

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

November 16 & 17, 2019  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings St. Greg's,

A story needs to be shared about the retreat we had last weekend and the progress of Young Adult Ministry here at St. Gregory the Great. I first would like to give all glory to the Lord for how far we have come. The Holy Spirit is truly at work and I'm blessed to be a witness. It's amazing how the Lord can move.

We've come a long way from humble beginnings with the young adults (18-30somethings). When I first started work on with this age group, I took a look at how big it was. With almost 5,000 people who fit between 18-40 on the parish's books, I was floored with how big the task is. Especially since the majority of those are missing from the pews. We had to roll up the sleeves and get busy.

The first task was to build a team, a Core Team of volunteers who could give their time and talent to the cause. The Lord provided. Our team has grown and become more capable as we jelled over the past two years. They are passionate, faithful, and willing to serve. We



pour into relational ministry and hospitality to create an environment that even hardened hearts would find welcoming. This has set the stage for the growing and posi-



tive response to Amped, our flagship young adult event, and to our retreats. We are steadily growing from a handful of participants to surging into the 40's and 50's.

This weekend was Brave II, a powerful and prayerful experience calling our participants out of the boat like Peter. Built around Matthew's account of walking on water (Matt 14:22-33), we followed along the theme of being brave in the storm. Our team and priests/seminarian (Fr. Paul, Fr. Moses, and Joe Tokasz) delivered thought-provoking and enthusiastic sessions designed to explore our relationship with Jesus and call us to action.

The over 40 young adults who journeyed to Allegany were energized for more. With uplifting live music led by Michael Cygan, no one was left sitting during praise and worship. Our prayer experiences at Mass and in front of the Blessed Sacrament opened up hearts across the room. These young adults are passionate and empowered to move forward, not because of anything we did, but what the Holy Spirit has been doing.

Continue to pray for us as we keep moving forward, led by the Holy Spirit, to keep leading people to Christ. The task at hand is large but the seed is growing. As Fr. Dave Pivanka of the Wild Goose series leads, "Come Holy Spirit, come Holy Spirit..."



In Christ,  
Adam Jarosz  
Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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## 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](mailto:mpiazza@stgregs.org) or 688-5678. Mark your calendars.

## THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH AND MASS SCHEDULE

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 help those in need.

The Parish Office will be closed November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have only one Mass on Friday, November 29, at 8:00 am. The Office will resume normal hours on Monday, December 2.

### “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. 24<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Guild will perform music that envelops the assembly in a mystical journey of song and silence. Make a place for peace, join us.



### GREAT DINNER ACUTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talent and treasure in making the St. Greg's

21st Annual Dinner Auction a successful evening! A huge thanks to the chair couples Maria and Steve Galmuzina and Nicole and Matt Schmidt. Also, a special thanks to our Auction Coordinator, Cindy Reitebach.

### FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION—“LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH”

Please join us for our last 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. In this session, we will prayerfully reflect to 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:

- Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm in GR 1

If you have questions, please contact Brian Ruh at [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>6 1/2" Pots-\$8.00</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Total x\$8.00= _____	<b>8" Pots- \$12.00</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Total x\$12.00= _____
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<b>Christmas Cactus</b> 6 1/2" Pot _____ \$8.00 Total x \$8.00 _____	<b>Cyclamen</b> 6 1/2" Pot _____ \$8.00 Total x \$8.00 _____
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<b>Christmas Wreath</b> Handmade wreaths are about 22" and made with fresh Fraser Fir branches. \$25.00 (with red bow) _____ Total x \$25.00 _____ \$30.00 (with red bow, pines cones, berries) _____ Total x\$30.00 _____
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## GRADE 3 VETERANS DAY ACTIVITY

On Thursday, November 7, the third grade students participated in a Veterans Day activity to benefit U.S. soldiers currently serving overseas in Baghdad. This was led by Marine veteran Nick Martone, father of Lena in Grade 3. Nick is the president and founder of Team Fast Foundation, a non-profit (501 (c)(3)) that's mission is to redefine the way our veterans transition out of service by providing a Post Camp Program to help decrease obstacles and deal with difficulties that arise for veterans. Nick is also an ambassador for The PGA HOPE Program, Helping Our Patriots Everywhere, a program that helps out our veterans through the game of golf.



Students decorated golf balls with permanent markers, and these will be donated to active-duty military mentioned above to add some recreation and relaxation to their day.

## SCHOOL LOOKING FOR RN

St. Greg's School is looking for a licensed RN to help administer insulin via an insulin pump for a student in our Early Childhood Program. Training provided. This person would be a backup in case of emergency and/or if the current RN's were unavailable. This would require one-two hours on the given day. This person is required to have Virtus training in progress or completed. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Marisa Piazza at [mpiazza@stgregs.org](mailto:mpiazza@stgregs.org) or 688-5678.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**FFF Upcoming Events and Information:**  
**November's FFF Outreach: St. Vincent dePaul Food Drive**

**The Next Rosary Club is on November 18. Rosary Club** (Grades 5-8) meets on Mondays from 6:15- 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!



