

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
June 22 & 23, 2019

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family, today we celebrate one of the primary and central focal points of our faith life – Corpus Christi, or the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is a most appropriate day to also celebrate in thanksgiving (Eucharist means Thanksgiving) the four years of service which Father Tom Mahoney has offered to St. Gregory the Great Parish. It is also a most appropriate day to welcome Father Moses Ikuelogbon, who was just ordained a priest on Saturday, June 1, at St. Joseph’s Cathedral, to our parish to serve as a Parochial Vicar for a term of three years. Since the life of the Church depends on the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, and since we need ordained priests to consecrate the Eucharist, it is most appropriate that we celebrate the gift of priestly ministry on Corpus Christi Sunday.

Father Tom Mahoney came to us four years ago shortly after his ordination to the priesthood. Father Tom has contributed to St. Greg’s in many ways. First and foremost, he has contributed as a presider of the sacraments. He has presided over Baptisms, Sunday and daily Masses, heard Confessions, Anointed our sick and dying brothers and sisters, witnessed Marriages and celebrated the Rite of Christian Burial for many people.

Probably the largest amount of Father Tom’s life at St. Greg’s revolved around our school. He, and his giant Mickey Mouse hands, would greet our children on their way into school several mornings each week. He worked closely with Mrs. Gajewski as our priestly liaison for the school, and assisted Mrs. Gajewski in administrative tasks as well as offering regular visits to classrooms. He was a mainstay in our school cafeteria on Fridays as he helped serve lunch on Friday Pizza Days. Father Tom served on the School Board and, for a time, he also served on the parish’s Family Faith Board.

The parish as a whole and I in particular, owe a debt of thanks to Fr. Tom for leading our parish during my sabbatical last year. Actually Fr. Tom’s original term ended a year ago. As you may recall, he offered to extend his time by one year at St. Greg’s to allow me to finally take my sabbatical which was cancelled for the summer and fall of 2017. I will be forever indebted to Fr. Tom for his generosity in staying at St. Greg’s and allowing me the time of prayer, rest, education and renewal last year. Father Tom, you are a true brother priest and a great friend. You added in substantial ways to our family of St. Gregory the Great. You will be sorely missed. May God bless you for all you have done and may St. Peter, St. Bernard and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you as you begin your new ministry, and may our Blessed Mother Mary always watch over you. Please know that St. Greg’s is always home for you!!**(Continued on pg.2)**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

We’re almost out of time! At the conclusion of Sunday, June 30, our annual Catholic Charities Appeal will come to an end. **To all who have donated, a heartfelt thanks for your generosity and compassion for Western New Yorkers in need. To those who haven’t, there is still time.** And the timing couldn’t be more crucial. Your gift today to the **2019 Appeal** will bring hope to those in need tomorrow. You can make a difference. Help your neighbor find hope.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$561,545.60 collected, **81.03%**. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccnny.org.

(Pastor's Article Cont.)

This weekend we are also very blessed to welcome Father Moses Ikuelogbon to St. Gregory the Great. Father Moses moved into the rectory this past week and we are eager to get to know him and to share the excitement and grace that a newly ordained priest brings with him to his first assignment. I am sure we will all learn a lot from Father Moses. I believe he has a wealth of knowledge, based on our conversations and the number of boxes of books that he moved with him to St. Greg's. We also look forward to learning about his home and our Catholic Faith as lived in Nigeria. Welcome, Father Moses, to St. Greg's!

Congratulations to all of our graduates from St. Gregory the Great School who will celebrate commencement this Tuesday. We also congratulate all of our graduates from all of our public, private and Catholic schools. Finally, congratulations to all the home-schooled children who once again celebrated their graduation Mass and commencement at St. Greg's this past Thursday. May God bless all of our graduates and watch over you as you begin your next chapter of education or work this fall.

Finally, this Sunday is "Corpus Christi," also known as the "Body and Blood of Christ." This is a real celebration of the sacrifice of Christ. Often we can become self-absorbed or self-centered. The idea of sacrifice for someone else, especially those we do not personally know, is less appealing in our modern culture when compared to past generations.

I recall a story I once read. It was about a college student who had a sign hung in his dorm room which stated: "Remember, I am third." As the story goes, the young man came from a family that was poorer. His parents truly sacrificed to send him to college. It was his Mom and Dad who gave him the framed sign. His parents instilled in their son that God is always first; others are always second, and he, himself, must always be third. This is a great way to live Christian discipleship. Our Scripture readings this weekend remind us of the importance of sacrifice. The priest Melchizedek offers the gifts of bread and wine to God. We know Abraham completely trusted God and gave one-tenth of his battle rewards to God.

