

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 30 & 31, 2018

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, Merry Christmas! As we joyfully celebrate this Sunday, we still celebrate Christmas and within the Octave of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast reminds us of the central reality of God's plan for us. God wants us to be a family. The second reading this Sunday from the First letter of John clearly reminds us of that. It is very easy to see God as "above" us, not only in the heavens, but above us in power, majesty and glory. Certainly God is above us. God is our Creator and as our Creator He desires a relationship with His created. We need to see our entire experience of God as "family." The Trinity is a unity, a family if you will, of three persons in one God. The Trinity is a unity of perfect intimacy. Today's Feast of the Holy Family is an opportunity to see the intimacy of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family and to see the intimacy that each of them possessed with God the Father. The readings this weekend point to the intimacy and importance of Marriage and the power of prayer within a holy marriage.

Joseph is intimate with God the Father. Joseph was always attentive to the messages God sent to him usually through an angel. Joseph heard the words and trusted in them: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife." Joseph was a faithful disciple of Jesus as he was intimate enough to know and understand the promptings of God the Father and courageous enough to live his discipleship. Mary, the first of all disciples of her Son, Jesus, also heard the words and trusted in them: "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a Son and name him Jesus." Mary was the first disciple of Jesus as she was intimate enough to know and understand God's will, and Mary "treasured" and "pondered" all of these messages. Mary was contemplative and certainly a woman of meditation.

Jesus, part of the Trinity, we know often went alone to pray or to be intimate with His Father. Jesus drew the Apostles together in a brotherhood of intimacy and revealed His mission of salvation and identity as Savior and Messiah to them.

The Apostles in turn, after Pentecost, formed the church as a family to be the intimate "Body of Christ" in the world today. Jesus and His Church have established the Sacrament of Marriage to consecrate the love of husband and wife, and within the power of that bond of love to be intimate with each other and with God as His co-creator in the power to create new life in intimacy and love. Marriage and family life is a primary way to understand the mind of God. To understand our Creator, we must understand and experience what God has created. The created reveal the mind of the creator.

Humility is the key to the spiritual life. I will be bold enough to state that if a person is not humble, in every fashion, they will not mature in the spiritual life. Jesus was humble. Jesus humbled Himself to become a man like us in every way but sin. Jesus was humble in His human life as he was obedient to Mary and Joseph. We see the humility of Joseph in that he does not have even one speaking line in the Gospels and is always changing his own mind and plan to conform to God's plan. **(Continued on page 2)**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASS SCHEDULE, DAILY MASS

Monday, December 31, 7:00 & 8:00 am & 12:00 noon

New Year's Vigil Masses

Monday, December 31, 4:00 & 5:30 pm

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, at 8:00 & 10:00am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Dec. 31: 1 John 2:18-21; John:1-1-18

Tues. Jan. 1: Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC); Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Wed. Jan. 2: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

Thurs. Jan. 3: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

Fri. Jan. 4: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

Sat. Jan 5: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Sun. Jan. 6: Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Reading I 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Luke 2:41-52 (the finding in the temple)

Key Passage Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.
(Luke 2:51a)

Adult: *What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?*

Child: *Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?*

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as members of the Holy Family, always supported each other in doing God's will, even though this was not always easy and meant letting go and trusting God. As the family of God's children, we are to help each other in doing God's will, which may be a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org!

Sacramental Information: Confirmation

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

Please remember to attend the sessions you chose to attend.

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

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

NEW Parish Weekend Office Hours

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

(From the desk of Continued from Page 1)

Mary also practices humility. Her humility is seen in her words, "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the moment of the Annunciation. Mary's humility is clear again at the Visitation when she, in her own need, goes to serve her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant with John the Baptizer. Elizabeth's greeting of Mary, "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" prompts Mary's humility again with her beautiful Magnificat "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant." Mary is not filled with ego or pride as she is greeted by Elizabeth. Rather, Mary is filled with humility, pointing to her call as God's great gift to her.

