



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this weekend, I am very grateful to inform you that we are moving forward as a parish family in reaching out to our brothers and sisters who may be separated from the parish. I am proud to announce that we welcome Mr. Brian Ruh to our parish staff at St. Gregory the Great. Brian will serve as our Director of Evangelization at St. Greg's. This is a new position and one that I have been hoping to fill for the last few years. You may be thinking, "What does a Director of Evangelization do?"

Every week someone at St. Greg's comments to me that their son, daughter, grandchildren, brother or sister no longer celebrate the sacraments and have stopped "going to church." At St. Greg's we have approximately 2400 registered families we have not heard from in the last two years or more. That is a substantial number of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Given the size of the parish, our number is high, but when put into a per-capita outlook, we are about the same as every parish in the Diocese and really United States. About one-third of registered parishioners of every Parish, fall into the category of "inactive". Little is often done about this because most parishes simply do not have the trained people to reach out and meet these families one by one to discern exactly why they no longer celebrate our faith and invite them back to worship. These "lost souls" are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a responsibility to be concerned about them and to seek them out and invite them home. This is the ministry that Brian will lead at St. Greg's.

Brian will focus on reaching out to engage all of us to do the same. He will personally call on families to meet with them and listen to them. He will also call on those interested in this type of ministry to join him. Brian will train our willing parishioners to be involved in this ministry and give them the necessary tools they need to effectively reach out. Brian will also lead various programs to renew all of us in our life of Faith. These programs will be both educational and spiritual in nature. The goal will be to renew each one of us who are regularly involved in our Faith at St. Greg's.

Brian will work alongside Father Thomas Maloney, who has assembled a committee from St. Greg's to personally

visit each person and family who purchases a home in our parish boundaries. This ministry began last month. These parishioners are going to welcome new families in Williamsville, Amherst and Clarence and give them information about our parish and to personally welcome them to worship with us. This committee will also begin going street by street in our parish boundaries, door to door, house to house, to either connect with already registered parishioners or to invite those who may have no parish home or even faith, belief to consider becoming part of the St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Parish family.

The Church is essentially missionary in nature. We recall that Jesus Himself sent out the Apostles to heal, teach and preach. We recall that the Apostles formed the church, and we learn both in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Book of Revelation, about the missionary work of the Baptized to evangelize others to Christ.

We are blessed this weekend to welcome Brian Ruh to lead our local effort to do the same missionary work of evangelization. Brian comes to us with nearly thirty years of full time Church ministry experience. He is a lifelong Buffalonian and has served at Our Lady of Victory Services, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and twenty-five years at St. Amelia's in Tonawanda. He is a man of deep faith. We welcome Brian along with his wife Patricia and four daughters; Emily, Eden, Monica and Kathleen, to our St. Greg's family.

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN-MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday, August 15

August 14: Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm

August 15: 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us this Sunday, August 11, for coffee, juice and donuts in Gathering Room 1 after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the Parish, you may register at this time.

(Pastor's Article Continued)

In another important matter, I would like to update you on our position with the "Upon this Rock" campaign. Every January and July we receive our disbursement from the Diocese. As you recall, thirty-five percent of each pledge comes to St. Greg's. As individuals and families pay off their pledges, we receive the thirty-five percent. To date, we have received the following disbursements: \$409,564 (July, 2017); \$106,475 (January, 2018); \$161,172.33 (July, 2018); \$76,698.27 (January, 2019) and we just received \$108,830.66 in July, 2109. This is a total of \$862,740.26 received at St. Greg's. We thank you for your great generosity.

The disbursements from the Upon this Rock money include: \$157,328.66 (AV equipment for the Church and Ministry Center); \$149,929.72 (Pew removal and replacement in the Church); \$35,350 (Floor Restoration in the Church); \$23,688 (Carpeting of the sanctuary and sacristy and church entrances); \$44,822.73 (Church lighting); \$14,790 (Church painting); \$33,336 (Asbestos removal); \$74,862 (Snowmelt system for church sidewalks); \$7,085 (Structural Column Repair – Church); \$94,144.89 (Architects and project manager for entire Renovation project); \$11,106.28 (Project Extras/additions as project progressed). This is a total of \$646,443.28 in expenditures to date from the Upon This Rock funds. All bills have not been received and paid from the Church renovation project.

