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PARISH COMMUNITY

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23 & 24 , 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, I would like to begin by congratulating Edie Gregg, one of our high-school seniors, who was honored last weekend by Bishop Malone at St. Joseph's Cathedral with the Altar Server of the Year Award. A luncheon reception was held at the Buffalo Convention Center following the Mass. Although Edie is active at St. Greg's in many ways, I am especially grateful for her service at the altar over all of these years. It is rare that a teenager continues to serve at the Altar through their senior year of high-school. Thank you Edie for all you have done, congratulations on your well-deserved honor. God bless you as you complete high-school and move on to college! We are proud of you!!

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone who has generously memorialized the liturgical items for our Sanctuary. I will publish a complete list of donors as we come closer to moving back into our Church. At this point the Paschal Candle holder, the censor and stand, sanctuary bells and the Processional Cross and stand has been reserved. The six processional candle sticks remain available to memorialize at \$ 3000.00 each. Please call Jo Pinerino at the Parish office if you are interested in this rare opportunity.

Now that the week long winter break from school is over, perhaps it is a good opportunity to start planning for Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 6. This year, given the needed budget cuts, we will not be providing the daily reflection and prayer books for Lent. I am sorry that we cannot afford to provide this beautiful resource this year. Having said that, your Lenten experience may require a little more planning.

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.

Our Catholic Store has many great resources for your Lenten Season. I encourage you to check out the many spiritual books that are available. In addition to these resources, you may wish to participate in our Friday Lenten Lecture Series (the brown bag lunch lecture series) that Fr. Paul will be leading. We will also have Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7:00 pm followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Peace in the Ministry Center. Our Parish Retreat will be Monday, March 25, Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27. As we have done in other years, the retreat presentation will be given two times daily: once following the noon Mass and a second time at 7:00 pm. Deacon Greg Feary will be our retreat director this year. Confession is always an important part of Lent. I urge you to not wait to the last minute to celebrate the Sacrament. We will have additional confession time each Wednesday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. The Parish Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center, with a number of visiting priests here to assist us. These are just some of the opportunities we have planned to help you during Lent. I urge you to plan your Lent now!

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Second-Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry Collection Drive

St. Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting **Second Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry** at all Masses on Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24, in the Ministry Center. All donations are for the St. Vincent De Paul not-for-profit store.

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.

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

Finally, I wish to keep you up to date on our Parish finances. As you will recall, I have written about the downturn in the Sunday collection and the number of individuals who have cancelled their commitment to the Upon this Rock Campaign. All of our Parish Councils (Finance Council, Executive Council and School Board) are working diligently to address our ability to offer our Parish and School Ministries despite twenty percent less received in financial support. Changes in our ministry offerings will be inevitable. After reviewing our actual income and expenses from September 1, 2018 through January, 2019, I am sorry to report we are projecting a half million dollar deficit for the current fiscal year.

We are living in a difficult period of Church history. We need to remember that the Church has been through many difficult periods. The Church has always emerged stronger and more faithful. I have every confidence that the same will be true with this current crisis. I thank you for all of your support, not only the support of St. Greg's with your time, talent and treasure, but your continued support and loving encouragement you give to us, your priests, serving you here at St. Greg's. I humbly ask you to continue to focus on the central truths of our Church, meaning our Sacramental life and truth of Jesus Christ's teachings. These central truths remain unchanged and this is where we place our faith in the Church. Please know of my prayers for you as I understand, and share along with you, the disappointments and challenges of this crisis.

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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In another's shoes

- Reading I** I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 (Saul's life spared; Saul admits his guilt)
- Reading II** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (the natural and the spiritual body)
- Gospel** Luke 6:27-38 (love of one's enemy)
- Key Passage** Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28)

Adult: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?
Child: When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Feb. 25:** Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
- Tues. Feb. 26:** Sirach: 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
- Wed. Feb. 27:** Sirach: 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
- Thurs. Feb. 28:** Sirach: 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
- Fri. Mar. 1:** Sirach: 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
- Sat. Mar. 2:** Sirach: 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16
- Sun. Mar. 3:** Sirach 27:4-7(84C); 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

VOCATION VIEW

We are reminded today that when we are wronged we are to seek reconciliation rather than revenge. Jesus set the tone for such reconciliation by giving His life so that we may be forgiven for our sins. How is God calling you to be an instrument of His mercy? 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!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In January, we Baptized 2 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Jack Joseph Nicosia** and **Carter Thomas Paterno**. Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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 :

Fish Fry Fridays: Pre-Sale Tickets are \$11per person (\$12 at the door) and are available for sale in the Family Faith Formation Office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session. Tickets are good for any of the following Friday dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12. **FFF is sponsoring the March 22 Fish Fry, so please be sure to come and support us!!** Dine-in or Take-out!

