

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

June 8 & 9, 2019

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we say our "good-bye" to Father Tom Mahoney and we pray and wish him well as he assumes his duties as the Administrator of St. Peter's in Lewiston and St. Bernard's in Youngstown. Thank you Father Tom for ALL you have done for us. We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, June 23, at the 12:30 Mass and reception.

Next, we congratulate our St. Gregory Twelve. This year's recipients include: Linda Brennan, Sam and Shirley Carocci, Imanol Colon, Craig Corra, Aaron and Melissa Filk, Barbara Janas, Joan and Tom Matusiak, Tom Reidy, Richard Tarbell, Donna Strom, John Zaepfel, and Nick Zona.

Finally, we prepare to say "good-bye" to another wonderful family of our Parish. The Doktor family will be leaving St. Greg's to pursue missionary work as a family. This is an awesome call for a family to receive and to respond. My article is very brief this week as I have asked the Doktor family to write an article detailing their call to serve the missions as a family. I urge you to please read their message and to prayerfully consider supporting them daily in prayer as well as financially. **(Message on Page 2)**

Come Holy Spirit Come; fill the hearts of your Faithful! Come Holy Spirit come into my heart to fill me, and to fill every family of our Parish, with the burning zeal of the Apostles from that first moment of Pentecost!

ST. GREGORY TWELVE MASS

11:00 AM Mass this Sunday, June 9. Reception to follow in the Gathering Room. Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our Parish life and ministries.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In April and May, we Baptized 12 new Christians. Welcome to our Parish Family and congratulations to the parents of: Alena Rose Gerber, Carmelo Andrew Ciminelli, Juliette Mary Kaiser, Carter Kurt Mann, Lorenzo Joseph Tomasso Morreale, Viviana Deodata Picone, Nolan James Kelly, Elyse Esther Glaser, Clara Jean Kersten, Whitney Patti Putzer, James Lawrence Hauser, and Ronan Daniel Christmann. Special thanks to Parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Novena Cards are at all entrances of the Church. Please take a card. You may place your offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office before Father's Day. The Intentions for these will be prayed for each day during the week of June 16.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

A second collection for the Communications Campaign, which supports media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media, will be held this weekend.

There will be **NO LIVE VIDEO FEED** from June 10 thru June 13 while we perform an audio update. Thank you for your patience.

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 June 22, 9:30-11:30 am, Prince of Peace Parish, St. Leo Site, Niagara Falls
- Saturday, July 27, 9:30-11:30 am, Olean
- Saturday, August 3, 9:30-11:30 am Location TBD
- Saturday August 17, 9:30-11:30am Location TBD

Contact: Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications, kspan-gler@buffalodiocese.org

FATHER TOM MAHONEY'S FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION SUNDAY, JUNE 23, AT 12:30 PM

Please join us as Father Tom celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 23, for his four years of ministry at St. Greg's. Father Tom has been assigned as the Administrator of St. Peter Parish, Lewiston, and St. Bernard Parish, Youngstown, effective June 10. Please fill out the reply below and either place it in the Sunday collection basket next weekend or mail or drop off at the Parish Office so we are prepared for his reception which will follow the Mass in the Ministry Center. We hope you can come, and please pray for Father Tom at this most important time in his life.

Reply card for Father Tom's Mass and Reception

Name _____

Number attending the reception _____

Please return to the Parish Office by Monday, June 17, or place in the Sunday collection basket by Sunday, June 16. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: Pentecost Sunday

First Reading-Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading-Romans 8:8-17

Gospel- John 14:15-16, 23 b-26

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading- Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading- Romans 5:1-5

Gospel- John 16:12-15



WILL YOU JOURNEY WITH US?

We are so excited to announce that the entire Doktor family – Matt, Kelly, Sadie, Sophie and Eva - are answering God's call to become full-time foreign missionaries! We began discerning this call almost a year ago and really confirmed in a week-long mission trip to General Cepeda, Mexico this past Thanksgiving that we were called to serve the poor and preach the gospel. We witnessed first-hand how great the need is and what a wonderful opportunity it is to share the love of Christ with some of the world's poorest.

