

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

November 2 & 3, 2019  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends in Christ,

We celebrated All Saints on the 1<sup>st</sup> and remember All Souls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. We will have a special liturgy on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All year long we should pray for all souls, both the living and deceased, but we especially remember the deceased this month. As an organist and church musician, I've been to countless funerals and Masses. I'd like to share some thoughts from the Scriptures and the many homilies I've heard. They have been a great source of hope, comfort and healing to me.

My hope comes from John's Gospel, chapter 14, verses 1-6 – a Scripture passage often heard at funerals. Jesus says: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14: 3) I've heard a priest or two ask, "Who wants to go to Heaven?" Perhaps we'll all raise our hands for that one! Then the question came, "Who wants to die?" Most of us don't want to die, but we can't go to Heaven until after we die. Even though we're all sinners, God has prepared a place for us, and God wants us sinners to be with Him. If Heaven is my ultimate goal, how do I get there? Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14: 6) He also gave us His mother. Mary's humble, selfless life with Jesus is the perfect example of how to live and love. For us sinners, "A heart contrite and humbled, O God, You will not spurn." (Psalm 51: 19) Praise God for His infinite mercy and forgiveness!

After my mom died and then my dad about ten months later, I experienced much grief. My comfort comes from Fr. Leon's story of a little boy who at Sun-

day Mass, week after week, kept asking if Fr. Leon "saw" all the people at the altar. That graced little boy saw faces from wall to wall and floor to ceiling all around the altar. Our departed loved ones are with us at every Eucharist! Jesus lived only 33 years on Earth, but He is still living and very much with us in every Holy Communion – and all of Heaven is with Him and us at Holy Mass! If Heaven and Earth meet at Holy Mass, we can meet our loved ones in the Eucharist. We may not be graced like that little boy to see our loved ones with our eyes, but, as Fr. Paul Cygan's friend promised, may the Spirit guide us to "see" them – to believe they are with us – in the Eucharist. Eucharistic miracles have shown us that Jesus' heart is in the Eucharist, ready to love us, nourish us, and be with us in every moment of life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus joins us to our loved ones. Ideally, Jesus should be a part of every relationship!

Often, it seems that healing can come only from God. We human beings struggle in a war of sorts between our flesh and our minds. St. Paul writes: "I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not." (Romans 7: 18) And: "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his spirit that dwells in you." (Romans 8: 11) So if healing is something only God can do, what can we do to give life and love to one another? God needs people to show His compassion. A person who is grieving or in need of healing because of some hurt often just needs someone to listen.

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## PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All Parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **November 3** for coffee, juice and donuts in Gathering Room 1 after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the Parish, you may register at this time.

## COMBINED COLLECTION Catholic University and All Souls Day

This weekend, November 2 and 3, we will have a combined collection for Catholic University and All Souls Day.

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Whether or not we're in a position to do something tangible to help him/her, what we can do is listen and pray for and with him/her. Similarly, God doesn't usually send food from the sky to the hungry and poor; He sends people with food. So if Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist and feeds our souls, we in turn should feed one another through his spirit dwelling in us. I believe that Jesus dwells in us and gives us life. And as he nourishes our souls in Holy Communion, we are called and sent to live the Gospel. Jesus offers us an eternal life of love and peace in His Kingdom, and we should share His love and life with others, not keep it to ourselves.

Fr. Tom Mahoney once spoke of life being like a story. Some lives are lived like thousand-page novels, others are a few hundred pages, and some are short stories. While they're different lengths, they are all complete stories. Fr. Moses has talked about measuring life not by the number of our breaths but by the number of moments that take our breath away. May the Spirit breathe on us throughout our story, and may God use us as He wills!

In the peace and love of Christ, Nancy Erdman

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

This week was a jam packed week in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Middle School Youth Ministry had a full week, starting with providing service for the parish by cleaning the Grotto, replacing candles, and doing some small jobs for the Great Dinner Auction. We had Edge on Thursday night where we talked about the fourth commandment, and then a Halloween Party during our Ultimate night on Friday.

High School Youth Ministry also had a Halloween party this week. Each party was packed full of candy, costumes, and fun. Youth and Young Adult Ministry is extremely active at this parish, so if you have a middle schoolers (grades 5-8), a high schooler, or a young adult, we would love to see you get involved and join this growing community. Middle School meets Thursday nights, High Schoolers meet Sunday nights, and Young Adults meet every other Tuesday!

# THANK YOU!

Thanks to you, our Bishop Barron books are here! We asked for your help to defray costs and you came through! We acknowledge and offer special thanks to our Knights of Columbus, Anne Bielinski, Donna Brachmann, Mary Broadt, Judy Brown-Reifsteck, Joann Clinton, Joe and Annie Deck, Joe Dispensa, Rita Dixon, Nancy Donohue, Beth Lucia and others who wish to remain anonymous. Our desire, for you, is that this book will provide hope and healing as we go through this trial, together.

