

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27 & 28, 2018

From the desk of Men of God, and MOMS...

My fellow parishioners,

I am here to tell you about our Ministry, **Men of God**. Our ministry began 17 years ago with 12 Men reading the Bible over the course of a year. Since that time we have grown as a group so that men of our parish could create and exchange in real-life discussions around issues that Catholic men face in today's world.

The Men of God (MOG) focus on becoming the man God created us to be. We gather together once a month to pray the Rosary, socialize and discuss issues that are related to the challenges we face as husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, employers, workers and men of God. We attempt to discover what it means to be a man in the modern world.

As a parish faith community, the Men of God are here to help each other grow in our faith through the example of our model, Jesus Christ, through Scripture readings and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Our group discussions are insightful and thoughtful.

If you are a Catholic man who desire's God's will in his life; if you are seeking brotherly support through life's twists and turns; if you are looking to grow in your spiritual life and to be all that God created you to be; we invite you to join us. We pray, we eat and share fellowship and discuss what is in front of us each month. We meet the third Wednesday of each month in Gathering Room 2. Please consider joining us. Our next gathering will be November 14. Please call me at 716-207-4878 or email at jeffcrd@aol.com.

Peace & blessings,
Jeff Criden/ Men of God Ministry co-Leader

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St. Gregory the Great Café and Catholic Store will be **CLOSED Wednesday Oct. 31(Halloween) FOR EVENING HOURS ONLY 5:30- 7:30pm.** We will be open during the day, for our regular business hours.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive on **October 27 & 28**. We are collecting canned or boxed non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to the Church entrances. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus - Annual Mass of Remembrance

The St. Gregory Council #14687 of the Knights of Columbus invites families, friends and the parish community to join us at the annual Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brother Knights on **Sunday, October 28, at 12:30pm**. A reception will immediately follow in the Gathering Rooms. Please RSVP your attendance to Tim Spellman by October 21 at 688-3597 or teamspl@verizon.net.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day on Thursday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule: Vigil Mass October 31, 7:00pm; November 1, 7:00am, 8:00am, 12:00 noon and 7:00pm.

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Remember to "fall back" an hour at 2:00 am on November 4.

ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Join us on **WEDNESDAY, November 7, at 6:30pm** in the Church for our annual Candlelight Mass in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. As you enter the Church we will ask for the names of your beloved deceased, and we will read those names aloud during our candlelight prayers after the homily. As part of this continued celebration of the Feast of All Souls, we will also lift in prayer all our beloved parishioners who have died during this past year.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

The collection for the Catholic University will be taken up the weekend of November 3 & 4. There will be one collection for both offerings.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Oct. 29: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tues. Oct. 30: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-31
Wed. Oct. 31: Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30
Thurs. Nov. 1: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 (667); 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
Fri. Nov. 2: Wisdom 3:1-9;(668.1, 3); Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Sat. Nov. 3: Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun. Nov. 4: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (152B); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The eyes of faith

Reading I Jeremiah 31:7-9 (the restoration)
Reading II Hebrews 5:1-6 (Jesus, the high priest)
Gospel Mark 10:46-52 (the blind Bartimaeus)
Key Passage Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:52)

Adult: *What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?*

Child: *What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?*

VOCATION VIEW

When Jesus healed the blind man, Bartimaeus, his eyesight was not only restored, but also his ability to see and appreciate God's love. How is God calling you to bring light to those in darkness? 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!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, October 31, 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](tel:688-5678) x 336.

"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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MOMS is a ministry for Catholic mothers, founded in 2001 at St. Gregory the Great, and is open to all Catholic mothers because when you've helped a mother, you've helped a family!

Mothers meet together to share the joys and struggles of their vocation of motherhood through prayer, fellowship, discussion and conversation over coffee. We offer free babysitting by request during our meetings to give mothers a well-needed respite, and a playgroup is offered during the month. Speakers are often invited to help encourage those struggling and inspire those who need a spiritual boost!

MOMS exists to support Catholic women, to connect them to other women of faith, and able to help to create a sense of belonging in the church. Each year a theme helps us serve others in ministry. This year "Spiritual Motherhood", includes spiritually adopting priests.

We've pledged to pray for them, encourage them and to fast on Fridays for their vocation and for our children. MOMS helps serve the community of St Greg's and reaches out to support charitable organizations within the diocese for women, children and families.

This year, we've selected St Gerard Place and will be collecting items on Dec 7. MOMS ministry focuses on Mary as our model of charity, purity and a role model for motherhood. We share resources and have been blessed by all the moms that have participated in this ministry during their seasons of motherhood. Contact us at stgregsmoms@gmail.com and consider being a part of an intimate and holy sisterhood in Christ.

