

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

August 31 & September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM THE DESK OF BRIAN RUH - DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

A friend quipped, when she heard of my new role as Director of Evangelization at St. Gregs, “Good luck with that; especially with all that’s happening in the diocese.” And while I fully understood what she was saying, I quietly thought, “What better time to start?”

Did you know, Jesus established the Church to evangelize? This means, as followers of Christ, we are called to connect, welcome and engage others so as to share the good news of God. Our first step is to connect with people and the easiest way to do this is to approach the people we already know and meet them where they’re at: in the home, at work, at the coffee shop or in the grocery store. Fr. Thomas and the Welcome Wagon ministry are already connecting with those who recently moved into our parish neighborhood, and I am getting closer to reaching out to parishioners we have not seen in some time, to offer them a word of encouragement or invitation to join us again. And while it is good to invite the stranger we must not forget to evangelize those of us in the pews.

Our second step is to be welcoming. Most people join, stay or leave churches based on a sense of belonging and a sense of community. Increasing our sense of belonging not only increases our engagement but also increases our spiritual commitment. Are we welcoming and hospitable, not only to our visitors and guests but also to those we see every week? We greet and acknowledge people all day long. We do it on the phone, through e-mail, texting and most importantly face to face. Think for a moment about the friendly communications you’ve already engaged in today. We encourage you to simply use this natural ability and share it with members of our parish family.

The next steps involve a little more commitment from all of us, and please understand it takes time and patience; it is a matter of personal invitation and planting seeds. How do we engage ourselves and others? Maybe you have a friend who just lost a loved one and is in need of some spiritual and emotional comfort. We have a Grief and Loss Bereavement Ministry. **(Continued on page 2)**

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us next Sunday, September 8, 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.

LABOR DAY

All Parish Offices, the Catholic Store and Café will be closed Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. There will be only one Mass on Monday, September 2, at 8:00 am.



WELCOME TO SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

We welcome Joe Tokasz to St. Gregory the Great Parish. Joe is a Seminarian in the Diocese of Buffalo and is assigned to St. Greg’s for his Pastoral Year. He will be with us full-time until May, 2020, at which time he will return to the Seminary to complete his final two years of study. Welcome Joe!

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Have you ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Perhaps you're a mother of small children and desperately looking for adult conversations and a little support from other mothers. We have a Ministry of Mothers Sharing ministry. Are you a man, looking for fellowship with other Catholic men? We have a Men Of God ministry. We have a strong Youth Ministry. Would you be interested in serving others at our Parish Café? Maybe you want to know more about the Bible? Our parish has much to offer and invites you to consider getting involved with the many, many ministries and activities available to you.

It starts with an invitation. Sometimes it's declined and sometimes it's accepted. Sometimes people are interested but not sure what they can offer. For those not interested in accepting the invitation at this time, no worries, I'm planting a seed; please know the door remains open for you to walk through when you're ready. For those who may need a little encouragement, evangelization is not about relying on the specialists or those with a theological degree. It is about you and your willingness to share your God-given gifts with others. Your gifts are needed to build up the Body of Christ and what better time to offer them to the Lord.

I would like to leave you with some encouragement from a prayer, in part, written by John Henry Cardinal Newman, that I believe sums up the spirit of evangelization. "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my



Have you made Mission, either here at St. Greg's or another parish? Join us for our "8th Night" Reunion on September 13! Please email Missionretreat@stgregs.org for more information and to RSVP!



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 the Backpacks." Bring your backpack and celebrate this special Mass with our Parish Community.



Responding in faith.

Faith is the foundation upon which we build a life of service to God and others. Go to cks.edu to read about how our newest diocesan priests and seminary alumni responded to God's call in their lives and are now well prepared to go forth and serve our community.

CHRIST THE KING COLLECTION WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

The weekend of September 7 and 8 will be our annual combined collection to benefit Christ the King Seminary. There are many people ready to answer the call to ministry and to meet the needs of today's church in our diocese; please help them by giving generously and remembering Christ the King in your prayers.

FFF Catechists Needed for 2019-2020!



FFF Weekly programs run from September - April.

We need Catechists for the following:

- **Mondays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm) Kindergarten, Gr 2, 3,4.
- **Mondays** (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) Gr 9.
- **Saturdays** (9:00 am - 10:30 am): Little Cherubs (PreK), Kindergarten and Gr 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 4 and 6.
- **Session C** (Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm): Gr 6, 9 and 10.



