

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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## *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*      *June 23 & 24, 2018*

### **From The Desk of the Pastor**

My dear parish family, as we celebrate this Sunday, we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist. This great Saint inspires us to live an ascetical life and to use our own life to point to Jesus Christ as he himself did. John was the last and greatest prophet to prepare the way for the Lord. St. John the Baptist was a fiery preacher but also had great humility as we remember he said: "I am not even worthy to unfasten the sandals of His (Jesus') feet." He also said that "He (Jesus Christ) must increase and I must decrease." This is humility.

As we begin summer, it is a good reminder to live a balanced life of summer fun with family and friends along with a renewal of our own life of prayer and simplicity. As we celebrate family reunions, barbeques, times at the cottage or beach or travel, we can also use a few moments to personally pray and even call those we are with to pray together. Humility is one of the most important keys to living a spiritual life rooted in Christ. Humility is also one of the more difficult virtues to pursue and make our own. It may be humbling to admit we need to work on humility and it is an act of humility lead an ascetical life of prayer.

Part of humility is realizing the power and action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Last weekend, as you know, we dedicated the new plaques explaining the meaning of "Our Lady of Lourdes" at our Grotto in honor of the late Rose Hoelscher. Rose was a long-time parishioner dedicated to our Blessed Mother, our Grotto and the traveling statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the dedication on Sunday I was asked if I chose that date knowing that it was the feast day of St. Harvey and that Rose's late husband's name was Harvey. I did not know the feast date. Some would call it coincidence but I call it a God-incidence! With humility we will see and allow the Holy Spirit to work and give us great connections to each other and to the triune God! May God bless us as we work on humility.

By this weekend, I believe we are seeing the conclusion to the graduation season. One final "congratulation's" to all of our graduates! Congratulations to both those from St. Gregory the Great School and the Children of Mary Home Schoolers who celebrated their graduations at St. Greg's in the past couple weeks. Congratulations to all of our college, university and graduate school grads! Finally, many congratulations to all of our graduates from the many fine public and private schools in our area. We are blessed with many teens from many different schools at St. Greg's - we are proud of all of you!!

Many thanks to Rose Mary Spoth and everyone at Spoth's Farm on Tonawanda Creed Road for the generous donation of flowers which were planted across our parish campus! We are very grateful for your generous donation and for helping to beautify our parish property. May God bless you for your generosity!



**Fr. Leon and  
Eighth Grade  
Students at  
Graduation  
Mass—  
June 14, 2018**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. June 25:** 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5  
**Tues. June 26:** 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
**Wed. June 27:** 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20  
**Thurs. June 28:** 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29  
**Fri. June 29:** Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19  
**Sat. June 30:** Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17  
**Sun. July 1:** Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (98B); 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

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## THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Reading I** Isaiah 49:1-6  
**Reading II** Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26  
**Gospel** Luke 1:57-66, 80  
**Passage** . . . the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard."

**Adult:** *When in our life has God answered our prayers in an unexpected way? Were we afraid? Was it hard to trust God?*

**Child:** *Has it been hard for you to trust in God? What helped you stay faithful?*

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## VOCATION VIEW

Our Lord calls us to take His yoke upon our shoulders. How do you hear this call for you specifically? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

## St. Greg's School

### OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

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## Ladies of Charity

For our monthly meeting on Monday, June 25, at 1:00 pm, a Tea will be held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Charity in our parish. All past, present and future members are welcome to join us in the Ministry Center! The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, July 2. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested.

## From the Desk of the Pastor (cont'd from pg. 1)

Also, many thanks to everyone who donated to Catholic Charities! We are in the final days and we still have \$6,529 to go to meet our goal. I humbly ask you to consider making a donation if you have not already done so and, if you have donated and are in the position to give a little more, I sincerely thank you. I would love for us to meet our goal, not only to be a leader among the parishes of the Diocese, but more importantly to ensure the continuation of services that Catholic Charities provides to the neediest among us. The campaign ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have a donation to make, please drop it off at our Parish Office early this week so we can process it and get it to the Catholic Charities headquarters. I would like to thank Dave Mangano, our parish Catholic Charities Chairman, for another awesome year of hard work leading our parish thru this campaign. Thank you Dave and your great wife, Tracey, for all you do!

