

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

November 9 & 10, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

If you were put on trial for being a faithful Catholic, would there be enough evidence to find you guilty beyond a reasonable doubt? As the court prepares to present your case, they examine the physical evidence found in your home, at your work place, your daily activities, habits and attitudes. They look at your financial records and the time spent day by day to determine your priorities. Then they call the witnesses to either testify against you or on your behalf. The majority of them say you are nice to others, faithful to your spouse, attend church, provide for your family, work hard at your place of employment, give to charity, help others out when you can, avoid rough language and don't abuse alcohol or drugs. The judge, who is impartial, makes an observation before he passes down his sentence: "This is all well and good but what sets you apart from the hundreds of millions of non-Catholics in the world who do the same thing?"

Perhaps the judge is asking you to go deeper and examine your heart and intentions with sincere objectivity and honesty. "Why Am I Catholic?" Am I Catholic because I feel obligated, or because I love Jesus Christ? If it's strictly out of obligation, then the attitude associated with this may create a certain level of resentment and more than likely we will view our Faith as a bunch of rules we have to follow. If, however, we are Catholic because we love Jesus Christ, then we experience our Faith as a relationship. When we love someone, we want to know them better, we want to spend more time with them, we want to know what interests them, and we find ourselves willing to face the joys and struggles of life, together. When our hearts truly love, sacrifices, inconveniences and hardships are offered-up freely. Jesus invites us into this relationship with Him, not only

PARISH CLOSED

The Parish will be closed Monday, November 11, to observe Veterans Day. The parish will re-open Tuesday at 8:30 am. There will be only one Mass on Monday, November 11, at 8:00 am .

to know about Him (as you point to your head) but to personally know Him (as you point to your heart). Knowing Jesus is more than an intellectual exercise, it's a way of life

"Do you believe Jesus loves you?" Uh-huh, suuure he does, as you think back to your childhood days of butterfly banners with Christian verses. The love of Jesus is not a fluffy love but one that involved great sacrifice, inconvenience and hardship. And He freely did it out of love for you! Look at Him upon the Cross and tell me what He endured was fluffy love. He died for you so that your sins could be forgiven, to free you from the bondage of sin and offer you eternal life. When we know we are loved, we feel supported, we view the world more optimistically, we live our lives with confidence and in turn, we share our love with others. If we truly believe we are loved by Jesus then it stands to reason, we will act accordingly.

These questions are not meant to be 'gotcha' questions. These questions are meant to challenge you and invite you to reflect and grow in your Faith. No one needs to know the answers to these questions but you. Maybe you long for this relationship with Jesus but are not sure how to begin or build it. Maybe you've been disappointed, burned or hurt by the love the world offers, and to trust is difficult? Do you trust Him enough to let Him love you? I invite you to make a conscious and intentional decision to develop a relationship with Him. If you want to know who this Jesus Christ is, begin by picking up the Bible and turn to the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John, put yourself in the story. Walk with Him as He shares His message of love, as He heals thousands and changes their lives. Let Him walk with you today to change your life. I pray for your conviction.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS SELLING CANDLES AFTER MASSES

The American Heritage Girls are in the Church vestibule after all Masses this weekend, selling a variety of products including Advent Candles. Please stop by the vestibule after Mass and support our troop!



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

All are welcome to join us for our only Mass on Thursday, November 28, at 9:00 am as we celebrate many blessings we have received this year. The collection taken at this Mass will be for the St. Gregory's Chapter of the SVDP Conference for all the work they do to support our Parish Community.

We will only have one Mass on Friday, November 29, at 8:00 am.

FAMILY MASS

Upcoming is the St. Greg's Family Mass on November 24 at 9:30 am. We invite all parish families to participate together in the form of Greeters, Lectors and Ushers at this Mass each month. If you are interested, please contact Marisa Piazza in the Parish Office at mpiazza@stgregs.org or 688-5678. Mark your calendars.