Later in Scripture we see that Abraham is willing to sacrifice his precious son, Isaac, to the Father when God tests him and asks him to do so.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we need to give just a little (a few loaves and a couple fish) to God and God will transform that "little" into something "huge."

We are called this week to once again reflect on our Stewardship. How do you give of your time, talent and treasure to God? How much time do you give to God daily (or weekly) to prayer and allow your prayer to transform your life? How much of your talent do you give to the work of the parish or larger church? Can you imagine, if every person chose one ministry to support – we would be a real powerhouse of energy and success in promoting the Gospel. Finally, do you give your treasure to God? In giving to our parish or other charities, do you give simply from your surplus or do you try to donate out of your own need? Are you willing to give from your resources even if it means genuine sacrifice on your part?

May God bless you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish Business Office is looking for volunteers to help in the office. Please contact Marisa Piazza at 688-5678 Ext. 303 to learn more.

2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE!!!

All requests are on a first-come, first-served basis. Mass stipend is \$15.00. When you request a Mass by mail, please PRINT phone number and Mass request name legibly. Please include your contact information in case the Parish Office needs to reach you.

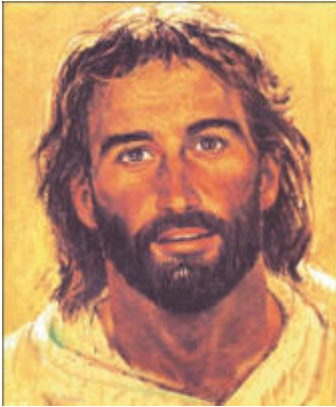
A MESSAGE FROM FR. SIBBY....

Dear St. Gregory Family,
My mother is in long term care at McAuley Seton. I am asking if you can help to cheer her up by sending a card and keeping her in your prayers.

Her information is : Mrs. Connie Pierro
1503 Military Road
Buffalo, NY 14217

Thank you and God Bless, Fr. Sibby

MISSION RETREAT



What does Mission mean to me?

"In 2007 I was ready to go on a road trip for work. God had other plans for me and a different kind of road trip. I signed up for Mission and never looked back. Mission was a week of inspiration and searching.

This was smack dab in the middle of my journey of conversion—the path that God had/has set for me. Mission did this for me. I love this week with all my being and look forward to the continued journey and the inspiration that I witness in others making this commitment. I know that if you sign up for Mission and complete the week God will bless you in ways the world cannot. I look forward to seeing you all there. Peace to you on your journey." Jeff, Mission XXII.

The **2019 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place **July 14-20**. Please consider joining us to deepen your relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in your hearts. Contact Jo Pierino in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.



RCIA: CALLED TO CONTINUING CONVERSION

We honor the baptism of non-Catholic Christians by calling them to continuing conversion in their path to the Catholic Church. But isn't this true for all of us? We pray every day that with the help of the Spirit we will recognize the call of the Lord and accept His invitation.

If you know someone who needs an invitation, invite them! And if they want to know more, call the Parish Office or Jerry Peer at 861-5497.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading- Genesis 14:18-20

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel- Luke 9:11b-17

Next Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday/Ordinary Time

First Reading- 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Second Reading- Galatians 5:1,13-18

Gospel- Luke 9: 51-62



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION "AN EVENING OF STARS"

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 2, at
5:30 pm
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Gift-Gathering Party Time

Everyone loves an excuse to party. Host a gift-gathering party to support St. Greg's annual dinner auction and have fun while supporting the parish's largest fund raising effort. Contrary to popular belief, a gift-gathering party does not have to be a lavish large catered affair to be a success. The best parties are simple and easy.

How about coffee and donuts with friends, a kids pool party, wine and cheese with the neighbors. The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how to host or plan your own party, please contact Auction Coordinator Cindy Reitebach at dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.

ATTENTION EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For those of you without email, the new schedule for July, August and September is available in the Sacristy. Kindly stop back and pick one up. Thank You!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

For information about Disciple Camp or our Weekly Programs (PreK and Grades K-10) go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/ then select **Program Options**.