As you know, we are blessed to have a newly ordained priest, Father Paul Cygan, assigned to St. Gregory the Great. Father Paul served his pastoral year here while in the Seminary and just two weeks ago came to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Greg's. This week we have put him to work and he began his three-year assignment at St. Greg's. Please join me in welcoming him back home to St. Greg's as he celebrates Masses for his first official weekend with us. Welcome home, Father Paul! You are truly a blessing from God for us.

Finally, as you know, next weekend will be my last weekend at St. Greg's prior to my sabbatical. I will be on sabbatical from July 1<sup>st</sup> until December 1<sup>st</sup>. Although I remain as Pastor of St. Greg's and will return as such, Father Tom Mahoney will be the Administrator of our parish in my absence. We have three great priests (Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul and Fr. Thomas); a wonderful religious sister (Sr. Shawn) two great Deacons (Deacon Michael and Deacon Peter) and a full ministerial team of faithful and talented lay leaders. I know the parish is in great hands in my absence. Please know that I will be praying for you daily as I pray, read, write, study, travel and rest over these five months. A Diocesan Priest in the Diocese of Buffalo is allowed a sabbatical after every ten years of service. I just celebrated my twenty-sixth anniversary and have never had one. I am grateful to Bishop Malone for this opportunity and to Father Tom for his willingness to stay an additional year at St. Greg's to lead the parish in my absence. I am most thankful to our entire parish professional staff as well as all of the parishioners who really "step up to the plate" to make things happen at St. Greg's for all your service. Finally, I thank you, my parish family, for your understanding and prayers and support as I embark on this time of professional and personal spiritual renewal. I know that I will come back with new insights as we work together to be Disciples of Christ at St. Greg's. Please know that I love you very much and pray daily for you. Please pray for me as well!

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



## **BECOME AN "ANGEL" IN A CHILD'S LIFE**

We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. With tuition rising each year (for 2018-19 it is now over \$4,000 for one child) your help is needed more than ever. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help to make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our Parish School. Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Donations under \$250 will be pooled together for a Scholarship. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. Parents of current St. Gregory's students do not serve on the committee. Strict confidentiality of donors and award recipients will be maintained. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic Education and positively touch the life of a child in our parish with your generosity. Please join us in this wonderful endeavor.

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

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## **Ministry Help Needed!**

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am - 12:00 noon in the MC Gym. All are invited to join us, or if you would like to knit/crochet shawls (approximately 20x60 inches) at home, you may bring them to the Parish Office for blessing and distribution. For information call Chris Urbanski at 688-2495.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs your time and talent. Thank you for your gifts of treasure which have been used in service to the poor for 53 years via our St. Gregory's conference. Would you consider joining us? Please call 688-5678, Ext. 423 or e-mail [jonno22@yahoo.com](mailto:jonno22@yahoo.com).

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### **HELP WANTED**

Would you like to help out the future church? Do you enjoy working with middle-schoolers or high-schoolers? Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Greg's? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd love to have you join the St. Greg's Youth Ministry team! With a constantly expanding ministry, we at SGYM are always in need of any help that we can get from fantastic people like you! We will be in the Church foyer following all Masses the weekend of June 23-24 so please come talk to us and see how you can get involved! You can also contact us anytime via phone or email. Please consider using your gifts and talents to help out the youth of this parish!

## **Ministry Volunteers Needed!**

### **JOIN OUR USHERS TEAM!**

How about volunteering to be an Usher? We can use help with the collection. You could usher weekly, or you could be a substitute. Please consider and give a call to Russell at 636-8283. Thank you!

### **OUR GREETERS NEED YOU!**

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We especially need volunteers for the Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses and 12:30 and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please call Arlene at 688-5051.

### **SACRISTAN/ALTAR SERVERS**

We are in need of adult Sacristans and Altar Servers for the 8:00 am weekday Masses. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Walt Weber at 636-8285 and let him know which day(s) you would be available.