We are currently in the process of selling our house and most everything in it and will be joining a company called Family Missions Company (FMC) at the end of the summer. For most of the fall, we will be going through formation training and will find out around Thanksgiving where we will be serving!

We are humbly asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with us on this mission. We certainly need your prayers but also, in order to more fully respond to the Lord's call, need financial support. Our living expenses are covered so any additional funds we raise will go directly to the ministry. Surely the good Lord will bless you for your generosity!

Thank you so much in advance for your prayers and support. Please know that we will be praying for you, our parish family, and will be sure to keep you updated on our journey in multiple ways including via regular updates to our blog.

May the good Lord bless you abundantly!

The Doktor Family

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full." – Proverbs 19:17

Please visit our FMC bio and donation page which also links to our blog: www.familymissionscompany.com/project/mkdoktor/

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Attention HS Students volunteering for VBS: **Vacation Bible School Training** will be held on Monday, June 17, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. If you were not able to attend the June 1 training session— you must attend this session in order to volunteer for VBS.

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 started on Saturday, June 1. Register Online or In Person:

- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)
Class Dates: July 15-19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Deadline to register for Disciple Camp is June 21.
- **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 am - 10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020



Disciple Camp (Gr 5-8) students from last year learning about our Faith.

Become a Catechist and Make a Difference



HELP NEEDED: We're looking for Catechists to teach religion classes for our High School Summer Program (June 26-28, July 1 and 2) and Disciple Camp (July 15-19). 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. For more information, call the **FFF Office at 688-5760**.



Vacation Bible School

(Pre K*- Gr 4 in Sept 2019)

*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

Camp Dates: July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon

Registration begins on Monday, May 1, and ends on Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament. For details go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ Register Online or In Person. **Vacation Bible School Training** will be held on Monday, June 17, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. You must attend this session in order to volunteer for VBS.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry Hodson who was ordained as a permanent Deacon at St. Joseph's Cathedral on May 25. Jerry, pictured with his wife Eileen and Fr. Leon, served as a Deacon for the first time at St. Greg's on Sunday, May 26. He has been assigned to serve at Saints Columba-Brigid Parish. We wish Deacon Jerry and Eileen all the best as he begins Ordained life of a Deacon!

MISSION RETREAT

"If you want to make Mission but life is too busy, pray about it. Between my job and my young family, I didn't think it would work. But I prayed to the Holy Spirit and my schedule opened up for each of those nights. Amazing! When it's your time, it's a wonderful experience!"

~ Rick, Mission 31

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.



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Pope Francis, "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters." (4/11/15, no.10) We can call to mind the **Message of Mercy** simply by remembering **ABC**.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

Be Merciful to Others. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely Trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. (DMM, pg. 26)

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Saturday, June 22. 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.)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass

Tuesday, June 11, 4:30 pm in GR 2

The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 16.

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 pm, in GR 2

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



WHO WORKS ON THE ST. GREGORY RCIA TEAM?

WE ALL DO!

The formal Catechetical effort of RCIA is just the finishing touches on the Spirit's calling for our seekers to find the True Bride of Christ. The critical first steps for RCIA are initiated by YOU. Your daily example of inviting discussion at work, recreation or school is often the seed that grows into Conversion or Reversion. Especially important are those who have first contact: a welcoming voice on the Parish Office phone is a great invitation. Warmth and hospitality at a St. Gregory's funeral or wedding will be witnessed by many who are lapsed, Protestant, non-Christian or agnostic/atheist. Public events (e.g., The Great Race, the Classic Auto Show) will prompt questions in the minds of many: you just have to invite their verbal expression.

Should you encounter a Seeker with more questions, invite them to call the St. Gregory Office or Jerry Peer (call or text) 861-5497.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Please join American Heritage Girls Troop NY3129 for the final meeting of the school year at 5:45 on Friday, June 14 in the School Gym/Cafeteria. Girls ages 6-18 are invited to learn more about the troop and register for the upcoming year. AHG is a Christ-centered character development program where girls can experience new challenges, serve others, and have lots of fun in a Faith-filled environment. If interested, please contact Cathy at 430-7347.