As you will recall, the "Upon this Rock" funds were to be used for the renovation of the Church, a potential addition to the School and the balance to establish an endowment fund for St. Greg's. As you know, we are facing the replacement of all parish building roofs in the next few years. Many parishioners have suggested using the "Upon this Rock" fund receipts to assist in that process. This suggestion will be discussed by the parish's Trustees, Executive Council and Finance Council.

Thank you to everyone who is remaining faithful to paying off their "Upon this Rock" pledge. Thank you to all who made a one-time gift and to all who have contributed in any way. I thank those who have made partial payments and felt it necessary to back away from their commitment. I pray and urge you to consider fulfilling your pledge in support of St. Greg's. If you did not make any contribution to the "Upon this Rock" campaign and are pleased to see the work we are accomplishing to beautify, maintain and improve our parish property for current and future use, please consider making a donation now to the parish in response to the letter sent a month ago from the parish finance committee. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

Saint Luke Productions Presents

MAXIMILIAN
SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ
PERFORMED LIVE BY LEONARDO DEFILIPPIS

Friday, August 16 at 7:00 pm
St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center Gym
200 Saint Gregory Court, Buffalo, NY 14221

Information:
Marisa Piazza
(716) 688-5675
mpiazza@stgregs.org

Admission:
Free-Will Offering

www.StMaxDrama.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for able bodied volunteers to assist with set-up and take-down of the stage.

Need 4-5 volunteers from 12:30 to 5:00 pm, and 4-5 volunteers from 8:30 to 10:00 pm.

Please contact Marisa Piazza at 688-5678 Ext. 303 to volunteer today!!!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

A special Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated for couples celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2019. Please join Bishop Malone on Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral. If you wish to attend, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.



CALLING ALUMNI FROM ST. GREG'S SCHOOL

St. Gregory the Great School is searching for alumni to begin coordinating an event for Summer 2020 as the school will be celebrating 60 years! Help us celebrate this momentous occasion and contact schoolboard@stgregs.org to learn more.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BECOME AN "ANGEL"

With tuition rising each year your help is needed more than ever. We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our parish school. Your entire donation will directly offset a year's tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. No parents of current St. Greg's students 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 a child in our parish with your generosity. Join us in this wonderful endeavor. Please drop your donation off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Angel Wings".

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920.

This is the best investment you can make in the life of a child.



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POSITION AVAILABLE: SCHOOL LUNCH MONITOR

St. Gregory the Great School is looking to hire a cafeteria lunch monitor. Responsibilities include: helping students in cafeteria, working with parent volunteers to clean cafeteria for next lunch period, and leading end of lunch prayer. Hours are M-F 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, summers and holidays off! **Please submit resume and references to frontoffice@stgregs.org, or call 688-5323 to apply or learn more.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

The Northern Erie County Vicariate is sponsoring a training session for all those interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. St. Greg's is in great need for new Eucharistic Ministers. If you ever felt called to this ministry, please come to the training session. It will be held at St. Leo the Great Parish, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY on Saturday, September 21, at 9:30 am and concludes around noon. Please fill in the form below and drop it into the Sunday collection basket or call Jo Pierino(688-5678 extension 301) at the Parish Office to sign up.

**Eucharistic Minister Training Session
Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 am**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



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 276-6915

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Classes begin the week of September 8!!

Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

To register for religious education classes (Family Faith Formation classes), go to

www.stgregs.org/register-now/



For their Outreach projects, Disciple Camp students collected \$423 for Catholic Charities and collected kid-friendly "meals in a can" for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Great job, Disciple Camp kids!!

CATECHIST'S CORNER

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

FFF Catechists Needed for the 2019-2020 school year!

Lesson plans and all materials needed to teach are provided. If you're not sure, try volunteering as a substitute—you'll find the time so rewarding!

FFF Weekly programs run from September - April:

- **Mondays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm) We need a Catechist for Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4.
- **Mondays** (7:00 - 8:30 pm) We need a Catechist for Grade 9.
- **Saturdays** (9:00 am - 10:30 am): We need Catechists for Little Cherubs (PreK), Kindergarten and Grade 8.

Monthly FFF program (aka Generations of Faith) runs from September - April and meets once a month:

- **Session A** (Sunday, 10:30 am - 12 noon): We need Catechists for Grade 2 and Grade 5.
- **Session B** (Sunday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm): We need Catechists for Grades 2, 4 and 6.
- **Session C** (Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm): We need Catechists for Grade 6, 9 and 10.

