

#### From the Desk of Adam Jarosz:

#### **State of the Youth Address**

Greetings to you all from your Youth & Young Adult Ministry. I am celebrating my sixth anniversary here at St. Greg's this month and wanted to give thanks to the Lord and share with you how we are doing. The state of the ministry is strong and God has blessed us abundantly. Thanks be to Him. We have a dynamite staff of youth ministers covering middle school through the 30somethings. Our target audience covers over 8,000 of our parishioners. There isn't another parish with a full-time team of three, and it's paying off. Of course, we are nothing without the extraordinary Core Teams of over 40 volunteers that make up the core of the ministry.

We are seven months into young adult ministry with budding fruit. The development of a new Core Team, the completion of a rigorous 90 days of Exodus forming a group of men, a young women's Bible study, the return of College Life, monthly service at St. Luke's, and a first for the ministry – a soon-to-be announced Fall Retreat. This ministry is just getting started too. We're gaining our footing with seeing what works and what doesn't. It's only getting stronger.

High-school ministry has transitioned nicely with Richard taking the helm. Not only has Life Teen grown in strength but he has developed not one, but three bands for youth ministry. One is led by a talented group of musicians called Day7. The other two are teen bands that serve the ministry and the parish as a whole. The Glory Beats can be seen at one 4:30pm Sunday Mass a month. Ascent 101, our other youth band, leads praise and worship at middle school nights. Richard has also developed other great opportunities including SWAT which dives deeper into faith in a less formal setting. There is a need to expand our middle school ministry this year, and Nicole is leading the way by adding another grade to our lineup. To do so, she will be splitting off the newly minted "Ignite", 5th & 6th grades, into its own time slot starting this fall. Edge will be specifically for 7th & 8th grades and will continue to grow and thrive. Nicole also paved the way for our first camp experience for middle schoolers this summer, taking 14 to Hidden Lake Camp in Georgia for a week of faith and adventure.

We have come a long way in youth and young adult ministry and there is much to do. Youth culture today can be toxic to the soul and there is no better time to be hitting a stride to counter it. We are working hard towards our mission of "leading people to Christ through authentic faith and radical hospitality," and my prayer is that the Lord continue to bless us as we carry this out. With Fr. Leon's leadership, our parish has invested mightily into the youth and young adults, not only with resources but in prayer and love. The dividends are Heavenly. St. Gregory the Great, pray for us. Peace and love to you all – Adam Jarosz

#### PARISH SOCIAL/ New Parishioner Welcome

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on August 12 for coffee, juice and donuts, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are: Tuesday, August 14, Vigil Mass at 7:00pm; Wednesday, August 15, Masses at 7:00 and 8:00am, 12:00 noon and 7:00pm.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. Aug. 13:** Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 **Tues. Aug. 14:** Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 **Aug. 15:** Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (622); 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Thurs. Aug. 16: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1 Fri. Aug. 17: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12 Sat. Aug. 18: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

**Sun. Aug. 19:** Proverbs 9:1-6 (119B); Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life for the world

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Reading I	1 Kings 19:4-8 (Elijah's flight to Horeb)
Reading II	Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (vices to be avoided)
Gospel	John 6:41-51 (discourse on the Bread of
	Life continued)
Key Passage	Jesus said, I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. (John 6:51)

*Adult:* When has the Bread of Life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

*Child:* What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

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#### Paul Walter and Robert Warner Ordination RSVP

On Saturday, September 15, we will have a bus leaving St. Gregory's at 8:00am for the Basilica in Lackawanna, and will return to St. Gregory's after the Ordination at around 1:30pm. On Sunday, September 16, Deacon Robert Warner will preach for the first time as an ordained member of our parish community at the 11:00am Mass and Deacon Paul Walter will preach for the first time at the 12:30pm Mass. A reception will follow in the Ministry Center after the 11:00 and 12:30 Mass. Please complete this slip to RSVP and return to Jo Pierino by mail or collection by August 27.

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

Phone:

Number Attending:\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please save me a spot on the bus for Sept.  $\overline{15^{\text{th}}}$ .

