

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 10 & 11, 2018*

## From the desk of Adoration Chapel

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration has been continuing at St. Gregory the Great parish since February 2, 2002 in our Adoration Chapel located between the Church and School. After many years of prayer and dedication, under the direction of Reverend William Quinlivan, Adoration began 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For those who may not be familiar with Adoration, it is the exposition of Jesus Christ in the Monstrance with scheduled Adorers before Him around the clock, every day, in silence. Adorers may read Sacred Scripture, pray the Rosary, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or avail themselves of the reading material we have in the Chapel. It is a time of reverence, concentrating the time on the True Presence of Jesus before them. Many people stop in throughout the day and just look at Jesus while He looks at them. It is a quiet way to escape the noise of the world.

When I come into the Adoration Chapel, it is like coming home to a Friend. I can count on Jesus to listen to my prayers. He is always there. My adoration times are always in the evening because for me it is a perfect way to end the day. Sometimes it's a quick 10 minute visit but most times it's longer because of the peace being in Jesus' presence brings.

Many stop in to say "hello" or "good night" to Jesus, or from the hospital next door. Jesus speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. The Bible, Diary of St. Faustina and Divine Intimacy are my favorite reads during Adoration.

A parishioner told me her 10 year old granddaughter saw many angels there on a recent visit. Where Jesus is multitudes of angels are there too.

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## Youth Ministry M&M Fundraiser

This weekend, our Youth Ministry volunteers will be handing out M & M tubes after all the Masses! Youth Ministry has an opportunity to travel to Georgia this summer for a week of camp for both middle-school and high-school youth. This is a trip that the youth look forward to and is a life-changing experience for many of them. Please consider returning the M & M tube next weekend, with a financial donation to help our youth pay for this amazing experience. Any donation is greatly appreciated, and thank you for continued support of St. Gregory's Youth Ministry!

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## Veterans Day

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day. There will be only one Mass, at 8:00am.

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## PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited on November 11. Join us, after the 9:30 mass, for coffee, juice and donuts, in the Gathering Rooms. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, November 17 and 18, a collection will be taken up to assist self-help programs throughout the country. *Please place your envelopes in the regular Offertory collection.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. Nov.12:** Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
- Tues. Nov. 13:** Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
- Wed. Nov. 14:** Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
- Thurs. Nov. 15:** Philemon 7:20; Luke 17:20-25
- Fri. Nov. 16:** 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
- Sat. Nov. 17:** 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
- Sun. Nov. 18:** Daniel 12:1-3 (158B); Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Giving from our need**

- Reading I** 1 Kings 17:10-16 (Elijah and the widow)
- Reading II** Hebrews 9:24-28 (the sacrifice of Jesus)
- Gospel** Mark 12:38-44 (hypocrisy of the scribes, and the widow’s mite)

**Key Passage** Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”  
(Mark 12:43-44)

- Adult:** *What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?*
- Child:** *What would you be willing to give up for someone else?*

**VOCATION VIEW**

How blest are we to be heirs of the one eternal kingdom! As heirs, we have each been given unique gifts and talents, and have unique roles to play for the kingdom. What is YOUR role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website – [www.buffalovocations.org!](http://www.buffalovocations.org!)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00pm in Room 702 in St. Gregory the Great School. All are welcome.  
For more information call Fr. Paul Cygan at 688-5678 x 336.

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**“Do This In Remembrance of Me”**

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). If you have ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

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Adoration is such an integral part of my life now that I would be lost without it. I invite everyone to visit Our Lord in Adoration and experience the peace, joy, serenity and graces that await. - Barbara Pelosi

I have been an adorer since our Chapel was established 17 years ago, and I truly enjoy spending time in the presence of Jesus one hour a week.

This is a special time for me to reflect, to pray for others, or just sitting and listening as Jesus speaks to my heart. I look forward to receiving the unbelievable peace and graces that come forth from my Holy Hour. I invite you to stop and make a visit to our Adoration Chapel, and if you like it, you may want to give an hour of your time once a week in Adoration.-Kathy Deakin

While Perpetual Adoration is a great blessing for the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great, it requires one of the most difficult of all gifts to give: time. We desperately need your assistance with the hope that we will be able to continue Perpetual Adoration for years to come.

