

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

October 5 & 6, 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 practical reflection for you consider.

First, as you know, our regular collection has decreased. I receive several letters or e-mails from parishioners each week informing me that they will no longer support the collection, given the issues in the Diocese. I certainly respect that each parishioner has the right to support or not to support the work of our parish family. I do wish to make you aware of the other side of that decision.

Our Parish Office staff has substantially decreased. The changes have included:

- (1) Elimination of the parish office receptionist to answer the phone and door
- (2) Our communications director has become a part-time position
- (3) Our secretary now works three days per week
- (4) The business manager position remains unfilled pending further interviews
- (5) The elimination of one administrative assistant position

Currently our parish office is functioning with a full-time accountant, a part-time communications director, a full-time administrative assistant and a part-time secretary as well as several wonderful parishioners giving their time and talent to come and help. We also eliminated the evening office hours since we have eliminated the evening receptionist position.

I share this with you to first ask for your patience. It is taking longer for us to address your concerns. Personally, I have not gotten to read and to respond to e-mail more than once or twice a week. The same is true regarding my mail and phone calls. Each member of our staff, clergy and lay, is working exceptionally hard and covering many duties they were not originally hired to cover. I am profoundly grateful to them. As I mentioned above, I receive many e-mails and letters weekly regarding donations, suggestions for the parish, and now ideas regarding changes in the Mass schedule. It is impossible to respond to each. Please do not be offended if you do not receive a reply letter or e-mail from me. Also, please be patient as our

parish staff is doing the best possible to address the daily concerns as they present themselves.

Of course of utmost priority is the celebration of the Sacraments. For the parish clergy and liturgical ministerial staff, this priority remains unchanged.

This period of history calls us to really question our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We often focus on the treasure part and many have chosen to remove the treasure piece. May I suggest we all consider, especially those who have pulled their treasure, where you stand in your stewardship of time spent in prayer for the Parish and Church as a whole on a daily and weekly basis, as well as the use of your talents to serve our parish. The readings this weekend, as well as last weekend, call us to be people of action. When God calls us to serve, we have the moral obligation to serve. This is our Baptismal call. Once we are Baptized we no longer “volunteer” our time, talent and treasure; we have an obligation to be good stewards. This is the last line of this Sunday’s Gospel: “When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

This Sunday’s second reading from Timothy shows an “old” St. Paul passing-on the ministry to “young” Timothy and the next generation of leaders. They are called to “guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit.” This is an active role requiring constant vigilance, proactiveness, and urgency. Do you see the Gospel as a sacred gift to be guarded, protected, and lived and handed on to the next generation? If so, what are you actively doing about it?

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## THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sessions of Inquiry those wishing to explore the Catholic Faith. We meet at 7:00 pm Wednesdays in Classroom 802. For more info, call the Parish Office at 688-5678 or e-mail Jerry Peer at [gpeer@verizon.net](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net).

*(Pastor's Continued)*

Many years ago when I was serving at St. Amelia Parish in Tonawanda I wanted to begin a scholarship fund to annually assist a graduating high-school senior attend college. The basic requirement was the high-schooler's involvement in our parish's youth ministry, general parish ministries and service to the larger community in the name of St. Amelia Parish. As I announced this scholarship, one parishioner contacted me and generously donated \$25,000 to begin the fund. I will never forget his exact words to me: He said: "I am getting older and I cannot physically do the work you are doing with our youth, but money I have, and it is yours if it will help you accomplish your goal." In that story the gifts of time, talent and treasure come together.

Today, as many pull away from financially supporting our parish, I encourage all to reflect on their stewardship. If you have rescinded your financial support, will you step up and give of your time in our Adoration Chapel to pray for the parish for a few hours each week? Will you give a few hours per week of your time to physically do the work of the Church here at St. Greg's?

A couple weeks ago I suggested in my article that there were many other victims of the abuse crisis. Of course those sexually abused have suffered greatly, and now there are the ripple effects. At St. Greg's we had over two dozen students not return to St. Gregory the Great School because their families could not afford the increased tuition. They are now victims. People have lost their jobs both at St. Greg's and in the Diocese because of a lack of funds. They are now victims. People who could receive work are not because we have had to eliminate positions when they became vacant. They are now victims. Some individuals needing ministry are not receiving it on a timely basis because we simply do not have the staff in place to handle all of the requests. They are now victims. This week alone I was not able to honor our parish's usual commitment to assist the Bison Fund nor to Chesterton Academy. These students are now victims. The list could go on and on, but I believe you see the ripple effect.