MINISTRY UPDATES

JOIN THE KNIGHTS

Consider joining St. Greg's Knights of Columbus! If you're interested in helping those in need in your parish and community, strengthening your parish and familial relationships - volunteering an hour here or there can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others.

LADIES OF THE LORD

Ladies of the Lord meeting for June 13 will be held in **THE CHURCH at 7:00 pm**. Our speaker is Jerry Haas who has a Healing Ministry. He will pray over us after his talk. We will also be collecting for our Summer Picnic at Spaulding Lake which will serve as our July Meeting.

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.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server Ministry is looking for new servers! All parishioners currently in grades 4 and up are invited to attend ONE training session in the Church, either Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 pm or Saturday, June 22, at noon. Parents are asked to stay for the meeting while Fr. Paul trains the servers. Please RSVP to Nora Weil at momtojcrew@gmail.com

SENIOR CITIZENS

Monthly meeting is Monday, June 10, in the Ministry Center. This meeting is a celebration of Father's Day. We will be discussing elections for next year. Everyone 55 and above is welcome to attend. The Casino trip for June 25th is full.

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Picnic is on July 8.
More information coming soon!



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION
"AN EVENING OF STARS"
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday,
November 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

The Auction would like to thank everyone who supported our event at Pie O Mine and Greens. It was a huge success.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

FLOURISH RETREAT

SGYM³ Young Adults (18-30 somethings) - Flourish is set in the time of year where life is awakening.

This retreat will focus on your relationship with Christ and growing your life in Him. Set on the beach in Angola, this experience is a great way to build community and refresh. You can register online at stgregsYM.org or contact Adam Jarosz at ajarosz@stgregs.org. The retreat is June 14-15.

SWAT— June 19, 26, at 7:00 pm

EMPOWERED IN CHRIST—June 12, at 6:00 pm (High-School Girl's Group)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

High School Students: Monday, June 10 - Flyer Distribution 5:00 pm. Meet in front of St. Greg's School at playground. Rain Date: Monday, June 17.



RESPECT LIFE

USCCB on Proposed Changes to US Immigration Policy:

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, issued a statement responding to President Trump's proposed immigration reform plan announced on May 17.

"While we appreciate that the President is looking to address problems in our immigration system, we oppose proposals that seek to curtail family-based immigration and create a largely 'merit-based' immigration system. Families are the foundation of our faith, our society, our history, and our immigration system. As Pope Francis notes: 'Family is the place in which we are formed as persons. Each family is a brick that builds society.'

"We also are deeply troubled that this proposal does not seem to address Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status holders, nor provide them a path to citizenship to ensure their full integration into American life. Lastly, securing our borders and ensuring our safety is of the utmost importance, but this will not be achieved by heightening human misery and restricting access to lawful protection [to try and] deter vulnerable asylum-seeking families and children. Instead, we must confront the root causes of migration and look to humane and pragmatic solutions, such as improving our immigration courts, expanding alternatives to detention, and eradicating criminal networks. We urge lawmakers to put aside differences and engage in meaningful action on humane and just comprehensive immigration reform." (usccb.org)

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, the Buffalo Diocese offers a local Project Rachel program. You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at 847-2211.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$539,879.32 collected, 79.9%. Our Parish goal is \$692,988.74. To donate, mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccnny.org.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 9

- 12:00 pm St. Gregory 12 Reception (GR 1 & 2)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, June 10

- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting (MC GYM)
- 6:30 pm Evening Vespers (Church)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

Tuesday, June 11

- 5:00 pm Amped (MC Café)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Meeting (MC Gym)

Wednesday, June 12

- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (GR 1)

Thursday, June 13

- 6:00 pm First Degree Ceremony Knights (GR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm MOMS Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord (Church)

Friday, June 14

- 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (School)

Saturday, June 15

- 4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day

- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)



EUCHARISTIC 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
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.