Yes, I will attend Mass and the reception at the 11:00am Mass.

Yes, I will attend Mass and the reception at the 12:30 Mass.

#### Wedding Anniversary Mass

A special Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated by Bishop Malone for couples celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary for the year of 2018. Join Bishop Malone on Sunday, October 14, at 10:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral located in downtown Buffalo. Following the Mass, formal pictures of the couple with Bishop Malone will take place in the Lady Chapel located to the left of the main sanctuary. If you wish to attend, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678 by August 24.

#### THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Is a family member or friend (or the Holy Spirit!) tugging you in our direction? Sessions of inquiry (no commitment) regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) start in September. Contact Fr. Paul Cygan (688-5678 Ext. 336 or <u>pcy-</u> <u>gan@stgregs.org</u>) for more information.

#### Grilling at the Café!

Join us for lunch every Wednesday and Friday afternoon as we will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages. Also, come anytime for lunch and breakfast and enjoy our delicious breakfast sandwiches.

#### **VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus assures us that all who believe in Him will have eternal life. I'm sure that we have heard this lesson many times, but it can still be easy to forget. How is Jesus asking you to remind His people of His promise of eternal 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 – <u>www.buffalovocations.org</u>!

#### **HOUSE FOR HAITI**

Fr. Gus Gordon gave an enlightening homily about the people in Haiti and the difference between being poor and "disenfranchised." The vision of 800,000 people living in a 2 square mile radius because they are waiting for the garbage trucks to come, so they can pick through the garbage to get their food and feed their family, and the fact they have no bathrooms or any of the "Basic" needs made me cry. We are so blessed in this country and in our community of St. Gregory's in Williamsville, NY. We have approx. 5000 families at St. Gregory's and it was placed on my heart to ask you to please join me and the Ladies of the Lord in funding a home which will be matched by a donor in South America. TWO for the price of one! If we could have 35 families donate \$100.00 we could do this! Please pray about it and if you can bring or send a check to the office made out to St. Gregory the Great, with the amount and in the memo write HOUSE/Food For The Poor. On the envelope att: Dawn Curazzato/Ladies of the Lord



#### **20th Annual Great Dinner Auction "An Evening in Monte Carlo"** Saturday, November 3, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Save the date and join us at Salvatore's Italian Gardens for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 3, 2018. This year's theme is "An Evening in Monte Carlo". Chair couples Matt & Kelly Doktor and Steve & Maria Glamuzina have begun plans for the grand event. Initial meetings and early

planning have begun and committees are being formed for the largest parish fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the entire school and parish family. Be part of making it a great success! If you would like to help out, donate or get involved, please contact the auction office at <u>dinnerauction@gmail.com</u> or 688-5678 x 337.

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

PRESENTS

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A WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018** 

AT 10 :00 AM

*....for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* Romans 14:17



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When: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10:00 am (doors open at 9:45 am) until 3:00 pm Where: St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville, NY 14221 **Cost: \$35-** "This Spa for the Women's Soul" includes prayer, spiritual activities, music and song with Sydnie & Joanah Perkins from St. Luke's Voices of Mercy along with Nancy Erdman. You can relax, and renew your faith with fellowship and fun, enjoy morning and all-day refreshments, and lunch by Cenzo's Catering. Kindly make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great, with "Women's Enrichment 9/22 Event" in the memo and return with registration form by mail to St. Gregory the Great, 200 St Gregory Ct, Williamsville, NY 14221. Your completed form with payment may also be placed in the collection basket at Mass. For more information contact Joy Bila at jbila@hotmail.com or phone 834-0128.