This Feast of the Holy Family is our opportunity to examine our own experience of family life. This is the time to reflect on our own call of intimacy. Husbands and wives are called to greatest intimacy. If you are married, are you allowing your spouse to truly know every facet of who you are as a person? Are you able, as a married couple, to pray with each other and be intimate with God in conjugal (marital) prayer? In order to truly discover and take joy in the gift of marriage, married couples must pray with each other and for each other daily. This prayer will unlock the door to a deep level of intimacy with the Father and each other. It is in the power of that intimacy that not only is human life created, but it is within that power that parents derive the wisdom, knowledge and energy to truly be intimate with their children and help their children discover the mystery of who they are as a "son" or "daughter" of God.

Today we define ourselves in many ways but often neglect to define ourselves in the most important manner; that being, as a son or daughter of Christ forming part of the Body of Christ. Parents in their intimacy with their children are to lead their children to discover that they are God's son or daughter and called to live fully as His disciple. Children are to trust and be intimate with their parents to reveal all of what they question or wish to understand so that their parents will be best able to help them. If you are a child or teenager or young adult, do you trust your parents with your life and questions in a bond of intimacy? Like Mary, ponder these questions in your heart.

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

Family Faith Formation

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

Christmas Break: There are **NO** Family Faith Formation classes for Little Cherubs and Grades 1-10 from Saturday, December 22, 2018 through Friday, January 4. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 5. The FFF Office will be closed December 21, 2018 - January 1, 2019. FFF Offices reopens on January 2, 2019.

Disciple Camp First Friday Club: Disciple Camp students and their friends (Grades 5-8) are invited to our First Friday Club on January 4, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the School Gym and Cafeteria.

January Dates for Generations of Faith:

Session A Sunday, January 6, after the 9:30 am Mass
Session B Sunday, January 6, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.
Session C Thursday, January 10, 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Saturday, January 19

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

Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

NO FFF Classes for All Grades



Coffee Breaks with God: All enjoyed making their own gingerbread house while Gina Cutrona discussed, "Preparing heart and home for Christmas". Join us on Saturday, January 5, at 9:15 am - 10:15 am in the School Art Room for "Keeping the Faith in the Midst of Suffering" presented by Eileen Warner.

Catechist Corner

What you do matters, even if you can't see the results. You are planting seeds when you teach. We just have to trust that God will do the rest. Pray and study; ¹ fill your spiritual tank this Christmas Break by adding something to your prayer life:

- Say an extra Rosary or pray a Novena
- Start your morning by reading the Bible
- Go to a retreat
- Listen to podcasts like www.new.catholicmom.com
- Join a Bible Study
- Use online resources like www.uscb.org or www.teachingcatholickids.com
- Listen to the Catholic radio channel, EWTN

If your spiritual tank is full, you will teach with energy and your enthusiasm will come through to inspire children to want to know more about Jesus and how to get close to Him.

1 Mladinich, Lisa, *Be An Amazing Catechist; Inspire the Faith of Children*. Our Sunday Visitor, 2010. Pages 2,3 and 27.

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can register for a new course being offered at the Catholic Center called, "Ministry Skills; From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator" to be held on Wednesday, January 16, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY. Free but requires registration. Call (716) 847-5501 to register by phone for more information. To register online, go to www.buffalodiocese.org/event/101130/

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

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

The Catholic Store and Café are closed from Monday 12/24/18 through 1/1/2019 reopening on Wednesday 1/2/2019.

St. Gregory the Great Students Spread Holiday Cheer

5th Graders spreading some Christmas cheer at Brookdale. The residents were very happy to see their smiling faces and hear their wonderful voices. Thanks to Mrs. Perna.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30139 took nine names off of the Giving Tree at St Greg's. The troop purchased gifts for young children from money raised by selling Girl Scout Cookie last year.



St. Greg's Girl Scout Troops 30139 and 34181 have been very busy spreading holiday cheer! Girls from the Brownie and Daisy Troops took a trip to Brookdale Nursing Home to help residents make snowman votive ornaments, sing Christmas carols and enjoy milk and cookies!