Registration for the following programs began on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Register Online or In Person:

- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K– Gr 10)
- Weekly Classes from September 2019 - April 2020
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4)
- Weekly classes, Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020



Help Needed: We need Catechists for **Disciple Camp** which is held **July 15 -19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** in the School, Gym and Cafeteria. Catechists can take morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/or afternoon sessions (12:45 pm- 4:00 pm). All lesson plans, materials and support are provided. Call the **FFF Office at 688.5760** to sign up!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Chant Choir Rehearsal

July 11, 7:00 pm, in GR 2

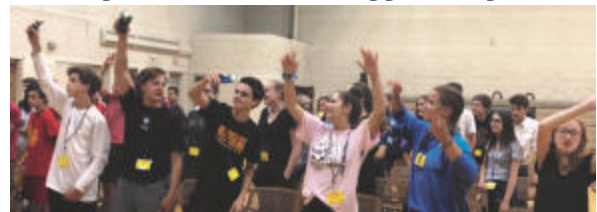
July 23 and 25, 7:00 pm, GR 2

The Chant Mass will be Sunday, July 28, at 12:30 pm

For more information about the various ensembles, contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308. Refer to the website for more information.

Become a Catechist and Make a Difference!

Catechists Needed: We're looking for Catechists to teach religion classes for our **High School Summer Program** which will be held **June 26, 27, 28, July 1 and 2**. Catechists can take morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/or afternoon sessions (12:45 pm - 4:00pm). All lesson plans, materials and support are provided.



Sign up to teach for the HS Summer Program!
For more information on how to become a Catechist, please call the **FFF Office at 688-5760**.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Young Adults from St. Greg's attended retreat last weekend. "Flourish". The group went to Camp Pioneer in Angola NY. The retreat was a huge success!

UPCOMING YM EVENTS:
AMPED – June 25 at 5:00 pm

BRAVE II – Young Adult Retreat – Save the date – November 8-10

ST. LUKE'S SERVICE – Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Luke's, please contact Adam Jarosz at 688-3578, ext. 316

MINISTRY UPDATES

LECTORS NEEDED

The Lector Ministry needs new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks through seven week-end Masses, on a rotating schedule. An email system is available to contact all Lectors to arrange for a substitute when an assigned Lector has a scheduling conflict. If you are interested in the Lector Ministry, please contact Earl Leising 432-5312.

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 more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 24, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, July 1. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC—CHIAVETTA'S BBQ

Monday, July 8

St. Gregory's School Cafeteria

1:00 PM (following Noon Mass)

Cost: Members \$10 per person

Non Members \$15 per person

Checks payable to: St. Greg's Senior Organization

RSVP by Monday, July 1

Bring to Parish Office or mail to: 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

Please write "summer picnic" in check memo line.

Number of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

Member Name: _____

Non Member Name: _____

**For persons with disabilities
and their families**

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF BUFFALO
cordially invites you to the

Annual Disability Picnic

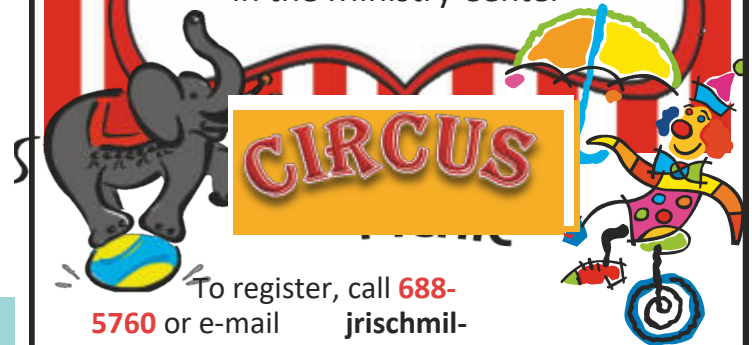
on Saturday, July 13

from 12 noon - 2:30 pm

at St. Gregory Parish

100 St. Gregory Ct, Williamsville

in the Ministry Center



To register, call 688-
5760 or e-mail jrischmiller@stgregs.org

Bring your favorite dish
to share (8-12 servings)
Hot Dogs & Drinks are provided!



Co-Sponsored by the
Disability Inclusion Team
of the Catholic Diocese



In an air-conditioned facility, located off of
Maple Road between Hopkins and Young,
next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Saturday, July 8. If you have eligible items, contact 688-5678, ext. 423, and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and items must be located in a garage or covered porch.

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs).

Appliances: Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)



RESPECT LIFE

Religious Freedom Week 2019: “Strength in Hope” begins this weekend, June 22, the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, and continues through June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

From the USCCB’s website: “In the face of our country’s challenges, and challenges within the Church herself, Catholics find strength in the hope of Jesus Christ. We want to share that hope with everyone.

“Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics, and all people of goodwill, are free to seek the truth and to live in accordance with that truth, and so to strengthen our common life as a nation.

“Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find Strength in Hope.” Learn more at www.usccb.org/

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

This week, there will be a table in the Church foyer with information on current religious freedom issues and how you can defend your Catholic faith. Please stop by and educate yourself on this very important cause!!