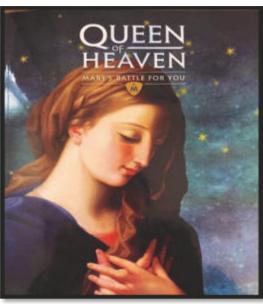
Kindly RSVP no later than Sunday, September 16

I will Attend the Women's Enrichment Ministry's Day of Spiritual Renewal with Trish Short on 9/22/18

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email

# **Register Now For**



# QUEEN OF HEAVEN:

# Mary's Battle for YOU!

St. Greg's MOMS is sponsoring an 8 week Parish Study on Mary beginning

# September 10 7:00-8:30pm

Monday Evenings in the Gathering Room

<u>ANYONE</u> IS WELCOME to join this Marian study as we embark on a journey into a deeper encounter and understanding of our Blessed Mother. While Catholics know of her and honor her, the Queen of Heaven study will introduce you to her in a fuller and more intimate way. Register today. Please send a \$20 check payable to St. Gregory the Great to the Parish Office, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221 with the completed form below. *For more infor-*

mation contact Dawn Iacono <u>stgregsmoms@gmail.com</u>

	<b>QUEEN OF HEAVEN: Registration Form</b>		
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Please enclose a \$20 check payable to St. Gregory the Great and send to the Parish Office marked **MOMS-QOH**: 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville, NY 14221 with the completed form above. **Questions:** Contact Dawn Iacono <u>stgregsmoms@gmail.com</u>

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#### **Marriage Moment**

"God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Pronouns can be confusing and so can the differences between males and females. How does your spouse fit gender stereotypes? How not? More importantly, how does he/she reflect something of the Divine to you?

#### **Parenting Perspective**

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"All the things that have happened to me have been important in making me who I am. To wish that certain things didn't happen is to wish that I am not myself." (Author unknown) Help your child unravel the mystery of how mistakes and problems teach life lessons to be used for future success.

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

Many things I have tried to grasp, and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands, I still have. [Martin Luther]



#### <u>MOMS:</u> Calling all Catholic mothers...

Interested in knowing more about the MOMS Ministry at St. Greg's? Stop in to the Gathering Room after all the Masses August 25/26 for FREE coffee & donuts. Come and see what MOMS is all about; bring the kids, talk to MOMS members, learn about the free babysitting, watch a video & grab registration cards. No time to stop by? Contact Dawn Iacono at <u>stgregsmoms@gmail.com</u> for more info, Lorianne McNamara about free babysitting 507-2026 and Mary Sendlack about Playgroup 982-5120.



# <u>Respect Life</u>

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**Pope Francis Declares Death Penalty "Inadmissible:"** On Aug 2, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis revised the Catechism to teach that the death penalty is "inadmissible" and to say that the

Church "works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

In a decree, the Pope has replaced the previous version of #2267 of the Catechism to read:

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state.

Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide." The previous wording in #2267 acknowledged the right of the state to execute criminals, but also emphasized that the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity "are very rare, if not practically nonexistent." The new language removes any possibility that the death penalty is an acceptable solution.

According to the Vatican's explanation, the change is based on the past teaching of Pope St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI and is an "authentic development of doctrine that is not in contradiction with the prior teachings of the Magisterium." (Full text at ncregister.com)

# **Gift-Gathering Party Time**

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Everyone loves an excuse to party. Host a gift-gathering party to support St. Greg's annual dinner auction and have fun while supporting the parish's largest fund raising effort. Contrary to popular belief, a gift-gathering party does not have to be a lavish large catered affair to

be a success. The best parties are simple and easy. How about coffee and donuts with friends, a kids pool party, wine and cheese with the neighbors? The possibilities are endless! For more information on how to host or plan your own party, please contact Auction Coordinator Cindy Reitebach at dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.

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# **Family Faith Formation**

FFF Office Summer hours: Monday - Thursday, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Family Faith Formation Registration:** Weekly FFF Classes begin the week of September 10. To register for the 2018-2019 school year, please register online: *www.stgregs.org/register-now/* 



High School Summer Program Students brought cheer to the residents at Elderwood with a Luau Party, complete with music, dancing and a congo line!

## **Catechist's Corner**

The role of a catechist is to teach our faith by word and example.

**FFF Catechists Needed for the 2018-2019 school year!** Lesson plans and all materials needed to teach are provided. If you're not sure, try volunteering as a substitute-you'll find the time so rewarding!

FFF Weekly programs run from September - April:

**Mondays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm): We need a Catechist for Grade 2 and a Co-Teacher for Grade 3.