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite– January 15, 22, 29

Our brand-new 5th and 6th Grade group meets from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

EDGE– January 17, 24, 31

Our amazing 7th and 8th Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

Ultimate- January 25

Ultimate is open everyone in 5-8 Grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the ministry center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

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

Life Teen– January 27

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm** Mass, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

SWAT Team– January 9, 16, 23, 30

Are you looking to delve deeper into your Faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

Empowered In Christ–January 2

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. We meet once a month at 7:00 pm. This group offers opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

High School Havoc January 11-12

Attention all high-schoolers! We will be taking over the Ministry Center all night for a night of awesome games, tons of food, movies and more! Come and bring a friend! Grab a permission slip from the youth office or print one online at stgregsym.org!

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

Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

Young Adult Lineup

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

Amped: *NEW* is an ongoing program which builds community and develops faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, **check the website for dates**.

Mass and Lunch: #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

College Lineup

College Life: College Life helps fuel college students through the semester. College Life will gather 7:00-8:30pm every other Monday in the Café. Come grab something to eat and seek answers to the biggest questions you'll have being a student on campus. **Check website for dates**.

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

Senior Citizens

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

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NEW DATE-
January 11
NEW LOCATION-
School Gym

MEAT RAFFLE

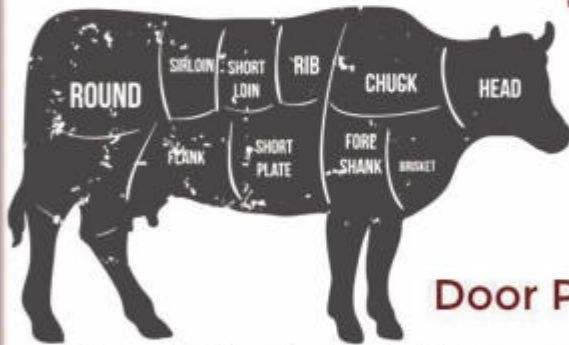
St. Gregory the Great School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

6 PM DOORS OPEN

7 PM FIRST SPIN

ST. GREG'S SCHOOL GYM



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

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

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

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

Name _____

Email _____

Tickets _____ Reserve Table _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Submit form and payment to School Office: MEAT RAFFLE.

Paid Tickets will be sent home with youngest child.

Questions: MeatRaffleTime@gmail.com



Respect Life

In Honor of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1):

A Prayer for Life

“O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.” --*Saint Pope John Paul II*

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, December 30

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1

Wednesday, January 2

6:30 pm Grief & Loss Meeting (GR 1)

7:00 pm RCIC Meeting (Room 702)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday January 3

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)

Friday, January 4

9:00 am MOMS Playgroup (MC Basement)

7:00 pm First Friday Club (School Gym/Caf/Kitchen)

Saturday, January 5

10:30 pm Health Ministry Respite for Caregivers (GR 1-2)

12:00 pm Rosary (Church)

3:00 pm Mission Meeting (GR 1)

Sunday, January 6

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

ADULT MISSION TRIP – JULY 2019

The smallest little action can explode into a lifetime of love. We will be taking a group of adults ages 21 and over to a Mustard Seed community in Moneague, Jamaica from July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested, please plan on attending an informational meeting on Saturday, January 5, at 3:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Can't make the meeting? Look for Mission Trip participants in the vestibules after all Masses January 5 and 6 or contact Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmisiontrip@gmail.com.

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"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" From Father Francis

We – or at least "I" – shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have "tasted and seen." Any patch of sunlight in a wood will show you something about the sun which you could never get from reading books on astronomy. These pure and spontaneous pleasures are "patches of Godlight" in the woods of experience. *C.S. Lewis*

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K of C Free Throw Championship



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

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

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

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

"Do This In Remembrance of Me"

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). If you have ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.



Music Ministry



.No Rehearsals this week

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

St. Greg's Café

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!
DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?**

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

Forgot Your Lunch ?

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

PIZZA NIGHT!

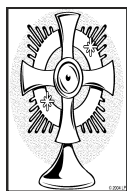
Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

OUT OF PARISH

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS to be held at the **Carmelite Monastery, 75 Carmel Road in Buffalo, NY.** As in previous years, Mass will be offered in our Chapel at 11:30 pm, December 31, to give thanks to God for all graces of 2018 and to ask His blessings on the year 2019. Rev. Peter J. Santandreu will be the celebrant.