This week, please consider your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. You serve the Gospel, not a particular human being who is your pastor or bishop. The decisions each of us make now regarding our response to our anger and disappointment will have long lasting ripple effects. These ripple effects may eventually hurt the very people who are making the decisions to withdraw their support now.

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

## 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.



## 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](mailto:mpiazza@stgregs.org) or 688-5678 , ext. 303.

## DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

Here are 3 ways to get news and information as it relates to the Diocese.

**SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook , Instagram, Twitter and/or YouTube**

**WEBSITE: [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)**

**WNY CATHOLIC: [ww.wnycatholic.org](http://ww.wnycatholic.org) (print or online)**





## STUDENTS VISIT THE FARM

The Early Childhood Programs at St. Gregs all took trips to The Kelkenberg Farms in Clarence this week. The students enjoyed the day learning about different farm animals, with hands-on experience. They got to milk a goat like a real farmer, go on a pony ride, and they even got to pick a pumpkin from the fields!



SGYM<sup>3</sup>

## UPDATE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The Middle School Youth Ministry is in full swing this fall. On average there are about 50 kids attending each event. The Edge program, on Thursdays, is now open for children in Grades 5-8. This is an exciting time to be part of Youth Ministry at St. Greg's.

In this group we have students called Disciplets. You are probably thinking, "What is a Disciplet?" They are our Grade 8 students who have risen to a leadership role. Disciplets have chosen to lead their peers to Christ and a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Their main responsibilities are hospitality by greeting (which they do in a very excited way), help facilitate the Grade 5 and 6 small group discussion, and give their witness testimony to their peers. Each Disciplet had to apply, and went through a formal interview. All applicants were amazing examples of faith. Many of them have been involved in the Middle School program since they were in Grade 6.

Photos below are most of the Disciplets:

*(from left to right, bottom row)*

- Joey Piwko – St. Gregory the Great School
- Joshua Weil – St. Gregory the Great School
- Jeana Piwko – St. Gregory the Great School
- Anna Morelli – Transit Middle School
- Guilia Morelli – Transit Middle School
- Mackenzie Ness – Transit Middle School
- Charlotte Hilmey- Grade 8 St. Gregory the Great School (not in picture)

*(Next Row, Left to Right)*

- Rachel Romanowich – St. Gregory the Great School
- Mary Kate(MK) Christ – St. Gregory the Great School
- Emily Wargo – St. Gregory the Great School
- Leo Morelli – Transit Middle School



## 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!

**Save the Date for First Friday Club:** All Disciple Camp students and their friends (Gr 5-8) are invited to our **First Friday Club** on **Friday, October 4**, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the School Gym and Cafeteria.

#### October GOF Class Dates:

**GOF Session A:** October 6 (9:30 am - 12 noon)

**GOF Session B:** October 6 (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

**GOF Session C:** October 10 (6:15 pm - 7:45 pm)

**Rosary Club** (Grades 5-8) begins on Monday, **October 7**, from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Learn to make Rosaries. **Rosary Club** meets on Mondays except when there are no classes due to holidays (e.g. Columbus Day, Christmas break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). Hours attended counts towards ministry hours, as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc.

**FFF Website:** Check our site throughout the year [www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation](http://www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation) for schedule changes, special updates and information! For your convenience, the **2019 - 2020 FFF Program Calendar** is posted, as well as links to **Class Schedules** and more!



Thank you, Fr. Moses, for being our special speaker at the First Grade Family Celebration!



## 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. Occasionally, when this does not happen, they need to be prepared for these Sacraments when they are older. Here at St. Gregory's, we have a process for these children and their families. 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 can be prepared to receive them as needed. If you have a family member ages 7-18 who needs to be prepared for a missed Sacrament(s), please contact Joan Rischmiller ([jrischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:jrischmiller@stgregs.org)) in the FFF Office at **688-5760**.

### Confirmation 2020 Candidates:

Our last Confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, **November 23**. Attendance at one retreat is mandatory in order to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. If you were not able to attend a prior retreat and would like to attend, please call the FFF Office (688-5760). Any questions for Confirmation, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

## CATECHIST'S CORNER

*The role of a Catechist is to teach our faith.*

“As a Catechist, you have a unique opportunity to shape future generations through your time with students. While it is important to present good content in your classroom, it is critical that you witness to your love for your Faith. Simple ways to do this include the following:

- Talk about how you see God moving in your life. This will help to create a culture in your classroom where students will also feel comfortable sharing their faith.
- Share your story of faith. If you haven't thought about your story of faith, now is a good time to think about it. You don't have to share your entire story; snippets of spiritual wisdom might be all the students need to see where God is moving in their lives.
- Use the “J” word. Sometimes as Catholics we are afraid of talking about our love for Jesus. There is power in the Holy Name of Jesus. Speaking about the Jesus you know and love will help your students recognize that a personal relationship with Jesus is a normal part of the Catholic Faith.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Joe Paprocki's *Catechist's Journey; sharing the Journey of teaching the Catholic Faith*. Loyola Press. <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/09/advice-for-new-catechists/>





**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Dinnerauction@gmail.com) ■ 716-688-5678 x337

# SAVE THE DATE

## FLU SHOT CLINIC OCTOBER 12 AND 13



Flu shot clinic for anyone over the age of 18 on Saturday, October 12, and Sunday October 13, after each one of the Masses, in the Gathering Rooms. Please bring insurance card.



## ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP:

An annulment workshop, facilitated by Ms. Barbara Wyse (633-7786 or [BJWTR@aol.com](mailto:BJWTR@aol.com)), is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. at St. Gregory the Great

Gathering Room located at 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A \$5.00 registration fee will cover the cost of materials. To register for the workshop, please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or e-mail him at [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org)



## SAFETY UPDATE

In order to provide for a safe and secure environment during Mass, certain measures are needed to assure maximum security. As part of this effort it has been determined that access to the balcony area during regular Masses is unnecessary. Therefore, the balcony will be closed, starting Oct. 12 unless it is determined this additional space is needed. We understand that this may be an inconvenience to some and ask for your understanding and cooperation; putting safety ahead of convenience.

## “LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH”



The sexual abuse scandal is affecting the entire United States and most especially in our Diocese of Buffalo. Many Catholics are understandably asking, “Why should I stay?”

In this stirring and quick read, ‘Letter to a Suffering Church’, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. For Catholics questioning their Faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ.

We wish to get this book into your hands but we need your help, please? We are able to purchase this book in bulk for \$1 / book with free shipping. Our hope is to order 2500. We are looking for generous souls to help us defray the costs of this book; any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you are moved to help, please contact Fr. Leon at [lbeirnat@stgregs.org](mailto:lbeirnat@stgregs.org) or Brian Ruh at [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org) or call 688-5678.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** SVDP Food Drive - October 25 and 26. More information to come.

**BRAVE II**  
Fall Young Adult Retreat  
Allegany 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](http://stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii)  
SGYM<sup>3</sup> Questions Contact Adam Jarosz  
[ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org) - 688-3578



## What You Can Do to Defend Life This Month:

**\*Life Chain 2019--**On Sunday, October 6 from

2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Join the Respect Life Committee in the silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn.

**\*Rosary Coast to Coast**—The Respect Life Committee invites you to participate in the nation-wide praying of the Rosary for Our Nation on **Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 pm.** October 13 is the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. We will meet at the grotto (weather permitting, or at the Ministry Center if not) to recite the Glorious Mysteries and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, asking for God’s mercy and a restoration of the faith and respect for all life in the United States.

**\*“40 Days for Life” campaign continues through November 3.** Your help is needed! Join us at a peaceful prayer vigil outside the Buffalo Womenservices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7 am to 7 pm each day. To sign up for an hour or for more information, contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323 or sign up on-line at [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo).

**\*Cemetery of the Innocents**—Please take a few minutes there to reflect and pray for the millions of unborn lives lost and the millions more mothers, fathers, and families wounded by abortion. May we always offer real hope and help to women in crisis situations. And to those who have made the irreversible and, usually, devastating “choice,” may they come to know the peace of God’s love and mercy. Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus.

**“Help build a world where human life is always loved and defended.”**



## 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.



## MUSIC MINISTRY



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](mailto:NErdman@stgregs.org) or call the Parish Office at 688-5678, extension 308.

## WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS? (PART I)

Whether you’re trying to answer this question for yourself or for other members of your family, we have eight good reasons for you to consider:

1. **We receive support from the faith community.** We are not alone on our spiritual journey, and take comfort knowing people are walking with us. We come before God as part of a community of believers in songs of praise and thanksgiving; in communal prayers and responses.
2. **We receive forgiveness.** During the Mass, at the Penitential Rite (“Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy”), we admit to God and to each other that we make mistakes, and we receive God’s healing forgiveness.
3. **We receive guidance.** The Word of God and the homily offer us spiritual inspiration on how to live our lives as Catholic Christians.

**We pray.** Throughout the Mass we have the opportunity to pray for ourselves and for others. And, if we can quiet our souls, we also have the opportunity to listen to what God is trying to say to us.