## “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:

- Monday, November 4, at 7:00 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, November 6, at 12:30 pm in GR 1
- 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](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>10" Hanging Pots - \$16.00</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Total x\$16.00= _____	<b>10 1/2 " Pots- \$20.00</b> Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble _____ Total x\$20.00= _____
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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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**Christmas Wreath**

Handmade wreaths are about 22" and made with Fresh Frasier Fur branches.

\$25.00 (with red bow) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total x \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\$30.00 (with red bow, pines cones, berries) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total x\$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ST. GREG'S BASEBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE!!!

We are so proud of all the St. Greg students that participated in the Fall baseball season. As the season came to an end, Both JV and Varsity placed third in their league. Congratulations to all!!!



JV Team Grade 4 - 6

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

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

### November GOF Class Dates:

**GOF Session A:** November 3 (9:30 am - 12 noon)

**GOF Session B:** November 3 (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

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

**There are NO CLASSES on Monday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day. The FFF Office will also be closed. Note: There is **NO Rosary Club** on November 11.

**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 (e.g. Christmas Break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). **There is NO Rosary Club on Nov. 11.** Hours attended counts towards ministry hours as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc.



Grades 1 – 4  
learned so  
much on their  
Church tours.



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

## 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).

### TELEMARKETERS WANTED

After weeks of preparation, we are ready to reach out to our Parishioners whom we have not seen in a while. We have a phone script, a census form and helpful hints to give you the confidence to engage our parish family members. You can participate on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or as-available basis. If you are able to help us, please contact Brian Ruh at 688 - 5678 ext. 303 or at [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org).

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

*The role of a Catechist is to teach our faith by word and example.*

Resources for Catechists from the Diocese of Buffalo: For 2019-2020 Pastoral Skills NFCYM webinars, go to [www.gotostage.com/channel/3137548062961020934](http://www.gotostage.com/channel/3137548062961020934)

To see current/upcoming NFCYM webinars, go to: <http://nfcym.org/webinars>

Topics covered:

1. Get Families Talking about Relationships, Sex, and Safety (11/12)
2. Bruises on the Inside (9/10)
3. Incarnation Driven Ministry/Accompaniment (10/8)
4. High Anxiety: Unlocking the Effects of Stress and Anxiety (8/13)

### ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Join us on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30pm in the Church for our annual Candlelight Mass in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. As you enter the Church we will ask for the names of your beloved deceased, and we will read those names aloud during our candlelight prayers after the homily. As part of this continued celebration of the Feast of All Souls, we will also lift in prayer all our beloved parishioners who have died during this past year.

## ST. GREG'S PARISHONERS AND FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

**MOTHER TERESA SAID, "IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT INTO GIVING"**

There was a whole lot of love and giving after Father Gus Gordon, a priest of the Diocese of St. Lucia in the West Indies, came and spoke to at every Mass one weekend in July of 2018, on behalf of the Food for the Poor, Inc. During his talk, he discussed the importance of how our compassion, prayers and charity with God's grace can have a profoundly positive affect on those who suffer. Through the collective charity of the Ladies of the Lord and many other parishioners, a campaign was started to build a home for a family in Haiti. Then something seemingly miraculous occurred: not only did the St. Greg's family raise enough for one home, but we raised enough funds (over \$20,000) to build five homes, which was totally unexpected. Because of the parishioners at St. Greg's, five less families are sleeping at a garbage dump, or slum, or in a leaky shack. Your kindness and generosity allowed these families to experience something they haven't felt in a long time, HOPE. Your corporal and spiritual Acts of Mercy brought the Gospel to life for many of those who suffer!

This effort was led by Fr. Tom Mahoney (it was during Fr. Leon's sabbatical), with many parishioners who stepped up to accomplish acts of Mercy & Love for the suffering poor. For all those who helped, in any way with this effort, please know that your compassion and charity were truly appreciated by those in need.



## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS SELLING CANDLES AFTER MASS

The American Heritage girls are holding their annual Abby candle sale after the masses on November 9th and 10th. They will be selling a variety of products including advent candles. Please stop by the vestibule after mass and support our troop!



Music Ministry invites singers, adults and children – singing families welcome! – to minister with us on Thanksgiving morning at the 9:00 am Mass. We'll have one rehearsal in Gathering Room 2 on Tuesday, November 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. If you'd like to join us, you may just show up at rehearsal or contact Nancy Erdman at 688-5678 Ext. 308 or email [NErdman@stgregs.org](mailto:NErdman@stgregs.org).

## 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.

## 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 reopen on Friday, November 29, for normal hours.

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

# —SAVE THE DATE—



## 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.

## 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)

## 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 Friday, November 8.**

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](mailto:kcmcmahan1224@gmail.com)

Michelle Burns (380-5423) [micburns99@aol.com](mailto:micburns99@aol.com)

Meegan Stamm (867-4431) [meegstamm@msn.com](mailto: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



**2020 March for Life --  
“Life Empowers: Pro-Life  
is Pro-Woman.”** The Dioc-  
esan Office of Pro-life Ac-  
tivities 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. 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. 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.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

...that St. Greg's is not notified when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know when your loved ones are in need of a priest visit.