“In the pilgrimage of this life, hidden with Christ in God and free from enslavement to wealth, they aspire to those riches which remain forever and generously dedicate themselves wholly to the advancement of the kingdom of God and to the reform and improvement of the temporal order in a Christian spirit. Among the trials of this life they find strength in hope, convinced that ‘the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us’ (Rom. 8:18).” -Apostolicam actuositatem, 4



CATHOLIC STORE & CAFÉ

The Store and Café will be closed from Thursday, July 4 through Monday, July 8. The Store and Café will reopen on Tuesday, July 9.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

12:30 pm Farewell Mass/ Reception for Fr. Tom (MC)
1:30 pm Baptisms
3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, June 24

7:00pm Knights of Columbus (MC 2)

Tuesday, June 25

5:00 pm Amped (MC Café)
7:00 pm Eighth Grade Graduation (Church)

Wednesday, June 26

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

Thursday, June 27

Friday, June 28

6:00 pm Kick Ball Young Adult (MC Gym/Lawn)

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, June 30

1:30 pm Baptisms

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS

Online Confirmation Registration begins on July 1. If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that they receive all Confirmation related notifications. Go to www.stgregs.org/confirmation/

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is the place to find comfort and peace, especially at this time. Offer a Holy Hour before our Lord for our Catholic Church. 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.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm



St. Gregory the Great School

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Visit www.stgregsschool.org to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS CAMP

Kindergarten Readiness program for children ages 4-6. The camp will focus on academic, social, emotional, and motor skills. Children will develop necessary skills through fun games, activities and play.

- August 12-15 and/or
- August 19-22

Time: 8:30-11:30 am
Maximum of 20 Students.

To reserve a spot please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org) or Terri Strassel (tstrassel@stgregs.org)



AUTHOR VISITS ST. GREG'S

AUTHOR VISITS SCHOOL

This week author Amy Ludwig VanDerwater made her final 2018-2019 visit to St. Gregory the Great and this time the students were able to learn from her! Amy spoke to students, and answered questions about being an author, from idea to publication.

A MESSAGE FROM AMY LUDWIG VANDERWATER:

It was a delight for me to visit St. Greg's this week and to work with teachers and students all year long! Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome and thoughtful questions and sharing. I would like to extend an invitation for students to visit me at my blog The Poem Farm, www.poemfarm.amylv.com, as I will continue to share poems and writing ideas throughout the summer. Parents may be interested in my recent piece in THE BUFFALO NEWS - <https://bit.ly/2XBjLR5>.

Peace,
Amy

EXPERIENCE NARDIN SUMMER CAMP!

Enjoy a glimpse into Nardin during two weeks of summer fun with morning workshops that include art, creative writing, theatre, real life math/science/technology and photography. Optional Fun Fridays include trips off-campus to build camaraderie and make new friends. Past Fun Fridays include trips to Darien Lake and Cave of the Winds in Niagara Falls State Park. Register at www.nardin.org/camps.

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION

Collegiate Summer—4 week program for students entering Grade 8. July 1-26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Experience the community of excellence and develop useful skills to prepare for high school. To request a brochure and application, call 874-4953.

9 Summer Camps—Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Strength & Speed, Volleyball, and Wrestling camps. Open to a variety of age groups and skill levels. To register, visit www.sjci.com/sportscamp or call 874-4953.

SUMMER AT CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

For rising 8 Grade boys: Higher Achievement Program 5-week session July 1-31 blending academics and fun activities each day.

For rising 6-7 Grade boys: One-week workshops in video game design & animation, robotics, sports statistics, and outdoor adventure.

For rising 7-9 Grade boys: Sports camps for basketball, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling. Learn more at canisiushigh.org/bestsummerever,



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Be Merciful to Others

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). Mercy is love that seeks to relieve the misery of others. It is an active love, poured out upon others to heal, to comfort, to console, to forgive, to remove pain. It is the love that God offers us, and it is the love He demands from us for each other. “I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (Jn 13:34). Jesus often spoke to St. Faustina about the importance of deeds of mercy. **If a soul does not exercise mercy in some way, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgement** (Diary, 1317).

One way to develop an attitude of mercy is to daily choose to respond to the people in our lives through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. (DMM 29)

BISHOP MALONE TO HOST 2019 LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Richard Malone, in conjunction with the Presbyteral Council, Vicars Forane, and the Movement to Restore Trust, will host a series of Listening Sessions across the Diocese of Buffalo during the next few months. The Sessions will include Bishop Malone praying with the faithful, hearing their thoughts and comments, inviting discussion, and offering summary remarks regarding the mission of the Diocese and its parishes, schools, and other organizations.