**Wednesdays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm): We need a Catechist for Grades 1, 3 and 4.

**Saturdays** (9:00 am - 10:30 am): We need a Full-time Aide for Little Cherubs, a Co-Teacher for Grade 1 and a Catechist for the following grades: Grades 3,5 & 6.

#### Monthly FFF (Aka Generations of Faith) programs run from September - April and meet once a month:

**Session B** (Sunday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm): Need Catechists for Grades 3,6,7 and 8.

**Session C** (Thursday 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm): Need a Catechist for Grade 1,6,7,8 and 9.

If you feel that this is what God is calling you to do, or you just want more information, please contact Joan Rischmiller at the Family Faith Formation Office at **688-5760**.

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# Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

#### Mass and Lunch: August 13

Join for Noon Mass, followed by food, fun and friends afterwards!

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

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

#### SWAT Team: August 14, 21

SWAT (Spiritual Weapons and Tactics) is our high-school prayer group designed for those who want to dive deeper into the Bible and explore the Catholic faith. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm for discussion or simply adoration time! Food and fun is included!

#### Mass and Lunch: August 15, 22

Join us for noon Mass, followed by food and fun afterwards. Every Wednesday at 12:00 noon!

#### High-School Hangout: August 16, 23

Join us every Thursday starting at 7:00pm for fun and games outside, a bonfire, s'mores, snacks and a movie projected onto the wall of the Ministry Center! All are welcome!

Female Community Group: All high-school girls welcome! Meets Wednesday, August 22, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center! Join for great discussion, prayer and much more!

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

## Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Summer Lineup: Open for all 18-30 somethings.

**Oasis Magazine and website:** Sign up for the online magazine for young adults both home and away for original content to keep you fresh. Take a look at the website (stgregsYM.org) or follow us on Instagram @stgregsyoungadults for events and gatherings.

#### <u>College</u>

**College Summer Lineup**: Open for recent High-School Grads to recent College Grads.

**College Life returns this fall** - We'll be back to break open the Faith and build community in a big way. We're revamping College Life for this fall and will be open to all college students nearby. Stay tuned for dates!

#### HELP WANTED

Would you like to help out the future church? Do you enjoy working with middle-schoolers or high-schoolers? Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Greg's? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd love to have you join the St. Greg's Youth Ministry team! Feel free to contact us anytime!

#### SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our summer pickup date resumes on **Saturday**, **August 18**. 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.)

# **Senior Citizens**

Monday, August 13; Monthly meeting, 2:00-4:00 pm in the Ministry Center with a White Elephant sale and ice cream social, as well as election of officers. Brian Carrier will be available to replace watch batteries.

**Monday, August 20;** Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person. \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**Tuesday, August 28;** Seneca Allegany Casino Customer Appreciation Day, \$30 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free buffet lunch. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

September 13-18; Nashville, Tennessee, motorcoach, featuring the Grand Ole Opry, \$745/person double occupancy. 5 nights lodging and breakfasts, 3 dinners including Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre, performances at Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater and much more. Reservations/deposit due by August 15.

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.

#### Senior Co-Ed Bowling League

The senior co-ed bowling organizational meeting (and 2 games of bowling) will be held at Transit Lanes on Thursday, August 30, at 12:30 pm. If you are a bowler **not** returning this year, please call me before the meeting. New bowlers are always welcome. The season starts Thursday, September 6, at 12:15 pm for practice and 12:30 pm start time. For information, please attend the meeting or contact Beverly at 634-7616.

#### 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, August 15, from 7:00-9:00 pm and we will meet off campus.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information and to check location for this meeting, contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

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#### **Out of Parish**

**National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima** will be at Our Lady of Pompeii church for Veneration on Tuesday, August 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. a vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated followed by the Rosary and presentation by Mr. Bill Sockey, who is the custodian of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and travels with the Statue throughout the United States. Stockey will present the Message of Our Lady of Fatima, that will include the five reasons for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the promise by Our Lady of Fatima that was confided to Sr. Lucia, one of the three children who witnessed the Marian apparitions at Fatima.

