

Happy Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This solemnity or highest level of celebration within the Church is also more commonly known as the Feast of Christ the King. More than just this it is also the last Sunday of Ordinary time (we will not be seeing the green church vestments for a few months) and the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. When we gather for Mass next Sunday it will be Advent and the first Sunday of a new Church year (happy early Church New Year!).

However before we look to the new year of the Church Calendar, I believe that it is important to take a look back at the year that is now coming to an end and to look back while reflecting on this question: How have I served the Kingdom of God?

Christ reigns over this kingdom with all authority and as he sits at the right hand of God the Father he calls us to make the Kingdom of God more present in the world. Do we work to build up the Kingdom of God in all of our words and actions? Do we seek to serve our most sovereign King, Jesus Christ, and to live out his will and commands? After all, we do pray in the Our Father: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This reflection and these questions can be difficult; I know they are for me. How often have I failed to build up the Kingdom of God in the world and rather sought selfishly to build up my own kingdom? But at the same time it is a great opportunity in which we are called to conversion, to a greater and deeper living out of our Faith in our lives. Perhaps it is time to make a "New Church Year" resolution.

What might this resolution look like for each of us? One might be inclined to commit themselves to reading a passage of scripture each day or it could be a commit-

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All Parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **December 8** for coffee, juice and donuts in Gathering Room 1 after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the Parish, you may register at this time.

ment to read some spiritual literature. It could be setting aside more time for personal prayer, which can be done at home or perhaps by stopping at the perpetual adoration chapel here at the parish to spend a few moments, or commit yourself to a weekly hour to spend with Jesus present in the Eucharist. There are many options and for each of us it will be different. Above all it is important that these resolutions help us to better serve the Kingdom.

In closing, we must enthrone Jesus as King in our hearts and (re)commit ourselves to serving the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Christ conquered death, he will conquer the darkness of our lives. Christ reigns on high, let him reign in our hearts as well. Christ commanded his disciples to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to the world, and he commands us to do the same today. Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat; ab omni malo plebem suam defendat! (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands; may He defend His people from all evil!) Let us pray for each other,

Joe Tokasz, Pastoral Year Seminarian



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

From July to October we bap-

tized 18 new Christians. Welcome to our Parish Family and congratulations to the parents of:

JULY - Ava Regina Kutrybala

AUGUST - Gianna Domenica Peer, Declan Sean Govern, Beckett Dalton Brooks, Nathan Vincent Savage, Evan Xavier Astridge, Harrison Armando Perez, Milo Dominic Biagiotti, Britta Jade Margitus, Evelyn Ruth Scott

SEPTEMBER - Wyatt James Murphy, Cameron Joseph Lindberg

OCTOBER - Paisley Rose Clair, Landon Daniel Wood, Aubrey Hope Kraus, Ethan Robert Mazur, Carter David Smith, Madelyn Lorraine Land

Special thanks to Parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH AND MASS SCHEDULE

All are welcome to join us for our only Mass on Thursday, November 28, at 9:00 am as we celebrate many blessings we have received this year. The collection taken at this Mass with be for the St. Gregory's Chapter of the SVDP Conference for all the work they do to help those in need.

The Parish Office will be closed November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have only one Mass on Friday, November 29, at 8:00 am. The Office will resume normal hours on Monday, December 2.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. GREG'S THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Quick access to the Bulletin, learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation or Youth Ministry.

To download Parish App:

IPHONE USERS TEXT: ParishApp1 to 555888

ANDROID USERS TEXT: ParishApp2 to 555888 VISIT YOUR APP STORE: Search WeConnect, Parish App, look for the blue icon above and follow the prompts. See the back of the Bulletin to learn all the ways you can follow St. Greg's on social media.

WEATHER-RELATED

er and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the music that envelops the assembly in a mystical journey discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check our website, social media, app and/or TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.