Please call the Parish Office at 688-5678 for a priest visit, to be added to the prayer chain or to update their contact information.

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH  
MINISTRIES**

Please REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAIL-BOXES in the Parish Office once a month or weekly if possible. If you are a ministry leader and can't check it yourself, please designate a representative to do this. Information is given monthly and sometimes weekly to keep your ministry updated about Parish events.

**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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Knights of Columbus Council #14687 invites family, friends and the parish community to join in the annual St. Gregory the Great Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brother Knights on Sunday, November 10, at 12:30 pm. A reception will follow immediately in the Gathering Rooms.

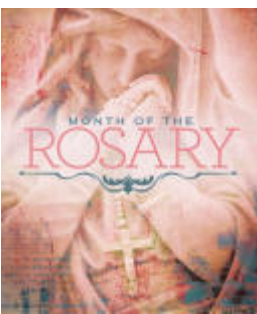
Please RSVP by November 6 to Tim Spellman at 688-3597 or [teamspel@verizon.net](mailto:teamspel@verizon.net).



## 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.

December 9 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.



## 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 3

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

### Monday, November 4

- 6:00 pm SWAT (*MC Basement*)
- 6:00 pm KOC Monthly Mtg. (*MC 1&2*)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Association Coaches Mtg. (*MC 3*)
- 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop Committee (*MC 1*)
- 7:00 pm Food Shuttle Mtg. (*MC 2*)

### Tuesday, November 5

- 4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (*GR 2*)
- 6:30 pm Troop 440 Patrol Leader Mtg. (*MC 3*)
- 7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (*GR 2*)
- 8:00 pm (11:00 am) Adult Choir Rehearsal (*GR 2*)

### Wednesday, November 6

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Gym*)
- 2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
- 6:30 pm Mass Of Remembrance (*Church*)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (*School Classroom #802*)

### Thursday, November 7

- 6:30 pm EDGE (*MC Gym, Foyer, Basement*)
- 6:30 pm SVDP Mtg. (*MC 2*)
- 6:30 pm One Way Home Rehearsal (*Church*)

### Friday, November 8

- 10:00 am Ladies of Charity Mtg. Diocesan (*GR 1*)
- 6:00 pm Scouts Religious Emblems Mtg. (*MC 2*)

### Saturday, November 9

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

### Sunday, November 10

- 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](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net) or call the Parish Office at 688-5678.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 2

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Florence Sodus (Birthday)  
by Jason, Kathleen, Colin Coyle  
Henry Walas by Jim & Teresa Majors
- 5:30 pm Felipe & Jesusa Torres & Children  
by Diana Adriano

### Sunday, November 3— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
- 9:30 am Angela Scrivani by Ralph & Rose Pawlak  
Paul A. Spinley by Pauline Meli
- 11:00 am Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki  
Charles Michael Calabrese by  
Glenn Wilke Midtown Educational  
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- 12:30 pm Carmelo Manta  
by Daughter, Carmelina Misericola  
Souls in Purgatory by Joyce Santoro
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Pasquale Vicari by Wife & Children

### Monday, November 4— St. Charles Borromeo

- 7:00 am Alice Jozwiak by Peter & Rose Shields
- 8:00 am Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
- 12:00 pm Mario & Santo Campanella  
by Maria Campanella  
Boniface Pope  
by Wife, Mary & Daughter

### Tuesday, November 5

- 7:00 am Sam Curazzato (Living) by wife, Dawn
- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great  
James P. Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney
- 12:00 pm Edward Curto (Anniversary)  
by Daughter & Family  
Andy Scarcella by Denise Scarcella

### Wednesday, November 6

- 7:00 am Clare Wesolowski by Jane Wolf
- 8:00 am Kenneth Glaser by Mr. & Mrs. David  
Wert & Hadley & Lexie
- 12:00 pm Norma Heimerl by Edna & Ronald Fell  
Frank Papa by Bill & Meg Guinigundo
- 7:00 pm Mass of Remembrance

### DECEASED

Jose A. de Perio III

### PARISH CLOSED

The Parish will be closed on Monday, November 11, to observe Veterans Day. There will be only one daily Mass, at 8:00 am. The Parish will re-open at 8:30 on Tuesday, November 12.

### Thursday, November 7

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Joseph Polka by John & Gail Knipp  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Frank Scarcella by Anna Miloni  
Mary Patricia Paxon  
by John & Lynne Manning

### Friday, November 8

- 7:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,  
A.J. & Stephen
- 8:00 am Mary Bielaski by Sister, Linda Amabile
- 12:00 pm Christie Thein (Living) by Mrene Corra  
Leon T. Dulski (Anniversary) by  
Mary Lou Daigler & Family

### Saturday, November 9 -Dedication of Lateran Basilica

- 8:00 am Gregory Bielinski by Anne Bielinski
- #### Vigil Mass
- 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

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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

**HOLY DAYS:** As listed in the Bulletin.

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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**

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