

# St. Gregory the Great Parish

July 27 & 28, 2019

17<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

This weekend marks the end of an era. I ask you to join me in saying **Thank You** to Daniel Victor, our beloved music director. This weekend marks Daniel's last weekend with us at St. Greg's. For the last eighteen years we have been blessed by Daniel's knowledge, zeal and love for sacred music. Although I was not at St. Greg's eighteen years ago and do not know the music ministry that Daniel inherited at that time, I do know that he leaves us in far better position than he found us eighteen years ago.

As I formed the committee to search for our next Director of Music Ministry, each committee member agreed that it would be impossible to find one individual to do everything that Daniel has done for us. Since my arrival at St. Greg's, I literally have seen Daniel at work every day short of his times of vacation. I often teased Daniel that I was searching for the switch to flip or a lever to move, to watch a bed drop out of a wall, because I believe he never went home! I tend to burn the midnight oil myself, and often at ten at night, I'd be in my office and so was Daniel still working.

Daniel not only has served us at our Sunday Masses for these eighteen years, but he has established and grown a dozen and a half ensembles for our music ministry. He has musically ministered for nearly two thousand funerals, nearly three thousand teenager's Confirmations, and a similar number

of First Holy Communions. He has served at hundreds of weddings and countless St. Gregory School Masses, May Crowning's' and other events. Daniel has brought numbers of musical experiences for us to St. Greg's. Most recently, Daniel arranged for the St. Michael's Choir School from Toronto to perform after Easter. We are very thankful for the many, many students from St. Greg's that Daniel personally instructed and trained to become Cantors at Mass. Many of his student cantors have gone on to become our adult cantors here at St. Greg's and beyond. The list of Daniel's accomplishments are many and I hope this small and incomplete snapshot has given you an idea of the scope of the ministry that Daniel has offered for us at St. Greg's.

This Sunday please consider coming to our 12:30 pm Mass which will be a Gregorian Chant Mass. Following the Mass will be a reception in the Gathering Rooms to thank and honor Daniel for his great contributions to St. Gregory the Great.

Daniel, please know that St. Greg's is always your home and we hope and pray you come back often to visit. We wish you well as you begin a new chapter of life. Good luck and God's blessings upon you as you go "back to school" to achieve your CDL license and begin your new adventure as a tractor-trailer driver.

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The Catholic Store will close at **2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, for July and August**. Also, there will not be **Wednesday evening hours** during the months of **July & August for the Store or the Café**. Weekend hours remain the same.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Adoration Chapel entrance by the Grotto will be closed due to construction. You may access the Adoration Chapel by using the doors between the Parish Business Office and the School. The Adoration Chapel will be closing at 9:00 pm until the construction is completed. The chapel will reopen at 8:00 am daily.

**(Pastor's Article Continued)**

Daniel, God bless you, thank you and may our Mother Mary always watch over you and protect you and may St. Gregory the Great intercede for you.

I have been asked many times “who is going to replace Daniel?” I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Nancy Erdman will be our new Director of Music Ministry. Many of you will know Nancy as she has been a regular substitute for Daniel over the years at St. Greg’s. She brings a wealth of knowledge from her forty years of music ministry in our Diocese beginning in her teenage years. Nancy has a great knowledge and love of music and a love for our Church and deep spiritual life. I am so grateful for the work and recommendation of Nancy from our parish search committee. As I mentioned, it was well noted, and seriously noted, that one person could not do everything that Daniel was involved in over these years as well as expand our Music Ministry. It was the recommendation of the search committee to also have a second leader specifically for Contemporary Music Ministry and to expand our ministry to include more opportunities for worship and praise events as well as to expand our weekend liturgical experience. More information will be forthcoming regarding this exciting new chapter of ministry at St. Greg’s. Please join me in welcoming Nancy Erdman to our St. Gregory the Great Parish Family!! We look forward to your arrival this September.

Finally, I wish to make you aware of our two 2019 recipients of the “St. Gregory the Great Cornerstone Award.” This year we are pleased and honored to induct Mrs. Rosemary “Ro” Spano and Mr. Joseph Couche. Although I will have much more to say about both Ro and Joe in the coming months, I will simply state that both have contributed in many exemplary ways to St. Greg’s. Most substantially Ro has chaired and coordinated our parish hospitality at St. Gregory’s for decades. If it was a large reception or parish or diocesan meeting or parish education events and retreats and so on, Ro is right there to coordinate the entire effort.