### **FUNERAL MASS SERVERS NEEDED**

We are in need of more Adult Altar Servers for Funeral Masses. Serving at a Funeral Mass is an important ministry, and a blessing to be able to send the deceased to God with love and prayers while giving consolation to the family and friends. For more information, please contact Meg King at 716-634-5865 or [kingdavidmeg@verizon.net](mailto:kingdavidmeg@verizon.net).

### **Café Volunteer's Needed**

Join our "family" of volunteers for our Parish Café. Grillers and Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Hours are flexible. Please Contact Margy at 445-2510.

### **Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?**

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass, please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678.

### **FOOD SHUTTLE**

The *Food Shuttle* helps feed the hungry by transporting excess food from supermarkets and other food-related businesses to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. *There is a need for more drivers.* You can select your own "shuttle runs" and sign up one month at a time for the number of times you are available to drive. For more information or to volunteer, call Louise Seereiter at (716) 839-1797 or the Food Shuttle Hot Line at 688-2527.

### **Lectors Needed**

Are you interested in proclaiming the Word of God? Our Lector team is in need of more Lectors for Masses. If interested, call Earl Leising at 432-5312 or [earl.leising@genmills.com](mailto:earl.leising@genmills.com).

For adults & children with disabilities and special needs  
and their families

# LUAU DISABILITY PICNIC

Aloha

You are cordially invited to the  
Annual Disability Picnic on  
Saturday, July 14  
12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm  
in the Parish Ministry Center

Music &  
Dancing

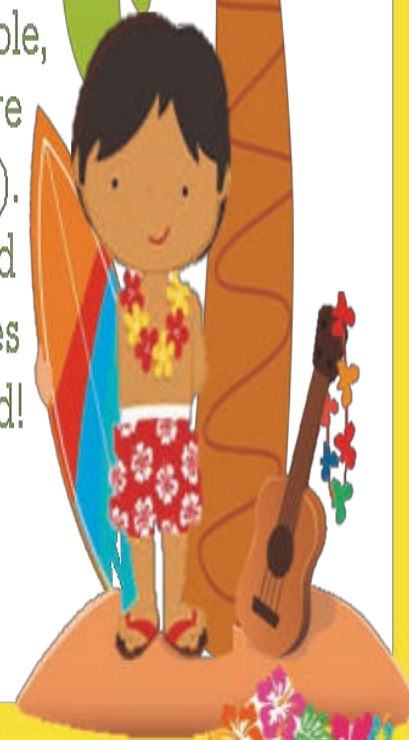


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Admission

To Register, please email [jrischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:jrischmiller@stgregs.org)  
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banquet table and bring  
your favorite casserole,  
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beverages  
are provided!



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## Respect Life

**US Bishops' Statement on the DOJ's Implementation of Immigration Policies:** From Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, USCCB President: "At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The ...decision [to overturn asylum protection for domestic violence victims] elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance...the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

"Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB's Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion ...to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

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**Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018:** The USCCB launched its annual campaign supporting religious liberty on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. It will end June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

**The Respect Life Committee has information tables at the Church entrances. Please take a minute to educate yourself about these critical issues and share with others.**

## St. Greg's Café

### **DON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE LUNCH?**

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy delicious paninis and homemade soups!

### **PIZZA NIGHT!**

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

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### **JOIN THE PARISH**

If you are recently married and live in our area, we invite you to join our parish. Contact the Parish Office at (716) 688-5678 to register.

## **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"**

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work. [Oswald Chambers]

## Senior Citizens

**Monday, July 9, 1:00 pm, Summer Picnic by Chivetta's BBQ prepared on site,** Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St Members: \$17, Guests: \$20. Door prizes and live music for listening & dancing by Tom & Diane. Reservations to Dolores Mason at 574-6405 no later than July 2.

**Wednesday, July 11, Southern Tier Treasures,** Tour to Olean, \$77 per person, tour of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, lunch at The Old Library Inn and visit Cutco's Visitor Center. Bus departs Ministry Center 10:00 am, returning at 7:00 pm. If interested, let us know to secure reservations.

**Monday, August 20,** Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person. \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**Tuesday, August 28,** Seneca Allegany Casino Customer Appreciation Day, \$30 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free buffet lunch. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**September 17-22, Nashville, Tennessee, motorcoach, featuring the Grand Ole Opry,** \$745/person double occupancy. 5 nights lodging and breakfasts, 3 dinners including Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre, performances at Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater and much more. Reservations/deposit due by August 15.