Listening Session Schedule:

Saturday's from 9:30-11:30 am

- July 27, Archbishop Walsh High School, Olean
- August 3, Ascension Parish, Batavia
- August 10, Nativity of Our Lord, Orchard Park
- August 17, Holy Trinity Parish, Dunkirk

Contact: *Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications, kspangler@buffalodiocese.org*



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAFE

We're firing up the grill!!!

Every Wednesday and Friday at Lunch

ON THE MENU

Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.60
Hotdog	\$3.50
Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions	\$3.75
Combo (item above with chips or potato salad)	Add \$1.50

www.stgregs.org/cafe

100 St. Gregory Court

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 22

Vigil Masses:

- 4:00 pm Patrick J. Pujolas By Carol Pujalos & Family
Jerry & Margaret Burns by Burns Family
5:30 pm John Hartigan (Birthday/Anniv.) by Family

Sunday, June 23 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

- 8:00 am Lillian Smoter by Family
William Bender by Jim & Lois Helfert
9:30 am Mary & Michael Cirelle by Family & Friends
Marilyn A. Goodman
by Vern & Sarah Anderson
11:00 am Frank Deni by Irma Narduzzo
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Pegnia
by Son, Anthony F. Pegnia & Family
12:30 pm Richard Dunghe by Mary C. Ricotta & Family
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Carmela Amabile by Amabile Family

Monday, June 24

- 7:00 am Father's Day Novena Intentions
8:00 am Grace Lucille Lema
by Julie & Lee Wortham
12:00 pm Julie Lakatos (For Healing) by Family
George J. Strubel by wife Judy

Tuesday, June 25

- 7:00 am Joan Ramin by sister Noreen & Family
8:00 am Marion Kinsella by Fr. Tom Mahoney
Patricia Cusak by Family Medical Pharmacy
(School Mass)
12:00 pm Donald Guerra by Wife & Children
Francis O'Connor (Anniv.) by Catherine Steffan

Wednesday, June 26

- 7:00 am Savitri Nigam by Edith Varbanov
8:00 am Ginger Kothen by Mary Lou Daigler
Piroska Horvath by Andrew & Anna Kiss
12:00 pm Charles DiVencenzo by Joyce Santora & Family
Ginger Kothen by Carol & Russ Monafa

Thursday, June 27

- 7:00 am Angela Riordan (Anniversary)
by The Riordan Family
8:00 am John K. Moldoch
by Bernadine & Michael Moldoch
12:00 pm Colleen Marie Gorlewski by The Zaccaria Family
Helen & Frank Slowinski
by Carol & Frank Weise

.... **A Reminder:** Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces when there is a Handicap van parked there. This prevents our Parishioners from being able to enter/exit their vehicles. In addition, please park only in marked parking spot.

Friday, June 28

- 7:00 am Ginger Kothen by Bill & Linda Dohn
8:00 am Violet Cassiol by Phyllis Petre & Family
Rev. David I. Richards(Living) by Friend
12:00 pm Benjamin Grasso (Birthday) by Joyce Santora & Family
Michael Ward by Evelyn O'Connor

Saturday, June 29

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
Msgr. Thomas Mahoney(Living) by Knights of Columbus Council 14687

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Elmer Rowekamp by wife Marie & Family
Mark V. Conley Jr. by Nancy
& Christine Conley
5:30 pm Edda Tiburzi (Anniversary) by Jola & Family

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00 am Robert Buttles by Dick & Betty McAvoy
9:30 am Dorothy M. Olejniczak
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
Clemens & Mildred Braunsheid
by Joseph & Susan Braunsheid
11:00 am Dolores Maurer by Family
Frank Deni by Giovanna Vaccaro
12:30 pm Robert Honour by Linda & Tom Rosetti
Florence Sodus by Carol Pujolas
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Ed & Sylvia Stachura
(57th Wedding Anniversary) (Living) by Family
Sherry Zifchock by Falkides Family

OPUS DEI FEAST DAY MASS

On Wednesday, June 26, Bishop Richard Malone and Rev Richard Poblocki will celebrate a Feast Day Mass in honor of St. Josemaria, the Founder of Opus Dei. The Mass will begin at 6:30 pm at St. Josaphat's Church, 20 Peoria Ave. (at William St.), Cheektowaga, NY. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall following the Mass. All families are warmly welcomed. Please consider joining us as we celebrate our rich faith, family and dear friends!

DECEASED

Arlene R. Nuwer
Dino Sciascia
Norman B. Taylor
Marie J. Vetrano
Rita T. Sawicki

WINE & HOST OFFERING

In Memory of Andrew Roberts
by Neil, Dad, & Becky



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Office Hours are Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

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SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

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

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER

- The Rosary is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule

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