

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

August 17 & 18, 2019  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

The “Child Victims Act” went into effect on August 14, allowing for a one year window for victims of sexual abuse to file civil lawsuits without a statute of limitations applying.

First and foremost this should be a time of prayer for healing for those who have been abused. It must also be a time of prayer for the grace to be able to forgive. We should be mindful of all those who have suffered abuse, but especially children who have suffered sexual abuse in our Catholic Church, other religious denominations, public or private schools, scouting, athletics, or within their own family. My prayer this week is twofold: healing for victims and the ability to forgive perpetrators.

Please know that we are doing all we can humanly do to ensure the safety of our children in every facet of ministry at St. Gregory the Great Parish. There is a responsibility for every single adult in our church and society to report any knowledge of abuse. As the “Body of Christ” it is our responsibility to protect the entire “Body of Christ.” The most vulnerable among us require the most attention.

I urge you to pray. Pray at home. Pray in our Adoration Chapel. Plan this week to make a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel and pray for the victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse and to pray for the forgiveness needed in everyone’s hearts as we must also work to forgive the perpetrators. I also encourage you to read an excellent article in “Psychology Today” on this issue. The web address for the article is: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/do-the-right-thing/201908/top-10-myths-about-clergy-abuse-in-the-catholic-church>.

May God bless our Church and our efforts as the “Body of Christ” to affect in our prayer these two most important levels of healing. As important as this tragedy is, and as important as it is to afford our time and energy upon it, the work and ministry of our parish must also continue. We must be mindful and pray as I stated above, but we must also remember that our eighty-plus ministries must continue the work of the “Body of Christ” in the present moment. Our parish’s commitment to St. Gregory the Great Catholic School must remain strong as well as our major commitment to our parish’s Family Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Evangelization, Youth Ministry, RCIA, Bereavement Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, and more, must continue. I urge you to continue to support the current work of our parish despite the urging of some in various news outlets to stop. By stopping your support of current ministry you will really accomplish only one thing. That one thing is to hurt to those in the greatest need. *(Continued on Page 2)*

## MC GYM CLOSED

August 25 through the 27 our Ministry Center Gym is scheduled for floor cleaning. No one can enter the Gym and no events can be scheduled during this time.



## 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.**

**(Pastor's Article Continued)**

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As we bring this fiscal year to a close on August 31<sup>st</sup>, I wish to thank all those who have responded to the Finance Council's request for an extraordinary gift to reduce our deficit. More than \$60,000 has come in and you still have two weeks to make that donation. I ask you to please make a donation for this cause as we are still projecting a deficit for this current fiscal year. I further ask you to please consider increasing your regular Sunday offering. As you may or may not be aware, I do not ask you annually to do that. Some pastors ask their parishioners to increase their Sunday offering every year to meet the rising costs that we all face. Our parish faces the same rising costs of utilities, health insurance premiums for our employees, upkeep, and all the expenses that every household faces. I humbly request that you prayerfully consider increasing your Sunday offering and perhaps consider sacrificing something to be able to do that. Sacrifice is a great thing as it builds our character as members of the "Body of Christ." Although sacrifice may be difficult, it is also beneficial in the end to strengthen us as a person and as a disciple of Christ. Maybe consider sacrificing the stop at the local coffee drive-thru, and brew a cup at home before you leave for work. Maybe consider sacrificing a cocktail or bottle of wine or dessert when you go out to dinner, or maybe consider sacrificing purchasing a piece of clothing, especially if the closet has enough clothes in it already. Please consider joining me in sacrificing for our parish. I have made the commitment to sacrifice for St. Greg's and I ask you to do the same. It is up to us, in this place and time, to remain faithful and grow beyond any anger or hurt to continue to serve one another as the "Body of Christ" at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Williamsville, New York.

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

**LIVESTREAM** Is Back Up! Work is ongoing for a few more camera angles and making minor adjustments. Thank you for your patience with this project!



**BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS**

As we begin the new school year, we invite ALL children from St. Greg's Parish to attend the 9:30 am Mass on September 8 for the "blessing of backpacks". Bring your backpack and celebrate this special Mass with our Parish Community.