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





# MINISTRY UPDATES

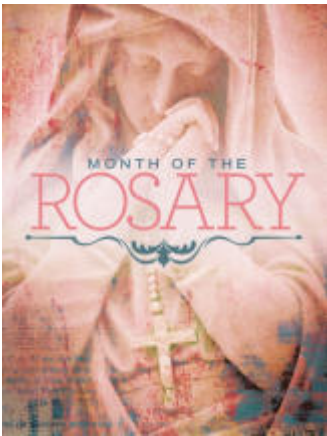
## SENIOR CITIZENS

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.



## RECENTLY TRAINED EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

Please contact Tom Ahearn at [tandj1978@gmail.com](mailto:tandj1978@gmail.com) with your availability as soon as possible to get on the schedule. There is a brief meeting on October 13 after 12:30 pm for new Ministers only. Please come to the front of Church after the Mass. Thank you.



## 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](mailto:raygeska@yahoo.com), or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or [jeffrcrd@aol.com](mailto:jeffrcrd@aol.com).

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 6

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

### Monday, October 7

- 6:00 pm KOC Monthly Mtg. (GR 1 & 2)
- 6:00 pm SWAT (MC basement)
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop Co. Mtg. (MC 3)

### Tuesday, October 8

- 4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm PanCan Monthly Mtg. (GR 1)
- 7:30 pm BSA Troop 444 Mtg. (MC Gym)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

### Wednesday, October 9

- 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 Empowered in Christ (MC basement)

### Thursday, October 10

- 6:30 pm One Way Home Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm EDGE (MC Foyer, Gym, Basement)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord (GR 1&2)

### Friday, October 11

- 12:45 pm Brown Bag Lunch Discussion (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Scouts Religious Emblems Mtg. (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm High School Hangouts (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement, Café)

### Saturday, October 12

- 3:00-8:00 pm Flu Shot Clinic (GR 1)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (GR 2)

### 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)

## 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.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, October 5

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Ladies of the Lord & Families  
by Mary Lou Daigler  
Franklin M. Boehler by Wife & Family
- 5:30 pm Olga Wopperer  
by Dr. & Mrs. Albert Menno

### Sunday, October 6– 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family  
Terry Watters by Karas Family
- 9:30 am Mary Kerrigan  
by Maria Deighan & Lenny
- 11:00 am Elizabeth Safe  
by RoseAnn Lokaj & Family  
Dorothy M. Olejniczak  
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Valentine Kozakiewicz  
& Helen Jachimiak by Goddaughter,  
Christine Balcerek  
Jill D. Kilinskas  
by Husband, Bill Kilinskas
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Rose Hoelscher  
by Brian & Madeline Cushing

### Monday, October 7– Our Lady of the Rosary

- 7:00 am Franz K. Bargmann (Birthday)  
by Barbara Bargmann
- 8:00 am Robert P. La Mond by Judith LaMond
- 12:00 pm Elizabeth Mastrantonio by Family  
Rita McGorry by Thomas Flynn Family

### Tuesday, October 8

- 7:00 am George M. Meyerhofer Sr.  
by Family Faith Formation Staff
- 8:00 am Gerri DiLac (Anniversary) by Family  
Deceased Members of the Bogdan &  
Daigler Families by Mary Lou Daigler
- 12:00 pm Edward Wargala  
by Ron & Kathy Benson

### Wednesday, October 9– Sts. Denis & Companions

- 7:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,  
A.J. & Stephen
- 8:00 am Rev. David Richards (Living)  
Anniversary of Ordination  
McQuaid Family  
by Dawn & Sam Curazzato
- 12:00 pm Dorothy Kilcorse  
by Daughter, Judith La Mond

### Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great  
Harold Grunert &  
Grunert Family Members  
By Bill & Lee Grunet
- 8:00 am Stan Karas (Birthday) by Wife, Jeanne  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Anna Herman  
by Bill & Kathy Schrameck  
Bernice Gantress by Helen Krause

### Friday, October 11– St. John XXIII

- 7:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- 8:00 am Judith Kroese by Sister, Geri Cardarella  
Thomas Griffin III by Andrew Jakubowski  
& Geraldine Napierski
- 12:00 pm Geraldine Robb  
by Michael & Patricia Dwyer  
Sandra Carden by Louis Rothenbuerger

### Saturday, October 12

- 8:00 am Margaret & M. Raymond Guastafero  
by Estate  
Dolores Maurer by Family

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00pm 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  
Rita McGorry by Christine Balcerek
- 12:30 pm Giovanni, Genoveffa, & Cologero Picone  
By Gioacchino & Deodata Picone
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Carmelo Alaimo by Sal and JoJo Glorioso

## 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.

### DECEASED

Carmelo Alaimo  
Dale L. Ruhl  
Ann L. Manuel  
Jim Picuch



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SUNDAY - CLOSED

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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

#### BAPTISM

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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