) by Kirst Family
Michael Brown by Marie La Corte

Wednesday, January 30

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am Mary Deritis by Friends
Charles Esposito by Kate Hahn
12:00 pm Norene Russo by Craig & Pamela
Dr. Irineo Z. Gutierrez (anniv) by Wife,
Florentina Gutierrez & Family

Thursday, January 31 – St. John Bosco

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
8:00 am Violet Cassiol by Kevin & Shar Donovan
(School Mass) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zilliox
by Daughter, Kiki Singer
12:00 pm Mary Herzog by James & Kelly Rehak
Dennis Bermingham
by Nancy Allaire Donohue

Friday, February 1

- 7:00 am Katie Gosch by Bob & Mary Brown
John Antonucci by St. Vincent de Paul
Society
8:00 am Marilyn Cosentino by Jager Family
12:00 pm Michael Mendy (anniv) by Kirst Family
Josephine Thiel by Helen Bowen

Saturday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

- 8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
John Kane by Barbara Pelosi

Vigil Masses

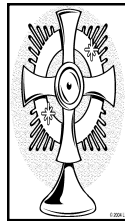
- 4:00 pm Mathew Wyzykowski
by Maciag & Bowers Families
Charles S. Modica
by Eugene & Pia O'Connor
5:30 pm William Frawley
by Paula & Russ La Duca

Sunday, February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad & Becky
9:30 am Mark V. Conley, Jr.
by Nancy & Christine Conley
Mary Rose Vecchio
by Gary & Annette Kajtoch
11:00 am Chester Stuben by Marianne Parry
Margaret Gruenthaner by Julicher Family
12:30 pm Joan Marinaccio
by Michael & Betty Marinaccio
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Rosalie A. Pfeiffer by Irv & Joy Patterson

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SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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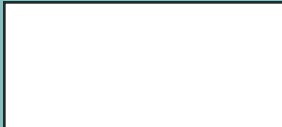
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