Gr 5-10 FFF Students made blankets for Gerard Place, which provides housing, supportive services, community education and outreach to homeless mothers and their children to help them toward self-sufficiency.



## 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](mailto:momtojcrew@gmail.com) with any questions.

## CATECHIST CORNER

### A PRAYER FOR CATECHIST CLASS PREPARATION

“Holy Spirit, be with me as I prepare to teach these children of God. Give me the words to speak the name of Jesus to my students with compassion and love. Attune the ear of my heart to listen for opportunities to pray with my students. Help me to look for moments to be your voice, hands and heart to all those whom I encounter today. I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

A Prayer from Joe Paprocki’s Catechist Journey, Loyola Press, <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2019/08/prayer-for-class-preparation/>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 a second rehearsal is November 19 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 please contact Nancy Erdman by email [NErdman@stgregs.org](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:Bruh@stgregs.org)

## **STAY CONNECTED TO ST. GREG'S THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Quick access to the Bulletin, learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation or Youth Ministry.



### **To download Parish App:**

IPHONE USERS TEXT: ParishApp1 to 555888

ANDROID USERS TEXT: ParishApp2 to 555888

VISIT YOUR APP STORE: Search WeConnect, Parish App, look for the blue icon above and follow the prompts. See the back of the Bulletin to learn all the ways you can follow St. Greg's on social media.

## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL**

Kairos Prison Ministry International is holding their December Kairos Retreat at Wende CF from December 5th through December 8th, and your support is greatly needed. First of all we need your prayers. Please begin praying for the success of the weekend today and continue to lift the team and inmates up in prayer until the weekend concludes. If you are able to pray for a specific hour during the weekend, please contact Mark Duguay at [mgduguay@gmail.com](mailto:mgduguay@gmail.com) and let him know the day and hour during the weekend you are willing to pray. Late night and early morning hours are badly needed. Secondly, we need letters of encouragement for each inmate. Since this weekend is in December you can give the inmates Christmas cards. Just address them “Brother in Christ” and sign them using your first name only. Include a few words of encouragement. Cards can not be sealed. Just put them in an envelope and keep it unsealed. Thirdly, we need packages of cookies. They must be store-bought. They can not be in “resealable” packaging. Cookies can not contain any type of liqueur (chocolate or vanilla) and cannot have raisins or powdered sugar on them. Aldi's has great prices and a good variety of packaged cookies. Fourthly, we need decorated placemats (11” X 17”). Placemats should be colorfully decorated with a little message of encouragement. Please use colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Stickers, glitter, and things like that cannot be used. If made by a child they can have the child's first name only and their age. Fifthly, we could use financial donations. The weekend costs approximately \$1,500 to put on. Please make all checks out to KPMI and write Wende #65 on the memo line.

Checks can be mailed to:

Kairos Prison Ministry International  
P.O. Box 194  
Williamsville, NY 14231-0194

Lastly, you can attend the Kairos Holy Hour at Harvest House on Saturday, December 7, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. There will be a lunch at noon followed by a Holy Hour which will include a guest speaker, singing, the reading of a letter from the K 65 leader, Jack Thoman, and a free-will offering.

For more information call Mark Duguay at 716-208-4706. He can answer any general questions about Kairos or give you information on how to become a Kairos Volunteer. Volunteers can work inside the prison or on the outside support team.



**2020 March for Life --“Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman:”** The Diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities is sponsoring buses for the March for Life

in Washington DC taking place on **Thursday, January 23—Friday, January 24, 2020.**

**Reservations for the bus trip accepted with payment due by Friday, December 27, 2019.** Cost is \$195.00 (incl. round-trip bus, breakfast, & speaker); \$145.00 (for bus only) or \$50.00 (for breakfast & speaker). Bus registration with online PayPal payment is available at [www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife). Mail-In registration forms are available online at [www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events#marchforlife](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events#marchforlife)

**NOTE:** Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Hotel reservations at the Washington Plaza Hotel can be made by calling (202) 842-1300 or (800) 424-1140 or book online directly at [www.washingtonplazahotel.com](http://www.washingtonplazahotel.com). Single room rate: \$179.00; Double room rate: \$199.00; Subject to 14.5% DC sales tax per person. **(To get the special Diocesan room rates, make reservations by December 20. Mention the Diocese of Buffalo.)** Can't attend and want to help? Consider being a sponsor. For more details and information, visit [www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife) or call (716) 847-2205.

**Fr. Paul Cygan is hoping to lead a group of St. Gregory's parishioners at this year's March for Life in Washington, DC. Contact him for more information at [pcygan@stgregs.org](mailto:pcygan@stgregs.org). There are information/registration brochures at the entrances to the Church. Please consider being a part of this very important witness to the sanctity of Life!! *“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you.” –Pope Francis***



## 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. Please ask a friend or relative to sub for your scheduled adoration hour if you are going to be away anytime during the holiday season. It is a way to evangelize and introduce others to our adoration chapel. Thank you.**

**\*\*Substitute adorers are needed for Sunday mornings 4:00 AM - 6:00 AM during the months of January and February 2020.**

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

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

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

## MOMS PLAYGROUP

Moms and tots, join us for fellowship and fun Thursday, December 5th, from 10:00 am-Noon in the Ministry Center basement playroom. Questions contact [fanony27@gmail.com](mailto:fanony27@gmail.com).