EXCITING NEWS FROM ST. GREG'S SCHOOL

For the first time in St. Greg's history we are excited to announce the opening of a **2nd Session of our unique Early Kindergarten Program.**

Early Kindergarten is a multi-age (4/5 year old) program that gives the gift of enrichment and time for students before they enter Kindergarten. It is a year for children to grow physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually as they ready themselves for a successful academic path in Kindergarten and beyond.

This program is maximized at 20 students. EK runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students are eligible for before and after school care, and are also eligible to take the bus if they live within a 15 mile radius of the school (must be 5 years old).

Contact the school office to register and discover the St. Greg's difference today!



Homeroom 401 rehearsing for their upcoming performance of Stone Soup.



Grade 5 has been learning about the Constitution in Social Studies. Students designed and illustrated the words of the Preamble.

Why we stand out!

STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, & math) is the framework upon which teachers at St. Gregory the Great plan and design their curriculum. STREAM is the integration of 21st century learning principles into our faith-based teaching. We emphasize the four C's: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Creativity. How we teach today must reflect how students best learn, and reflect the world in which our students live. STREAM principles are met through the collaboration of teachers to create hands-on, interdisciplinary, and project-based lessons across content areas that require students to take risks in, and ownership of, their learning. As the world changes, so too the way we educate our children. STREAM allows us to build our Faith through all areas of the school day.

During the 2019-20 School year students at St. Gregory the Great School had experiences in:

- ⇒ Engineering design
- ⇒ Makerspace
- ⇒ Coding
- ⇒ Project based Lessons
- ⇒ Passion Projects through Genius Hour
- ⇒ Hands-on science lessons
- ⇒ Inquiry in Social Studies lessons
- ⇒ Community connections via multiple field trips
- ⇒ Real-life applications through After School Academy classes build our Faith through all areas of the school day.



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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 8 – Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Anthony Modicamore (anniv) by Family
Charles T. Kane (birth) by Wife & Family
- 5:30 pm Mary Ann Wardle by Tom & Judy Picone

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 am Dorothy Smith by John & Cathy Roseti
- 9:30 am Florence LoBue (Birthday)
by Daughter, Rosemary
Joan Gugliuzza by Family
- 11:00 am Chester Stuben by Wife
Philip Cafurella
by Christine & Gregory Gaulin
- 12:30 pm Balcerek & Kozakiewicz Families
by Christine Balcerek
Priests of St. Gregory's & Sister Shawn
(Living) by Ladies of the Lord
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Richard Laux by Family

Monday, June 10

- 7:00 am Don & Judy Ketteman by John & Amy
Persons
- 8:00 am Leonard Sikora (Anniv.) by Wife, Irene
Ginger Kothen by Edith Varbanov
- 12:00 pm Rudolph Klass & Gaetano Amabile by Linda
Amabile
Boniface Pope & Angeline Porto by Mary
Pope & Daughters

Tuesday, June 11 - St. Barnabas

- 7:00 am William J. Cleary, Sr. by Goergen Family
- 8:00 am Terrence Gress by Carol & Frank Weise
Anthony T. Benefante by David & Mary Beth
Nasca
- 12:00 pm Victor & Betty Molfese (Living) by Jerry &
Maryann Peer (Wedding Anniversary)
Richard Delo by Mildred DiTusa

Wednesday, June 12

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Sister Shawn Czyzycki by Knights of
Columbus Council 14687
- 8:00 am Thomas H. Crowley by Ruth Ann Crowley
- 12:00 pm Christine Nash by Friends at St. Greg's Store
Antonio & Elizabeth Casola by Casola Family

Thursday, June 13 – St. Anthony of Pauda

- 7:00 am John Tronolone by Family
John & Joyce Ambrolosi by Estate
- 8:00 am Margaret Richards by Kathleen Richards
Ginger Kothen by John and Fran Jackson
- 12:00 pm Stephen Lemen(Anniv.) by Mom & Daughter
Gerald Verdi Jr. by Family