God Bless,

Please Join us for the Rosary

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." *St. Pio*; "The Rosary is the Bible on a string!" *Fr. Ronan Murphy* "The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings." *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; "One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world." *St. Dominic*. 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.

Family Faith Formation

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

October FFF Outreach: We are collecting snack cracker packets for Peaceprints Ministry Food Basket. Please send in donations throughout the month of October!

Monday, October 29

4:30 pm Grade 4 Saints Fair (Classroom)

Wednesday, October 31

NO FFF CLASSES Have a safe Halloween!

Thursday, November 1 All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation; See you at Mass!

November Dates for Generations of Faith:

Session A Sunday, November 4 after the 9:30 am Mass

Session B Sunday, November 4, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

Session C Thursday, November 8, 6:15 - 7:45pm



Junior high students enjoyed their service projects at **First Friday Club**. **Grades 5-8 students are invited** to the next meeting on **November 2 from 7:00 - 9:00 m** in the School Cafeteria.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Greg's Knights of Columbus

All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, November 4, 9:00am - 12:30pm
in the Ministry Center

Tickets \$7.00 (4 & under free) Pay at the door

Pancakes, egg, sausages, juice, coffee

Breakfast is open to the public

Profits benefit our Seminarian tuition fund

& other various charities

Contact Bob Moses at 908-4223 for more information.

LADIES OF THE LORD

Thursday, November 8, at 7:00pm is our Ladies of the Lord meeting in Gathering Rooms 1&2. We will pray for all our petitions with special attention and intentions for our priests and religious and for the crisis in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

Follow St. Greg's on Social Media



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
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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, \$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

Parent 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 if you are able to help out.

"Preach the gospel always. When necessary, use words." - St. Francis of Assisi

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pickup date is on **Saturday, November 3**. If you have any of the following items, we ask that you contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message with your contact information. We will call you to make arrangements. We can only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area and all furniture and appliances must be located in the garage or covered porch. Please refer to the list of what we are able to accept and note all appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)



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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!

**Father,
I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.
Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all.**

**Let only your will be done in me,
and in all your creatures –
I wish no more than this, O Lord.**

**Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father.**

Charles de Foucauld

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.

You are cordially invited to
Coffee Breaks with God



**Come on Saturday,
November 3
from 9:15 am - 10:15 am
in the School Art Room**
Our speaker, Carrie Duquin, will discuss, "Coping Skills; giving your children the tools to help them when life disappoints."

Then, join us every first Saturday of the month, through March
from 9:15 am - 10:15 am in the School Cafeteria.

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
|--------|---------------|---|
| Dec. 1 | Gina Cutrona | Making Gingerbread Houses |
| Jan. 5 | Eileen Warner | Keeping Faith in the Midst of Suffering |
| Feb. 2 | Lori Chilcott | Family Time on the Run |
| Mar. 2 | Dawn Iacono | Refilling your Spiritual Cup |

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office by 12noon (688-5760) on the Thursdays prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janeczek: njaneczek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite– November 6, 13, 27

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 1, 8, 15, 29

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!

Life Teen– November 4, 11, 18

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 7, 21, 28

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

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

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!

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!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

Open Young Adult Lineup

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

Amped: *NEW* Runs every other Tuesday, an ongoing night to build community and develop 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.

Fall Retreat: November 9-10 will be our first Young Adult retreat! We'll be getting away to Camp Turner in Allegheny State park for this overnight experience to grow in faith and build community. Take a breather from your busy life and recharge. The theme for this is "Brave" and we're equipping you to brave the storm of life. You can find more details on stgregsYM.org and message Adam about registering. \$70 per person includes food and lodging.

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: Starting October 29, College Life returns to help 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.

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**

The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying not "What a lovely sermon", but "I will do something!" [St. Francis de Sales]



Respect Life

40 Days for Life Victory Dinner: Please join us for the closing celebration of this life-saving campaign on **Sunday, November 4, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm** (following the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Our shared meal will be held at St. Greg's School Cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share: Last names: A -H: appetizer or dessert... I-O: salad: green, potato, macaroni, etc... P-Z: main dish (hot or cold). Team members please bring drinks: cider, water or soda. For more information or questions, call Debbie at (716)-912-2323.

Hope to see you there!!!

From a Letter of Saint Pope John Paul II to Women (1995): "I would now like to *speak directly to every woman*, ... to consider the essential issue of the *dignity* and *rights* of women, as seen in the light of the word of God.

[What] shall we say of the obstacles...in ...the world ... which keeps women from being fully integrated into social, political and economic life? [Think] of how the gift of motherhood is often penalized rather than rewarded, even though humanity owes its very survival to this gift. Certainly, much remains to be done to prevent discrimination against those who have chosen to be wives and mothers. ... There is [also] an urgent need to achieve *real equality* in every area: equal pay for equal work, protection for working mothers, fairness in career advancements, [and] equality of spouses [regarding] family rights.