This is among many other contributions over the last few decades. If you appreciate our new and fresh worship space, and this winter you will enjoy our new heated sidewalks, you need to thank Joe Couche. Joe has served as the chair of our Finance Council and Buildings and Grounds Committee. Most substantially, Joe was “the” point person and “project manager” for our recent parish renovations. He worked day and night and followed up with every contractor and saw to every detail for our parish renovation.

It is one hundred percent true to state that our renovation project would not have happened without his tireless efforts.

We thank you both, Ro and Joe, and we pray God’s blessings upon you. As a parish family, I hope and pray that you will be part of the Parish Dinner Auction this year at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens on Saturday, November 2, as we honor this great-sister and great-brother in Christ from our St. Gregory the Great family. Please reserve the date for this annual event. More information will be coming soon.

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

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Parish Business Office is searching for a Business Manager. This position is responsible for the management of resources to ensure the Parish is fulfilling the church’s mission and purpose. The position plays an integral part in coordinating and managing the church’s finances, human resources, and office management efforts. Additionally, this role is responsible for any added duties as required by and in support of the Pastor. The Business Manager will collaborate with the Pastor and his advisory boards under his supervision, and with other members of the Parish Staff, to assist in strategic planning for the Parish. This role also works closely with the various Diocesan offices, such as Legal Services, Insurance/Employee Benefits, Property Planning and Development, Financial Services and Stewardship and Development. Please send your resume to **Fr. Leon Biernat, Pastor, lbiernat@stgregs.org., or mail to Parish Office at 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.**

**LIVE PERFORMACE AT ST. GREG’S**

*Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz* will be coming **August 16 at 7:00 pm** to St. Greg’s, Ministry Center performed by St. Luke Productions.



“Maximilian perfectly captures the darkness and heroism of this troubling time in history, focusing on the Saint’s transforming love of Mary Immaculate, leading us to her son. Sponsor this compelling live drama, and inspire Christian courage in your community.”

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# St. Gregory the Great School

## CALLING ALUMNI FROM ST. GREG'S SCHOOL

St. Gregory the Great School is searching for alumni to begin coordinating an event for Summer 2020 as the school will be celebrating 60 years! Help us celebrate this momentous occasion and contact [schoolboard@stgregs.org](mailto:schoolboard@stgregs.org) to learn more.

## THERE IS STILL TIME TO BECOME AN "ANGEL"

With tuition rising each year your help is needed more than ever. We are still welcoming donations



to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making

Catholic education a reality. Scholarships will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our parish school. Your entire donation will directly offset a year's tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. No parents of current St. Greg's students serve on the committee. Strict confidentiality of donors and award recipients will be maintained. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic education and positively touch a child in our parish with your generosity. Join us in this wonderful endeavor. Please drop your donation off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Angel Wings".

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920.

***This is the best investment you can make in the life of a child.***



## POSITION AVAILABLE: SCHOOL LUNCH MONITOR

St. Gregory the Great School is looking to hire a cafeteria lunch monitor. Responsibilities include: helping students in cafeteria, working with parent volunteers to clean cafeteria for next lunch period, and leading end of lunch prayer. Hours are M-F 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, summers and holidays off! **Please submit resume and references to [frontoffice@stgregs.org](mailto:frontoffice@stgregs.org), or call 688-5323 to apply or learn more.**



**Congratulations to the candidates that made Mission last week! What a beautiful week.**

**May you continue on your spiritual journey.**

## EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Summer Office Hours are Monday - Thursday  
from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

### Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

For information about our Weekly Programs  
(PreK and Grades K-10) go to

[www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/)  
then select **Program Options**.

Thank you parents for helping with the Disciple  
Camp Car Wash, and thank you to all of the Parish-  
ioners who came to support us! We raised over \$900 to  
help sponsor the Doktor Family Mission. If you would  
like to make a donation to help sponsor the Doktor  
Family Mission, please go to:

[www.familymissionscompany.com/project/mkdoktor/](http://www.familymissionscompany.com/project/mkdoktor/)



## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT

A Ministry of St. Gregory the Great presents: A Day  
of Spiritual Renewal

### *"The Ordinary IS Extraordinary; Our God-Given Gifts"*

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot  
be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it  
under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it  
gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let  
your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in  
heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16*



### Featuring Special Guest Speaker

**Kimberly Cook, M.A.T.S.**

**Writer, Podcaster, and Catholic Apologist  
and**

### Special Musical Guests

**Sydney Perkins with Nancy Erdman**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
(9:45 arrival).

**LOCATION:** St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center,  
220 St. Gregory Ct. Williamsville, NY 14221

**REGISTRATION COST:** \$35\*

\*Includes catered buffet lunch, desserts, morning and after-  
noon refreshments .

