SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 2 & 3, 2018

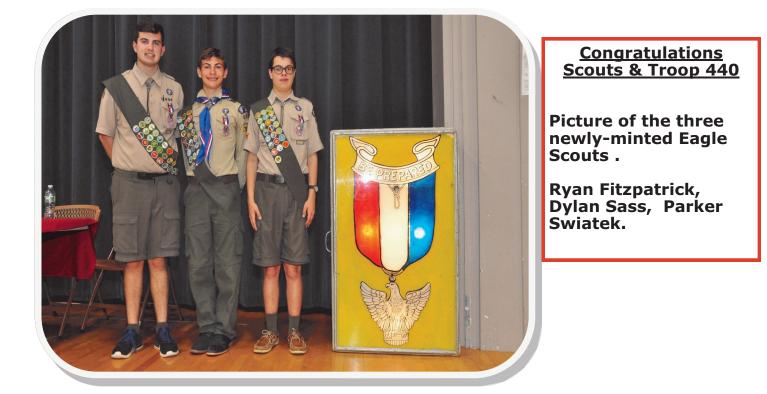


From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, it is hard to believe that June has arrived, many graduations have taken place and many more will happen in the coming few weeks, and summer has begun!

Last Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass I was pleased to bless and dedicate our new Baptismal Font. I do not know if we really appreciate the importance of Baptism and reflect daily on living our Baptism. This is an important question to answer. I raise this question for the simple reason that weekly we meet parishioners who are either planning a Baptism or who are hoping to be a Godparent. In many cases the people involved truly know and understand the Sacrament. It is evident by the way they speak and knowledge of the role and importance of a Godparent and responsibility of a parent or Godparent to raise their child in the Faith. On the other hand, many approach the Sacrament who do not themselves celebrate Mass regularly and who request Godparents who are not practicing Catholics and in many cases (yes, here at St. Gregory's) are atheists, Muslims or Jewish people. They do not understand that the Godparent is a role to help mentor their child in the Faith. The Godparent is one who should be a close member of the family who will be an example of faith and be able to pray with and have a mentoring role with the child as he/she matures regarding faithfully living as a Catholic.

In years gone by we probably focused daily on Baptism more so than today. I recall at home we had a holy water font by the door filled with holy water to bless ourselves as we came and went from the house. This was a reminder of Baptism. When we entered our home, it was the custom to say (in Polish) "Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Those in the house replied by saying (in Polish) "Both now and forever." This beautiful greeting was a reminder of our call to live our lives as a blessing to Jesus Christ. Today, many of our "old" customs are gone and maybe some of our conscious thought of daily living our Baptism has also been sidelined. We have the great practice of blessing ourselves with Holy Water on our way into and out of the Church. I find it interesting to observe on Sunday mornings as people come in to Church and pass the Baptismal Water Font. Some reverently dip their finger into the water and make the Sign of the Cross. Some quickly perform the task and others simply pass by without taking notice of the opportunity. Where are you with the daily understanding of your Baptism? Where are you with your daily understanding of Discipleship in Christ which begins at Baptism? (continued on page 2)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. June 4: 2 Peter 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12 Tues. June 5: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17 Wed. June 6: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27 Thurs. June 7: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34 Fri. June 8: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 Sat. June 9: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51 Sun. Jun 10: Genesis 3:9-15 (89B); 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Bread for others

Reading I Reading II	Exodus 24:3-8 (ratification of the covenant) Hebrews 9:11-15 (the sacrifice of Jesus)
Gospel	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (Passover
	preparation)
Passage	While they were eating, he took a loaf of
	bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave
	it to them and said, "Take; this is my
	body." (Mark 14:22)

Adult: In what ways have you practiced the words of Jesus and been bread for others?

Child: What can you do to prepare to celebrate Holy Communion with your parish family?

*** Vocation View

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey as His disciples. God has called some to share this very gift of Himself in a profound way. 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

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Father's Day Novena Mass Cards are now available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office before Father's Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week beginning June 17 through June 25.

Café Volunteer's Needed

We are in need of volunteers for our Parish Café. Grillers and Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Hours are flexible. Please Contact Margy at 445-2510.

From the Desk of the Pastor (cont'd from pg. 1)

On behalf of our entire parish I thank Dr. Michael Noe who generously donated our new Baptismal Font in Memory of his late wife, Paula. Dr. Noe, you have provided our parish with a beautiful font worthy of the dignity of the Sacrament of Baptism, the gateway to Discipleship in Christ. I hope, pray and believe that your dear wife Paula is at peace with God and I am certain that in her sainthood with the Lord in Heaven she will be interceding for the many thousands who will come to be members of the Body of Christ in the waters of Baptism dedicated and given in her memory and honor. Thank you Dr. Noe for your great and generous gift to our parish family!