“ONLY IN GOD IS MY SOUL AT REST: FROM HURT TO HOPE”

The Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo is offering a Taizé style service to provide some solace to all who are suffering from abuse or anxiety. We will provide a safe space to pray with musicians who are offering comfort with their unique gifts. SS Peter and Paul Church, 5480 Main St. in Williamsville, will be the setting for this quiet, reflective service at 3:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 24th. Members of the Guild will perform music that envelopes the assembly in a mystical journey of song and silence. Make a place for peace, join us.

“LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH” IS HERE!!! BISHOP BARRON BOOK DISCUSSION

Please join us for a sharing session regarding your insights and perspectives from the book *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Bishop Robert Barron. We pray this ‘Cry from the Heart’ will provide you with healing and hope as we journey forward during this difficult time for our Diocese and Church. These sessions are meant to allow us to prayerfully reflect on and better understand this difficult and sensitive topic. If you have not already received a copy of the book, they are available at the Church entrances or Parish Office.

We will gather on:

- Wednesday, November 13, at 12:30 pm in GR 1
- Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm in GR 1

If you have questions, please contact Brian Ruh at bruh@stgregs.org



St. Gregory the Great School

FIRST ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

All PROCEEDS from this fundraiser will benefit The Science Olympiad at St. Greg's School.

ORDERS DUE: Friday, November 22

DELIVERY DATE: Thursday, December 5

PICK UP LOCATION: St. Greg's Ministry Center - Thursday, December 5, from 2:00—6:30 pm and Friday, December 6, from 2:00 - 6:30 pm

QUESTIONS: Contact Helen Brodnick 716-374-0255 or email Hheck1207@aol.com

DETACH BELOW AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

The Main Office at St. Gregory the Great School
250 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Please make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great H.S.A.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

<p>6 1/2" Pots-\$8.00</p> <p>Red _____</p> <p>White _____</p> <p>Pink _____</p> <p>Marble _____</p> <p>Total x\$8.00= _____</p>	<p>8" Pots- \$12.00</p> <p>Red _____</p> <p>White _____</p> <p>Pink _____</p> <p>Marble _____</p> <p>Total x\$12.00= _____</p>
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<p>10" Hanging Pots - \$16.00</p> <p>Red _____</p> <p>White _____</p> <p>Pink _____</p> <p>Marble _____</p> <p>Total x\$16.00= _____</p>	<p>10 1/2 " Pots- \$20.00</p> <p>Red _____</p> <p>White _____</p> <p>Pink _____</p> <p>Marble _____</p> <p>Total x\$20.00= _____</p>
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<p>Christmas Cactus</p> <p>6 1/2" Pot _____ \$8.00</p> <p>Total x \$8.00 _____</p>	<p>Cyclamen</p> <p>6 1/2" Pot _____ \$8.00</p> <p>Total x \$8.00 _____</p>
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<p>Christmas Wreath</p> <p>Handmade wreaths are about 22" and made with Fresh Frasier Fur branches.</p> <p>\$25.00 (with red bow) _____</p> <p>Total x \$25.00 _____</p> <p>\$30.00 (with red bow, pines cones, berries) _____</p> <p>Total x\$30.00 _____</p>

ST. GREG'S SWIM TEAM

We had an awesome final meet for the St Gregs Swim Team! We won against St. Marks yesterday...173 to 76!! We have now gone 8 consecutive years without a loss! Every swimmer from oldest to youngest improved in just two months.

We will very much miss our amazing 8th Graders:

- Mary Kate Christ
- Ekene Ezenwa
- Josh Mancini
- Jeana Piwko
- Joey Piwko and
- Amelia Wands



We would ask that you all give a special congratulations to Peter Peyser, who broke the 11 & over - 50 yard Breaststroke - school record with a 32.78, breaking the old record of 34.66. Peter has now broken 3 records this year! Congratulations to all St. Gregs Swimmers! Good luck in next week's championships!