This week we invite all singers – adults and kids (2nd grade or older) - to rehearse and sing with us on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am Mass. We'll rehearse just once on Tuesday, November 26 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. Because the kids are invited, the parish children's choir will NOT rehearse at 4:30 pm on Nov. 26. Christmas rehearsals for Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will resume on Tuesday, December 3, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the regular Adult choir rehearsal from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Children's Choir rehearsals will also resume on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 4:30 pm. Questions? Please email Nancy Erdman at NErdman@stgregs.org or call 688-5678 Ext. 308.

"ONLY IN GOD IS MY SOUL AT REST: FROM HURT TO HOPE"

The Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo is offering a Taizé style service to provide some solace to all who are suffering from abuse or anxiety. We will provide a safe space to pray with musicians who are offering comfort with their unique gifts. SS Peter and Paul Church, 5480 Main St. in Williamsville, will be the set-Please note if the school is closed due to inclement weath- ting for this quiet, reflective service at 3:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 24th. Members of the Guild will perform of song and silence. Make a place for peace, join us.



A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of all creation, giver of all good gifts, you bless our lives with generous love, by giving us once more the fruit of the fields, our family and friends, our faith, our work, and our lives together. We thank you for these gifts, and ask that you help us to imitate your goodness, to share our blessings with those who are in need. ©2016 All Saints Press



FIRST ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE

All PROCEEDS from this fundraiser will benefit The Science Olympiad at St. Greg's School.

ORDERS DUE: Friday, November 22

DELIVERY DATE: Thursday, December 5
PICK UP LOCATION: St. Greg's Ministry Center -

Thursday, December 5, from 2:00—6:30 pm and Fri-

day, December 6, from 2:00 - 6:30 pm

QUESTIONS: Contact Helen Brodnick 716-374-0255

or email Hheck1207@aol.com

DETACH BELOW AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT TO:

The Main Office at St. Gregory the Great School 250 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Please make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great H.S.A.	
Name	
Phone #	
Email	
6 ½" Pots-\$8.00 Red White Pink Marble Total x\$8.00=	8" Pots- \$12.00 Red White Pink Marble Total x\$12.00=
10" Hanging Pots - \$16.00 Red White Pink Marble Total x\$16.00=	10 ½ " Pots- \$20.00 Red White Pink Marble Total x\$20.00=
Christmas Cactus 6 ½" Pot\$8.00 Total x \$8.00	Cyclamen 6 ½" Pot\$8.00 Total x \$8.00
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SCHOOL LOOKING FOR RN

St. Greg's School is looking for a licensed RN to help administer insulin via an insulin pump for a student in our Early Childhood Program. Training provided. This person would be a backup in case of emergency and/or if the current RN's were unavailable. This would require one-two hours on the given day. This person is required to have Virtus training in progress or completed. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Marisa Piazza at mpiazza@stgregs.org or 688-5678.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT MUSIC STUDENTS

We are proud to announce that the St. Greg's music students will be the pre-concert performance opening for Amherst Symphony Orchestra with guest singer, Dawn Pierce, mezzo-soprano, on Sunday, December 1. The pre-concert starts at 2:15 pm and features our Grade 5-8 band students and Grade 4 chorus. This is the second time in 20 years that St. Greg's has been invited to participate in this program. What an honor to be included in such a memorable event. We are also excited to announce that our own student, Madison Lempko's artwork won the cover design for the program! Congratulations to Madison!

EVENT: "Tis The Season"

DATE: Sunday, December 1

START TIME: 3:00 pm

PRE-CONCERT: 2:15 pm

LOCATION: Amherst Middle School, 55 Kings High-

way, Amherst, NY.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

To learn more about this event, visit

https://www.amherstsymphony.com/index.php/

upcoming-concerts/tis-the-season



The Music Dept. at St. Gregory the Great allows students in Grades Pre-K and 1 - 8 many opportunities to grow musically and to perform in many venues.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

There are NO CLASSES from November 28 – 30. Wishing you and yours a Blessed Thanksgiving!

December Dates for Generations of Faith:

Session A Sunday, December 1, after the 9:30 am

Mass

Session B Sunday, December 1, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.
Session C Thursday, December 5, 6:15 - 7:45 pm

First Friday Club: Grades 5-8 students are invited to the next meeting on December 6 from 7:00 - 9:00 m in the School Cafeteria.