In other news, I would like to thank David Bauer and Michael Burns for their many years of service on our parish Finance Committee. I also thank Dr. Edward Gress for fulfilling his first term of office on our parish Finance Council and for his generous "yes" to another three-year term. I also wish to thank and announce the appointments of George Wands and David Rodas to three-year terms. Finally, I thank Joe Couche who finished his commitment to serve as Finance Council Chair, and I wish to acknowledge and thank James Smyczynski for his willingness to become the new Chairman. Many thanks to all who serve on our Finance Council!

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

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. Please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678 ext. 301.

FEET FIRST!

The St. Greg's Great Race is joining with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to provide shoes and socks to the needy of Western New York. On Race Night, please consider bringing any new/used shoes and new socks to St. Greg's (Yellow St. Vincent DePaul truck parked in front of church). All shoe sizes (children's and adults) and styles (summer, winter, dress, casual) needed and accepted.





Enjoy Paula's Donuts for All and Crafts & Games for Kids as we Kick Off the 2018 Great Dinner Auction.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd

following the 9:30am mass

IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

Please ieel most welcome to bring any gift card or cash donation.

Hosted By Auction Chair Couples Matt & Kelly Doktor and Stove & Maria Glammine

Volunteers Needed

The Parish Office is in need of volunteers Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm, or possibly a shorter shift, to assist with general office duties. If you are interested, please contact Jo-Jo at 716-688-5678, Ext. 304.

St. Greg's Great Race

St. Gregory's 23rdAnnual Great Race will be held Fri-June 15, at 7:00pm. Register online at day, www.stgregs.org/greatrace. There are no paper registrations; online registration only. An after-race party will be held in the parking lot next to the Ministry Center and Hit-n-Run will be the featured entertainment. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kevin Ryan kpryan21@yahoo.com. If you have any problems registerplease contract Cheryl Bertovich ing at cbertovich1@gmail.com.

SVDP FURNITURE/APPLIANCE COLLEC-TION

Our next furniture pickup date resumes on **Saturday**, **June 9.** 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.)

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The Communications Campaign collection, which supports media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media, will be June 9 and 10. Help us connect the world with God's word!

*** DIAPER DRIVE -THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Jamaica Mission Trip Team, we would like to offer a very heartfelt thank you to our St. Gregory's faith community for generously donating over \$4000 to our Diaper Drive this Lent. With your help, we are able to ship over 150,000 diapers to the residents of Mustard Seed Communities. We are so very grateful for all your support! Please keep us all in prayer as we prepare to serve the residents of Mustard Seed Communities July 14-21.

Vacation Bible School

For Pre K- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

(child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2017)

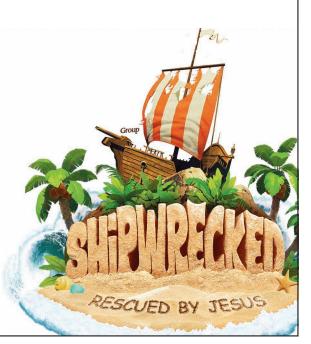
Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22.

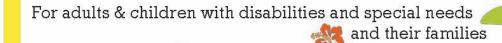
To Register, go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

The fee is \$30.00 per student, \$90.00 family rate (for 3 or more).

Deadline: Registration and payment must be received by 12:00 noon on **Friday, June 22. No classroom changes or refunds after June 22.** All classroom changes must be requested in writing.

For more program details, go to *www.stgregs.org*/vacation-bible-school/ or call Joan Rischmiller at 688-5760.





You are cordially invited to the Annual Disability Picnic on Saturday, July 14 12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm in the Parish Ministry Center

music &

Dancing



Add to our summertime banquet table and bring your favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share (8-12 servings).

Hot dogs and beverages are provided!

To Register, please email **jrischmiller@stgregs.org** or call 688-5760 if you plan to attend.

Our air-conditioned facility is completely accessible, including bathrooms.



Respect Life

Removing Federal Funding from Abortion Providers: The Trump Administration announced the adoption of a Protect Life Rule issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. The new regulation on Title X funding requires organizations receiving grants to have physical and financial sepa-

ration from organizations providing abortion.

Title X is a family-planning program, created in 1970, to provide low-income women with pre-pregnancy services. Under current law, there is a specific prohibition on directly funding abortion services. However, over the years, the law has been interpreted to require grant recipients to refer for abortion. Consequently, faith-based health centers that object to abortion were discouraged from applying for Title X grants. It also ensured a direct link between family planning services and the promotion of abortion, as most of Title X recipients also provide and promote abortion.