UNITY DAY 2019

Students Celebrated Unity Day by wearing orange... a day to recognize bully-prevention-efforts. Students started the day with morning meeting and conversations on kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. They participated in "Mix It Up" games at lunch to get to know each other, wrote kind messages in the middle school, and ended with a Prayer Partner project. Students colored a fish and wrote a strength they have on the fish. The fish are displayed in the gym hallway with the theme **"We May All Be Different Fish, But at St. Gregs We All Swim Together."** Thanks to Mrs. Violante for volunteering and hanging all the fish, and for Mr. Gennaro's art guidance. Peace in Christ, Ms. Weppner & Mrs. Mucica



Grade 1 and 7 Prayer Partners



Mix It Up Lunch Game



Unity Day Prayer Partner Art Work

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

November's FFF Outreach: St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive

There are NO CLASSES on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day, and the office will be closed. Note: **There is NO Rosary Club on Nov. 11.**

The Next Rosary Club is on November 18. Rosary Club (Grades 5-8) meets on Mondays from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm in the School Cafeteria, except when there are no classes due to holidays. Hours attended counts towards ministry hours as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc.

There are NO CLASSES from November 28 – 30. A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours!

December Dates for Generations of Faith:

- **Session A** Sunday, December 1, after the 9:30 am Mass
- **Session B** Sunday, December 1, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.
- **Session C** Thursday, December 5, 6:15 - 7:45



Pumpkin Lesson for Gr 3 FFF students: a metaphor for Jesus' light in our lives: how going to Confession clears out the "yuck" from our lives and allows Jesus' light to shine from us once again!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We invite young parishioners interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry to an upcoming training session. Children in Grade 4 and older can attend the training either on Wednesday, December 4, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm or Saturday, December 7, from 12 noon - 1:00 pm. Please contact Nora Weil at momtojcrew@gmail.com with any questions.

CATECHIST CORNER

A prayer for Catechists and those who, in their words and actions, reflect God's light....

"Dear God of light, may we be surrounded by people who bring out the light within us, and who inspire us to make that light shine. We pray that, in sharing our gifts, other will witness our light and recognize its brilliance is rooted in Jesus. May our words, actions, and contributions help others come to know the power of Jesus' love and lead all into a deeper relationship with him. Amen" - *Prayer from 500 Prayers for Catholic Schools and Parish Youth Groups*

LIVING NATIVITY

St. Greg's 13th Annual Living Nativity will take place on December 26 and 27. Beginning in the Gathering Rooms, a Shepherd will take groups of 12 weary travelers to Bethlehem through scenes depicting the road to Bethlehem in the Church and School. Director Jeff Criden needs adult, teen and children actors to portray Dancing Shepherds, Children of Bethlehem, One Wise Man, a Narrator, and most importantly, the Blessed Mother. Also needed and of high importance is a family with a baby to be the Holy Family with our live animals. Please contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com to volunteer or have any questions. Volunteering for this would count as service hours.

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.



FAMILY FUN

Sometimes the most fun we can experience is when we take our eyes off ourselves and focus on others. Why not gather your family and bake cookies for an elderly couple or widow in your church

or neighborhood. Plan a movie night and invite children of a single parent, giving that parent a 'night off'. Design and color posters with words like, "We Love You", "Thinking of You", "You're Awesome" and place them in the front yard of someone who could use the kind gesture. (Carson Dellosa Publishing CD-204016, Family Fun)

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ PIZZA NIGHT!

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

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

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

FORGOT YOUR LUNCH ?

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

CAFÉ AND STORE HOURS

The Catholic Store and Café will not have evening hours on Wednesday, November 27, and will be closed on Thursday, November 28. Both will re-open on Friday, November 29, for normal hours.

Don't forget to stop in for that holiday gift and a cup of coffee!



We invite singers of the parish to consider joining Music Ministry for a few rehearsals in preparation for Christmas Midnight Mass. Reminder first rehearsal is November 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in GR 2. The regular Adult Choir rehearsal follows from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. 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, ext 308.