If you feel that this is what God is calling you to do, or you just want more information, please contact Joan Rischmiller at the FFF Office at **688-5760**.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT

A Ministry of St. Gregory the Great presents: A Day of Spiritual Renewal

***"The Ordinary IS Extraordinary;
Our God-Given Gifts"***

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16



Featuring Special Guest Speaker

Kimberly Cook, M.A.T.S.

Writer, Podcaster, and Catholic Apologist and

Special Musical Guests

Sydney Perkins with Nancy Erdman

DATE: Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm (9:45 arrival).

LOCATION: St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Ct. Williamsville, NY 14221

REGISTRATION COST: \$35*

*Includes catered buffet lunch, desserts, morning and afternoon refreshments .

Prior registration is required as seating is limited.

You may register one of three ways: mail the slip below, or place the slip in the basket at Mass, or register online www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy

Register NO LATER THAN September 30!!!

Make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great. Write "Women's Enrichment Day" in the memo.

For more information contact Joycelyn (Joy) Bila 834-0128 or jbila@hotmail.com

_____ I will attend the Women's Enrichment Day of Spiritual Renewal on October 5.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Check # _____



MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

“Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy.”

For centuries people have invoked Mary under this title. In their writing **Pope Paul VI** and **Pope John Paul II** devote entire chapters to the role of Mary in

God’s eternal plan of salvation. **“By her maternal charity, she takes care of the brethren of her Son who still journey on Earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led into their blessed home.”** (Lumen Gentium, no.62, 1964)

Mary’s whole passion and purpose is to bring us to Jesus. She leads us to the source of grace, the Heart of Christ, and helps open our hearts to receive His mercy.

St Faustina relied on Mary for lessons on spiritual life. “Mary is my Instructress, who is ever teaching me how to live for God” (Diary, 620). “The more I imitate the Mother of God, the more deeply I get to know God” (843). “She has taught me how to love God interiorly and also how to carry out His will in all things” (40).

NEEDS FOR ST. GIANNA

PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTERS

Buffalo area (716-842-2229) is in urgent need of clothes for girls size newborn and 0-3 months, receiving blankets for girls, baby wash and lotion. **Cattaraugus area** (716-373-2569) is in need of summer clothes for boys, especially 6-12 months. **Chautauqua area** (716-401-3324) is in need of clothes for children size 3T-5T, diapers size 3-6, wipes, baby wash, lotion, shampoo, powder, blankets large enough to wrap baby. **Niagara Falls area** (716-284-2229) is in need of diapers size newborn, newborn clothes, sleepers and onesies (boys and girls), wipes, baby wash and lotion, bottles, pacifiers, cribettes.

SENIOR CO-ED BOWLING LEAGUE



The senior co-ed bowling organizational meeting and bowling 2 games, will take place at Transit Lanes on Thursday,

August 29, at 12:30 pm. We welcome new bowlers. The season starts Thursday, September 5, at 12:15 pm for practice and 12:30 pm start. For more information, please attend the meeting and/or contact Beverly at 634-7616. Any bowler planning not to return this year, please call Beverly before the meeting.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS:

Online **Confirmation Registration** began 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 you 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.



YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Adoration Chapel is the place to find comfort and peace, especially at this time. 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
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ FRIDAYS 1:00 - 2:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

—SAVE THE DATE—

St. Gregory the Great

Sunday,

September 15

12 noon-4:00 pm

in the

Ministry Center



Bills Game Day Party

Bring your family to watch the

Buffalo Bills vs. the NY Giants

Beer, water, soda and pizza
will be available for purchase.

Admission is FREE!

Join the Party or
get Take out!

CHIAVETTA'S
Barbeque Take-Out

Chiavetta Dinners will be available
on game day for purchase for \$12.

Pre-Sale Chiavetta Dinner Tickets are \$10

(available at the FFF Office beginning August 12)

Stop in during our summer hours:

Mon – Thurs from 8:00 am - 12 noon.

Join in the FUN • 50/50 and Basket Raffles

Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Gregory's Great Dinner Auction.

BROWN BAG LUNCH SESSIONS

Fr. Moses will be hosting 5 Brown Bag Lunch sessions after the Noon Mass.

TOPIC

PRAYER: A ROADMAP TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

SESSIONS: September 4, 11, 18 and 25, October 2.

TIME: 12:45 to 1:45 pm.

Bring your lunch after Noon Mass and join Fr. Moses and other Parishioners for these talks.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 688-5678.