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](mailto:frontoffice@stgregs.org), or call 688-5323 to apply or learn more.**

### FALL MUM SALE

St. Gregory's 8th Graders will be selling beautiful fall mums, assorted colors (10" pots) after Masses on September 21 and 22. The mums are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Beautify your yard and help the students raise money for their 8th Grade class trip. Questions: Contact Jessica Taft

### PRE-ORDER

Please send this form and payment to school by **Wednesday, September 18th.** (Payable to St. Gregory the Great School in an envelope labeled Mum Sale)

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

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

Quantity of Mums Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Mums: (check all that apply)

- White \_\_\_\_\_
- Yellow \_\_\_\_\_
- Rust/Orange \_\_\_\_\_
- Red/Wine \_\_\_\_\_
- Purple/Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick up in Gathering Room 1 following which Mass? \_\_\_\_\_



## RCIA AT ST. GREGORY: OPEN SEASON FOR ALL QUESTIONS

So, why be Catholic? Aren't there so many rules? In the end, aren't all Christian faiths the same? Don't all religions approach the same end? Sessions of Inquiry for these and unlimited other questions start September 11. For more information, call the Parish Office or e-mail Jerry at [gpeer@verizon.net](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net).

### TELEMARKETERS WANTED

In an effort to reach out to our Parishioners we have not seen in a while, we plan to eventually call them on the phone. We are looking for free, professional advice with creating a phone script and helpful hints as to how to handle certain situations. If you are able to help us, please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313. Your expertise will be greatly appreciated.

### CATECHIST'S CORNER

#### 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.

We need Catechists for the following:

- **Mondays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm) Kindergarten, Grade 2, 3 and Grade 4.
- **Mondays** (7:00 - 8:30 pm) Grade 9.
- **Saturdays** (9:00 am - 10:30 am): Little Cherubs (PreK), Kindergarten and Grade 8.

#### Monthly FFF program (aka Generations of Faith)

runs from September - April and meets once a month. We need Catechists for the following:

- **Session A** (Sunday, 10:30 am - 12 noon): Gr 2 and 5.
- **Session B** (Sunday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm): Gr 2, 4 and 6.
- **Session C** (Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm): Gr 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 Family Faith Formation Office at 688-5760.

Lee Zak, one of our beloved Catechists can tell you how being a Catechists can enrich your life!



#### Save the Date:

**Catechist Orientation** is on Saturday, September 7, from 8:45 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. RSVP 688.5760.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Summer Office Hours are Monday - Thursday  
from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

### 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) for Little Cherubs (PreK), Kinder-  
garten, and Grades 1- 10, go to

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



**Our First Confirmation Retreat** of this school year  
focused on the freedom we have to live out our  
Faith. Teens explored the ways we can follow  
Christ in today's world and the choices they have  
as they grow in faith to discover true freedom.



## 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 after-  
noon refreshments .

Prior registration is required as seating is limited.

You may register one of three ways: mail the slip be-  
low, or place the slip in the basket at Mass, or register  
online [www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy](http://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](mailto:jbila@hotmail.com)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



## WHO IS ST. FAUSTINA?

Pope John Paul II visited the tomb of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in Poland on June 7, 1997. There he said:

*There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God.*

*In this place, we become particularly aware of this. From here went out the message of Divine Mercy that Christ Himself chose to pass on to our generation through [St.] Faustina.*

*And it is a message that is clear and understandable for everyone. Anyone can come here, look at this image of the merciful Jesus, His Heart radiating peace, and hear in the depths of his own soul what [St.] Faustina heard: **Fear nothing; I am always with you** (Diary, 586). And if this person responds with a sincere heart, "Jesus, I trust in you," he will find comfort in all his anxieties and fears. ...*

From the diary of this young Polish nun a special devotion to the mercy of God is spreading. The message is nothing new, just a reminder of what the Church has always taught: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness.

But, in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone, especially poor sinners: **The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy** (Diary, 723).

Some of the elements of this new focus include a sacred image of the Merciful Savior, several new prayers, and a cornucopia of promises. But the **main elements** are **trust** and **deeds of mercy**. The devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of St. Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior.



## SENIOR CO-ED BOWLING LEAGUE

The senior co-ed bowling 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/](http://www.stgregs.org/confirmation/)

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

# Sacrament of CONFIRMATION

**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.



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## 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



St. Greg's Parish is excited to announce the Adult Faith Formation opportunities that are available for fall 2019! See the information below.