This is a matter of justice but also of necessity. Women will increasingly [assist in solving] ...the serious problems of the future: leisure time, the quality of life, migration, social services, euthanasia, drugs, health care, the ecology, etc. In all these areas a greater presence of women ...will prove most valuable, for it will help to manifest the contradictions present when society is organized solely according to the criteria of efficiency and productivity, ... [forcing] systems to be redesigned [to favor] the processes of humanization which mark the "civilization of love". (Full text at w2.vatican.va)

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, October 28

- 12:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mass/Deceased (Church)
- 1:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mass Reception (GR 1&2)
- 4:30 pm Confirmation Mass of Enrollment (Church)
- 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner for Confirmation Students (School Gym/Caf)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Caf/ Basement)

Monday, October 29

- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 3)

Tuesday, October 30

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)
- 5:00 pm Gathering for Youth Ministers of Diocese (MC Café)
- 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)
- 6:45 pm Cub Scouts Meeting ((School Caf/Gym)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

Wednesday, October 31

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIC Meeting (Room 702)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, November 1

- 1:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting (GR 1)
- 4:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women's Bible Study (MC 1)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE(MC Gym)

Friday, November 2

- 9:00 am MOMS Playgroup (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm First Friday Club (School Gym/Caf/Kitchen)

Saturday, November 3

- 9:15 am Coffee Break with God (School Art Room)
- 10:30 am Health Ministry Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)
- 12:00 pm Rosary (Church)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Room 602)

Sunday, November 4

- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Caf/ Basement)



Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, October 30, 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, October 30, in GR 2

Choir for Christmas Midnight Mass

- 7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, October 30, in GR 2
- 7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, November 6 & 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.



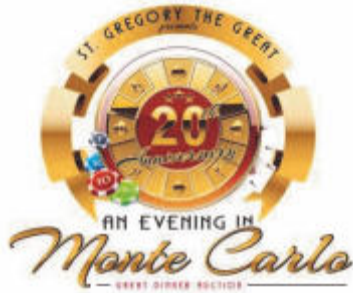
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**St. Gregory the Great
20th Annual Dinner Auction
Saturday, November 3, 2018 6:00 PM
at Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$110.00 Per Person

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Payment: Please make all checks payable to St. Gregory the Great Parish

Credit Cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover or AmEx

Account No. _____ Exp Date _____ CVV Code _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____



Tickets for the Great Dinner Auction are now available at the Parish Office or YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE! Join us for a fun-filled evening of bidding,

dining and dancing at Salvatore's Italian Garden's. Gather some friends and sit together, or we can seat you with parishioners and/or school families.

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in October and are 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!

Volunteers Needed!

Youth and Adults Volunteers:

If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets after weekend Masses or the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com.

Check out some of our Live Auction Items

Private -Chef-Cooked Dinner Party
Wine & Whiskey Tasting
Disney Saratoga Springs
Buffalo Sabres Rasmus Dahlin Autographed Jersey
Principal for the Day

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator at 688-5678 x 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

Please REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAIL-BOXES IN THE Parish Office once a month or weekly if possible. If you are a ministry leader and can't check it yourself, please designate a representative to do this. Information is given monthly and sometimes weekly to keep your ministry updated about Parish events.

Out of Parish

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 or call Chris at 716-759-8135.

Cantate Omnes choir and musicians, in collaboration with St. Benedict's Choir, invites you to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the blessings of this past year. Join them for a **Concert of Thanksgiving** which will take place on **Sunday, November 11th, at 4:00 PM** at **St. Benedict Church**, 1317 Eggert Rd, Amherst, NY 14226. The concert will feature choral works as well as instrumental pieces, several of which will be performed on a newly renovated pipe organ. Admission is free; see you there!

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we take time to reflect upon our blessings from God. While we do so, we keep in mind some less fortunate families of the greater-Buffalo community. We hope that this 'family' project of giving will bring the meaning of Christmas to life for our parish family here at St. Greg's. **"Family-to-Family Christmas"** is a Christmas project that sponsors nearly 200 needy families each year from Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Assumption, Gerard Place, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and various Catholic Charities agencies. Our children help to keep *our* spirit of Christmas alive, so hopefully their participation in giving to a needy family will, in turn, make this a meaningful project for your family.

If your family chooses to participate, please mail the form below, call, or send a request via email to a committee member listed below by Thursday, November 8. You will receive details & information on your sponsored family by Thanksgiving. Each sponsor gives on a personal comfort level; that is what makes this program so special! Some suggestions that have worked in the past are each member of the sponsored family receiving a new gift(s) to unwrap and open on Christmas morning, and if desired, including non-perishable food, baked goods, or homemade treats from your family.