Prior registration is required as seating is limited.

You may register one of three ways: mail the slip be-  
low, or place the slip in the basket at Mass, or register  
online [www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy](http://www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy)

**Register NO LATER THAN September 30!!!**

Make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great. Write  
"Women's Enrichment Day" in the memo.

For more information contact Joycelyn (Joy) Bila 834-  
0128 or [jbila@hotmail.com](mailto:jbila@hotmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Women's Enrichment Day of  
Spiritual Renewal on October 5.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_





The Circus-themed Disability Picnic was enjoyed by all at the Ministry Center on July 21!



Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Disability Picnic such a wonderful event! (Pictured on the left: Some of the student volunteers who helped with decorations)



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAFE

We're firing up the grill!!!

Every Wednesday and Friday at Lunch

ON THE MENU

Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.60
Hotdog	\$3.50
Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions	\$3.75
Combo (item above with chips or potato salad)	Add \$1.50

www.stgregs.org/cafe 100 St. Gregory Court 276-6915

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS:

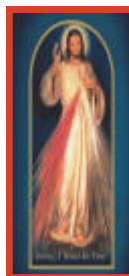
Online Confirmation Registration began on July 1. If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that you receive all Confirmation-related notifications.

Go to

[www.stgregs.org/confirmation/](http://www.stgregs.org/confirmation/)

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Eucharist:

The Presence of Mercy

Pope Paul VI wrote, "The Blessed Sacrament, in the tabernacle, is the living heart of each of our churches." (*Credo of the People of God*,

1968)

The great miracle of Our Lord's love, the Real Presence of Jesus, remains with us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to the end of time. The Church clearly teaches that all the other Sacraments are directed toward the Eucharist and draw their power from it.

The Eucharist is central to devotion to The Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus, with its red and pale rays, represents the Eucharistic Lord Jesus, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth as a fountain of mercy for us. The Holy Eucharist is truly the fountain of all graces, containing celestial gifts and graces, and the Author of all Sacraments, Christ Our Lord.

With the eyes of faith, we should see in every Host the merciful Savior pouring Himself out as a fountain of mercy for us. (DMM 36)

## MINISTRY UPDATES



### LOOKING FOR EUCHARIST AT MASS?

Our Parish is in need of new Eucharistic Ministers to fill in for those who can not make Mass or who travel during the year. You can sign up for one Mass a weekend, a month or as many as your schedule permits. Please contact Tom Ahearn at 512-0567 or Jo Pierino at 688-5678 to learn more.

### GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for our next meeting on August 7 at 6:30 pm in the School Library. The topic is *The Journey of Healing* including a speaker panel. You don't need to be a parishioner. All are welcome!

### SEARCHING FOR MINISTERS TO HELP THE HOMEBOUND

The Ministry of the Sick and Homebound is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to become part of their team. There are many Catholics in our Parish Community who are homebound and in need of Communion once or twice a month. Any Eucharistic Ministers who could spare an hour or two a week or month, please contact Sister Shawn Czyzycki, 688-5678, and learn how you can make a positive impact on our homebound Parishioners today!



### RCIA: MORE THAN CATECHETICS

#### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you know someone who could be interested in our Church, suggest an Email to Jerry at [gpeer@verizon.net](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net) or call the Parish Office at 688-5678.

# SAVE THE DATE

## READY TO TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE?

Dan Lawson, lifelong Catholic and licensed therapist, will be holding a marriage session open to the St. Greg's Parish Community on Wednesday, Sept 11. More information to come in the next couple of weeks. Save the date to learn more about ways to transform your marriage.

## BROWN BAG LUNCH SESSIONS

Fr. Moses will be hosting 5 Brown Bag Lunch sessions after the Noon Mass.

### TOPIC

**PRAYER: A ROADMAP TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

**SESSIONS:** September 4, 11, 18 and 25, October 2.

**TIME:** 12:45 to 1:45

Bring you lunch after Noon Mass and join Fr. Moses and other Parishioners for these talks.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 688-5678.



## 21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION

### "AN EVENING OF STARS"

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, November 2, at 5:30 pm**

**Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

This year's theme is "An Evening in Monte Carlo". Chair couples Steve & Maria Glamuzina and Matt & Nicole Schmidt have begun plans for the grand event. Initial meetings and early planning have begun and committees are being formed for the largest Parish fundraiser of the year.