Bakers and Adult Helpers Needed: FFF is sponsoring the Fish Fry on March 22 and we need adult volunteers and bakers to bring (precut/individually wrapped) desserts. If you can help, please email pgilbert@stgregs.org or call the office at 688-5760 for more information. Thank you!!

Disciple Camp First Friday Club: Disciple Camp students and their friends (Grades 5-8) are invited to our LAST First Friday Club of the year! Join us on March 1, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the School Gym and Cafeteria.

Sunday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 7

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



Lori Chilcott presented "Families on the Run" at the February Coffee Break with God. Join us on Saturday, March 2, at 9:15 am in the School Art Room for "Refilling Your Spiritual Cup" by special speaker Dawn Iacono.

Sacramental Information

The Sacrament of First Penance will be held on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

Confirmation Interviews will be held on March 30 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and on April 2, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the School Gym.

Confirmation Rehearsal: This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, to be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:45 pm in the Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal** should be attended by the candidate and their sponsor. A parent can stand in for out-of-town sponsors so that they can provide direction for the sponsor prior to Confirmation night.

Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation.

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

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.*

- April 25, 6:30 -8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

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



Lenten Journey

Distribution of Ashes - Wednesday March, 6

Masses (with distribution of Ashes): 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm

Prayer Service (with distribution of Ashes): 4:00 pm

Confession on Ash Wednesday: 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Fish Fry Fridays - Join us for Food & Fellowship

Every Friday night, March 8 – April 12: 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Stations of the Cross with the School children

March 8, 22, 29 & April 5, 12 at 1:20 pm in the Ministry Center

Parish Lenten Retreat

Deacon Greg Feary will lead us in our Lenten retreat for three days
 March 25-27, after 12:00 pm Mass & 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
 "Priest, Prophet, King - Your Baptismal Call"

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena

April 19-20 After 9 am Morning Prayers; April 22: after 8 am Mass; April 23-26 after 7 & 8 am and Noon Mass; April 27 before and after 8 am Mass and after 12 Noon Rosary

Brown Bag Lunch

"Salvation, History, and the Covenants"
 March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
 afternoon the 12:00 pm Mass in Gathering Room 1

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Holy Hour for Peace & Unity within the Nations

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center after the Stations of the Cross

The Light is On - Confession

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday evening, March 12 – April 16: 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center

Family Faith Formation Children's Easter Pageant

Saturday, April 13: 9:15 am in the School Gym

Vicariate Lenten Lecture Series

Monday nights, 7:30 pm, at various church locations. See Bulletin for Details.

Seven Churches Bus Trip

Holy Thursday Evening, buses depart at 8:30 pm from the front of the Church

Holy Thursday - April 18

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
 5:00 pm - Parish Shared Supper, Ministry Center
 7:00 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30 pm - Seven Churches bus trip

Good Friday - April 19

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
 12:00 noon - Seven Last Words of Christ
 3:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 20

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
 12:00 noon - Blessing of Easter Baskets
 7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

St. Gregory the Great
 Ministry Center
 100 St. Gregory Court
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Easter Sunday - April 21

Masses at:
 8:00 am (Church)
 9:30 am (Church)
 11:00 am (Church)
 12:30 pm (Church)

St. Gregory the Great Parish
 200 St. Gregory Court
 Williamsville, NY 14221

Youth Ministry

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

Ignite- February 26

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- February 28

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!

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

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- February 24

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- February 27

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!

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



Music Ministry



Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 26, in GR2

The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 17

Adult Choir for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
8:00 pm Tuesday, February 26, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 26, in GR2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, March 5, March 12, & March 19 in GR2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, in GR2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, in GR2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in the Church

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 25, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be GOMOC and Father Barth and the Maryknolls. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, March 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "Gift of Memorialization: Special Dates." 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.

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!

Coffee Breaks with God

Join us on Saturday, March 2 from
9:15 - 10:15 am in the
School Art Room.
Dawn Iacono will present,
"Refilling Your Spiritual Cup"

Mrs. Dawn M. Iacono
Catholic Christian Ministry Speaker · Certified Pastoral Minister
Former Director of Office of Pro-Life Activities Diocese of Buffalo
Former Teacher Sacramental Theology/ Morality at Holy Angels Academy
Former Teacher at Our Lady of Hope, St. Luke's Mission of Mercy
Currently Adult Faith Formation and Outreach Director, St. Leo the Great

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office by 12noon (688-5760) on the Wednesday prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.

COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

DATES: MARCH 8, 15, 22, & 29
AND APRIL 5 & 12

TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

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MINISTRY DATES HOSTING FISH FRY:

MARCH 8TH - MISSION TEAMS
MARCH 15TH - YOUTH MINISTRY
MARCH 22ND - FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
MARCH 29TH - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
APRIL 5TH - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
APRIL 12TH - HSA

1500 Club Cash Raffle-May 18, 2019

Do you have your 1500 Club ticket yet? If not, don't miss your chance to win one of 245 cash prizes totaling \$32,500, including the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$50 and each ticket admits two adults to the party to be held in the Ministry Center. You do not have to attend to win. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket.

To purchase a ticket, complete the form below and send your \$50 check payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: 1500 Club, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Questions? Contact 1500club@stgregs.org.
1500 Club Ticket Request - 5/18/19

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip : _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested @ \$50/each: _____

LOOKING TOWARD LENT

Our parish will co-sponsor the popular Lenten Lecture Series again this year. Mark your calendar for 7:30 p.m. on five Mondays beginning March 11. You'll hear some of the best speakers in the diocese talk on The Eucharist. Each evening we will have a speaker who will explore several different aspects of The Eucharist to enrich our understanding, prayer experience and daily life. Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! All are welcome! Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate.

Senior Citizens

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm, \$20/member & \$25/guest. Choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Marsala or Baked Haddock. Mail check and meal choice to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's by March 4.



Respect Life

Alternatives to Abortion: Speaking recently at a Sisters of Life convent in NYC, Cardinal Timothy Dolan reaffirmed a pledge from the Catholic Church in New York: “We are enthusiastically committed — and have been for half a century — to providing women with a warm, embracing, life-giving alternative” to abortion. “We’re afraid ...that some women are getting the impression that there’s no help out there — that abortion is the only choice that she has.”

“Any pregnant woman can come to the Archdiocese of New York, and we will do all in our power to assist you, so that you never feel that you have no alternative except an abortion. It does not matter what your marital status, religion, or immigration status might be. We do not ask to see marriage licenses, baptismal certificates, or passports. We are here to help, and all of our services are confidential. Any woman facing a difficult pregnancy and tempted to an abortion is assured of a warm welcome, encouragement, and loving support.”

Cardinal Dolan also reissued a plea to people of good will, “Wouldn’t it be a providential time for people on both sides of this issue to come together for life-giving alternatives to abortion. Is it not time to get together and emphasize things that we agree upon? The beauty of adoption? The help that women in vulnerable women with pregnancies need, during and after birth? Wouldn’t it be great if we could get together and provide alternatives to the horror of abortion?” (nationalreview.com)

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, the Buffalo Diocese offers a local Project Rachel program. You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at 716-847-2211.

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.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 24

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

Monday, February 25

12:30 pm Ladies of Charities 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, February 26

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag
(Off Campus)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC 2)

6:45 pm Cub Scout Meeting (School Caf/Gym)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (Room 701, Library)

Wednesday, February 27

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

6:30 pm Hearts Afire Meeting (GR 2)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)

Thursday, February 28

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

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

Friday, March 1

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting (MC Café)

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

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)

Saturday, March 2

9:15 am “Coffee Break with God” (School Art Room)

10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)

12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)

5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, March 3

11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

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

CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT

On Ash Wednesday the Café will serve a variety of pierogis! Come back every Friday during Lent to try our new flavor of the week.



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.

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.

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled Adorers:

**SUNDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm
MONDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm**

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

Tuition Assistance available for Private Grammar Schools

The BISON Children’s Scholarship Fund’s Pre-Application Forms are now available for NEW families for the 2019-20 school year. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children entering Kindergarten-8 Grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2019. You can apply online at www.bisonfund.com For more information call 716.854.0869.

Investing today in tomorrow’s future. Catholic Charities wants to give others the tools to succeed in life, and that’s why we’re continuously making strides with our Workforce and Education Services. As the administrator of the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI) in Niagara Falls, Catholic Charities is working with the City of Niagara Falls and other partners to create a pipeline of social, educational, and training services to bring Niagara Falls residents out of poverty and unemployment and into stable employment. Additionally, Catholic Charities provides outreach, recruiting, career coaching, and wrap-around case management at the Northland Workforce Training Center on Buffalo’s east side, and recently celebrated the grand opening of its new workforce and education headquarters also on the east side. **It’s just one way we are helping our neighbors find hope.** Will you help us in our mission? Donate to the 2019 Appeal. Call 716-218-1400 or visit www.ccwny.org/donation.