Call us to teach religion clas-



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
5:00 – 8:30

Join School Families, Students, Teachers & Parishioners for Fun Night at St. Greg's School! Used Uniform Sale, Bake Sale, Face Painting and Games!

Dinner from Chick-fil-A!

must pre-order your meal!

ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Family Last Name: _____

_____ of Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich Meals

_____ of Chick-fil-A 6ct Chicken Nugget Meals
(all meals include chips and water)

_____ Total Number of Meals X \$10 per Meal

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

(make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great School)
RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

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 at (724) 992-8869.

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? _____

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Sept. 3 at 7:30 pm in GR2

The Music Ministry is excited to announce that Nancy Erdman and Michael Cygan will be partnering up to bring this Ministry to the next level at St. Greg's. If you have ever had any interest in music please contact either of them.

Nancy Erdman nerdman@stgregs.org Ext. 308

Michael Cygan mcygan@stgregs.org Ext. 340

CHILDRENS ENVELOPES



Many years ago Msgr. Wright began a giving program for our Parish children. He believed it was important to instill in our young parishioners, the future of our Faith, with the importance of giving to their parish and their community. Since its inception, each year every child in our School and Family Faith Formation programs receives contribution envelopes with the intent that half of what is given in these envelopes would stay in our Parish and half would go to charities directly helping children. Every week a small stack of the children's envelopes are placed in the collection basket with their parents' contributions. The children's are counted and tallied separately. Over the years the children of St. Gregory the Great Parish have donated over \$22,000 to charities including Children's Hospital, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Variety Club of Buffalo, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Catholic Charities, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Sisters Hospital, CF Foundation, Miracle League of Grand Island and WNY, and St. Jude's Research Hospital.

As the new school year begins and your children bring home their envelopes for the new year, please discuss with them their significance and how every little bit helps their Parish and their community.



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!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Beginning September 3, FFF Office Hours are
Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

First Day of FFF Classes:

Classes begin on the dates below for the **Monthly FFF Program** aka **Generations of Faith** (in the School Gym, Cafeteria and Classrooms):

GOF Session A: September 8 (9:30 am - 12 noon)

GOF Session B: September 8 (12:30 - 2:00 pm)

GOF Session C: September 12 (6:15 - 7:45 pm)

Classes will begin on the dates below for the **Weekly FFF Program in the School Classrooms:**

Monday Kindergarten, Gr 1-4: September 9 (4:30 - 5:45 pm)

Monday Gr 5-10: September 9 (7:00 - 8:30 pm)

Saturday Kindergarten, Gr 1-8: September 14 (9:00 - 10:30 am)

Little Cherubs (PreK): Sept.16 (9:00 - 10:30 am)

FFF Classes begin the week of September 8!!

To register for Family Faith Formation (religious education classes) for Little Cherubs(PreK), Kindergarten, and Grades 1- 10, go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/



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.

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pick up date is on Saturday, September 7. Call 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and all furniture/appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch. Refer to what we can accept on this list; Appliances must work, and furniture must be in good condition: **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or 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.)

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**

Music by 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 # _____



NEW GREETERS WELCOME!!!

We invite men, women, children, and especially families to consider joining us for this very rewarding ministry. Greeters are invited to spend 15 minutes before Mass on the weekends, offering a warm smile and a friendly 'Hello' to people arriving at Church. We are offering a brief orientation Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Even if you are unable to make this meeting, please call Brian Ruh to express your interest at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or e-mail at bruh@stgregs.org . Our hope is to one day grow this ministry to serve all entrances at all our Masses.

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.

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17,

\$26 PER PERSON



Travel to Seneca Niagara Casino Receive \$30 in Seneca Slot Dollars and Lunch Buffet. Remember to bring your players card or you can apply for one upon arrival and a valid state or federally issued ID (PASSPORT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE). Must arrive on Motor Coach to receive incentive. NO EXCEPTIONS.

DEPART: 11:00 am from St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center , 100 St. Gregory Court.

CASINO: 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

RETURN: 6:00 pm

For more information call Nancy Harkins at 631-5313.

NEXT SENIOR MEETING

Please join us on September 9 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Rooms if you are 55 or older. We will celebrate the installation of new officers. Family Medical Pharmacy will be onsite for Flu Shots for this meeting. Refreshments will be served.