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

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 2, at
5:30 pm

Salvatore's Italian Gardens

This year's theme is "An Evening in Monte Carlo." Chair couples Steve & Maria Glamuzina and Matt & Nicole Schmidt have begun plans for the grand event. Initial meetings and early planning have begun and committees are being formed for the largest Parish fundraiser of the year.

Proceeds from the Auction will benefit the entire School and Parish family. Be part of making it a great success!

If you would like to help out, donate or get involved, please contact the Auction Office at dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x 337.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Join us as we discuss "5 Simple Habits" that will bring out the best in your marriage!

Catholic Psychotherapist Dan Lawson has worked to combine cutting edge relationship science with the genius of Catholicism to provide you with practical solutions for the issues impacting our marriages today. If you are looking for a way to transform your marriage into the one you always hoped for, this workshop is for you.

SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH AND GATHERING ROOMS

**RSVP by September 6 to
Marisa Piazza at
mpiazza@stgresg.org**



UNITED STATES TO RESUME EXECUTIONS:

On July 25, Attorney General William Barr announced that executions of federal death-row inmates would resume for the first time since 2003, with five executions scheduled for December 2019 and January 2020. Catholic leaders, including the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), have condemned the decision.

“I am deeply concerned by the announcement of the Justice Department (DOJ) that it will... [return] ...to the death penalty as a form of punishment,” said Bishop Frank Dewane, chair of the U.S. bishops’ Domestic Justice and Human Development Committee. In 2018, Pope Francis approved updated language for the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calling the death penalty “inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.” Recently, the U.S. bishops voted overwhelmingly to adopt language “reflecting this position” in the U.S. catechism for adults.

Bishop Dewane urged federal officials to “take this teaching into consideration, as well as the evidence showing its unfair and biased application, and abandon the... plans to [re-implement] the death penalty.”

According to the Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC), most federal death penalty sentences come from just three states, Virginia, Texas, and Missouri. More than half of current federal death row inmates are African American, Latino, Asian or Native American.

The Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) called the DOJ decision “unconscionable,” as the death penalty system in the U.S. “is tragically flawed.”

“The actions of the federal government are meant to represent the values of the American people — values of equality, fairness, and for Catholics, above all, a belief in the sanctity of human life,” said Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, Executive Director of CMN. “The resumption of executions ...flies in the face of these values and promotes a culture of death where we so desperately need a culture of life.” (Full text at ncregister.com)

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



BRAVE II

Fall Young Adult Retreat

*Allegheny State Park
Camp Turner*

NOVEMBER 8-10

18-30somethings invited for this overnight experience and recharge to **BRAVE** the world

Details & Registration
stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz
ajarosz@stgregs.org - 688-3578

UPCOMING YM EVENTS:

SENIOR RETREAT DAY - Friday, August 16. Retreat focuses on what to expect on entering College and how to thrive in this new and exciting chapter of life.

HIGH SCHOOL

MASS & LUNCH– August 13 and 20, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over with us to the MC for food.

SWAT– August 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NIGHTS– August 15 and 22.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MASS, LUNCH & GAMES– August 12, from 12:00- 2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over to the MC for food and games.

ROOTED- August 16, only for graduated 7 and 8 Graders. Meet in the MC Basement at 5:30 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT – August 16 at 7:30 pm. Meet at the front field(unless it’s raining, meet in the MC).



SENIOR CITIZEN MINISTRY

Monday, August 12, at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center, is our monthly and an ice cream social where we will be electing officers for the 2019-2020 year. There will also be a speaker sharing information on travel opportunities. Please plan on attending.

This weekend kicks off our annual membership drive. If you are interested in learning more about how you can join our group, fill out the form below. Don't wait, if you are 55 years of age or older, come join our ministry today!