This year's drop-off day for "Family to Family Christmas" is Tuesday, December 11, from 6:30-10:30AM at the St. Greg's Ministry Center Gym. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Karyn McMahon (861-1107) kcmcmahon1224@gmail.com
Michelle Burns (380-5423) micburns99@aol.com
Meegan Stamm (867-4431) meegstamm@msn.com

If sending by mail, detach lower section & mail to:

Karyn McMahon
8260 Lisa Lane
East Amherst, NY 14051

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2018

NAME _____ PHONE (cell/home) _____
ADDRESS _____
EMAIL _____

AGES/SEX OF YOUR CHILDREN: _____

_____ We can sponsor a family not to exceed _____ members

_____ We can sponsor a child / children

_____ We can donate Tops/Target/Walmart gift cards/check payable to St. Gregory The Great Parish (please mail to Karyn McMahon-see address above, or drop off at School Office: ATTN-Michelle Burns/Family-to-Family Christmas).

School/ Faith Formation Office Hours

The School office hours are 7:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday. The Family Faith Formation office hours are 9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Parish Weekend Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 27

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Michaelleen Stasio by Friends
Evelyn Mecca
by Cole & Francine McCarthy
- 5:30 pm Nunzio Maiorana by Ronald & Joanne Zini
- Sunday, October 28, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Donna, Kim & Kathy
Leo & Marie Metz
by Larry & Kathie Whistler
- 9:30 am Daniel T. Kirst
by Angelo & Carol Del Balso
- 11:00 am Richard Siedlikowski by Allan Kuczka
Onofrio Fred Carollo by Maria Freitag
- 12:30 pm Giovanni, Genoveffa, Cologero Picone
by Gioacchino Picone
Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of
Knights of Columbus
by Knights of Columbus Council 14687
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Lucille Caggiano by Family
Devin J. Waring by Tim, Tracy & Owen

Monday, October 29

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Edmond Deakin, Jr.
by Mike & Kathy Deakin
Martin J. Mazzara by Ventura Family
- 12:00 pm Rose Glorioso by JoJo & Family
Michael Boland by Diane & Don Luce
- Tuesday, October 30**
- 7:00 am Eugene Ryan (living) by Ryan Family
- 8:00 am Mary G. Manaher
by Sharon & Michael Sans
Harold Wittman
by Mary Ann & Walt Weber
- 12:00 pm Eric Zagskorn, Jr. by Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Donna Oleszek

Wednesday, October 31

- 7:00 am Ade Harris by Jim & Judy Huber
- 8:00 am Helen Wurm & Lillian Smoter by Family
- 12:00 pm Robert Allen by Allen, Benson & Gerrish
Families
David Eugene Boechel
by Mary Louise Cosgriff

Vigil Mass

- 7:00 pm Phillip Martorana by Mom & Dad

Thursday, November 1—All Saints Day

- 7:00 am Charlene Weishaupt (birth) by Donna Cronin
Violet Cassiol by Phyllis Petre & Family
- 8:00 am George Urban by Marilyn & Gregory Bush
(School Mass) Julie Anne Neville
by St. Gregory the Great School
- 12:00 pm Stella Wienckowski by Family
Corinne & Frank Weise
by Frank & Carol Weise
- 7:00 pm Suzanne Nichole Sorci by Sorci Family

Friday, November 2 – All Souls Day

- 7:00 am Remembrance of All Souls
- 8:00 am Deceased Members of Ladies of the Lord
by Anonymous
Luke Doktor by Matt & Kelly Doktor
- 12:00 pm Andy Scarcella by Denise Meissner
Daniel Lettieri by Ken & Debbie Kistner

Saturday, November 3 – St. Martin de Porres

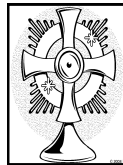
- 8:00 am John DiPasquale by Mrs. Rosemary
DiPasquale & Son, Jay
Rose Ryan by Ryan Family

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mario & Santo Campanella
by Maria Campanella
Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki
- 5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
- Sunday, November 4 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:00 am Richard Leavens
by Richard & Victoria Leavens
Catherine Coniglio by Dr. & Mrs. Bernard
Michaels & Mr. & Mrs. Paul Andrews
- 9:30 am Alice Smyczynski
by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski
- 11:00 am Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters
Carmelita Santos by Sheedy Family
- 12:30 pm Mario & Santo Campanella
by Maria Campanella
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Sheila Bogulski by Diane Daly,
Sandy Postolese & Joanne Zaccaria
Don Miller by Joseph Guercio & Family

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

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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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Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

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Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

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
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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