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. **For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

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## Family Faith Formation

FFF Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
and when classes are in session.

**Parents Needed for 2018 Vacation Bible School!** Be a Game Captain, Drama Coach, Crafts Leader or a Refreshments Captain! VBS runs from July 9 -13. Parent volunteers come from 8:45 am-12:00 noon. VBS kids are 3 years old (by December 31, 2017 ) through Grade 4. Please call 688-5760 for more information.

## 2018-2019 FFF Program Registration:

Go to [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

**Weekly FFF Program** (Gr 1-10) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information go to [www.stgregs.org/program-options/](http://www.stgregs.org/program-options/) then select your child's grade level.

**Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information, go to [www.stgregs.org/pre-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/pre-school/)

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## Summer Blessing for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation,  
joy, love, peace and safety.  
May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.  
Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
during these months of summer and vacation days.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.  
May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference  
in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us  
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

- The Catholic Review

## LADIES OF THE LORD PRAYER BLANKETS FOR SICK CHILDREN

Ladies of the Lord has blessed prayer blankets for babies and young children who are ill or in the hospital. The children are added to our Prayer Intention Book and are in the daily prayers of all the Ladies of the Lord. To request prayers call the Parish Office (688-5678), Mary (867-0347), or Linda (689-0447).

## PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. *"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!"* (Mark 11:24)

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE: 686,470 COLLECTED, 99.06 OF OUR GOAL

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is \$693,000. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at [www.ccnw.org](http://www.ccnw.org). Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE."* (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**"ADORERS NEEDED!!!"** You are invited to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. *"There is a great need for Mid-night-6:00 am adorers, especially Wednesday 3:00-4:00 am.* If you are a student or teacher off for the summer, please consider an early morning spot. Thank you."

## YES - I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK IN PRAYER WITH JESUS!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day & Time Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Parish Office or to the collection basket.

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org) ~ 688-3578

### Middle School

Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for our summer schedule! If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole at 688-5678 Ext 341.

### High-School

Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for our summer schedule!

### **SWAT Team: June 26**

SWAT (Spiritual Weapons and Tactics) is our High-School prayer group designed for those who want to dive deeper into the Bible and explore the Catholic faith. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm for discussion or simply adoration time! Food and fun is included!

### **High-School Hangout: July 12, 19, 26**

Help us take over the entire Ministry Center for a night of fun and games! Nothing fancy, just show up enjoy some snacks and have a good time. Starts at 7:00 pm!

If you have any questions about High-School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

### Young Adult Ministry

**Young Adult Summer Lineup:** Open for all 18-30somethings.

**St. Luke's Service** – June 30 - 9:00am–1:00pm: We are heading to St. Luke's to offer our service with their ministry to the poor. Come ready to work and be ready to do anything. We will stop for food and beverages after!

**Mass and BBQ** – July 14, 4:00pm Mass with a BBQ following for young adults in the Café! It's easy, you fill up your spirit, then you fill up your stomach. Swing by, meet other young adults, and grab a hot dog or burger!

**Mass and Lunch** - Wednesdays at 12:00pm Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after Mass, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat with us.

**Oasis Magazine and website:** Sign up for the online magazine for young adults both home and away for original content to keep you fresh. Take a look at the website ([stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org)) or follow us on Instagram @stgregsyounadults for events and gatherings.

### College

**College Summer Lineup:** Open for recent High-School Grads to recent College Grads.

**Summer Nights** - Mondays in June, 7:00pm in the Café. Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus. We'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, and throwing a Frisbee.

**Summer Closeout Party** - Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm: Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give-aways, and a send-off blessing!

**College Life returns this fall** - We'll be back to break open the faith and build community in a big way. We're revamping College Life for this fall and will be open to all college students nearby. Stay tuned for dates!



## **Download the St. Gregory the Great Mobile App!!!**

Take St. Gregory's wherever you go.

The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store;
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great";
- 3) Download the mobile app!



