

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

October 12 & 13, 2019
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

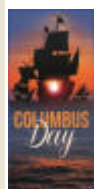
As we celebrate this weekend, I would like to share a few words of thanks as well as a couple invitations with you.

Last week Sunday was our annual Diocesan Life Chain. This is our annual opportunity to stand for the gift of human life in silent prayer, holding signs, on Niagara Falls Boulevard. I was very gratified to see about two hundred St. Greg's Parishioners participate this year. I am thankful that you took the time to stand for those who cannot speak for themselves because they have not yet been born, or are ill or aged and unable to stand and speak for the dignity of their own life. May God bless you for your goodness.

I would also like to thank the members of our Parish Security Committee for their diligent work. For more than a year this team of parishioners has been meeting and working together, along with law enforcement personnel, to make recommendations for enhanced security on our parish campus. Although some changes have already been implemented, probably the most visible change to date is occurring this weekend with the closure of the balcony for regular use. Although we have a good Parish Mass attendance, we do not really require the use of the balcony on a daily basis, nor do we require it for every weekend Mass. It is unfortunate that we need to think of public safety in our worship space, but given the incidents that have happened in other parts of our country and world, we need to be vigilant. Although I apologize for any inconvenience with our closure of the balcony for regular usage, I am also hopeful that you will understand the recommendation to do so. You will be hearing more about the work of our Parish Security Committee in the weeks and months to come.

This coming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be three days to focus on healing. On Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 pm we welcome Dan Lawson (Catholic licensed therapist) back to St. Greg's. He will lead an

evening of reflection and education on healing from pain of separation and divorce. This presentation will be broad based and is appropriate for anyone dealing with this issue including spouses, parents or siblings of someone going through a divorce. Dan Lawson's presentation will also be appropriate for all age groups from junior-high and high-school teenagers through to our senior citizens. This will be in the Gathering Rooms. Wednesday, October 16, Dan will continue with a second session more directly geared to adults who are in the throes of a separation or divorce or who need to continue to work through it. Dan will be in the Gathering Rooms. At the same time, our Youth Ministry team will work with our teens in the Ministry Center Youth room on the same topic. Our youth are greatly affected by separation and divorce of their parents and need to process this difficult time in their life. Thursday, October 17, we will welcome Father David Bellitierre, Pastor of 14 Holy Helpers Parish in West Seneca, who will celebrate a Mass of Anointing in our Church. We welcome the St. Peregrine Society who will accompany Father David in organizing our Mass and Anointing of the Sick. All who are in need of the Sacrament of Anointing are welcome to come along with their family as we celebrate the Eucharist and celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for our brothers and sisters who are ill and suffering in any way. This will begin at 7:00 pm in our Church. All are welcome as we pray with and for all those in need of healing. Who should be anointed? Anyone who is going through medical tests, preparing for surgery, those advancing through stages of a long-term illness and anyone who is in need of healing physically, emotionally, spiritually or psychologically. **(Continued on Page 2)**



All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day. Regular business hours resume on Tuesday, October 15. There will be only one Mass on October 14, at 8:00 am.

(Pastor's Continued)

Finally, our Great Parish Dinner Auction is fast approaching on Saturday, November 2, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed gifts to our parish's largest fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who hosted or attended one of the gift gathering parties. Thank you to everyone who plans to attend and especially those who have taken sponsorships for the Great Dinner Auction. Thank you for those who have committed to work the event and those who have been working hard for many months already in getting things set up, selling tickets and more. I cannot urge you enough, this year more than ever, to do something for our Dinner Auction. If we all contribute in some way, we will have a very successful night. It's not too late to purchase a ticket to attend or to take an ornament off of the Giving Tree for the Auction in the vestibule or to purchase a car raffle ticket. In addition to the wonderful food and drink, the great companionship and the awesome items to bid on at the Dinner Auction, the evening climaxes with the honoring of our fellow Parishioners, Joe Couche and Ro Spano, with the St. Gregory the Great Cornerstone Award. A special thank you to Steve and Maria Glamuzina and Matt and Nicole Schmidt for chairing this year's Great Parish Dinner-Auction! Thank you for all of your hard work, and may God bless you abundantly!