Our membership year runs October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 and dues are \$15.00 per person. Dues must be paid by October 1, in order to continue receiving the monthly newsletter. Everyone should complete the application and return – especially honorary members (members over 90), to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

Make checks payable to: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SENIOR ORGANIZATION

**Mail to: 200 ST. GREGORY COURT
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221**

Attn: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

LAST
NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTH MONTH _____

ST. GREG'S PARISHIONER? Yes _____ No _____

Other Parish

SIGNATURE:



Celebrate Senior Citizen Day
August 21

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 11

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, August 12

- 12:00 pm Youth Ministry-Middle School Mass, Lunch & Games (MC Gym, Foyer, Front Lawn)
- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens General Meeting (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop Committee Mtg. (MC 3)

Tuesday, August 13

- 12:00 pm Youth Ministry -High School Mass & Lunch (MC Basement)
- 6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)

Wednesday, August 14

- 9:30 am Great Auction Meeting (MC 3)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

Thursday, August 15

- 6:30 SDVP Meeting (GR 1 and 2)
- 7:00 pm High School Summer Nights (MC Basement, Café, and Front Lawn)

Friday, August 16

- 5:30 pm Rooted (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Middle School Movie Night (MC Front Lawn)
- 7:00 pm St. Maximilian Kolbe Play (MC Gym)

Saturday, August 17

Sunday, August 18

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

PRE- INVENTORY SALE AT THE CATHOLIC STORE!!!

August 14 through the 30 - 50% off selected items. Start your Christmas shopping early....The Catholic Store will close at **2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, for July and August and Wednesday evening hours.**

We have **NO LIVE VIDEO FEED** until further notice as the audio update continues. Thank you for your patience.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 10-

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Edward C. Driscoll
by Michael & Sonya Devine
- 5:30pm Mary Wyzkowski by Family
Joyce A. Patton
by Russell & Carol Monafó Family

Sunday, August 11- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Marcia Gambino (Birthday)
by Jack Gambino
- 9:30 am Frances Contino (Birthday)
by Richard & Donna Suchan
John Culin by Joanne & Family
- 11:00 am Arlene Mruk (Anniversary)
by husband Norbert
Eleanor & Chester Lis by Family
- 12:30 pm Andrew Sobczyk by Mom, Dad,
Amanda, Nick & Luke
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Frank Deni by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Canzonieri
Kurt W. Willenbrink
by Joann & Roy Schlien

Monday, August 12- St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- 7:00 am Mildred Reid by Joyce Knoll
- 8:00 am Isabella Ciatello by Jim & Mary Jo
Contino
- 12:00 pm DeAnn Terese Nicolaio by Parents
Paul A. Spinley
by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Colburn

Tuesday, August 13- Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- 12:00 pm Bernice Wienckowski (Birthday)
By Carol & Russell Monafó
Patrick & Simonne Sheehan
by Daniel Victoor

Wednesday, August 14- St. Maximilian Kolbe

- 7:00 am John & Maureen Wirant
by John & Amy Persons
- 8:00 am Donald Broadt by Wife & Family
Ed Rajewski & Family by Sharon Sans
- 12:00 pm Mary C. Blair
by Anne Marie & Tim Spellman

Vigil Mass for Assumption

- 7:00 pm Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfrantz
by Donna Hassenfrantz

Thursday, August 15- Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am Lillian Solzman by Irv & Joy Peterson
- 8:00 am Irene Tammaro by Ann Lombiasi
Helen Wurm by Family
- 12:00 pm Pauline Manta
by Daughter, Carmelina Misercola
Michael L. Gillogly (Anniversary)
by Lucille Lydon
- 7:00 pm Sam & Dawn Currazato (Living)
By Mary Nigam

Friday, August 16- St. Stephen of Hungary

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
Donald Cronin by Wife, Donna
- 8:00 am Mildred & Gustov Arndt by Son
- 12:00 pm Margaret Mary Cygan (Anniversary)
by Father Paul
William Nolan by Danielle Gaulin

Saturday, August 17

- 8:00 am Gloria Piracci by Mary W.

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Henry & Lorraine Wojtowicz
(Anniversary) by Gail Wojtowicz
Richard M. Metsche by Serena Amoia
- 5:30 pm John & Ruth Peer (Living)
(Wedding Anniversary)
by Jerry & Mary Ann Peer

Sunday, August 18- Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Vincent P. Tricoli (Anniversary) by
Mrs. Theresa Tricoli & Children
- 9:30 am Frances Trippe by Militello & Mazza
Families
Leon T. Dulski (Birthday)
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
- 11:00 am Ron & Kathy Benson (Living)
(50th Wedding Anniversary) By Family
Rae Florea by Bill Kilinskas
- 12:30 pm Joseph & Victoria Balcerk
by Granddaughter, Christine
Mario Costanzo by Family

EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERING

In memory of Anthony J. Pelosi by wife Barbara

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday—Friday 9:00 pm to 2:00 pm and **Wednesday No evening hours in July & August;** 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)
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