Proceeds from the Auction will benefit the entire School and Parish family. Be part of making it a great success!

If you would like to help out, donate or get involved, please contact the Auction Office at [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com) or 688-5678 x 337.





**NEA Endorses “Right” to Abortion:** The National Education Association (NEA), the largest labor union in

the US, representing public school teachers and other educators, issued a statement explicitly supporting the “right” to abortion. The statement, passed during the NEA’s recent national conference, declared, “The NEA vigorously opposes all attacks on the right to choose and stands on the fundamental right to abortion under Roe v. Wade.”

Mary Pat Donoghue, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Catholic Education at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), strongly condemned the NEA for recognizing abortion as a ‘fundamental right.’ “It’s an appalling development. Here you have the largest union of educators in the country, basically affirming the destruction of those they claim to serve.”

Donoghue pointed out that, while the NEA Representative Assembly adopted the abortion resolution, it defeated a business item declaring that the NEA “will re-dedicate itself to the pursuit of increased student learning... [ensuring] it will be the lens through which we will assess all NEA programs and initiatives.”

“That tells me that the child is not truly the focus of NEA,” Donoghue stated.

The Assembly also voted to “organize and mobilize” in support of the Equality Act as a “top legislative priority.” The Equality Act establishes anti-discrimination protections for sexual orientation and gender identity in education, housing, employment, jury duty, and credit.

While U.S. bishops supported the goal of ending unjust discrimination against persons, they voiced their opposition to the [Equality Act] because it would “impose sweeping regulations” promoting redefinitions of the human person, using state coercion to threaten freedoms of thought and religion (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com).

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**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 StGiana@buffalodiocese.org.**

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 28

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 1:30 pm Reception for Daniel Victor (*GR 1 and 2*)

### Monday, July 29

- 12:00 pm Youth Ministry-Middle School Mass, Lunch & Games (*MC Gym, Foyer, Front Lawn*)
- 6:00 pm KOC Leadership Meeting (*MC 2*)

### Tuesday, July 30

- 12:00 pm Youth Ministry -High School Mass & Lunch (*MC Basement*)

### Wednesday, July 31

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Café*)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (*MC Basement*)

### Thursday, August 1

- 6:30 pm SVDP Meeting (*GR 1 and 2*)
- 7:00 pm High School Summer Nights (*MC Basement, Café, and Front Lawn*)

### Friday, August 2

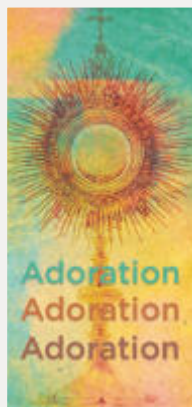
- 5:30 pm Rooted (*MC Basement*)
- 7:00 pm Middle School Movie Night (*MC Front Lawn*)

### Saturday, August 3

- 8:00 am Respite for Caregivers (*GR 1 and 2*)

### Sunday, August 4

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ FRIDAYS 1:00 - 2:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm



### SENIOR CITIZEN MINISTRY

Monday, August 12, at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center, is our monthly and an ice cream social where we will be electing officers for the 2019-2020 year. There will also be a speaker sharing information on travel opportunities. Please plan on attending.

This weekend kicks off our annual membership drive. If you are interested in learning more about how you can join our group, fill out the form below. Don't wait, if you are 55 years of age or older, come join our ministry today!

**JOIN THE ST. GREG'S SENIOR CITIZEN ORGANIZATION BY THE END OF JULY AND RECEIVE 2 MONTHS FREE MEMBERSHIP.**

Our membership years runs October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 and dues are \$15.00 per person. Dues must be paid by October 1, in order to continue receiving the monthly newsletter. Everyone should complete the application and return – especially honorary members (members over 90), to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

**Make checks payable to: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SENIOR ORGANIZATION**

**Mail to: 200 ST. GREGORY COURT  
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221**

**Attn: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

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

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

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

ST. GREG'S PARISHIONER? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Other Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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Celebrate Senior Citizen Day  
August 21



### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



### UPCOMING YM EVENTS:

**BRAVE II** – Young Adult Retreat – Save the date – November 8-10

**ST. LUKE'S SERVICE** – Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Luke's, please contact Adam Jarosz at 688-3578, ext. 316

**KINGDOM BOUND**– We are going to Kingdom Bound on Tuesday, July 30. Join us at Darien Lake for speakers & Christian music. Contact Richard ext 338.