Even though we are the largest parish in the Diocese of Buffalo, we are struggling to cover early morning hours and some weekends. In the Garden, Jesus asked Peter, “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” (Matt 26:40) My question for you is: Can you give one hour of your time, to escape from a chaotic world to rest peacefully in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? - Fr. Tom

~ Barbara Pelosi and Kathy Deakin (with a little help from Fr. Tom)

**Below is an invitation card: please prayerfully consider helping one of the most important spiritual ministries of St. Gregory.**

**YES - I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK IN PRAYER WITH JESUS!**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day & Time Available: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the Parish Office or to the collection basket.**

## Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,  
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The November FFF Outreach** is the St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive so please remind your child to bring nonperishable food donations to class. Thank you for your generosity!

### Monday, November 12

NO FFF CLASSES Veterans Day Observed.

### Tuesday, November 13

7:00 pm Required Group Session: Morality Talk for ALL FFF Grade 9 Students; Weekly and Monthly (GOF) Programs (Music Room)  
Christmas gift card donations can be turned in.

**Thanksgiving Break • Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**



**Pumpkin Lesson for Gr 3 FFF students: a metaphor for Jesus's light in our lives: how going to confession clears out the "yuck" from our lives and allows Jesus' light to shine from us once again!**



## MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 21, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

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## Senior Citizens

**November 19—1:00 pm** - Monthly meeting at the Ministry Center featuring a Housing Fair. Refreshments will be served.

**December 29 - January 2, 2019, Savannah, GA motor coach tour, featuring Swingin' New Year's Eve Celebration** in Savannah, GA. \$624/person double occupancy. 2 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, New Year's buffet, 2 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise, New Year's Eve Show & Party at Savannah Theater. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. **For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

## Catechist Corner

A Catechist's prayer.... "Loving Father, you have called me and I have responded. Here I am, Lord! Through the Holy Spirit, enlighten me with Your wisdom; strengthen and guide me so that my life faithfully echoes the Gospel. Grant that I may share it fully with others. May I find the wisdom, support and inspiration that I need to serve You in this important ministry of the Church. Amen." - *Unknown*

**Adult Volunteer needed** to be a Classroom Aide for Grade 3 classes that meet on Mondays from 4:30 - 5:45 pm. Please email [jrischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:jrischmiller@stgregs.org) if you are able to help out.

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## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS CANDLE & COOKIE MIX SALE

AHG is a Christian scouting group for girls ages 6-18, whose mission is building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The Troop will be selling candles (including Advent candles), plug-in warmers and baking mixes **after all Masses on Nov. 17 & 18.** All proceeds benefit the many activities and outings for the girls throughout the year. Do your Christmas shopping early and help support AHG at the same time!

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## 2018 Christmas Gift Collection

Christmas Gift Tags will be hung on a Christmas Tree in the front vestibule (and placed in baskets near the exits of the Church).



This Christmas season, we ask you to open your hearts, take a gift tag from our tree or from the baskets found near the Church exits, and provide a **new** Christmas gift or gift card for the needy person listed. Socks, sweats, hats and mittens are always welcomed. Gift cards from WALMART, TARGET or TOPS Market are also greatly appreciated. **Please return the wrapped gift or gift card (with the gift tag attached) to the Gathering Rooms on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 3:30-7:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 9, from 7:30 am -12:00 noon (no later than 12:00 noon please, as the delivery of gifts begins promptly at 1:00 pm)**

**PLEASE DO NOT** leave gifts in the Church foyer!



**TIP:** Take picture of the gift tag so you have the information with you when you shop, but leave the tag on your refrigerator or bulletin board so it doesn't get lost.

*Of His Fullness we have all had a share - love following upon love.* John 1:14,16

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### CRAFT SHOW

St. Gregory's annual Craft Show will take place on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Over 150 crafters and artisans will be in the Ministry Center and School Gym. Avoid the chaos of Black Friday shopping and get a jump start on your holiday gift list!

**The Craft Show will take place on:  
Friday, November 23, 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Saturday, November 24, 10:00am - 3:00pm.**

Admission is \$2.00 and children 12 & under are free.



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### **BECOME AN "ANGEL" JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**

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. Since 2006 the Angel Wings scholarship program has assisted students attending St. Gregory's School. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our parish school but may not qualify for parish tuition assistance. **Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family at our school.** Scholarship award decisions will be made by a small committee. Confidentiality of donors and recipients will be maintained, although all recipients will anonymously send notes or cards to their "Angel" at least twice during the school year to let them know how their year is progressing. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic education and positively touch a child in our parish with your generosity. We welcome your donations in any amount starting at \$250. **"The notes from the recipients are true treasures: become an Angel, you'll love it!"** For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

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**Reminder:** Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces when there is a Handicap van parked there. This prevents our parishioners from being able to enter/exit their vehicles. This is a very important reminder as the winter months begin.