Save the date: Join us for the **Christmas Pageant** on Saturday, December 14 at 9:15 am in the School Gym!



FFF Fourth Grade Saints Fair: Students were excited to make their presentations and share their Saints posters. Some even came dressed as their Saint!

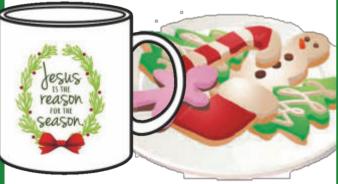






Coffee Breaks with God

Join us on Saturday, December 7 from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the School Art Room.



December speaker, Brian Ruh will discuss, "Celebrating Christmas with non-practicing friends and family."

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) by 12noon on Thursday, December 5 to arrange babysitting.

Then, join us for more Coffee Breaks with God on Feb. 1 and Mar. 7.



Mother Teresa said, 'I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus, ... I must wash and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus."

"Invite children to talk about what these words mean. Ask how we can do this in our lives....

Suggest to students to do something nice for someone when they least expect it....

Find Jesus in others, especially the distressing guise of the poor....

Meet Jesus at work in daily life: Invite teens to think of 'coincidences' that could only be attributed to divine intervention. "1

¹ Rosien, Mary Lou. "Encounters with Jesus: 50 Ways to Help Facilitate That With Children, Youth, and Adults.". http://nnw.catechist.com/encounters-with-jesus/ August 7, 2018 19 Nov. 2018.

DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Every day during Advent, you can receive an email with a short video from Dynamic Catholic. This is a great way for you to intentionally slow down and prepare your hearts and minds for an amazing Christmas. It's free and easy to sign up. Did we mention, free?

- 1) Google, "bestadventever.com"
- 2) Click on "Best Advent Ever / Advent Reflections 2019 / Dynamic Catholic". You will be redirected to the Home Page.
 - 3) Scroll down and click on the blue "Sign Me Up!"
 - 4) Complete the requested information.

MEMORIALZIE THE NATIVITY SET

A few years ago St. Greg's purchased a second Nativity set to display in the Church during the Christmas Season. We now have one for the MC and one for the Church. This year we would like to memorialize both sets including the stable for the Church. If you are interested in having a piece or pieces memorialized, please contact Marisa Piazza in the Parish Office at mpiazza@stgregs,org or 688-5678 ext. 303 by December 4.

HOLY FAMILY - \$600 EACH

Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph

ANIMALS - \$300 EACH

Camel, Donkey, Lamb, Cow

ADDITIONAL STATUES

Shepherd \$350 Angel \$500 Wise Man #1, #2, or #3 \$500 each Stable \$2000



ST. GREG'S SCHOOL TURNS 60!!!

St. Gregory the Great School is celebrating 60 years in 2020. In an effort to update our records, if you are a St.

Greg's Alum please complete the form below with your contact information. You can return the form to the Parish or School Office or put in next weeks collection.

Name
MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE):
YEAR GRADUATED:
Address
PHONE:

FIVE WAYS TO BE A GOOD HOST

The holidays are approaching and these five fabulous tips not only work for your family at home but for your family at church!

1) Invitation. Invite your family and friends back home, to Mass. Include necessary information like the date, the time(s) and the location of St Greg's Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses. 2) Be welcoming and attentive. Make sure guests are greeted warmly and made to feel welcome. 3) Be flexible and gracious. Somebody is sitting in your seat. Some guests may be unaware of protocol. Exhausted kids are crying and loud. Be gracious; no polite host would ever intentionally make their guests feel unwelcome. 4) Set the example. We want our guests to be put at ease. It's our job to gently show our guests when we stand, sit and kneel. Introduce new family and friends to each other, do not exclude anyone. 5) Be appreciative. Let people know how good it was to see them and thank them for coming.

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ PIZZA NIGHT!

Need dinner for Family Fun Night? Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Need to schedule a meeting over the dinner hour? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

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!