Venerate the National Pilgrim Statue of **Our Lady of Fatima**, pray the Rosary, and hear the Message of Fatima. Join us on the feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, August 22 as St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst welcomes the national traveling Fatima statue for the day. We will begin with morning Mass at 8:00 am in the chapel, and the statue will be venerated all day in the main church. At 6:30 pm there will be recitation of the Holy Rosary and a talk on the Message of Our Lady of Fatima by the statue's custodian, Bill Sockey. The statue was blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. It was entrusted to the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, headquartered at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, NJ. It is a public association of the faithful under the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. For more information, visit http://ourladyoffatimabuffalo.wordpress.com/ pilgrim-virgin-statue-comes-to-buffalo-this-august/ and www.stleothegreatamherst.com.

#### **Concert with David Haas and Lori True**

Join us on Saturday, September 8, for a one-time event and a day's worth of activities with world-renowned composers, musicians, artists, teachers and mentors, Mr. David Haas and Ms. Lori True, at Sacred Heart R. C. Church. 380 East Fairmount Ave., Lakewood, NY 14750. It begins at 9:00am with a Workshop/Retreat. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. Later that day, is a concert by David & Lori featuring many of their spiritual compositions as well as some new ones. Doors open at 6:30pm, concert 7:00pm. Concert tickets are \$20 if purchased online, after Mass at Sacred Heart and local parishes, or \$25 at the door. For tickets for your parish or information, call Maria Perron at 716-490-4187.

#### St. Joseph University Church Big Band

**Concert & Dance,** August 19, 7:00-9:00 pm, at 3269 Main Street, Jim Tudini Band with Bobby Militello. Donations are \$10 at the door. There will be theme baskets and beverages and light snacks available for purchase. Information: (716) 833-0298.

## **Parish Activity Calendar**

Sunday, August 12 10:30 am Parishioner Social (GR 1) Monday, August 13 12:00 pm Youth Ministry Mass, Lunch, Games (MC Gym) 2:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting (MC Gym) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2) 7:00 pm Food Shuttle Board Meeting (GR 2) 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Committee Meeting (MC 1) **Tuesday, August 14** 8:00 am Diocesan Math Workshop (MC Gym) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room) 7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement) Wednesday, August 15 8:00 am Diocesan Math Workshop (MC Gym) 10:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Foyer) 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (Off Campus) Thursday, August 16 8:00 am Diocesan Math Workshop (MC Gym) 5:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (GR 1) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 2) 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Gym, Basement, Front Lawn) Friday, August 17 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Prayer Group (MC Basement) 7:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Movie Night (MC Gym/Lawn) Saturday, August 18 12:00 pam Knights Annual Family Picnic (MC Patio Area/Foyer/Gym) Sunday, August 19 1:00 pm Summer School Recital (MC Gym)

#### Out of Parish (Cont.)

#### WIFFALO IS BACK!

Wiffaflo 2018 hosted at the sport complex at Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Town of Tonawanda on Sunday, August 19. The charity event, the largest wiffleball tournament in New York state, will benefit Cardinal O'Hara High School, the American Heart Association and Camp Good Days. Organizers anticipate 60 teams with five members on each team playing on 12 fields. Co-ed teams are welcome. A play field and area for kids as well as food and beverages are planned to make it a family day. To register or for more information, go to www.wiffalo.org/register or www.cardinalohara.com or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

#### Let My Love Be Heard Concert: On Wednesday, August 22, 7:30 PM at St. Michael's Church, 651 Washington St, Buffalo,

NY 14203, the newly formed *Cantate Omnes* choir and music ensemble will present a concert of choral and instrumental music featuring young adult musicians from all over the Buffalo Diocese. Admission is **free** and the event is open to all ages. Come celebrate the end of summer and hear the talented young musicians of our diocese!