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, March 9, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary. To register, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

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.

OUT OF PARISH

Catholic Women’s Conference 2019-“Nourished by Christ” at St. Mary’s High School in Lancaster (across from Our Lady of Pompeii Church) Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 am Registration / 8:00am Mass. The speakers will be Sonja Corbitt, Catholic speaker/writer/podcaster at www.biblestudyevangelista.com, and Rev. David Richards, pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii. Tickets are \$20.00 which includes continental breakfast. In addition to the speakers, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession. **For information call 716-222-0622 or go to www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org.**

Chesterton Academy of Buffalo Presents: "A Taste of Chesterton" The Reds, Whites & Brews Auction and Gala is a casual fundraising event that includes local Buffalo cuisine, beer & wine tastings, raffles, silent and live auctions, and a lot of fun! Ticket prices are \$45 pre-sale up to March 16; \$50 after. Saturday, March 23rd, 6-9:30pm, Chesterton Academy of Buffalo, 1339 Indian Church Road, West Seneca. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to: <https://buffalochestertonacademy.org/taste19/>.

New York Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians. Saturday, June 8th. The bus will be leaving St. Amelia Church parking lot at 11:30am for a 4:15pm ballgame. We will return immediately following the game (approx. 11:00pm) Cost of the trip is \$110 per person and includes: transportation, gratuity & tickets to the game in our own private suite, unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages from before the game until 1 hour after the first pitch. Drinks, snack and dessert remain until the 7th inning. If you prefer you can also sit outside in the sunshine. For reservations or more information please contact Joe Kroczyński @ 876-2616 or jkroczyński@stameliaschool.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 23 Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Frances Sperrazza (anniv) by Daughter
Henry W. Domagala
by Tichenor & Damagala Families
- 5:30 pm Ruth Mahoney by Pat & Sharon Mahoney

Sunday, February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Phillip Tricoli (anniv)
by Mrs. Theresa Tricoli & Children
Patricia Vigneron by Mary Jane Cercone
- 9:30 am Nico Christopher Van Remmen
by Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Anibaldi
Daniel T. Kirst by James & Sharon Kulach
- 11:00 am Teresa Pilarski by Richard & Mary Stanton
Rita McGorry by Irma Narduzzo & Family
- 12:30 pm Joan Marinaccio
by Mitch & Michele Staskiewicz
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Frank Spina by Dsouza Family

Monday, February 25

- 7:00 am Leona Costanzo (anniv) by Family
- 8:00 am David Hector by Nick & Rose Marie George
Jerry Mosey by Laurie Barney
- 12:00 pm Donald Campbell Janet Schuler
Stanley Rogala by Kim & Joe Couche

Tuesday, February 26

- 7:00 am Dr. Kenneth Schwert by Francis Lesswing
- 8:00 am Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki
Maria Szabo by Linda Wilson
- 12:00 pm Dolores Kuhn (birth) by Jack Kuhn
Deceased Members of Hertel Family
by Jeanne Hertel

Wednesday, February 27

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Celina Bojarczuk by Bill & Anna Foy
- 8:00 am Olga Wopperer by Family Medical
Pharmacy
- 12:00 pm Marjorie Kramer by Family
Patricia Vigneron
by Joe & Marguerite Stonesifer

Thursday, February 28

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Amanda Wood by Mom, Dad, Thomas
(School Mass) & Ashley
- 12:00 pm Joan Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney
Alexander J. Bene, Jr. by Bene Family
Josephine & Matthew Luizzi
by Ted & Roe Dzialak

Friday, March 1

- 7:00 am Anthony Maritato (birth) by Family
- 8:00 am Barbara & Eddie Pou
by Shirley & Arthur Chen
Florence Sodus
by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cushing
- 12:00 pm Rayola Kenney by Marie Brewer
Mary Ann Vandyke]

Saturday, March 2

- 8:00 am Kay Campagna by Joyce Knoll
Sister Nancy Anne Harer & Petrosino
Family by Patricia & Mary Jane Petrosino

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Matilda Prazmark by Daughter
John & Florence Oleszek
by Donna Oleszek
- 5:30 pm Rita McGorry
by Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Parisi

Sunday, March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad & Becky
- 9:30 am Olga Wopperer
by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
- 11:00 am Patricia & Frank Palczak
by Alfasso Family
Ruth & Tom Mahoney
by Pat & Sharon Mahoney
- 12:30 pm Arthur Pesch by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
Ralph Paglia by Lou & Janice Silverman
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Joseph Simiele by Marietta & Greg Zyga

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Mass Schedule

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.

Our Mission

St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

- *Spiritual focus*
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