The Protect Life Rule is another in a series of changes impacting the Title X grant-making process. The changes are designed to invite pro-life alternatives to work with the federal government in family planning and replace Planned Parenthood.

The new regulation drew praise from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which welcomed the administration's decision to separate abortion providers from the Title X family-planning program. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the head of the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat, said the changes were "greatly needed."

"Most Americans recognize that abortion is distinct from family planning and has no place in a taxpayer-funded family planning program. For too long, Title X has been used to subsidize the abortion industry. We need to draw a bright line between what happens before a pregnancy begins and what happens after a child has been created," Cardinal Dolan stated, noting that abortion takes the life of a child and leaves lasting effects on the mother, her family and friends.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE: 631,550 Collected, 91.13 % of Our Goal

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is \$693,000. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the 2018 Appeal!

Interested in Becomina a Eucharistic Minister?

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass, please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

When you flee temptation, be sure you don't leave a forwarding address.

Parish Mission

A Parish Mission is a time in a parish community when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a faith-filled life. It is a time for graces and renewal of the parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

This past year, several people have asked if it would be possible to have a Lenten Mission instead of Summer Mission. So after some thought and discussion with the mission committee, and also realizing that Father Leon will be on sabbatical this summer, it was agreed that we would forgo the Summer Mission 2018 and move the Mission to Lent 2019.

The mission committee is very excited to have the time to coordinate an outstanding Mission for Lent 2019. As we move forward information will be printed in the Bulletin.

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS: A Catholic Community Workshop for teens and their parents

For those interested in effective ways to improve their lives at home, school, and work. If you want optimal mental health for yourself, family or child, this workshop is for you! We are partnering up with Dan Lawson LMHC and other parishes to put on this event June 6 at Nativity BVM in the school cafeteria from 7:00-8:30pm. Free to attend but space is limited; please RSVP to Adam at 688-5678.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Please join us in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Paul Cygan at St. Gregory the Great on Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 Mass. Reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms. Deacon Paul served with us for a year as a seminarian and we continue to pray for him. His ordination to the priesthood is on Saturday, June 2, at 9:30 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

RSVP for Fr. Paul Cygan's Reception

Join us on Sunday, June 10, after the 12:30pm Mass. Please RSVP to the Parish Office Reception desk with the number of individuals attending. You may also drop this slip in the collection basket. Any questions, please call the office at 688-5678, ext. 302.

Name:

of people attending the reception for Father Cygan in the Gathering Rooms.

Family Faith Formation

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

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

Weekly FFF Program (Gr 1-10) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019, For program information go to *www.stgregs.org/program-options/* then select your child's grade level.

Little Cherubs (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information, go to *www.stgregs.org/pre-school/*

Disciple Camp (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8) Register **In Person Only** (parent and student must attend) in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2, at 9:00 am **OR** on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes.



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 NEEDED!!! You are invited

to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm. If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

... that St. Greg's is no longer notified when a parishioner is admitted to a hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know where your loved ones are. Please call us at the Parish Office at 688-5678 so they can be remembered in our prayers and added to the Prayer Chain.

<u>St. Greg's School</u>

OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

*** <u>Senior Citizens</u>

June 11 - Monthly meeting in the <u>Gathering Rooms</u> at 1:00pm,after 12:00 Mass. We will celebrate Fathers and Veterans. Subs will be served with music entertainment.

June 15 , Great Race "Baked Goods Sale." The Seniors will again sponsor the "Baked Goods Sale" at the Great Race. If you would like to help us, please call Dolores Mason at 574-6405. Baked goods can be dropped off at 4:00 pm in front of the Church that day.

July 11, *Southern Tier Treasures*, Tour to Olean, \$77 per person, tour of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, lunch at The Old Library Inn and visit Cutco's Visitor Center. Bus departs Ministry Center 10:00 am, returning at 7:00 pm. If interested, let us know to secure reservations. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

Ladies of The Lord...

... will meet Thursday, June 14, 7:00 pm, in the Gathering Rooms to say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and see how the Holy Spirit directs us in our lives. All are welcome.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

High School

<u>Young Adult Ministry</u> (18 – 30something)

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.

College Summer Lineup:

Summer Nights - Mondays in June, 7:00pm in the Café.

Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus; we'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, throwing a Frisbee.

Summer Closeout Party: Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm:

Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give-aways, and a send-off blessing!

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!

Young Adult Summer Lineup:

Softball League: We're in the midst of starting our softball team to represent our parish. We have a full roster already but we'll be keeping you up-to-date on how the season goes.

Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm

Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat.

Kindergarten Readiness Camp

St. Gregory the Great is offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp for Children ages 4-6. This camp will focus on academic, social, emotional and motor skills. Two sessions will be offered: Monday Aug 13-Thursday August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursday, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 -11:30am. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

St. Gregory the Great Cub Pack 440/ Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Make any purchases at Barnes & Noble in Clarence between June 9-17, 2018, using your **Bookfair ID** #12370805 or mention St. Greg's when checking out at any register and a percentage of your purchase goes back St. Gregory the Great Cub Pack 440. Thank you for your support!



Music Ministry Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8) Tuesday, June 5, at 4:30pm The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 17.

Adult Choir for the 11:00am Sunday Mass Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30pm in GR 2

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

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ly readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational messages every day.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you have a loved one or a friend who is going through a tough time, think about giving her/him a prayer shawl. Warm and comforting, made in prayer and blessed by Father Tom, shawls are available in the Parish office at no cost. Also available are blankets for very sick babies and children. Smaller and larger blankets have been made to accommodate children of all ages. A gift of love is the best gift of all to someone who is suffering from pain or loss.

Catechist's Corner

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



You might think you're just a drop in the ocean, but look at the ripple effect one drop can make" - *Unknown*

"My teacher is the best. She teaches me and the rest of the class about God. I love Mrs. Centino. I couldn't replace her, not for any other religion teacher. " - *Fifth Grade FFF Student*

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.

Out of Parish

MISSION HELP: Enjoy a wine and cheese adult gathering from 7:00 to 10:00 pm Friday, June 15, to celebrate the ongoing Nicaragua Mission Project. The event will take place at the Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Road, Amherst. Proceeds will be donated to Ann Marie Zon and the Nicaragua Mission for projects including digging wells, purchasing cows and pigs for poor families and sending children to school. The event is free, with donations accepted throughout the evening. For more information, call Sue at 716-572-9109.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, presents a morning of prayer and praise! Join Magnificat on June 16 at 9:15 am at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Meet Marangely Gonzalez whose heart is filled with love and zeal. She is a dynamic witness to the beauty of our Catholic faith and will speak about how to stand up and live your life more fully in the spirit! This event includes breakfast, testimony, prayer, praise and worship. Please call Ellie at 716-632-0646.

Annual Children's Memorial Praver Service on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Christopher Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda. Anyone who has lost a child, regardless of how old the child was or how long ago the loss, is invited to attend "I Light a Candle for You." This special service includes prayers and readings, poems, music, and a candle-lighting remembrance. For more information, contact the parish office at 716-692-2660 or Deacon Tom Healey at 716-812-7609.

Holy Face Ministry will be presenting a one -day retreat at the Mother of Mercy House, 6131 Newton Road, Orchard Park. The title of the retreat is Contemplating the Face of Christ Through Self Denial Thursday, June 14th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Please register by calling 662-6025.

Encounter God through Music: The Catholic Young Adult group and St. Joe's 20s and 30s group invites you to an evening of faith and music on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00PM at St. Joseph University Parish, 3269 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214. The evening will begin with a talk by Fr. Jack Ledwon about "Encountering God through Music, followed by a concert of music performed by young adult musicians from all over Buffalo. The concert will feature soloists and several choir pieces. The event is free and open to all ages! Come and hear the talented young musicians of our diocese!

Stream Sprouts Young Scientists Club

Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2, from 8:30 –11:30am led by Mrs. Andzik. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are eligible.Explore the wonderful world of science with this hands-on, inquiry based, and engaging after-school club. Students will conduct experiments to explore basic scientific principles. Please register as soon as possible, as there is a maximum number of 14 students. The \$100 class dues includes supplies. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, June 3

1:00 pm School Band Recital (School Gym) Monday, June 4 10:30 am Senior Citizens Board Meeting (MC 1) 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting (GR 1&2) 6:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting (School/Caf/Gym) 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Summer Nights MC Cafe Tuesday, June 5 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1) 5:00 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting (School Library) 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Unit Meeting (MC Gym) 7:00 pm Parish Executive Council Meeting (MC Café) 7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement) 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym) 7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2) Wednesday, June 6 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym) 12:30 pm Diocese OSHA Mandatory Training (GR 1) 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Meeting (GR 1) Thursday, June 7 2:30 pm Joint Girl Scout Troop Meeting (GR 1&2) 4:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (GR 1) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1) Friday, June 8 5:00 pm Parish Homeschool Graduation (Church) 7:00 pm Homeschool Graduation Reception (MC Gym) Saturday, June 9 Sunday, June 10 1:30 pm Fr. Paul Cygan Reception (GR 1&2)

Soccer Challenge at the Great Race

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge held during the Great Race, Friday, June 15, at the Ministry Center Soccer Field. Stop by any time between 7:00 - 8:15 pm to participate. Winners announced at 8:30 pm.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. There is a boy and girl winner in each age group. Winners are determined by best of 15 penalty kicks into a goal, with 5 scoring zones.