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:

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 the August or September retreat and would like to attend this retreat, please call the FFF Office(688-5760). Any questions for Confirmation, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

ST. GREG'S SCHOOL TURNS 60!!!



St. Gregory the Great School is celebrating 60 years in 2020. In an effort to update our records, if you are a St. Greg's Alum please complete the form below with your contact information. You can return the form to

the Parish or School Office or put in next weeks collection.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THE COMMITTEE, THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT 6:30 PM IN THE CAFÉ!

NAME: _____

YEAR GRADAUTED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

-SAVE THE DATE-

MOMS Visit Assisi & Rome, Italy

MAY 13-21 2020

Visit: Assisi, Italy- the birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare. Rome, Italy- participate in a Papal audience. Loreto, Italy -Basilica of the Holy House/ Marian Shrine....and much more. The MOMS Assisi/Rome Retreat will allow you the opportunity to reconnect, rebuild and reset your relationship with God, the Blessed Mother, the Saints and the Catholic Church. The retreat will also help us to rebuild our spiritual strength and grow stronger together as Catholic women. **Msgr. Zapfel from St. Leo's will be our spiritual director during the retreat.** Your life will be enriched and transformed through participation, prayer, Eucharistic celebrations, historical visits and lectures, great food and fellowship. Service will also be a part of our retreat. We will incorporate works of mercy with the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara. **Our next gathering is Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 pm at St. Leo's in the St. Monica Rm. Msgr. Zapfel will be there to talk about the retreat. Come and learn more about the retreat and meet the other women going.** We will have regular gatherings until May 2020 to prepare for the retreat. We will journey as friends. All are welcome. Spots are limited.

For more information contact Nadine Bargnes at 830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

Have you ever considered the annulment process? Facilitators, knowledgeable in the Marriage Tribunal Process leading to a Church Annulment, are available to assist individuals to prepare the "paper work" necessary to begin the annulment procedures. So often just putting together the information needed can be overwhelming. Please join us Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 – 11:00am in the Gathering Rooms, 200 St. Gregory Court. A \$5.00 registration fee will cover the cost of materials. Walk-ins are welcome. To register please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or Bruh@stgregs.org

LADIES OF CHARITY

The St. Greg's Ladies of Charity is sponsoring our annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, at 12:30 pm, at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More on Transit Rd. in Williamsville. ALL ladies are welcome! Please call Patty Vitanza @ 716-609-7584 for entree selection and payment instructions. Reservations must be submitted by November 20. Please join us for a fun and festive start to your holidays.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2019

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we take time to reflect upon our blessings from God. While we do so, we keep in mind some less-fortunate families of the greater-Buffalo community. We hope that this 'family' project of giving will bring the meaning of Christmas to life for our parish family here at St. Greg's. **"Family-to-Family Christmas"** is a Christmas project that sponsors nearly 200 needy families each year from Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Gerard Place, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and various Catholic Charities agencies. Our children help to keep *our* spirit of Christmas alive, so hopefully their participation in giving to a needy family will, in turn, make this a meaningful project for your family.

If your family chooses to participate, please mail the form below, call, or send a request via email to a committee member listed below by Monday, November 11.

You will receive details and information on your sponsored family by Thanksgiving. Each sponsor gives on a personal comfort level; that is what makes this program so special! Some suggestions that have worked in the past are each member of the sponsored family receiving a new gift(s) to unwrap and open on Christmas morning, and if desired, including non-perishable food, baked goods, or homemade treats from your family.