**Upcoming playdates:** January 1, February 6 and March 3.

## 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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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 17

8:30 am-2:30 pm KOC Pancake Breakfast (MC)

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

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

### Monday, November 18

12:30 pm Senior Citizens Monthly Mtg. (MC Gym)

6:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

7:30 pm Troop 440 Leadership Mtg. (MC 1)

### Tuesday, November 19

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

6:45 pm Cub Scout Pack 440 (School Gym & Cafeteria)

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

7:00 pm AMPED (MC Café)

7:00 pm BSA Troop 444 Meeting (MC Gym)

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

### Wednesday, November 20

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm KOC Recruitment Mtg. (Café)

6:30 pm School Board Monthly Mtg. (MC 2)

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

7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)

### Thursday, November 21

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

6:30 pm SDVP Meeting (MC 2)

### Friday, November 22

7:00 pm ULTIMATE (Gym, Foyer, Basement)

### Saturday, November 23

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

### Sunday, November 24

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

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

### FIVE WAYS TO BE A GOOD HOST

The holidays are approaching and these five fabulous tips not only work for your family at home but for your family at church!

**1) Invitation.** Invite your family and friends back home, to Mass. Include necessary information like the date, the time (s) and the location of St Greg's Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses. **2) Be welcoming and attentive.** Make sure guests are greeted warmly and made to feel welcome. **3) Be flexible and gracious.** Somebody is sitting in your seat. Some guests may be unaware of protocol. Exhausted kids are crying and loud. Be gracious; no polite host would ever intentionally make their guests feel unwelcome. **4) Set the example.** We want our guests to be put at ease. It's our job to gently show our guests when we stand, sit and kneel. Introduce new family and friends to each other, do not exclude anyone. **5) Be appreciative.** Let people know how good it was to see them and thank them for coming.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 16

#### 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 Connelly  
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

### Monday, November 18-Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Rose Yaklin by Vic & Fran Silveri
- 12:00 pm Richard C. Vivacqua (Anniversary)  
by Vivacqua Family

### Tuesday, November 19

- 7:00 am Dr. Richard Romanowski by Estate  
Edna Fechter & Family Members  
by Bill & Grace Grunert
- 8:00 am Henry J. Bogdan  
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
- 12:00 pm Dennis Reed by Bob Demerath  
Deceased Members of Hertel Family  
by Jeanne Hertel

### Wednesday, November 20-

- 7:00 am V. Eloise Pompa by Mr. & Mrs. Sexton
- 8:00 am Patrick Moran by Betty Moran
- 12:00 pm Margaret Sasse (Birthday) by Daughter

### Thursday, November 21- Presentation of Mary

- 7:00 am Barbara Ahlstron  
by Angel O'Brien & Robert Greene
- 8:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,  
A.J. & Stephen  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Thomas Ruthven & Irving Simmons  
by Mary Pat Ruthven  
Edward Driscoll by Janet Wilde

### Friday, November 22-St. Cecilia

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 8:00 am Gregory Brill by Shelly Marshall
- 12:00 pm Charlie Donner by Teri & Family  
Ted Lontkowski by Jewula Family

### Saturday, November 23- St. Clement & St. Columban

- 8:00 am Mary Glenn by Jim Glenn  
Glays Vilardo (Birthday) by Estate

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Dr. James H. Cosgriff  
by Wife, Mary Lou & Family
- 5:30 pm Rosemary T. Drumm by Family  
John Lewis Schultz by Judy & Tony Picone

### Sunday, November 24- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 am Sam & Joy Chiarello by Mary Ann & Sam  
Piazza & John Chiarello  
Charles T. Kane (Anniversary)  
By Wife & Family
- 9:30 am Chester & Helen Pawenski by Family  
Charles Horey  
by Ronald & Michelle Cercone
- 11:00 am Dave Haumesser  
by Tim & Ann Marie Spellman  
John DiPasquale by Wife & Children
- 12:30 pm Tyler P. Wackowski  
by Fred & Kim Gworek
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Dr. John T. Phelan by Patricia A. Phelan

### REAR PEWS RECEIVING COMMUNION

We are changing our Communion stations to better service the parishioners during Communion. In our efforts, we want it to be clear that any disabled individuals sitting in the rear pews will receive Communion after the two side aisles have finished. We have designated two Eucharist Ministers, at each Mass, to service these pews. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please see an Usher before or after Mass.

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

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**BAPTISM**

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

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**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

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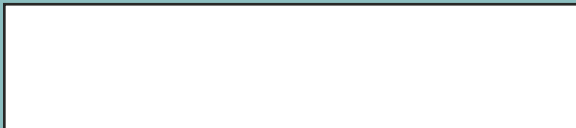
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