CAFÉ AND STORE HOURS

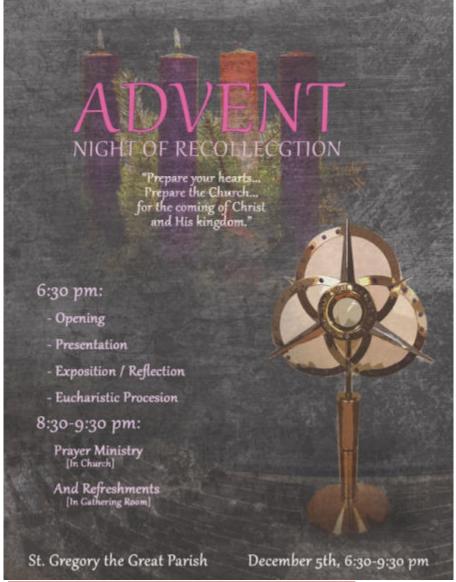
The Catholic Store and Café will not have evening hours on Wednesday, November 27, and will be closed on Thursday, November 28. Both will re-open on Friday, November 29, for normal hours.

Don't forget to stop in for that holiday gift and a cup of coffee!

EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Evangelization Committee is looking to add a few more disciples to the "Welcome Wagon" team, started by Fr. Thomas. This ministry welcomes new residents to the "St Greg's" neighborhood with a personal invitation to visit our parish / campus...it's an extraordinary opportunity to evangelize! You can participate on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or as-available basis. We go out in pairs. If interested please contact Brian Ruh at 688 5678 ext. 313 or at **bruh@stgregs.org.**

-SAVE THE DATE



LIVING NATIVITY

St. Greg's 13th Annual Living Nativity will take place on December 26 and 27. Beginning in the Gathering Rooms, a Shepherd will take groups of 12 weary travelers to Bethlehem through scenes depicting the road to Bethlehem in the Church and School. Director Jeff Criden needs adult, teen and children actors to portray Dancing Shepherds, Children of Bethlehem, One Wise Man, a Narrator, and most importantly, the Blessed Mother. Also needed and of high importance is a family with a baby to be the Holy Family with our live animals. Please contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com to volunteer or have any questions. Volunteering for this would count as service hours.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL

Kairos Prison Ministry International is holding their December Kairos Retreat at Wende CF from December 5 through December 8, and your support is greatly needed. First of all we need your prayers. Please begin praying for the success of the weekend today and continue to lift the team and inmates up in prayer until the weekend concludes. If you are able to pray for a specific hour during the weekend, please contact Mark Duguay at mgduguay@gmail.com and let him know the day and hour during the weekend you are willing to pray. Late night and early morning hours are badly needed. Secondly, we need letters of encouragement for each inmate. Since this weekend is in December you can give the inmates Christmas cards. Just address them "Brother in Christ" and sign them using your first name only. Include a few words of encouragement. Cards can not be sealed. Just put them in an envelope and keep it unsealed. Thirdly, we need packages of cookies. They must be store-bought. They can not be in "resealable" packaging. Cookies can not contain any type of liqueur (chocolate or vanilla) and cannot have raisins or powdered sugar on them. Aldi's has great prices and a good variety of

packaged cookies. Fourthly, we need decorated placemats (11" X 17"). Placemats should be colorfully decorated with a little message of encouragement. Please use colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Stickers, glitter, and things like that cannot be used. If made by a child they can have the child's first name only and their age. Fifthly, we could use financial donations. The weekend costs approximately \$1,500 to put on. Please make all checks out to KPMI and write Wende #65 on the memo line.

Checks can be mailed to:

Kairos Prison Ministry International P.O. Box 194 Williamsville, NY 14231-0194

Lastly, you can attend the Kairos Holy Hour at Harvest House on Saturday, December 7, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. There will be a lunch at noon followed by a Holy Hour

which will include a guest speaker, singing, the reading of a letter from the K 65 leader, Jack Thoman, and a free-will offering. For more information call Mark Duguay at 208-4706.