This year's drop-off day for "Family-to-Family Christmas" is Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 - 10:30 am at the St. Greg's Ministry Center Gym. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Karyn McMahan (861-1107) kcmcmahan1224@gmail.com

Michelle Burns (380-5423) micburns99@aol.com

Meegan Stamm (867-4431) meegstamm@msn.com

If sending by mail, detach lower section and mail to:

Karyn McMahan, 8260 Lisa Lane, East Amherst, NY 14051

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2019

NAME _____

PHONE (cell/home) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

AGES/GENDER OF YOUR CHILDREN:

We can sponsor a family not to exceed _____ members

We can sponsor a child /children

We can donate Tops/Target/Walmart gift cards/check payable to St. Gregory the Great Parish

Please mail to Karyn McMahan: see address above, or drop off at School Office: ATTN-Michelle Burns/ Family-to- Family Christmas



Assisted Suicide and the Disabled: The National Council on Disability (NCD), an independent federal advisory agency, has released a scathing analysis of the effect of assisted suicide laws in

the United States on people with disabilities. It finds that safeguards are ineffective and that there is little oversight of abuses and mistakes.

Closely examining the experience in Oregon, where the practice has been legal for 20 years, NCD found that the list of conditions eligible for assisted suicide has expanded considerably over time, including many disabilities that, when properly treated, do not result in death, including arthritis, diabetes, and kidney failure.

The NCD report, titled *Assisted Suicide Laws and their Danger to People with Disabilities*, exposes the limitations of purported safeguards. It says that:

*Insurers have denied patients expensive, life-sustaining medical treatment, but offered to subsidize lethal drugs for them, potentially leading patients to hasten their own deaths;

*Misdiagnoses of terminal disease can cause frightened patients to hasten their deaths;

*Though fear and depression often drive requests for assisted suicide, referral for psychological evaluation is extremely rare prior to doctors writing lethal prescriptions;

*Financial and emotional pressures can distort patient choice;

*Patients may “doctor shop” limitlessly to find a physician who will obtain a colleague’s concurrence and prescribe a lethal dose

*Evidence of suicide contagion in states where assisted suicide is legal has been found in several studies.

The NCD report points out that many national disability rights organizations oppose the legalization of assisted suicide. (Full text at nosuicideny.org)

ATTENTION: A bill legalizing assisted suicide in New York will be considered by the legislature beginning January 2020. The Catholic Church strongly opposes this legislation. Go to the Patients’ Rights Action Fund website (patientsrightsaction.org), uscdb.org, and/or buffalodiocese.org/pl-assisted-suicide for videos and information on this very important topic.



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.

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pick up is on Saturday, November 16. 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. Refer to what we can accept on this list; Appliances must work, and furniture must be in good condition: **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

2019 Christmas Gift Collection

Christmas Gift Tags will be hung on a Christmas Tree in the front vestibule and placed in baskets near the exits of the Church.

This Christmas season, we ask you to open your hearts, take a gift tag from our tree or from the baskets found near the Church exits, and provide a **new** Christmas gift or gift card for the needy person listed. Socks, sweats, hats and mittens are always welcomed. Gift cards from Walmart, TARGET or TOPS Market are also greatly appreciated. **Please return the wrapped gift or gift card** (with tag attached) **to the Gathering Rooms on Saturday, December 14, from 3:30-7:00 pm and Sunday, December 15, from 7:30 am -12:00 noon (no later than 12:00 noon please as the delivery of gifts begins promptly at 1:00 pm).**



PLEASE DO NOT leave gifts in the Church foyer!

This ministry began in December of 1975 and about 1300 people have been helped each year. Last year, over 3,000 gifts were collected and delivered. Each tag is for a specific person. Once a tag is taken from the tree, we are counting on a gift for that individual.

TIP: Before you shop, take photo of the gift tag so you have the information with you, and leave the tag at home so it doesn’t get lost.

Of His Fullness we have all had a share ...love following upon love. John 1:14,16

MINISTRY UPDATES

SENIOR CITIZENS

The next meeting is November 18 at 1:00 pm in the MC Gym where we begin a “Speaker Series”. This series will consist of three speakers—one from the Saturday morning Rosary-for-our-Country group, one from the post office to discuss fraud, and one speaker presenting on healthy eating. Refreshments will be served. Please come and join your fellow seniors for this interesting three-part event.

NEW DATE: December 16 is our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Russel’s Steak House. The cost for members is \$33.00 and \$35.00 for a guest prior to December 9. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please sign up and bring payment to our next meeting. Anyone over 55 years of age may attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

ST GREG'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All-you-can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 17, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in Ministry Center Gym.

Purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Children 4 and under are free.

Menu includes: Pancakes, egg, sausages, juice, coffee. This breakfast is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. This year the proceeds will benefit our Seminarian Tuition Fund and other various charities. To learn more contact Bob Moses at 908-4223.



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 Ave Maria and God Bless America after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10

12:30 pm KOC Remembrance Mass and Reception
(Church and GR 1, GR 2)

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

5:30 pm Life Teen (MC foyer, gym, basement, Café)

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day –Parish Closed

Tuesday, November 12

4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (GR 2)

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

7:00 pm AMPED (MC Café)

7:30 pm BSA Troop 444 (MC Gym)

8:00 pm (11:00 am) Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm RCIA (School Classroom (#802))

7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (MC 2)

Thursday, November 14

6:30 pm EDGE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)

7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Mtg. (GR 1 & 2)

Friday, November 15

9:00 am MOMS Meeting (GR 1 & 2)

5:30 pm American Heritage Girls
(School Cafeteria, Gym, School Library)

Saturday, November 16

SVDP FURNITURE DRIVE ALL DAY

12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (School Classroom #602)

Sunday, November 17

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.



Sessions of Inquiry continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. For more information e-mail Jerry Peer at gpeer@verizon.net or call the Parish Office at 688-5678.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Jane Danahy Deakin
by Patricia Fortunato
- 5:30 pm Matthew Wyzkowski by Family
Thomas Gaffney by Friends

Sunday, November 10 -32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Diane Egger by Husband, George Egger
- 9:30 am Joseph Militello
by Militello & Mazza Families
James J. Laux by Wife, Angeline
& Children
- 11:00 am Candace Sanders by Capozzi Family
Donald Ritz Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Parisi
- 12:30 pm Cindy Sciolino by Christine Balcerek
Mass Of Remembrance
by KOC Council # 14687
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Tyler P. Wackowski
by Fred & Kim Gworek

Monday, November 11- Veterans Day-Parish Closed

- 8:00 am Chester Sobczyk
by Son, Chester & Family
Dr. Edward Haley (Anniversary)
by Family

Tuesday, November 12- St. Josaphat

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
John Tronolone by Family
- 12:00 pm Thomas Comer by Cheryl, Mike,
& Giavanna Rossi
Calvin Potts by Barbara Voigt

Wednesday, November 13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 8:00 am Marcia Rajewski (Wedding Anniversary)
by Husband, Edwin
- 12:00 pm Frances Sperrazza (Birthday)
by Daughter

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 am Theresa A. DiAngelo by Glynn Family
- 8:00 am Patrick Waldron by Stark Family
Kathleen Elia by Dolores Mason & Family
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Leon J. Biernat by Son, Fr. Leon Biernat
John E. Borkowski by Wife & Family

Friday, November 15- St. Albert the Great

- 7:00 am Tom Delaney (Birthday) by Delaney Family
- 8:00 am Betty Moran (Living) by Sharon Sans
- 12:00 pm Dorothy & Alexander Piskorowski
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski
Paul A. Spinley
by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Santa Lucia

Saturday, November 16

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

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family & Friends
Thomas Ventriglio
by Christi & Brian Carroll
- 5:30 pm Lucille F. Husarik
by Tim & Ann Marie Spellman

Sunday, November 17 -33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Pauline & Roman Hrycik
by Marianne Boccabella
Judy DeGolier (Anniversary)
by Bill & Linda Dohn
- 9:30 am Clare Wesolowski by Maggie Connely
Josephina & Angel Hernandez
by La Mendola Family
- 11:00 am Jane Paolini by Daughters
Donald Ritz Sr.
by Richard, Peter, & Monica Parisi
- 12:30 pm Margaret Sasse (Anniversary) by Daughter
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Zoltan Wurm by Family
Julie Hahn by Daughter, Kate

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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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