**SENIOR RETREAT DAY** - Friday, August 16. Retreat focuses on what to expect on entering College and how to thrive in this new and exciting chapter of life.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**MASS & LUNCH**– Tuesday, July 30, August 6, 13 and 20, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over with us to the MC for food.

**SWAT**– July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm

**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NIGHTS**– August 1, 8, 15 and 22.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**MASS, LUNCH & GAMES**– Monday's, August 5 and 12, from 12:00-2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over to the MC for food and games.

**ROOTED**- Fridays, August 2, 9 and 16, only for graduated 7 and 8 Graders. Meet in the MC Basement at 5:30 pm then we will end around 7:00 pm.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT** – Friday August 2, 9 and 16 at 7:30 pm. Movie is done around 11:00 pm. Meet at the front field( unless it's raining, meet in the MC) to hang out and when the sun goes down watch a movie with us!



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 27

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Dennis Reed (Birthday) by Bob Demerath  
Erich Zagsborn Jr. by Family

5:30 pm Rose Biasillo  
by Kathy, Meghan & Ed Warnke

### Sunday, July 28—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Allyson Powlus by Barb & Bill Collins

9:30 am Christopher Gatto (Birthday) by Mom  
Peter Varbanov by wife, Edith Varbnov

11:00 am Jeffrey Mruk (Anniversary)  
by Norbert Mruk Family  
Anna Bonanno by Daughters

12:30 pm Michael & Maryanne Kozakiewicz  
by Granddaughter Christine  
Ed Driscoll by Eileen Collins

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm James V. & Eleanor Thurston by Family  
Charles Amabile (Anniversary)  
By Bob & Mary Brown

### Monday, July 29— St. Martha

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate

8:00 am Pauline Sun by Martha, Carol, David, & Alex

12:00 pm Rose Bakowski by Daughter, Dorothy  
Stephanie Hogan  
by Ann Marie & Tim Spellman

### Tuesday, July 30— St. Peter Chrysologus

7:00 am Anthony Cardone by Family

8:00 am Marie Vetrano by Sal & Carol Ciuliani

12:00 pm Edward Chiavetta by Wife, Jo Ann & Family

### Wednesday, July 31— St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great  
Grace Cleary by Goergen Family

8:00 am Rev. David Richards (Living) by Friend

12:00 pm Linda (Living) & Gaetano (Tom) Amabile  
(Wedding Anniversary) by wife  
Thomas P. Irvine by Jocelyn Duguay

### Thursday, August 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:00 am James Sheehan by Don & Mary Steinwachs

8:00 am Florence & Ernest Zee  
by Lisa & Frank Cirillo

12:00 pm Ann Liszka by Friend

#### DECEASED

Eleanor G. Biondolillo  
Thomas J. Griffin  
Jarlyn Schembri  
Elaine C. Hurst

#### HOST OFFERING

Bauda Family by Gene and Diane Vogel

### Friday, August 2— First Friday

7:00 am Arthur, Maureen & Karen Hufnagel  
by Zappa Family

8:00 am Paul Moran by Betty Moran  
Donald Broadt by Wife & Family

12:00 pm Arthur Lorenzo  
by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Donius  
Carl Gambino by Ronald & Joanne Zini

### Saturday, August 3— First Saturday

8:00 am Joshua Ellis by Bonnie Guppenberger

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Rita Haley (Anniversary) by Family

5:30 pm Marge Conlon by Donna Cronin  
Judith Rastelli (Anniversary)  
by Christine Balcerek

### Sunday, August 4— Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great  
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

9:30 am Joseph Palka by John & Gail Kripp

11:00 am Richard R. Olejniczak Sr.  
by Olejniczak Family & Friends  
Frank Deni by Cathy Curtin

12:30 pm Anthony & Concetta Pantano  
by Tom Pantano  
Mary Ann Rizzo by Ralph Mauro Family

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Donald J. Collins II

**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.



#### BISHOP MALONE REMAINING LISTENING SESSIONS

**Listening Session Schedule:  
Saturday's from 9:30-11:30 am**

- August 3, Ascension Parish, Batavia
- August 10, Nativity of Our Lord, Orchard Park
- August 17, Holy Trinity Parish, Dunkirk

*Contact: Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications, [kspan-gler@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:kspan-gler@buffalodiocese.org)*

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Deacon Paul Walter; PWalter@stgregs.org

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**PRAYER**

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