Although we will honor Joe Couche at the dinner for his awesome leadership as the project manager for our Church renovation project, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who also worked directly on this project. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our Building and Grounds Committee made up of Jim Templin (our Director of Maintenance), Brian Schaefer, John Zaepfel and Jay Zgoda. I would also like to thank those who served on our "Pew Committee" including Christie Thein, Tom Vacanti, Craig Bucki, Rory Reichenberg, Lori Chilcott and Deacon Michael Bochiechio. Finally, a great word of thanks to our former Business Manager Tina Evers, and our former Parochial Vicar Father Tom Mahoney, for their great leadership in organizing the committees and leading during the time of my sabbatical last year.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A combined collection will held on October 19 for World Mission Sunday to support the pastoral and evangelization programs of more than 1000 missions across the world.

HEALING FROM SEPARATION/DIVORCE

St. Greg's will be hosting a 2 part series for those who have been affected by Separation and/or Divorce. Dan Lawson is back at St. Greg's to offer a 2 day program starting October 15..



October 15 – An open general talk and presentation to instill hope and healing. This session is for anyone who has been affected by divorce or separation including adults, teens, grandparents, or loved ones.

October 16 – This day is designed for two groups:

- A) Divorced/separated individuals. This part of the program is designed to assist in the healing process of a divorce/separation. It is intended to assist individuals to move out of the pain from the past and move toward their preferred future.
- B) Teenage children who have been affected by divorce or separation in their family. The teens will have a separate talk to help them navigate through the uncertainty that comes with divorce and separation. This program will help them identify means to cope with the feelings and thoughts that come along.



HEALING MASS

October 17 - The final evening will conclude with a Healing Mass at 7:00 pm presided by Fr. David Bellittiere. This Healing Mass is for anyone that wishes to attend.

Don't forget to stop in the Café before the October 16 session to grab a pizza before you head into the session. RSVP to Marisa Piazza at mpiazza@stgregs.org or 688-5678 , ext. 303.



EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Evangelization Committee is looking to add a few more disciples to the "Welcome Wagon" team, started by Fr. Thomas. This ministry welcomes new residents to the "St Greg's" neighborhood with a personal invitation to visit our parish / campus...it's an extraordinary opportunity to evangelize! You can participate on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or as-available basis. We go out in pairs. If interested please contact Brian Ruh at 688 5678 ext. 313 or at bruh@stgregs.org.



CAFETERIA PROJECT UPDATE

The cafeteria project was established as a way to build community within the Grade 4 (now Grade 6) class and to address the deteriorating state of the tables, dated decor, and institutional look of the cafeteria. During the 2017-18 school year students in the Grade 4 began to work in small groups to brainstorm ideas for an updated cafeteria, including round tables to facilitate better communication, updated color schemes, murals, and a lounge area. As the students moved into the Grade 5, the Enriched ELA class was tasked with taking their classmates ideas and creating a presentation shown at the Great Dinner Auction 2018 for Fund an Item. To date, the students have helped raise approximately \$13,000 towards the purchase of new round tables and updated décor.

We are extremely proud of these students for identifying a problem, creating solutions and working with the necessary people to get the job done. We are excited to announce that the updated décor will be in place by Christmas.

ST. GREG'S SCHOOL TURNS 60!!!

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! **THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 6:30 PM IN THE CAFÉ! BRING YOUR GRADE 8 PHOTO TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND HELP US CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CRAFT SHOW VOLUNTEERS REQUEST

The craft show is in need of about 10 volunteers to help run and manage the food services. This team purchases, prepares and sells food during the craft show on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. All prepared food is for-purchase to all vendors and attendees, which is an integral part of the Craft Show experience. Anyone interested in being part of this team, please contact Lori at craftshow@stgregs.org or 636-8319.

BRAVE II

Fall Young Adult Retreat

*Allegheny State Park
Camp Turner*

NOVEMBER 8-10

18-30somethings invited for
this overnight experience and
recharge to **BRAVE** the world

Details & Registration
stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz
ajarosz@stgregs.org - 688-3578

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS?

(PART II)

Last week we asked the question “Why do I have to go to Mass?” and offered the first four of eight responses to consider. This week we offer the last four.