2020 MARCH FOR LIFE --"LIFE EM-POWERS: PRO-LIFE IS PRO-WOMAN:" The

Diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities is sponsoring busses for the March for Life in Washington DC taking place on Thursday, January 23—Friday, January 24, 2020.

Reservations for the bus trip accepted with payment due by Friday, December 27, 2019. Cost is \$195.00 (incl. round-trip bus, breakfast, & speaker); \$145.00 (for bus only) or \$50.00 (for breakfast & speaker). Bus registration with online PayPal payment is available at www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife. Mail-In registration forms are available online at www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events#marchforlife

NOTE: Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Hotel reservations at the Washington Plaza Hotel can be made by calling (202) 842-1300 or (800) 424-1140 or book online directly at www.washingtonplazahotel.com. Single room rate: \$179.00; Double room rate: \$199.00 Subject to 14.5% DC sales tax per person. (To get the special Diocesan room rates, make reservations by December 20. Mention the Diocese of Buffalo).

Can't attend and want to help? Consider being a sponsor. For more details and information, visit www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife or call (716) 847-2205.

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you." –Pope Francis



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you.

Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend Adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Please ask a friend or relative to sub for your scheduled adoration hour if you are going to be away anytime during the holiday season. It is a way to evangelize and introduce others to our adoration chapel. Thank you.

**Substitute adorers are needed for Sunday mornings 4:00 AM - 6:00 AM during the months of January and February 2020.

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

- MONDAYS 2:00 3:00 am
- ♦ WEDNESDAYS 9:00-10:00 pm
- ♦THURSDAYS 2:00 3:00 am
- ♦THURSDAYS 5:00-6:00 am
- ♦ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

OUR CHAPEL IS OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

Fr. Paul Cygan is hoping to lead a group of St. Gregory's parishioners at this year's March for Life in Washington, DC. Contact him for more information at pcygan@stgregs.org. There are information/registration brochures at the entrances to the church. Please consider being a part of this very important witness to the sanctity of Life!!

2019 Christmas Gift Collection

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

This Christmas season, we ask you to open your hearts, take a gift tag from our tree or from the baskets found near the Church exits, and provide a **new** Christmas gift or gift card for the needy person listed. Socks, sweats, hats and mittens are always welcomed. Gift cards from Walmart, TARGET or TOPS Market are also greatly appreciated. **Please return the wrapped gift or gift card** (with

tag attached) to the Gathering Rooms on Saturday, December 14, from 3:30-7:00 pm and Sunday, December 15, from 7:30 am -12:00 noon (no later than 12:00 noon please as the delivery of gifts begins promptly at 1:00 pm).

PLEASE DO NOT leave gifts in the Church fover!

This ministry began in December of 1975 and about 1300 people have been helped each year. Last year, over 3,000 gifts were collected and delivered. Each tag is for a specific person. Once a tag is taken from the tree, we are counting on a gift for that individual.

TIP: Before you shop, take photo of the gift tag so you have the information with you, and leave the tag at home so it doesn't get lost.

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



LADIES OF CHARITY

The St. Greg's Ladies of Charity is sponsoring our annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, at 12:30 pm, at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More on Transit Rd. in Williamsville. ALL ladies are welcome! Please call Patty Vitanza @ 716-609-7584 for entree selection and payment instructions. Reservations must be submitted by November 20. Please join us for a fun and festive start to your holidays.

SENIOR CITIZENS

NEW DATE: December 16 is our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Russell's Steak House. The cost for members is \$33.00 and \$35.00 for a guest prior to December 9. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Please sign up and bring payment to our next meeting. Anyone over 55 years of age may attend.

EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

Join us for Evening Prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

LADIES OF THE LORD

We will have our 'Regular' meeting on Dec. 12 in the gathering room at 7:00 PM. Please bring cookies for our Fellowship table on that date. Our Christmas party is Dec. 14th at Brookfield Country Club beginning at 11:00 AM with a Chinese auction and 50/50 split. All checks for the Charity donations and Christmas party must be in by Dec. 1.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am

and 12:00 pm Masses. 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 for our Country is recited, including an announcement for each state plus the Divine Mercy. In good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church. Bring a folding chair, sing Ava Maria and God Bless America after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 24

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church) 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC gym, basement, Café)

Monday, November 25

6:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

7:30 pm KOC Leadership Mtg. (MC 2)

Tuesday, November 26

4:30 pm Parish Children's Choir Practice (GR 2)

7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

7:00 pm AMPED(MC Café)

8:00 pm (11:00 Mass) Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28– THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 29

10:00 am-4:00 pm Craft Show (Ministry Center & School)

Saturday, November 30

10:00am-3:00 pm Craft Show (Ministry Center & School)

Sunday, December 1

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

5:30 pm Life Teen (MC foyer, gym, basement, Café)

MOMS PLAYGROUP

Moms and tots, join us for fellowship and fun Thursday, December 5th, from 10:00 am-Noon in the Ministry Center basement playroom. Questions contact **fanony27@gmail.com**.

Upcoming playdates: January 1, February 6 and March 3.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We invite young parishioners interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry to an upcoming training session. Children in Grade 4 and older can attend the training either on Wednesday, December 4, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm or Saturday, December 7, from 12 noon - 1:00 pm. Please contact Nora Weil at momtojcrew@gmail.com with any questions.

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for our next meeting on December 4 at 6:30 pm in Gathering room 1. The topic is *Self-Care During the Holidays*. You don't need to be a parishioner. All are welcome!

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 December 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 2.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 23 Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Dr. James H. Cosgriff

by Wife, Mary Lou & Family

5:30 pm Rosemary T. Drumm by Family

John Lewis Schultz by Judy & Tony Picone

Sunday, November 24– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am Sam & Joy Chiarello

by Mary Ann & John Chiarello

& Sam Piazza

Charles T. Kane (Anniversary)

by Wife & Family

9:30 am Chester & Helen Pawenski by Family

Charles Horey

by Ronald & Michelle Cercone

11:00 am Dave Haumesser

by Tim & Ann Marie Spellman

John DiPasquale by Wife & Children

12:30 pm Tyler P. Wackowski

by Fred & Kim Gworek

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Dr. John T. Phelan by Patricia A. Phelan

Monday, November 25-St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00 am Russell Todaro (Living)

by Richard Hoffman

8:00 am Robert Cummings by Cheryl, Mike,

& Giovanna Rossi

12:00 pm Frank Guzenski by Daughters,

Marcia & Margie

Frank A. Scarcella by Wife, Virginia

& Daughter, Denise

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 am Shirley Badner by Margot Costello

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

by Barbara Pelosi

12:00 pm David Haumesser by Rose Ann

Lokaj & Family

George M. Meyerhofer by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate 8:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,

A.J. & Stephen

12:00 pm Dorothy Flynn by Family

Sarah Carden by Louis Rothenbueger

Thursday, November 28- Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Alexander Bene by Bene Family

Richard Olejniczak Sr.

by Olejniczak Family & Friends

Friday, November 29

8:00 am Muriel Foy by Bill & Anna Foy

Matthew Benedict

by Brian & Melinda Haggerty

Saturday, November 30-St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00 am Andrew J. Sobczyk by Mom, Dad,

Amanda, Nick, Luke & Jacob

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Howard Estes by Mom

Jeny & Margaret Burns by Burns Family

5:30 pm David C. Haumesser by Linda, Len,

Anne, & Jeffrey Froustet

Sunday, December 1– First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty

Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

9:30 am Domenick & Rose Nati

by Richard & Donna Suchan

Stanley Smyczynski

by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski

11:00 am Thomas J. Santa Lucia

by Thomas & Dolores Santa Lucia

Jeffrey Mruk (Birthday) by Norbert Mruk Family

12:30 pm Nick Iannarelli by Nadine & Vince Bargnes

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Yap Tian Su by Yu Family

HOST REMEMBRANCE

William Byrne by Wife, Carol

CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

Rosemarie Pandolfi (Living) by Lucille Cannamela

DECEASED

Marguerite D. Sammarco



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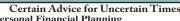


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