Friday, June 14

- 7:00 am Joan Pender by Jack Gambino
- 8:00 am Eileen Bender by Barbara Wilbur
Ginger Kothen by John & Fran Jackson
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Hertel Family
By Jeanne Hertel
Chester Kosnik (Anniv.) by
Daughter, Amy Ventura

Saturday, June 15

- 8:00 am Steve Brevorka (Anniv.) by Barbara Pelosi
Deceased Members of Oleszek
by Donna Oleszek

Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Living Members of Bogdan/ Daigler Families
By Mary Lou Daigler
Adella Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family
- 5:30 pm Clara & Daniel Weslowski
by Mr.& Mrs. Paul Bartlett & Grace Bartlett

Sunday, June 16 - The Most Holy Trinity

- 8:00 am Mario & Santo Campanella
by Maria Campanella
Anne G. Wettig (Wedding Anniversary)
By husband, Roger
- 9:30 am John Lydon Jr. by Family
Father's Day Novena Intention
- 11:00 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Diane Higgins
Aldo Narduzzo(Birthday) by Irma & Family
- 12:30 pm Angelo Pileri & Carmelo Cammilleri
By Josephine & Angelo Cammilleri
Fredrick Wilbur (Anniv.) by wife Barbara
- 4:30 pm Amy Banks by Michele Falkides

DECEASED

Lena Majchrzak

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

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

FORGOT YOUR LUNCH ?

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

Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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



SOCCKER CHALLENGE AT THE GREAT RACE

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's **Knights of Columbus** Soccer Challenge held during the Great Race, Friday, June 21, at the Ministry Center Soccer Field. Stop by any time between 7:00 - 8:15 PM to participate. Winners announced at 8:30 PM.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. There is a boy and girl winner at each age group. Winners are determined by best of **15 penalty kicks** into a goal with 5 scoring zones.

Registration is at the event with parental/guardian consent (signature). Participants are required to vouch for age as of September 1, 2019. Registration forms can be obtained ahead of time if parent/guardian will not be present. Contact Jim @ 481-0986 (cell).

Winners receive a Council Champion Certificate and advance to the District level competition (October at St. Gregory's). All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. This is a global Knights of Columbus Community activity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES


We are looking for volunteers during and after the race. Please contact the Parish Business Office to volunteer today!

St. Greg's will host its 24th annual Great Race on Friday, June 21. The Great Race has become the "unofficial" start of the summer running season in the greater Buffalo area! With over 1000 runners and walkers taking part in the event (along with thousands of other spectators and members of the community who come out annually to support the Church), this is one race you don't want to miss! The St. Greg's Great Race is a Buffalo Runner of the Year race.

This year Don Postles from Channel 4 will MC the event along with Hit n Run playing the after-party. The media sponsor 96.1 The Breeze will broadcast live from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. The 5K sanctioned Run/One-Mile Fun Walk begins promptly at 7:00 pm; pre-race party begins at 6:00 pm and the post party is in the parking lot after the race.

5K

TEAM CHALLENGE

 If you can get a minimum of 5 people (yourself included) to register for the 5K Team Challenge, you will not only save \$5 per person but your team will automatically be eligible for some fun exciting prizes and recognition.

We'll have an award for the team with the most creative costumes/attire. We'll also take the average of the top five finish times from your team to determine the fastest team. And finally, we'll recognize the largest team based on total number of team members. All team awards will be announced at the awards ceremony following the race!

REGISTRATION:

Register on-line: <https://www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7145>

- 5K Registration* \$30/\$35 after 6/12/19
- 1 Mile Fun Walk* \$20/\$25 after 6/12/19
- Team Challenge* (NEW for 2019).... \$25/\$30 after 6/12/19

***Register on-line by June 12, FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** <https://www.facebook.com/StGregsGreatRace/>

For more information, visit the website at www.stgregs.org/greatrace. Contact: Cheryl Bertovich, 866-2042 or Allegra Perna, 983-5329, Co-Chairs, 2019 Great Race

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

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SACRAMENTS

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.

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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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