- ⇒ Book Study: *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, running for 6 weeks, on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm starting Sept 18th. Contact Chris Schober at 636-9784 or [chrisschober@gmail.com](mailto:chrisschober@gmail.com) to learn more and register today!
- ⇒ Bible Study: *Wisdom, An Eight-Part Bible Study* Featuring Jeff Cavins. "*Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes.*" – Pope Francis. This program will run 2 times a week for 8 weeks, Thursday nights at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. To learn more and register:
1. Register online via the St. Greg's website and select Donate Now at the top right. **OR**
  2. Type in <https://tinyurl.com/y35uvjr6> to your web browser and you will be redirected to the registration page **OR**
  3. By phone or e-mail to Arlene Meyerhofer 430-5575 or [ameyerhofer@verizon.net](mailto:ameyerhofer@verizon.net)
- ⇒ Brown Bag Lunches: *A Biblical Work though the Mass* by Fr. Paul Cygan, running for 6 weeks, starting Friday, Sept 13, at 1:00 PM. To learn more and register contact Fr. Paul at [pcygan@stgregs.org](mailto:pcygan@stgregs.org) or 688-5678.

Locations will be published at a later time.

## 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@stgregs.org](mailto:mpiazza@stgregs.org)



### Archbishop Denounces Recent Gun Violence:

In his August 5 column, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput,

who was Archbishop of Denver during the Columbine High School massacre, commented on the shootings in Gilroy, CA, Dayton, OH, and El Paso, TX.

“The real problem [of Columbine-like violence] is... in us ... [Our] culture ...markets violence in dozens of ...ways...When we build our advertising campaigns on consumer selfishness and greed, and when money [determines one’s] value, how can we be surprised when our sense of community erodes? When we glorify and multiply guns, why are we shocked when kids use them?

When we answer murder with more violence in the death penalty, we put the state’s seal of approval on revenge. When the most dangerous place ...is a mother’s womb..., [it sends the] message that life isn’t ... sacred. ...Certain kinds of killing we enshrine as rights and protect by law. When we live this kind of contradiction, why are we surprised at the results?

I buried some of the young Columbine victims 20 years ago, [and] I ...saw the human wreckage that gun violence leaves behind. The experience taught me that assault rifles are not a birthright, and the Second Amendment is not a Golden Calf. I support thorough background checks and more restrictive access to guns for anyone seeking to purchase them.

But it also taught me that only a fool can believe that “gun control” will solve the problem of mass violence. The people *using* the guns ... are moral agents with twisted hearts. And the twisting is done by the culture of sexual anarchy, personal excess, political hatreds, intellectual dishonesty, and perverted freedoms that we’ve ...created over the past half-century.

Treating the symptoms in a culture of violence doesn’t work. We need to look deeper. Until we’re willing to do that, nothing fundamental will change.” (Full text at catholicphilly.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](http://stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii)



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz  
[ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org) - 688-3578

### UPCOMING YM EVENTS:

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**MASS & LUNCH**– August 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 22



21st ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION  
“AN EVENING OF STARS”  
SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 2, at 5:30 pm  
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

#### Volunteers Needed!

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at [mckm6174@yahoo.com](mailto:mckm6174@yahoo.com).



## MINISTRY UPDATES

### ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL HOSPITALITY MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Please bring your calendar and your Auction donation as this is our only meeting. For more information please call Ro at 688-6224 or Marguerite at

### LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, August 26, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Yearly dues will be collected. New members are always welcome.

### 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.

### SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 \$26 PER PERSON



Spend the day at the Seneca Niagara Casino where you will find over 4,200 slot machines featuring big progressive Jackpots. **RECEIVE \$30 IN SENECA Slot Dollars and Lunch Buffet during your five hour stay. Remember to bring your Players card or you can apply for one upon arrival. Card needed to receive incentive. A valid state or federally issued ID (PASSPORT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE) Along with your Seneca Players card if you have one. Must arrive on Motor Coach to receive Incentive. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**DEPART: 11:00 am St. Gregory the Great Church Front of Ministry Center (NOT SCHOOL) 100 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville.**

**CASINO : 12:00 pm-5:00 pm**

**RETURN : 6:00 pm**

For booking or more information call Nancy Harkins at 631-5313.