Mass Schedule			
Saturday, August 11		F	
Vigil Masses			
4:00 pm	Andrew John Sobczyk by Mom, Dad, Amanda, Nick, Luke & Jacob	1	
5:30 pm	Margaret S. Burns by Patricia Bellone John Culkin (birth) by Wife, Joanne		
	& Family		
Sunday, August 12 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00 am	Mildred Reid by Carol Reid & Joyce Knoll		
9:30 am	Rose Hoelscher by Grandchildren	,	
11:00 am	Arlene Mruk by Husband, Norbert George Zigrossi by Mary Pope & Daughters		
12:30 pm	DeAnn T. Nicolaio by Parents Marilyn Reinhart by JoJo & Katie Palumbo		
1:30 pm	Baptisms	S	
4:30 pm	Devin J. Waring by Jewula Family	2	
Monday, Aug	gust 13		
7:00 am	Parishioners of St. Gregory's		
8:00 am	Albert Kuhn (anniv) by Family		
	Roman Jewula by Family		
12:00 pm	Thomas J. Shanahan by Wife & Family	1	
	David M. Sorci by Carmen & Joan Parisi & Family	1	
Tuesday, August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe			
7:00 am	Daniel Kirst by Joan LaMendola		
8:00 am	Don Broardt by Wife, Mary & Family	4	
	Mary Kolek Burns	4	
12.00	by Robert & Ann Ludwig		
12:00 pm	David M. Sorci by Vern & Sarah Anderson Anthony D. Vetrano	Γ	
Vigil Mass	by Loretta & Ed Haynes		
7:00 pm	Kozhaya Sebaali by Family		
gin Mary	August 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Vir-		
7:00 am	Irene Tommaro by Ann Lambaise		
8:00 am	Luke Doktor by Matt & Kelly Doktor Helen Wurm by Family		
12:00 pm	Carol Baldi by Corra Family		
12.00 pm	Kenneth Slauson by Family		
7:00 pm	Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfratz		
_	by Nigam Family		
	Kitty Serrone by Jim Majors		
Thursday, A	ugust 16		
7:00 am	Donald Cronin by Wife, Donna		
8:00 am	Daniel Kirst by Seniors Organization	-	
	of St. Gregory's	l	
12.00	Richard Compton by Mary & Bud Ulander	I	
12:00 pm	Lucille Cullen by Trudy Porter, Ray & Kim	N I	
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Friday, Augus	t 17		
7:00 am	John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate		
8:00 am	Ruth Schwartz by Cynthia Parrott		
	Francis O'Connor by Ruth Crowley		
12:00 pm	Vito Anastasia (birth)		
	by Michael Anastasia		
	Anthony D. Vetrano		
	by Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Beltrami		
Saturday, Aug	ust 18		
8:00 am	Richard Stedlikowski by Sandy Doherty		
	Arthur Kolb by Family		
Vigil Masses			
4:00 pm	Norman C. Kreuz by Liz Ryan		
	Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfratz		
	by WNY Podiatry Society		
5:30 pm	Robert Flynn (birth)		
	by Mary Kate Vivacqua		
	st 19 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary		
Time			
8:00 am	Vincent P. Tricoli (anniv)		
	by Mrs. Theresa Tricoli & Children		
9:30 am	Frances Trippi by Militello & Mazza		
	Families		
	Rose Hoelscher by Mike & Kathy Deakin		
11:00 am	Charles Fellner by Marleah Close		
10.00	Rose J. Ryan by Cindy & Rocky Krysztof		
12:30 pm	Kozokiewicz & Sciolino Families		
	by Christine Balcerek		
4.20	Rae Florea by Bill Kilinskas		
4:30 pm	Anthony Murro		
	by William & Grace Gilmartin		

#### DECEASED

John G. Berger, Sr. Michael J. Brown Dorothy Franchini Mary Herzog

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#### **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)

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.

#### JOIN US FOR DAILY PRAYER

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily after the 7:00 am Mass as well as before the 8:00 am Mass, which includes praying for those in the Military, especially those in harm's way. It is also prayed after the 8:00 am Mass and Rosary. Please join us in this powerful prayer which brings many blessings.

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# Mass Schedule

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

# Catholic Store & Café

**CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday*. No evening hours on Wednesday in July and August.

**CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; **Wednesday no evening hours in July and August.** Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday*.

## Sacraments

#### BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays 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
- $-\dot{K}$ nowledge 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