## **ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. Please call Sister Shawn in the Parish Of-

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## **SUMMER NIGHT OUT**

Living is easy when you let the café do the cooking! Join us on **June 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm** for custom, made-to-order pizza while enjoying live, easy-listening summer time music performed by "Day7," a contemporary, acoustic music group based out of St. Greg's. All are welcome to enjoy this relaxing evening out!

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## **Marriage Moment**

"But they had no child because Elizabeth was barren..." (Luke 1:7) God said to Zechariah, "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son." (Luke 1:13) Perhaps you long for a child. Perhaps you already have a child or several. Regardless, ponder how your married love can reflect the love of God by supporting a child who is not your biological child.

## **Parenting Perspective**

Discipline does not mean punishment. The purpose of discipline is to help your child learn to become responsible. Allow your child to experience the consequences of their actions. If a child chooses not to study for a test, she will get a poor grade. If they don't set their alarm, they may miss the school bus. These may seem like hard lessons, but better to learn them when the stakes are low than when your child is older and losing a job or damaging their vehicle might be the consequence.

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## **Did You Know . . .**

. . . that St. Greg's is no longer notified when a parishioner is admitted to a hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know where your loved ones are. Please call us at the Parish Office at 688-5678 so they can be remembered in our prayers and added to the Prayer Chain.

## Catechist's Corner

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

### Catechists Needed for Disciple Camp!

You can help children (Grades 5-8) learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Family Faith Formation! As you nurture the faith of our youth, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with training, materials, and support. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a class-room aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at 688-5760.

### Dates and times you can help teach for Disciple Camp (Grades 5 - 8) July 16 - 20:

All Day: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

Mornings only: 8:45 - 12:00 noon

Afternoons only: 12:00 noon- 4:15 pm



**Disciple Camp Students collected non perishables for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry last year!**

### Kindergarten Readiness Camp

St. Gregory the Great is offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp for Children ages 4-6. This camp will focus on academic, social, emotional and motor skills. Two sessions will be offered: Monday, Aug 13-Thursday, August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursday, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 -11:30am. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

### Stream Sprouts Young Scientists Club

Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2, from 8:30 -11:30am led by Mrs. Andzik. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are eligible. Explore the wonderful world of science with this hands-on, inquiry-based, and engaging after-school club. Students will conduct experiments to explore basic scientific principles. Register as soon as possible, as there is a maximum number of 14 students. The \$100 class dues includes supplies. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

## Parish Activity Calendar

**Sunday, June 24**

**Monday, June 25**

1:00 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting (MC 3)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Summer Nights MC Cafe

**Tuesday, June 26**

1:00 pm Workshop for Clergy (GR 1&2)

1:00 pm High School Confessions (Church)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Cafe)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)

**Wednesday, June 27**

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC GM)

**Thursday, June 28**

9:00 am High School Summer Program (Gym/Caf/  
Kitchen/Jr. High Rooms, Library/GR  
1&2)

**Friday, June 29**

9:00 pm High School Summer Program (Gym/Caf/  
Kitchen/Jr. High Rooms, Library/GR  
1&2)

**Saturday, June 30**

**Sunday, July 1**

### Out of Parish

**Our Lady of Pompeii** will hold a Summer Bash on Friday, June 29, at 8:00 p.m., featuring the Bruce Springsteen cover band **Badlands** in the Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave. Food and beverages available for purchase. Must be 21 to enter. Admission \$10 purchase at the parish office, information 683-6522.

**Healing Masses** by Fr. Andre "Fr. Pat" Patenaude, MS, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18), Lewiston, on Saturday, June 30, at 4:00pm and Sunday, July 1, at 6:30 pm. Masses will be followed by prayers for healing. Fr. Pat comes from Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA and is internationally known for his healing ministry through music. All are welcome. For more information, call 716-754-7489.

**Summer Driver Education Program:** sponsored by Cardinal O'Hara High School from July 16 to Aug. 6. Participants may choose from several class times. Drivers who complete the course with a passing grade of 65 or above will receive a DMV Certificate of Completion and will be eligible for insurance reduction certificate. The cost is \$490 with a \$100 deposit required and the balance due the first day of class. A student's permit or license is due prior to the start of class. For more information or to receive a registration form, email at [bknot@cardinalohara.com](mailto:bknot@cardinalohara.com) or go to the O'Hara web site, [www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com).

