

Happy New Year! I hope and pray you have had wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations. Also, please allow me to extend a sincere thank you on behalf of Fathers Thomas, Tom and Paul and on behalf of Sr. Shawn and our entire parish staff for your Christmas cards, gifts and Christmas goodies. Thank

you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

From the desk of the Pastor

As we continue the season of Christmas this weekend we celebrate the Epiphany, also known as the visit of the Magi, the Astrologers, and the Three Kings, and finally sometimes referred to as "A little Christmas."

It is interesting to note that this visitation by the "three" men, scripturally known because of the account of their audience with Herod and their message not to return to him, really does not ever state that there were "three" kings. Scripture simply states that there were "three" gifts given. These gifts were reflective of "who" Jesus was. The gift of "frankincense" acknowledges Jesus' divinity. "Gold" recognizes Jesus' royalty, and "myrrh" acknowledges Jesus' humanity and looks towards His ultimate Passion and Death. The actual names of the wise men are given to us in the Tradition of the church. St. Bede is the one who names the three as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

What is it that we are to learn from these kings? It appears they have spent their lives probing the mystery of God. They point us towards the heavens as they "look to the star" above. It seems that they, like the shepherds, see the glory and majesty of God. They recognize and point us to the "light" of Christ as one shining in the darkness of the world. Their gifts not only symbolize the life of Christ, but they embody the call of stewardship. Tradition would see these men as possessing wisdom and wealth and as people giving their time to search for truth. They would point us to our faith that actual truth only resides in God. These kings also remind us of genuine stewardship. They ultimately acknowledge that all they possess has come from God and ultimately must return to Him. They are a model of stewardship of time, talent and treasure. They have used their time and talent to search for and to understand the Divine. As they recognize the long awaited Emmanuel, "God with us," they offer their possessions to His service.

This Sunday we are called to reflect upon our own experience of Stewardship. How do we use our "time" to know God? It is logical to conclude that these men spent a substantial portion of their lives studying the Divine. It is also logical to conclude that these kings didn't just drop by the manger for a few minutes to deliver a gift, but they must have spent time with the "baby" they sought and His parents. We can also reflect on how we use our "talents" to serve the Lord in our own lives. These men used their gift of knowledge and thirst for understanding. Each of us possesses knowledge in different capacities. How do you use your knowledge to try to understand God and to serve His Church? Finally, what are you willing to give as a gift as you seek Christ? Is there anything that is simply too much to give in your opinion? If so, why? There are two ways to look at this point. First, we are to give of our financial means just as the wise men gave of their physical possessions. (Continued on page 2)

PARISH SOCIAL/ New Parishioner Welcome

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **January 13** for coffee, juice and donuts in the Gathering Rooms after 9:30am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jan 7: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 Tues. Jan. 8: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 Wed. Jan. 9: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 Thurs. Jan. 10: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a Fri. Jan. 11: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 Sat. Jan 12: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 Sun. Jan. 13: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C); Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

EPIPHANY

Reading I Reading II	Isaiah 60:1-6 (glory of the new Zion) Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (commission to teach God's plan)
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the magi)
Key Passage	Then Herod sent the [Magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." (Matthew 2:8)

- *Adult:* When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?
- *Child:* When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

VOCATION VIEW

None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? 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!

Sacramental Information: Confirmation

Reminder: Sponsor/Candidate Sessions are being held on January 5 from 10:00 am - 3:45 pm, and on January 13 from 10:30 am - 4 :15pm, in the School Gym and Cafeteria. Please remember to attend the sessions you chose to attend.

Grade 2 First Penance Parent Workshop is on Wednesday, January 9, from 7:00-8:00 pm, OR on Saturday, January 12, from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the School Cafeteria.

First Penance Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, January 13, at 9:30 am in Church.

NEW Parish Weekend Office Hours

Our Parish Office is now open on Saturdays FROM 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM. We are no longer open on Sunday's.

(From the desk of Continued from Page 1)

Secondly, we are not to withhold anything from God. Is there a philosophy of life, a set of secular beliefs, and a personal will that needs to be given over to God in humility? This is another sort of treasure, the treasure of our pride, our reason and our intellect that is to be rooted in Christ and the Gospel rather than in relativism, secularism or other systems of thought that are not Christ-centered. Is there something you are not willing to give this Epiphany to Christ? If so, please take this week to identify what that may be and why you are unwilling to give yourself totally to God.