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 18

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)

### Monday, August 19

### Tuesday, August 20

12:00 pm Youth Ministry -High School  
Mass & Lunch (*MC Basement*)

5:00 pm AMPED (*MC Café*)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (*MC 1*)

### Wednesday, August 21

9:30 am Great Auction Meeting (*MC 3*)

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Gym*)

7:00 pm SWAT (*MC Basement*)

7:00pm Men of God Meeting (*GR 2*)

### Thursday, August 22

9:30 am Great Auction Meeting (*MC 3*)

7:00 pm High School Summer Nights  
(*MC Basement, Café, and Front Lawn*)

### Friday, August 23

### Saturday, August 24– August 27

**Ministry Center Gym Floor Cleaning**

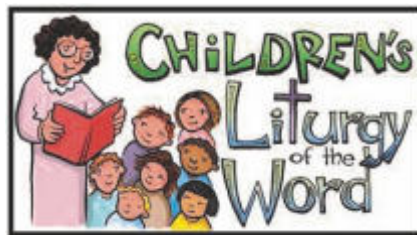
### Sunday, August 25

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)

## USHERS

Until further notice, please contact Dennis with questions or concerns. Home number is 688-2380 and cell is 206-9911 (text or call).



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at our 9:30 Sunday Mass where the children are dismissed to learn about Jesus on a level appropriate for

children in grades K-4. We are looking for a few volunteers (18 +) who would love to spread the word of Jesus to the children of St. Gregory the Great. Our next schedule goes out for September – November, 2019.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message for Paula Gilbert. God Bless you!



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 17

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Henry & Lorraine Wojtowicz  
(Anniversary) by Gail Wojtowicz  
Richard M. Metsche by Serena Amoia
- 5:30 pm John & Ruth Peer  
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 Balcerek  
by Granddaughter, Christine  
Mario Costanzo by Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms

### Monday, August 19– St. John Eudes

- 7:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
by Debbie & Ken Kistner
- 8:00 am Ginger Kothen  
by Donna & Richard Suchan  
Marie L. Calixte (Living)  
By Kathleen Forsyth
- 12:00 pm Patricia Cusack  
by Sharing the Joy Prayer Group

### Tuesday, August 20– St. Bernard

- 7:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie Alan,  
AJ, & Stephen
- 8:00 am Patricia C. Cusack by Marie Rowecamp
- 12:00 pm Carol & Frank Weise (Living) (Wedding  
Anniversary) by Family  
Timothy P. Burke  
by Ron & Kathy Benson

### Wednesday, August 21– St. Pius X

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am John Tronolone & Robert Farrington  
(Anniversary) by Elaine Farrington &  
Family
- 12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great  
Richard C. Vivacqua (Birthday)  
by Louise Vivacqua

### Thursday, August 22– Queenship of Mary

- 7:00 am Thomas Urbanski by Wife & Daughter
- 8:00 am Dr. Thomas Hassenfratz  
by Donna Hassenfratz  
Harvey & Rose Hoelscher  
(Wedding Anniversary) by Linda Amabile
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Scarcella  
by Mrs. Virginia Scarcella  
Charles J. Price Jr. (Anniversary)  
By Dolores Mason & Family

### Friday, August 23– St. Rose of Lima

- 7:00 am Pat Paxon by Hartigan Family
- 8:00 am Ralph Nazareth (Birthday) by  
Marie Nazareth
- 12:00 pm Iside Tiranno (Anniversary)  
by Joyce Santora & Family  
Jerome Sperrazza by Daughter

### Saturday, August 24– St. Bartholomew, Apostle

- 8:00 am Frank Algera by Marie Aniboldi  
Andrew Varbanov  
by Mother, Edith Varbanov

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm J. R. McKenna by Mother & Family  
William Smereka by Sharyn & Bill Miller
- 5:30 pm Rose Ricigliano by Julicher Family

### Sunday, August 25– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Alma Geib by Julicher Family
- 9:30 am Louis C. Nati by Jim & Mary Jo Contino  
Sally Steele by Jomarie Buscarino
- 11:00 am Marion C. Ettiopio  
by Carol & Russell Monafio
- 12:30 pm Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti (Living)  
by Vince & Pat Ricotta  
Charles J. Price by Marita Hass & Family  
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- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Bernice Gantress by Hallac Family



### 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. 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.

### DECEASED

Jeanne M. Brady      John Castronova  
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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)

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#### 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

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