We forgive. When we join in the Lord’s Prayer, we promise God that we will forgive those who trespass against us. Yes, sometimes it’s easier said than done, but forgiveness can provide great freedom and healing for us.

We witness a miracle. We witness the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Christ. When we receive Communion, we receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. For us as Catholics, this is not a symbol but the true presence of Christ. We are strengthened in body and in spirit.

We share in the peace of Christ. At the sign of peace we reach out to others and experience the kind of peace that the world cannot give. (Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. *Jn 14:27*)

We receive a special blessing. The priest blesses us and commissions us to take the love and peace of the Lord into the world. (“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”)

(Content from Duquin, Lorene Hanley. “Why Do We Have To Go To Mass?” 2008. Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana)

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

October's FFF Outreach: We're collecting **Snack cracker packets** for Peaceprints Ministry Food Basket. Please bring donations to the front of the FFF Office. Thank you so much!

There are NO CLASSES on Monday, October 14, due to Columbus Day. The FFF Office will be closed that day.

Note: There is also **NO Rosary Club** on October 14.

Saturday, October 19

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room.)

Save the date: All Disciple Camp students and their friends (**Gr 5-8**) are invited to **First Friday Club** on **Friday, November 1**, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the School Gym and Cafeteria.

Attention Gr 9 Parents: Parent and Student Volunteers Needed: Our Gr10 Confirmation students will be attending the **Confirmation Mass of Enrollment** on Sunday, October 20, at the 4:30 Mass, immediately followed by a **Pot Luck Dinner**. We are looking for Gr 9 Parents and Students to volunteer to help with the **Pot Luck Dinner**. Volunteers would collect the food donations that will be dropped off, set up the food, serve and clean up. Volunteers would need to be in the School Cafeteria by 4:00 pm. Clean up should be completed by 7:00 pm. This volunteer time will count towards Confirmation service hours for Grade 9 students. To volunteer, call the FFF Office at 688-5760 or email me at cwadhams@stgregs.org.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

The role of a Catechist is to teach our faith.

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Father of all families....you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a Catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to You, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

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ST. GREG'S CAFÉ PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Need to schedule a meeting over the dinner hour? Stop by the Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty **HOMEMADE Pizza Night** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Typically, children receive Baptism as infants and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist when they are in Grades 2 and 3. When this does not happen, they need to be prepared for these Sacraments when they are older. At St. Greg's children and their families and/or sponsors are placed in a Children's Catechumenate and the process is called **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**. Through this process, older children who have missed Sacraments are prepared to receive them. If you have a family member ages 7-18 who has missed a Sacrament (s), please contact Joan Rischmiller (jrischmiller@stgregs.org) in the FFF Office at 688-5760.

CONFIRMATION 2020 CANDIDATES

Confirmation Mass of Enrollment: Candidates and their Sponsors, along with their families, are cordially invited to the **Confirmation Mass of Enrollment** on October 20, in Church at 4:30 pm and a **Pot Luck Dinner** immediately following. **Please remember to pick up your Sponsor/Candidate Conversation Booklet**, which is designed to bring you and your Sponsor closer as you make preparations for Confirmation. You and your sponsor can decide when to have these conversations together. **Completed booklets are due at the January Sponsor/Candidate Session.** Booklets must be picked up by November 15 in the FFF Office, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 21st annual Great Dinner Auction, *An Evening of Stars*, will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. This is a fun-filled dinner event with a silent and live auction.

*Join us as we honor the recipients of the Cornerstone Award
Joseph Couche
Rosemary Spano*

NEW OPTION

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE

NEW OPTION

at <http://stgregthegreat.maestroweb.com/>

or fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office

I would like to purchase a sponsorship for the following table:

Special Opportunities/ Patron Listings:

- The Producer \$3,500
- The Director \$2,500
- The Spotlight \$1,500

I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$110.00 Per Person

I would like to sponsor a teacher ticket at \$70.00 Per Person _____ (#tkts)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Payment: Please make all checks payable to St. Gregory the Great Parish

Credit Cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover, AmEx

Account No. _____ Exp Date _____ CVV Code _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Please seat us with: (tables of 10) _____

St. Gregory the Great 21st Annual Dinner Auction
Saturday, November 2, 2019 5:30 PM at Salvatore's Italian Gardens