Registration is at the event. Participants are required to vouch for age as of September 1, 2018, and parental consent (signature is required). Registration forms are available at the event, or obtain one ahead of time if guardian will not be present.

All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. Winners receive a Council Champion Certificate and advance to the District Level (October, tentatively at St. Gregory's). This is a global Knights of Columbus youth activity.

Mass Schedule		
Saturday, June 2 Vigil Masses		
4:00 pm	Francis X & Hilda Trauffler	
	by Bill & Kathy Schramack	
5:30 pm	Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family	
	Jack Smith by Family	
Sunday, June 3 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ		
8:00 am	Faley & McQuaid Families	
0.20 am	by Curazzato Family	
9:30 am	Michael & Dawn Britt by Family Matthew J. Duggan	
	by Don & Renee Fleming	
11:00 am	Adele Jablonski by Mary Ann Held	
12.20	Loraine Sherman by Husband & Family	
12:30 pm	Gloria Lynch by Richard & Donna Suchan Leo Butera by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Butera	
4:30 pm	Devin J. Waring	
ne o pin	by LaPenna/Urbanczyk Families	
Monday, June 7:00 am	4 Parishioners of St. Gregory's	
8:00 am	Joseph Palka by Family	
	Bernie Meehan by Mary Lou Daigler	
12:00 pm	Rose Hoelscher by Dolores Mason	
Richard Rhodeo by Aunt Margaret		
Tuesday, June 7:00 am	5 – St. Boniface James Lo Verde by Father Sebastian Pierro	
7.00 am	Kathleen Grunert & Cavanaugh Family	
	by Bill & Lee Grunert	
8:00 am	Rita May by Schuler Family	
12:00 pm	Sarah Anastasia (birth) by Michael Anastasia & Rose Baldi	
	Nicholas Potenzo by Mildred Di Tusa	
Wednesday, Ju		
7:00 am	Ethan Ciesiulka by Kate Hahn Mrs. Rose Mary DiPasquale (living)	
	(Birth) by Son, Jay DiPasquale	
8:00 am	Fr. Tom Mahoney (living)	
	Anniversary of Ordination	
	by St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus Council #14687	
12:00 pm	Louise Contella by Richard Bene	
1	Richard Doran by Wife, Nina	
Thursday, June 7		
7:00 am	Richard Daniels by Daughter,	
	Ann Bielinski	
8:00 am	Marion Jane Mahoney	
(School Mass)	by Fr. Tom Mahoney Jordan Eichelberger	
	by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kieffer	
12:00 pm	Cecelia Seliga by Paul & Joan Lazarus	
	Betty Brachmann by Margot Costello	
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Friday, June 8	B – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 am	Richard Romanowski by Estate
	John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am	George Conti by Family
12:00 pm	Anthony Modicamore (anniv) by Family
P	Kenneth Slawson by Family
Saturday, Jun	e 9 – The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin	
8:00 am	Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
	Ladies of the Lord & Families
	by Mary Lou Daigler
Vigil Masses	
4:00 pm	Thomas Lombardo, Sr. MD
1	by Straeck Family
	Michelle G. Jacobs by Gaulin Family
5:30 pm	Katie Gosch by Linda Amabile
1	Charles Kane by Wife & Family
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Sunday, June	10 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Frank & Clara Jarmusz
	by Frank & Judy Jarmusz
9:30 am	Florence LoBue (birth) by Daughter,
	Rosemary Spano
	Adella Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family
11:00 am	Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters
	Marion Rauh by Rauh Family
12:30 pm	Gaetano Amabile by Wife, Linda
1	Rudolph Klaus by Daughter, Linda
1:30 pm	Baptisms
4:30 pm	Peter G. Bertola (anniv)
T	by Bertola Family
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DECEASED Adelgunde Kurtz Georgia Montante

GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is *The Journey of Healing: Speaker Panel*. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND DIVINE MERCY

Videos of the Rosary for our Country and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, along with printable documents with the wording, are available on our website under the Mass Schedules section. Please enjoy the ability to pray each of these important devotions with the videos online if you are unable to join us in person.

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Moving In? Moving Out? 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

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 - 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 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
- 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