SAVE THE DATE 21ST Annual Great Dinner Auction An Evening of Stars Saturday, November 2, 2019 Salvatore's Italian Gardens

GENERAL AUCTION MEETING on Thursday, September 12, at 9:00 am, in the Gathering Room next to the Church. Car Raffle tickets will be sold starting in September and October after some select weekend Masses and available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships or \$8,000 cash! Ticket drawn at the Great Dinner Auction. St. Gregory's family of dealerships includes: Joe Basil Chevrolet, Mike Smith GMC, Dave Smith Ford, Northtown, Mike Basil Toyota, and Transitowne.

Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or what? In the back foyer of the Church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR**

Join our Virtual Gift-Gathering Party

Go to Amazon.com and under wish lists search for Great Dinner Auction. See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to the Parish.

Volunteers Needed!

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or at the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator at 688-5678 x 337 or dinnerauc-

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 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.

Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 am

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

—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

Monday—Friday (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

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.

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

Brown Bag Lunches: *A Biblical Work through 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 or 688-5678.



NEW PARISHIONER GREAT AUCTION DIN- NER PARTNER UP!!!

Join us on Sunday, September 8, after the 9:30 family Mass, for Donuts and Donations in the Gathering Room. We will be serving Paula's Donuts and committee members will be available to discuss how you can get involved with the Great Auction and/or become a New Parishioner. Please feel free to just stop by for a donut, and you are most welcome to bring any cash or gift card donation. New Parishioners are encouraged to come and learn about the Parish and the Great Auction!!!

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**





STAND UP FOR LIFE!! The legalization of radical abortion expansion in New York means that now, more than ever,

Catholics must act and be a voice for the voiceless. There are several opportunities for you to do just that in the coming weeks.

“40 Days for Life” begins September 25 and continues through November 3. This nation-wide, ecumenical movement is designed to raise awareness and bring a strong, positive pro-life message across America. It is a grassroots effort to end abortion through prayer and fasting, silent witnessing outside abortion clinics, and community outreach. Buffalo's 40 Days for Life group holds a peaceful prayer vigil at the Buffalo Women Services clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day during the campaign. Since Buffalo became a part of 40 Days for Life in 2007, hundreds of babies' lives have been saved and their parents spared from the grief and guilt of abortion. Won't you help?

For more information or to sign up for an hour, go to www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.

Life Chain 2019- Save the Date! On Sunday, October 6, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall. More information on how you can participate in this very important demonstration will be detailed in upcoming Bulletins.

The first meeting of the Respect Life Committee is Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center Room 1. All are welcome!!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

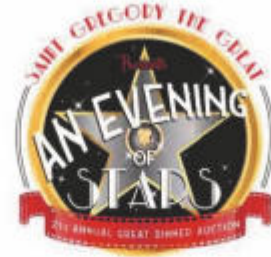
ATTN Catholic-School and Public-School Parents: Online **Confirmation Registration began on July 1.** If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that you receive all Confirmation related notifications. Go to

www.stgregs.org/confirmation-1/

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

St. Gregory the Great 21st Annual Great Dinner Auction Saturday November 2nd, 2019

Honoring recipients of the
Cornerstone Award
Joseph Couche
Rosemary Spano



Dinner Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

Table Sponsorships

includes seating for 10

The Producer \$3,500

The Director \$2,500

The Spotlight \$1,500

Please see website for description of sponsorship tables

More Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Bid Sheets	\$1,200
Favors	\$1,200
Valet Parking	\$1,100
Wine/Gift Pull	\$ 600
Gym Banner	\$ 600
Golden Raffle	\$ 600
Photo Booth	\$ 600

Catalog Advertising

Inside Front Cover 4/C	\$ 750
Inside Back Cover 4/C	\$750
Full Page B/W	\$400
Half Page B/W	\$250
¼ Page B/W	\$150
Business Card AD	\$ 95

\$25 Shout Out to Cornerstone Honorees
Acknowledge these honorees in the dinner program
(3-4 short lines of appreciation)

If you are intersted please contact
Cindy Reitebach in the auction office at
688-5678 ext 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com



MINISTRY UPDATES

LADIES OF THE LORD

On Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 pm, Ladies of the Lord will be celebrating our 20th anniversary! Our evening begins in GR 1 with the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in the presence of our traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will proceed to Church for Mass at 7:30 pm, celebrated by Fr. Jim Ciupek. Fr. Jim was a Parochial Vicar here at St. Greg's. He accompanied Dawn Curazotto on a visit to Little Audrey Santo of Worcester, MA, who interceded for the healing of Dawn's granddaughter, Katelin. Audrey is in the process of being considered for sainthood. After Mass there will be a reception in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

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 689-6224.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered character development program where girls can participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Girls ages 5-18 are invited to learn more about the Troop. Please join AHG Troop NY3129 for an informational meeting at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 6th, in St. Gregory the Great's school gym/cafeteria. Please contact Cathy McMaster at 430-7347 to RSVP or with any questions.