Next weekend will be the last weekend we will celebrate Masses in our Church building for awhile. Beginning on Monday, January 14th, we will cele-brate all Masses in the Ministry Center. We certainly realize that it is not the best setting for us to celebrate, but it is far better to close the church building to allow workers to work a full day and not work around the schedule of when we have Masses, funerals and other services in the church. It is far better to close the church for a few months than to live with a year's worth of inconvenience of missing sections of pews, chemical and paint odors, and dust and more. We thank you in advance for your patience as we bring our "Upon this Rock" goals to completion. As you know from the yearlong "Upon this Rock" process, we clearly stated that we needed to refurbish the church, since it has been about twenty years since the last renovation. We acknowledged during the campaign that we desper-We ately need new kneelers, that many pews are in poor condition, and there are cracks and pitting in our terrazzo floor. The paint in the church, although holding well, is twenty years old. I am sure that most of us paint our homes less than every twenty years, and our church is no exception. Thank you again to everyone who responded so generously to the "Upon this Rock" campaign. Thank you for honoring your pledges to our parish and diocese. I am certain that you will be pleased to see our refurbished church when it reopens on Palm Sunday weekend.

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

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events and Registration Information:

January Outreach: We will be collecting cleaned and gently used (or new) children's winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens. No adult clothing, please. All donations can be brought to the Family Faith Formation Office until Wednesday, January 30. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 2:00 pm, and when classes are in session. We are closed January 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday). Please make a special effort to help little ones keep warm this winter season, and thank you for your continued support!

Saturday, January 19 9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC, Rm 1)

Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) NO FFF Classes for All Grades



A special thank you to Sharon Sans for volunteering her time to take all of our Monday FFF Students in Grades 5-8 for a visit to our Adoration Chapel. May God Bless her for her efforts!



The Eucharistic Chapel is open to parishioners and visitors 24 hours a day. If you haven't spent time in adoration - it's a great way to start the new year!

LADIES OF THE LORD...

... Will meet at 7:00pm the Gathering Rooms on Thursday, January 10, for Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will pick our saint for the year.

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, January 16, 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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Catechist Corner

Thank you so much for responding to our parish's need for catechists this year. In your role, you are called to be "echoers" of Christ. That is the meaning of the word "catechist.

A Prayer for Catechists

Let us pray. Gracious and loving Father, we place our hopes, cares, and concerns with you, confident that you will hold us all close to your loving care. Be with us and through the action of the Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts that we might be faithful to you always.

As we begin this new year, may our catechetical efforts bear fruit in leading others to share more deeply in the life and love of the Trinity through Christ Jesus. Amen.

USCCB.org, 2009

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can reg-

ister for a new course that is being offered at the Catholic Center called, "**Ministry Skills; From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator**" to be held on Wednesday, January 16, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY. Free but requires registration. Call (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. To register online, go to **www.buffalodiocese.org**/event/101130/

St. Gregory the Great School



With the new year upon us it is a wonderful time to reflect and develop personal goals. Our vision at St. Greg's School is to develop students to learn, live, and lead as disciples of Christ. This is a great time to ask yourself: What it means to live, learn, and lead as a disciple of Christ? Our students can recite our core values of faith, love, hope, and reconciliation when asked. They can also state the school rule of 5 which is to follow adult directions, communicate with respect, keep your hands and feet to yourself, bring all your materials, and be an active listener. The goal for the new year is to help students demonstrate these values and behaviors to help create a loving and welcoming environment at St. Greg's.

We help students in many ways to be able to learn how to demonstrate these character traits and behaviors. Our newly implemented morning meetings and prayer circles help students to share their interests and intentions with their class to help develop empathy and maintain a focus on the power of prayer. Students meet with their prayer partner from other grade levels to pray, attend Mass, or participate in service projects together. Students are able to participate in our music ministry led by Mr. Victoor and Ms. Vullo through caroling at senior homes and singing at Mass. We hope to help students learn to develop their relationship with God through daily prayer. Starting this year we will be focusing on learning more about the Angelus which we pray in the mornings and will begin praying the Act of Contrition at the end of the day to learn that sometimes we make mistakes throughout the day and the importance of asking forgiveness. As a Parish community we are very blessed to have the support of our Priests who visit classrooms periodically, say Mass, and support students spiritual development through days of reflection and adoration.

How can you help your child develop goals for the new year to learn, live, and lead as a disciple of Christ? One of our goals at St. Greg's is to provide a loving and joy filled learning community centered around our Faith.



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

<u>Middle School:</u> Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite- January 15, 22, 29

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– January 17, 24, 31

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- January 25

Ultimate is open everyone in 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!