**O'HARAFEST:** Cardinal O'Hara High School invites all alumni, current students and incoming students and their families to O'Harafest 2018, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school's backyard sports complex. Live music from The Jim Levinthal Band, also food and beverages. Tickets for adults are \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door (children are free). For reservations/information, call the school at 695-2600, ext. 312 or 311 or email [rorr@cardinalohara.com](mailto:rorr@cardinalohara.com). All are welcome.



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, June 23

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Vita LoVerde by Fr. Sebastian Pierro  
& Family

5:30 pm John Hartigan by Hartigan Family  
Thomas Shanahan (birth) by Wife  
& Family

### Sunday, June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Bruce J. Cusenz, MD  
by Felix & Lorraine Gramza

9:30 am Victoria DiSalvo by Casolo Family

11:00 am Joseph V. Pegnia by Tony Pegnia, Sr.  
& Family

12:30 pm George Strubel by Wife, Judy  
Joseph & Victoria Balcerek  
by Granddaughter, Christine

Father's Day Novena  
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Angela Riordan by Family  
Carmela Amabile by Amabile Family

### Monday, June 25

7:00 am Deacon Daniel Golinski (living) (birthday)  
by St. Gregory's Knights of  
Columbus Council #14687

8:00 am Marion Kinsella by Fr. Tom Mahoney  
Father's Day Novena  
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

12:00pm Bernice Wienckowski (anniv) by Family  
George Strubel by (birth) by Judy Strubel

### Tuesday, June 26

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's

8:00 am Patrick Gallagher by Mary Lou Daigler  
Dr. Ronald G. Korn by Priests  
of St. Gregory's

12:00pm Donald Guerra by Wife & Children  
Dawn Curazzato (living) & Ladies of the  
Lord by Donna Strom & Mary Criden

### Wednesday, June 27 – St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:00 am Gregory Bielinski (birth) by Wife,  
Anne Bielinski

8:00 am John Moldoch by Wife, Bernadine & Son,  
Michael

Carmen & Frances Contino  
by Rita Starvaggie

12:00 pm Helen & Frank Slowinski  
by Carol & Frank Weise  
Fred Gangarosa by Mary Joan & Paul Fix

### Thursday, June 28

7:00 am Christine Gallagher by Gallagher Family

8:00 am Al Mudd by Joe & Noreen Shifflet  
William Bannister  
by David & Lorraine Brown

12:00 pm Benjamin Grasso (birth) by Joyce Santora  
& Family  
Nicholas Potenzo by Mildred Di Tusa

### Friday, June 29 – Sts. Peter & Paul

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate

8:00 am Elmer Rowekamp by Wife, Marie  
& Family

Msgr. Thomas Maloney (living)  
Anniversary of Ordination  
by St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus  
Council #14687

12:00 pm Raymond Matuski by Kathy Christopher  
Connie Reppucci by Ladies of Charity

### Saturday, June 30

8:00 am Patricia & Marion Lach by Marie Nazareth  
Katherine Imiolo

by Sharon & Michael Sans

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Joshua Roetzer by Tina & JoJo  
Edwin Egan by Bud & Gail Beck

5:30 pm Dolores Maurer by Family

### Sunday, July 1 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Milo & Virginia Faley  
by Curazzato Family

9:30 am Jane Kenna by Tom & Mary Jo Kenna  
Robert & Mary Ann Cecchini  
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis LaGree

11:00 am Marion Rauh by Rauh Family  
Norman Winkler  
by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Todaro

12:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Liz Czarnecki

4:30 pm Donald J. Collins II by Mary Pope  
Devin J. Waring by Burns Family

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Arthur F. Zito

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### Leaving Religious Items in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Every item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

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

**WEEKDAYS:** (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

**For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org**

## Catholic Store & Café

**CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

**CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

## Sacraments

### BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, 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. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. 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.

**Marriage Preparation** – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

### MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

**Anointing of the Sick** – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

## Prayer and Devotion

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

### PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;  
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

## Our Mission

*St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:*

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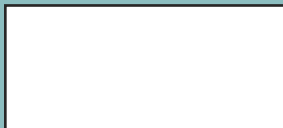
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