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org)  
~ 688-3578

**Middle School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

### **Ignite– November 13, 27, December 11**

Our brand-new 5th and 6th Grade group meets from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

### **EDGE– November 15, 29, and December 6, 13, 20**

Our amazing 7th and 8th Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

### **Ultimate– November 16**

Ultimate is open to everyone 5-8 Grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the Ministry Center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

### **Middle School Mayhem December 7-8**

All middle schoolers are invited to an entire night of awesomeness! Great games, ice cream party, and midnight mass are just a few of the things that will be happening! You don't want to miss this incredible event! Come and bring a friend! Permission slips can be found in the youth office or at [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org)!

If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

### **Life Teen– November 11, 18 and December 2, 9, 16**

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm Mass**, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

### **SWAT Team– November 21, 28 and December 5, 19**

Are you looking to delve deeper into your Faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

### **High School Hangout– November 9 and December 21**

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, high-schoolers get to take over the ministry center for a night of food and fun! Come and bring a friend!

### **Empowered In Christ–November 14 and December 12**

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. We meet once a month at 7:00 pm; this group offers opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

### **Camp Covecrest- July 21-28**

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

Any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

### **Open Young Adult Lineup**

**Oasis Magazine:** Monthly email refresher with good content to keep you going!

**Amped: \*NEW\*** is an ongoing program which builds community and develops faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, **check the website for dates**.

**St. Luke's Service:** We're heading to St Luke's, a faithful city mission, on Saturday, November 17, to continue a house project. We'll be getting our hands dirty so wear working clothes. Please contact Adam to be a part of this service day.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study:** Gathering Thursday's, ongoing to December 6, at 7:00pm. Please join us for this series on "The Fruits of the Spirit". Come for community and Scripture over a cup of coffee. Need to miss one? No problem, come when you can!

**Mass and Lunch:** #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

### **College Lineup**

**College Life:** College Life helps fuel college students through the semester. College Life will gather 7:00-8:30pm every other Monday in the Café. Come grab something to eat and seek answers to the biggest questions you'll have being a student on campus. Check website for dates.

**SEEK 2019:** January 3-7, Indianapolis. Open for college students, this amazing few days will transform your life as a Catholic leader! Join thousands of other college students looking for a spark on the soul with live music, amazing speakers, and an opportunity to grow in faith.

## **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"** **From Father Francis**

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude. [Rainer Maria Rilke]



## Respect Life

**Heartbeat Protection Act:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has endorsed legislation that would ban most abortions in the U.S.

The *Heartbeat Protection Act* would require abortionists to first test whether a fetal heartbeat is present. If they find one, they would be legally forbidden to perform the abortion. It allows an exception only for life-threatening physical circumstances (expressly rejecting exceptions for “psychological or emotional” health). Physicians who break the law would face up to five years in prison and/or a fine. Women seeking abortions would not be punished.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities, wrote in a letter supporting the legislation, “It is also due to scientific advances that we have the tools to hear the early heartbeat of the growing child. ...Accordingly, the Catholic Bishops applaud [the] efforts to recognize and protect these little ones in law while emphasizing that we need to continue to work for the protection of all lives, including those tiniest persons before a heartbeat is detectable.”

The bill’s lead sponsor, Rep. Steve King, R-IA, [said] that the *Heartbeat Protection Act*, which he calls the “single most supported piece of pro-life legislation pending before the House” with 174 cosponsors, is designed to “directly challenge *Roe v. Wade*.”

“I believe it would give the Supreme Court a solid constitutional foundation to overturn the illogical, ill-founded and heartless *Roe v. Wade* decision. ...For the first time in most of our adult lifetimes, we have a court that can be expected to constitutionally weigh the right to Life and deliver an objective decision to protect the beating hearts of the innocent unborn.” (Full text at [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com)).

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### **EVENING PRAYER**

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday from 6:00pm in the Crying Room of the Church. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

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## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, November 11**

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Cafe/Basement)

### **Monday, November 12 - Veterans Day**

### **Tuesday, November 13**

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisies Meeting (GR 1)
- 3:30 pm Children’s RCIA (MC 2)
- 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign Language Room)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

### **Wednesday, November 14**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Foyer)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 1)
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)
- 7:00 pm Home School Assn. Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIC Meeting (Church)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

### **Thursday, November 15**

- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women’s Bible Study (MC 1)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE (MC Gym)

### **Friday, November 16**

- 9:00 am MOMS Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm AHG Troop Meeting (School Caf/Gym/Library)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)

### **Saturday, November 17**

- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (GR 1)

### **Sunday, November 18**

- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Cafe/



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

#### Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30pm Tuesday, November 13, in GR 2

The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 25.

#### Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass

8:00 pm Tuesday, November 13, in GR 2

#### Choir for Thanksgiving Day

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, November 13 & 20, in GR 2

#### Choir for Christmas Midnight Mass

- 7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, November 27, in GR 2
- 7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, December 4, in GR 2
- 7:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, December 12, in GR 2
- 7:00-9:00 pm Tuesday, December 18, in Church

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.



## Marriage Moment

Think of creative acts of love to surprise each other. For example: try giving your spouse an unsolicited back rub and let nature take its course or slip a little love note into their wallet. Think up your own ideas that are personal to you and your spouse.

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## Parenting Perspective

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Does your family know anyone who is adopted? Be a friend to them. Especially hold in your heart and say a special prayer for children in foster care who might be awaiting adoption.

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## PARISH MINISTRY FOR THE SICK & DYING

Ladies of the Lord has a Divine Mercy Ministry to pray for the sick and dying. Jesus told St. Faustina that when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed, whoever it is recited for will receive great mercy and at the hour of death, Jesus will stand between His Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior. If you would like the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed for a loved one, please call Suellen Brewster (692-1484) or Maria Tupay (688-6956). and Mary Lou Daigler (688-5148) (hospital, bedside upon request). Jesus, I Trust in You!

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## PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. *"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!"* (Mark 11:24)

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## Praying the Rosary at St. Gregory

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am & 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and these prayers "transform" our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country at the Grotto, or in the Church in inclement weather. Prayer is our strongest weapon in the many concerns we are experiencing today as a Church.

## St. Greg's Café

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**  
**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 sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

### PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Save the Date

## St. Gregory the Great

Hand Bell Choir  
&  
Buffalo Bells

Presents

### Ring in the Season

December 2  
7:00 pm

At St. Gregory the Great Church  
200 St. Gregory Court  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Free Will Offering: Proceeds to Benefit  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Purchase of Additional Hand Chimes

Reception in Gathering Room after Concert



**Download the St. Gregory  
the Great Mobile App!!!**



Take St. Gregory's wherever you go. The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational thoughts and messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great"
- 3) Download the mobile app!

## Ministry Help Needed!

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am - 12 noon in the MC Gym. All are invited to join us or if you would like to knit/crochet shawls (approximately 20x60 inches) at home, you may bring them to the Parish Office for blessing and distribution. For information call Chris Urbanski at 688-2495.

### **FOOD SHUTTLE**

The *Food Shuttle* helps feed the hungry by transporting excess food from supermarkets and other food-related businesses to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. *There is a need for more drivers.* You can select your own "shuttle runs" and sign up one month at a time for the number of times you are available to drive. For more information or to volunteer, call Louise Seereiter at 839-1797 or the Food Shuttle Hotline at 688-2527.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs your time and talent. Thank you for your gifts of treasure which have been used in service to the poor for 53 years via our St. Gregory's conference. Would you consider joining us? Please call 688-5678, Ext. 423 or e-mail jonnno22@yahoo.com.

### **OUR GREETERS & USHERS NEED YOU!**

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We are holding a welcoming committee meeting on Monday, November 7, at 7:00pm in the MC Gym. All are welcome!

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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE."* (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**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. Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays**

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, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great.

## Out of Parish

**"Advent Anticipation"** with Sister Lucette Kinecki on Monday, November 26, at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Learn about this special time where "Emmanuel" God-with-us calls us to come and be refreshed in spirit with God's warming grace and peace. During this sacred time, learn how to relax, reflect, and celebrate the season of Advent anticipation. For more information, call the church office at 716-683-6522.

**Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women** welcomes one of our young adult members, Amanda Torrelli, to the upcoming Magnificat Breakfast on Saturday, December 8. Amanda will share how God has shown her the beauty and benefits of "Kingdom Living" through the power of the Holy Spirit. The breakfast will take place at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Registration opens at 9:15 am; program from 9:45 am-12:15 pm. For more information or reservations, visit [www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo](http://www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo) or call Chris at 716-759-8135.