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

Life Teen– January 27

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– January 9, 16, 23, 30

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!

If you have any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

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)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

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.

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.**

Exodus 90: Gentlemen! Our next session of Exodus 90 is starting soon. Running January 21 through Easter, we are gathering a group of men looking for a challenge to grow in faith. For 90 days, men will learn to persevere, suffer and depend on God, above all else. Well-documented science tells us it takes a minimum of 90 days to break addictions and bad habits. The 90 days of Exodus aids men in beginning anew and preparing them for a life of greater virtue. Steeped in asceticism by stripping away the distractions of life and building discipline of faith and body through spiritual and physical exercise, we will journey together through 90 days of growth with the brotherhood. This is a difficult and rewarding challenge. If you are looking to up the ante in your life, consider learning more about this by contacting Adam at 688-5678 ext. 316.

LECTORS NEEDED

The Lector Ministry needs several new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks on a rotating schedule through seven weekend Masses. To join this rewarding Ministry, please contact Bob Klocke at 688-6249 or raksgg@verizon.net.

Senior Citizens

The JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2019 MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to Church construction.

MEAT RAFFLE

January II January II NEW LOCATION NEW School Gym St. Gregory the Great School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 6 PM DOORS OPEN 7 PM FIRST SPIN ST. GREG'S SCHOOL GYM

TICKETS \$8 pp, must be 21. Reserve a table.

Includes: 2 pizza squares, unlimited beer, wine, pop and Door Prize Chance to Win 'Cooler of Meat'.

No outside alcohol. Bring snacks. Desserts for sale. Split Clubs and Raffles.

Order Form (Checks payable to: St. Greg's HSA)

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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!

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, January 6 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/ Basement)

Monday, January 7 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus (GR 1 &2) 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

Tuesday, January 8 7:00 pm Amped (MC 2) 6:30pm School Board (MC 3)

Wednesday, January 9 6:00 pm Hearts Afire (MC 2) 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

Thursday, January 10

7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord (GR 1 & 2)

Friday, January 11

5:00 pm High Sch. Hangout (MC, Gym, Café ,Basement) 6:00 pm Meat Raffle (School Gym)

Saturday, January 12 5:30 Music Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, January 13

5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Gym, Café, Basement)

Respect Life

March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, DC on January 17-18. Registration is open. Breakfast and Mass at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Buses will depart on the morning of Thursday, January 17 from various locations. For Washington Plaza Hotel reservation, call 202-842-1300 or 800-424-1140 by December 17 and mention: Diocese of Buffalo. Bus deadline date: Friday is December 28 (money non-refundable if payment received after December 28). For prices and bus locations, check out our website, under Events, at <u>https://</u> <u>www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events</u> or register at <u>https://www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife</u>

ADULT MISSION TRIP – JULY 2019

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The smallest little action can explode into a lifetime of love. We will be taking a group of adults ages 21 and over to a Mustard Seed community in Moneague, Jamaica from July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested but could not attend the informational meeting, look for mission trip participants in the vestibules after all Masses this weekend or contact Elizabeth Astridge at <u>stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com</u>.



K of C Free Throw Championship



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held in the **School** Gym on Saturday, January 19, at 1:00 - 3:00pm.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. Winners are determined by best -of -15 free throws. Participants are required to furnish date of birth (copy or original birth certificate/passport/etc.). Competing based on age on January 1, 2019. Parental/guardian consent forms are available at event.

All participants receive recognition. Winners receive special certificates and patches. Winners are invited to the District Level Championship (February 9), with an opportunity to keep advancing all the way to the State Championship.

Questions or requests for parental consent forms can be directed to Jim at 481-0986.

"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.



EUCHARISTIC 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 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. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

Our **Adoration Chapel** is in need of the following scheduled adorers:

SUNDAYS 6-7 PM and 8-9 PM

MONDAYS 6-7 PM







No Rehearsals this week

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.

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.