St. Gregory the Great ■ 200 St. Gregory Court ■ Williamsville, NY 14221 ■ Dinnerauction@gmail.com ■ 716-688-5678 x337

—SAVE THE DATE—



ReSet
Your Mornings with MOMS
in the Year of Healing

SUFFERING?
ReSet & Restore
with
Susan Pivarunas

Catholic Mother of 11,
wife of Dr. Anthony Pivarunas
of Sisters Hospital

Mary, Mother of the Church
St. Joseph, Protector Pray for us

Call ahead for **FREE BABYSITTING!**
Next MOMS Meeting
Friday, Oct. 25th
9:00am-11:00am
St. Greg's Gathering Rooms
*\$25 Registration at entrances,
in parish office and on-line*

Questions: Contact
stgregsmoms@gmail.com

MOMS ASSISI/ROME RETREAT MAY 2020

You are invited to participate in a women's spiritual retreat to Assisi and Rome May 13-21, 2020. This retreat offers you an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with God through visits to the major sanctuaries of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. The retreat will be led by Monsignor Zapfel and Fr. John Cella OFM.

INFORMATION MEETING: Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Rory Reichenberg from St. Francis High School will be sharing his experiences from participating in this retreat.

Please contact Nadine Bargnes with any questions 830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Craft Show, Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30. More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE: Family-to-Family Christmas 2019 is December 10. More information to come.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive on October 26 and 27. They are collecting canned or boxed non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to the Church entrances. Food bags will be handed out at Masses on October 19 and 20.

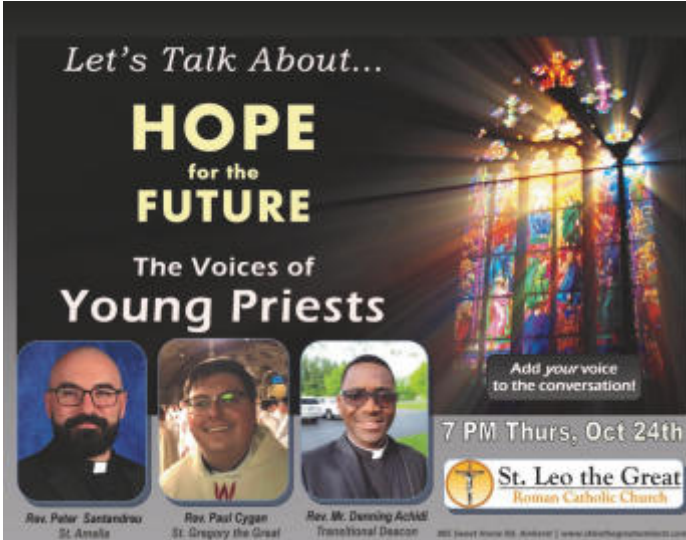
SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pick up is on Saturday, October 19. Call 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and all furniture/appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch.

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Gregory the Great parish leaders have formed a Security Committee charged with the development of a security plan. This is intended to address issues that can provide a safe and secure environment for those attending Mass or other functions in the Church. As part of this effort the committee would like to invite parishioners who have current or previous military, police or first-responder background to a meeting. The committee looks to those with such expertise to share their knowledge that can be incorporated into the plan based upon your expertise, in the event of an emergency.

The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1.** To sign up for this meeting, members of the committee will be available after each Mass October 19 and 20, in the back of Church. You can also sign up by calling the Parish Business Office at 688-5678 or send an e-mail to Paul Shibley Comm. Chair, at peshibley@gmail.com. Refreshments **will served.**



Let's Talk About...

HOPE
for the
FUTURE

The Voices of
Young Priests

Add your voice
to the conversation!

7 PM Thurs, Oct 24th

St. Leo the Great
Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Peter Santandreu
St. Amelia

Rev. Paul Cygan
St. Gregory the Great

Rev. Mr. Denning Achidi
Transitional Deacon

“LET’S TALK ABOUT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: THE VOICES OF YOUNG PRIESTS”

Join two young priests and one soon approaching priestly ordination for the third panel discussion in the “Let’s Talk About” series – “Hope for the Future: The Voices of Young Priests” at St. Leo the Great R.C. Church in Amherst at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 24. Rev. Peter Santandreu of St. Amelia, Rev. Paul Cygan of St. Gregory the Great, and transitional deacon Rev. Mr. Denning Achidi speak on their experiences and reasons for hope in the future of the Church. The audience is invited to join their voices to the conversation as we share how hope is essential for us and for the Church.