**Camp Turner's WinterCamp '18.** Boys and girls, ages 7-15, are invited to sign up for Camp Turner's WinterCamp. This 3-day overnight camp runs Friday, December 28, at 10:00 am through Sunday, December 30, at 6:00 pm. An optional round trip bus is available from Williamsville and Hamburg. The cabins are toasty, the food is delicious, and our experienced staff is excited to make this a great experience for everyone. An RN is on-site at all times. Visit [www.CampTurner.com](http://www.CampTurner.com) for activity descriptions and online registration. If you have any questions, e-mail [CampTurner@gmail.com](mailto:CampTurner@gmail.com) or call 716-354-4555.

**Parish Mission at St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg** from November 25-27 at 7:00pm each evening. Theme: "Igniting the Light of Christ Within You." Featuring Paul Koleske who is a contemporary Catholic Christian inspirational speaker, musician, composer, and recording artist from Lake Geneva, WI. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life. Paul will speak and sing at all Masses the weekend before the mission. All are invited and this mission is free. A free-will gift offering will be taken for those who want to help Paul extend his ministry.

**Holy Hour of Prayer** on Thursday, November 29, from 7:00 -8:00 pm at Nativity of Our Lord, 26 Thorn Ave., Orchard Park. We will come together to ask the Lord to grant healing for victims of sexual abuse, and to guide and strengthen us as a Catholic community of faith in light of the troubling news that has been plaguing our local church. This Holy Hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for quiet prayer, and benediction.



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, November 10

8:00 am Eugene Ryan (living) by Ryan Family  
Donald Wania by Anthony & Judy Picone

### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Michael & Mary Cirelli  
by Family & Friends  
Eva Bassanello by Family & Friends  
5:30 pm Verna Welsch by Son

### Sunday, November 11 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Dr. Edward E. Haley (anniv) by Family  
9:30 am Joseph Militello by Militello & Mazza Families  
11:00 am Dolores Turano by Gary & Annette Kajtoch  
Richard Siedlikowski by Marty Turkiewicz  
Thomas Comer by Bartels Family  
12:30 pm Mary Jane Stafford  
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Deni & Family  
Annette L. Seiler  
by Cole & Francine McCarthy  
1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Deceased Members of Kolaga & Grable Families by Chrise & Jim Grable

### Monday, November 12 – Veterans Day Holiday

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Richard Romanowski by Estate

### Tuesday, November 13 – St. Francis Xavier

7:00 am Rose Ryan by Ryan Family  
Anthony J. Swiatowy  
by Kevin & Danielle Hanley  
8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Deakin & Gallagher Families by Curazzato Family  
12:00 pm Rose Hoelscher by Caryn Strasser  
James Kolb by Family

### Wednesday, November 14

7:00 am Bud Sorenson by Jim & Judy Huber  
8:00 am Patrick Waldron by Joe & Carol Starck  
Mary Stafford by Strasser Family  
12:00 pm Leon J. Biernat by Son, Rev. Leon Biernat  
Franklin Boehler by Wife & Family

### Thursday, November 15

7:00 am Tom Delaney (birth) by Delaney Family  
8:00 am Mary Anne Longbery by Family  
(School Mass) Stefania Kubus  
by Nicholas & Jessica Ann Urbanski  
12:00 pm Dorothy & Alexander Piskorowski  
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski  
Anna, Freida & Theresa by Allen & Cole Families

### Friday, November 16

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
8:00 am Theresa Campagna  
by John & Ann Burgasser  
Lucy Nedrich Ventura Family  
12:00 pm Margaret Sasse (anniv) by Daughter  
Rose Hoelscher by Sandra Monin

### Saturday, November 17

8:00 am Martin Mazzara by Bruno Family  
Rosemary Shields by Tom Dudziak

### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Julie Hahn by Kate Hahn  
Judy DeGolier (anniv)  
by Linda, Deb, Bev, Karen & Joyce  
5:30 pm Zoltan Wurm by Family

### Sunday, November 18 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Marie Spong by George Egger  
9:30 am Richard C. Vivacqua (anniv)  
by Louise & Family  
Rose Hoelscher by Kathleen Cullen  
11:00 am Mildred Held by Mary Ann Held & Family  
Joseph Giardino by Saturnino Family  
12:30 pm Norman Kreuz by Marty & Tess Cicatello  
1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Nicholas W. McGivney (birth)  
by Kate & Dave Gordon  
Devin J. Waring by Tom, Tracy & Owen

### DECEASED

Irene M. Masino  
David Weppner  
Leslie A. Rechan  
John T. Privitera

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*Mass Schedule*

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

**HOLY DAYS:** As listed in the Bulletin.

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*Sacraments*

**BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, 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. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. 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.

**Marriage Preparation** – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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**PRAYER**

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
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Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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