OUT OF PARISH

Roe v Wade Observance Mass will take place on Saturday, January 12, at 4:00 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Main celebrant - Bishop Richard Malone. During the Mass, the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities will present the 25 Annual Pro-Vita Awards which recognize people who have labored tirelessly for the pro-life cause and to give them strength, encouragement, and support. This year's recipients include: Maren Lelonek, Sarah Lindstrom, Fr. Michael LaMarca, Fr. Steven Jekielek, Fr. Daniel Young, Suzanne Lazzara, and Al Donius. Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance of the Roe v Wade anniversary by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

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	Anthony F. Pegnia, Sr. & Family		
5:30 pm	Andrew Sobczyk by Mom, Dad, Amanda, Nick, Luke & Jacob	1	
Sunday, Jar		G	
8:00 am	Patricia Hartmayer by Hartmayer Family	S 8	
9:30 am	Patricia Burtis by Cheryl Patterson James & Andrew DeMario	C	
11.00	by Laura Pegnia & Family		
11:00 am	Jim Domino by Josie Buscarino Leonard Maurer by Bill & Joan Taylor	2	
12:30 pm	Sophie & Bernard Balcerek by Daughter,	V	
	Christine Anna & Pietro DiSalvo by Daughter,	4	
	Rosalie		
1:30 pm	Baptisms	5	
4:30 pm	Leonard Sikora by Linda Dohn		
Monday, Ja		S	
7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Gregory's	8	
8:00 am	Robert La Mond by Judith La Mond Thomas Sweeney (living) by Bob Krapf	9	
12:00 pm	Edda Tiburzi by Vittorio & Ilie Colarossi & Family		
	Ann Marie Devine Degan	1	
	by Rita Driscoll & Bernadette Barton		
Tuesday, Ja	nuary 8	1	
7:00 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate		
	Santina Algera by Marie Anabaldi		
8:00 am	Thomas Henry by Kate Hahn		
	Joseph Caggiano by Joe & Noreen Shifflet	4	
12:00 pm	Mary Logalbo		
	by Nick & Rose Mary George Mary Beth Tomkins by Naples Family		
	Wary Deth Tollikins by Waples I annry		
	v, January 9		
7:00 am	Edward J. & Natalie Mack by Estate		
	John Berger, Sr. by Mark & Catherine Higgins		
8:00 am	Edda Tiburzi by Joe & Noreen Schifflet		
12:00 pm	Richard Page by Tom & Kate Casey	Т	
1	Joseph Barbagello by Barbara Grimes	p t	
Thursday, J	anuary 10	t.	
7:00 am	John Caruso by Goddaughter,	"	
	Nance Ortolano	E	
8:00 am	Sylvia Dolan by Michael & Helen Nazareth	a T	
	Charles Laudico by Joyce Santora & Family	E tl	
10.00	(School Mass)	n	
12:00 pm	Michael Varbanov by Mother,	li	
	Edith Varbanov Catherine Winfield Butsch	v	
	by Gina & Daniel Roblin III	r	
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Friday, January 11		
7:00 am	Frances Gatto (living)	
	by Michael & Julianna Bochiechio	
8:00 am	Ted Sosnowski (living)	
	by Brian & Tina Evers	
	Daniel Blaszak	
	by Mark & Barbara Blazejewski	
12:00 pm	Norman Brady by Nancy A. Donohue	
Â	Henry Wrobel by Family	
Saturday, Janı	uary 12	
8:00 am	Judith Kaczmarek (anniv)	
	by Robert & Michelle Schifferli	
	Mary Di Maria by Priests of St. Gegory's	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Taylor A Goodman	
_	and Patrick M. Manning	
Vigil Masses		
4:00 pm	Judith Meer by Family	
	Jane Danahy Deakin by Patricia Fortunato	
	& Family	
5:30 pm	Marjorie R. Schott by Judy & Tony Picone	
Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of the Lord		
8:00 am	William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty	
	Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family	
9:30 am	Richard Panepinto by Marianne Boccabella	
	Adele Kloch	
11:00 am	by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski Frances Zoffron	
11.00 am	by Dr. Albert & Frances Menno	
	Rita Brodniak by Bob & Alice & Family	
12:30 pm	Edda Tiburzi by Jola & Family	
F	Jerry Fasolino III by Cole	
	& Francine McCarthy	
1:30 pm	Baptisms	
4:30 pm	James K. Stewart & Alan C. Stewart	
	by Plavan Family	

DECEASED

Anthony R. Sole Maria Szabo

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.

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<u>Moving In? Moving Out?</u> Please contact us to register, or inform us of your departure.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am - 4:00 pm SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9:00 am - 1:00 pm SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm 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. For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

Mass Schedule

Catholic Store & Café

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*.

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday*.

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.

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

Trayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
 - Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church; 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.

Our Mission

St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

- Spiritual focus
- Knowledge and understanding of our Faith and our Church
- Spirit of welcome and reconciliation
- Compassion and concern for those in need
- Generous sharing of our God-given talents and resources



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