BE A WITNESS FOR LIFE!

During this Respect Life Month there are many opportunities for prayer

and to publicly demonstrate our Catholic commitment to protect all human life:

Rosary Coast to Coast—The St. Greg’s Respect Life Committee invites you to join in the nation-wide praying of the Rosary for Our Nation on **Sunday, October 13, at 4:00 pm**. Please meet (weather permitting) at the Grotto, or indoors in the Ministry Center. October 13 is the 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, asking for God’s mercy and a restoration of respect for all human life in the United States.

“40 Days for Life” campaign continues through November 3. Join this peaceful ecumenical prayer vigil outside the Buffalo WomenServices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day.

St. Gregory’s Parishioners are invited to participate in the 40 Days campaign on Sunday, October 27, from 8:00 am-5:00pm. Please help demonstrate our Parish’s support for women who so often believe they are alone, and encourage them to choose life. To sign up for an hour on the 27th or for more information, contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323 or sign up on-line at www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo.

Light for Life Walk: Tuesday, October 22, at St. Mary of the Cataract Church, 237 4th Street, Niagara Falls, NY. This event commemorates the nine-month anniversary of the passing of New York’s radical Reproductive Health Law on January 22, 2019. The evening begins at 6:00pm with Rosary and Adoration in the church, followed at 7:00 pm by a two-mile walk through Niagara Falls State Park, returning to St. Mary’s afterward. **Participants should bring their own flashlights or lanterns. NO signs, banners, or handouts permitted.** For more information, contact Kathy Aronica at 870-2220 Or thebridge1013@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Announcements

In order to provide a safe and secure environment during Mass, it has been determined that access to the balcony area is unnecessary. Therefore, the balcony will be locked, starting THIS WEEKEND October 12. We understand this may be an inconvenience to some and ask for your understanding and cooperation; putting safety ahead of convenience.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend Adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Thank you.

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

- ◆ MONDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

OUR CHAPEL IS OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

SAINT CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

This weekend, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman, along with four other Blesseds, will be canonized together in St. Peter’s Square, October 13, in Rome.

Indian Sister Marian Thresia, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini; Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes; and Marguerite Bays, a Swiss consecrated virgin of the Third Order of St. Francis, will be canonized alongside Newman.

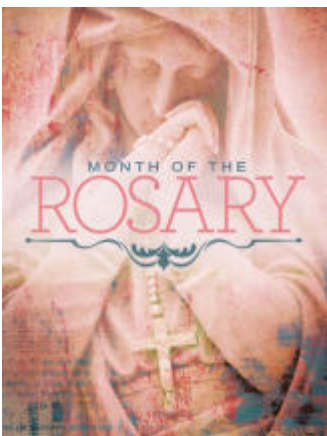
Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church writings in recent centuries. Following is a prayer attributed to him:

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am; I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain...”

MINISTRY UPDATES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to attend the October 21 meeting in MC Gym at 1:00pm. The guest speaker will be Fr. Moses Ikuelogbon. He will talk on subjects of his childhood, his calling to the priesthood and his roll at St. Gregory the Great Parish. Refreshments will be served.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. These prayers “transform” our families, our community, our country and the world

in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary for our Country is recited, including an announcement for each state plus the Divine Mercy. In good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church. Bring a folding chair, sing Ava Maria and God Bless America after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.

MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 16, from 7:00-10:00 pm in GR 2.** For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, October 28, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The charitable focus will be Thanksgiving donations. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, November 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if Interested. New members are always welcome.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE AFTER ALL MASSES

- 7:00 am-6:00 pm Flu Shot Clinic (GR 1)
- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 2)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC foyer, gym, basement, Café)

Monday, October 14-Columbus Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, October 15

- 4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (School Classroom #602)
- 7:00 pm AMPED (MC Café)

Wednesday, October 16

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire Book Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (School Classroom #802)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)

Thursday, October 17

- 6:30 pm SVDP Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:30 pm EDGE (MC Foyer, Gym, Basement)

Friday, October 18

- 12:45 pm Brown Bag Lunch Discussion (GR 1)

Saturday, October 19

SVDP FURNITURE DRIVE ALL DAY

- 12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (School Classroom #602)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (GR 2)

Sunday, October 20

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC foyer, gym, basement, Café)



We invite singers of the parish to consider joining Music Ministry for a few rehearsals in preparation for Christmas Midnight Mass. Rehearsals are planned for Tuesdays, November 12 and 19, December 3, 10, and 17, and Monday, December 23. If you’re interested and available for most of the rehearsals and Midnight Mass, please contact Nancy Erdman by email NErdman@stgregs.org or call the Parish Office at 688-5678, extension 308.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 12

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary & Michael Cirelli
by Family & Friends
- 5:30 pm Cindy Sciolino by Carol & Russ Monafo
Richard Delo by Shirley Parnell

Sunday, October 13—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Salvatore Chiarello (Birthday)
by Mary Ann & Sam Piazza
& John Chiarello
- 9:30 am Richie Finiki by Ted Kensy & Family
Angela A. Scrivani by Lasnicki Family
- 11:00 am Charles Michael Calabrese
by Glenn Wilke Midtown
Educational Foundation
John T. Privitera
by Don & Renee Fleming
- 12:30 pm Rita McGorry by Christine Balcerek
Giovanni, Genoveffa, & Cologero
Picone By Gioacchino
& Deodata Picone
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Carmelo Alaimo
by Sal and JoJo Glorioso

Monday, October 14—Columbus Day- Office Closed

- 8:00 am James Daly (Anniversary)
by Wife, Diane & Family
Stephanie Hogan
by Dorothea & Thomas Obst

Tuesday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus

- 7:00 am Dawn Curazzato & Family (Living)
By Sharon Sans
- 8:00 am Clare Wesolowski & Daniel Wesolowski
By Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bartlett
& Grace Bartlett
- 12:00 pm Nancy D'Arrigo by Trudi Aronica
John Schultz by Anthony & Judy Picone

Wednesday, October 16—St. Marguerite D'Youville

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Dolores E. Gleason by
Devoted daughter, Margaret A. Gleason
- 12:00 pm Nancy Rafferty
by Dolores Mason & Family

Thursday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 7:00 am Joseph Imiolo by Sharon Sans
- 8:00 am Francisco Vargas
by Daughter, Edith Varbanov
Edward Gantress by Daughter
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Sam Glorioso (Anniversary)
by JoJo & Sammy
Bernice Gantress by Family

Friday, October 18—St. Luke

- 7:00 am Stanislaw Bojarczuk by Bill & Anna Fay
- 8:00 am John J. Wojnar by Sue Baird, daughter
- 12:00 pm Frank Scarcella by Phyllis Saviola
Donald A. Gerth
by Russell & Carol Monafo

Saturday, October 19—St. Paul of the Cross

- 8:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,
A.J. & Stephen

Vigil Masses

- 4:00pm Bill Mason Sr. by Wife, Dolores & Family
Adriel J. Buleje - Castillo by Plavan Family
- 5:30 pm Frances Reidy (birthday) by Hartigan Family

Sunday, October 20—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Benny Constantino by the Julicher's
- 9:30 am Angela Scrivoni by Ralph & Rose Pawlak
Marie Zarcone by the Bruno Family
- 11:00 am Alois & Marie Dukat (Anniversary)
by Norbert Mruk & Family
Marina & Donotola Lama
by Lydia & Family
- 12:30 pm Annette Sperrazza
by Marie Leman, Sister-in-Law
Henry & Agnes Kucharski by
Michael & Carolyn Dowling
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Thomas Ventriglio by Jill & Greg Graham

HOST, WINE AND CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

We have openings to have a remembrance for your family members with our host, wine, and candle offerings. Host offering is \$55, wine offering is \$40 and candle offering is \$35 for the week. Please come to the Parish Office to reserve this special remembrance. The names of your loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin for the week.

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Vittorio F. Silveri
Irene M. Kolber
David Bearden
Patricia Berexa

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WINE OFFERING

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SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

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SACRAMENTS

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Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass, 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. 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.

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