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

Spiritual Uplift Packet. Feeling down or discouraged? We want to help you! Contact the Office of Family Life Ministries for a free Spiritual Uplift Packet full of practical, easy to use resources, prayers and ideas for help. For information or a free packet, call 716-847-2210 or email famiy-life@buffalodiocese.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH. . Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away during the upcoming Christmas holidays. Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

LECTORS NEEDED

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 29

8:00 am Marie Krug by Mary Ann & Walt Weber
Norman Paolini by Ken & Debbie Kistner

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Jose Cacho by Nigam Family
Michael & Mary Cirelli by Friends
& Family
5:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Joyce Santora
& Family

Sunday, December 30

8:00 am Sophia Sudyn (anniv)
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
9:30 am Gloria Mucha by Jim, Teresa
& Nolan Majors
Joan Gugliuzza by Family
11:00 am Phyllis DiGiore by Reppucci Family
Grace Noelle Shick by Melody Tronolone
12:30 pm Nicholas M. Iannrelli
by Dr. & Mrs. Paul Lapoint
Sophia Vastola by Pam & Jack Gray
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Amadeo & Mildred Derme and Diane
& Patricia Derme by Son & Brother, Ron

Monday, December 31

7:00 am Patrick Story by Hubert Family
8:00 am Julie Hahn by Kate Hahn
Caitlin Henderson by Fr. Tom Mahoney
12:00 pm Arvella Schrameck
by Bill & Kathy Schrameck

New Year's Vigil Masses

4:00 pm John Gburek by Wife
5:30 pm Kathleen A. Haley (anniv) by Family

Tuesday, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Nicholas Iannarelli by Cherbow Family
Anthony Ulicki (birth)
by Edward & Sylvia Stachura
10:00 am Laverne Francis Fassl (birth) by Wife,
Maureen
Zoltan W. Wurm by Family

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 am John Tronolone by Family
8:00 am Msgr. Mecislaus Wendzikowski
by Priests of St. Gregory's
Patrick Krapf (living) by Mom & Dad
12:00 pm Jonathan Graczyk by Kosowski Family
John Bauman by Marge Estes

Thursday, January 3

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
8:00 am Joe Cimato by Milone Family
Alice M. Schneggenburger
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ludwig
(School Mass)
12:00 pm Paul S. Barone by Nancy Allaire Donohue
Jerry Fasolino III
by Frank & Dauria Cardarella

Friday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Frank Fechter & Members of
Fechter Family by Bill & Lee Grunert
8:00 am Josephine Chiarello (birth) by Mary Ann &
Sam Piazza & John Chiarello
12:00 pm Anthony Vetrano by Wife & Family
Sylvia Shattler by Family

Saturday, January 5 – St. John Newmann

8:00 am Edda Tiburzi by Julie Bukaty
Helen Duffy by Priests of St. Gregory's

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Jane Ray Deakin by Mike & Kathy Deakin
Rae Wyatt by Brother,
Anthony F. Pagnia, Sr. & Family
5:30 pm Andrew Sobczyk by Mom, Dad, Amanda,
Nick, Luke & Jacob

Sunday, January 6

8:00 am Patricia Hartmayer by Hartmayer Family
9:30 am Patricia Burtis by Cheryl Patterson
James & Andrew DeMario
by Laura Pagnia & Family
11:00 am Jim Domino by Josie Buscarino
Leonard Maurer by Bill & Joan Taylor
12:30 pm Sophie & Bernard Balcerek by Daughter,
Christine
Anna & Pietro DiSalvo by Daughter,
Rosalie
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Leonard Sikora by Linda Dohn

DECEASED
Angela Schwind

Please Join us for the Rosary

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." *St. Pio*; "The Rosary is the Bible on a string!" *Fr. Ronan Murphy* "The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings." *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; "One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world." *St. Dominic*. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am & 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and these prayers "transform" our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country at the Grotto, or in the Church in inclement weather.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

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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.*

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

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.

Prayer 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:

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