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. All are welcome. You do not need to be a parishioner.

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.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

Parish Closed

8:00 am Mass (only one)

Tuesday, September 3

- 6:30 pm Troop 440 Leader Council Mtg. (*MC 3*)
- 7:00 pm Pastor's Executive Meeting (*MC 1*)
- 7:00 pm AMPED (*Café*)
- 7:30 pm BSA Troop 444 Mtg. (*MC Gym*)

Wednesday, September 4

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Gym*)
- 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry Mtg. (*GR 2*)
- 7:30 pm Annual Hospitality Meeting (*GR 1*)

Thursday, September 5

- 6:30 pm SDVP Meeting (*GR 1 and GR 2*)
- 7:00 pm Bible Timeline Class (*School Music Room*)

Friday, September 6

- 9:00 am Bible Timeline Class (*GR 1*)
- 5:30 pm American Heritage Girls Troop Mtg. (*School Café, School Gym and School Library*)

Saturday, September 7

SVDP Furniture Drive (*all day*)

- 8:00 am Respite for Caregivers (*GR1 and GR 2*)
- 8:45 am Catechist Orientation (*Entire School*)
- 4:00 pm One Way Home (*GR 2*)

Sunday, September 8

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (*GR1*)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (*MC*)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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. **Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend Adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Thank you.**

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

- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00- 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 31

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Richard Hertel II by Jeanne Hertel
Jack Littlefield by Wife
5:30 pm Anna Debergalis by Dave & Meg King

Sunday, September 1– 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
9:30 am Kenneth Kryzstof
by Anthony & Rosemary Priore
Francisco & Victoria Sicurella
By Casola Family
11:00 am John & Victoria Mruk (Anniversary)
By Norbert Mruk Family
Leonardi & Francesca Casucci by Son
12:30 pm Frank Deni by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Skretny
Patricia Murphy by Julicher Family
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Donald Collins II
by Aunt Fran & Billy Gabler

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
Nick Curtis by Jim & Judy Huber

Tuesday, September 3– St. Gregory the Great

- 7:00 am Zoltan W. Wurm by Family
8:00 am Evelyn Howard by Robert Rauh Family
12:00 pm Dave Haumesser (Birthday)
By Jim & Linda Kubus
Robert Doerr Sr.
by Wife, Sharon & Family

Wednesday, September 4

- 7:00 am Donna Spellman
by St. Vincent de Paul Society
of St. Gregory the Great
8:00 am Edward Driscoll (Birthday) by Family
Leo M. Lynette Jr. by Sue White
12:00 pm Leon & Sophie Biernat
by Fr. Leon Biernat
Robert Doran by Wife, Nina

Thursday, September 5– St. Teresa of Kolata

- 7:00 am Benjamin Gerard (Living)
by Aunt Rose DiCristofaro & Family
Dottie Hoffman
by Dad, Julie, Alan, AJ, & Stephen
8:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
Edward Stachura Sr. (Birthday)
By Edward & Sylvia Stachura
12:00 pm Joseph Grande by Friend
Paul A. Spinley
by Joan & Paul Spinley III

Friday, September 6– First Friday

- 7:00 am Sandra Carden by Louis Rothenbueger
8:00 am Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
12:00 pm James & Sophie Gelose by Family
Edward Driscoll
by James & Colleen Walsh

Saturday, September 7

- 8:00 am Thomas Murrett by Joyce Knoll

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary & Michael Cirelli
by Family & Friends
Daniel Arent
by Rodney & Cynthia Kryzstof
Edward Kramer
5:30 pm by St. Greg's Home School Association

Sunday, September 8– 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am George R. Sentz
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis La Gree
9:30 am Robert J. Daigler
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
Diane Becht Lo (Birthday) by Aunt Ro
11:00 am Vincent Boanno by Daughters
Robert Rauh by St. Greg's Ushers
12:30 pm Dr. Nick Bona by Montagna Family
Sherrel Krueger by Lazarony Family
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4:30 pm Bernice Gantress by Gantress Family

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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.

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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.

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

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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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