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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9 & 10, 2018

From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, our prayers have been answered! We are very blessed to receive a newly ordained priest, Father Paul Cygan. As we announced at the Masses last weekend, Bishop Malone ordained four men to the priesthood on Saturday, June 2. Among those ordained was Father Paul Cygan. You will remember him as "Seminarist Paul Cygan" who served at St. Greg's for his pastoral year a couple years ago. Last fall, "Seminarist Paul" became "Deacon Paul Cygan" when he was ordained a Transitional Deacon during his final year of studies at Christ the King Seminary. We will receive "Father Paul Cygan" to our family for a three-year term in another week.

Father Paul is, as we all remember, a holy and prayerful man. I know that our good Lord has great plans for him as he serves at St. Greg's and beyond. Father Paul was born on Holy Thursday, the night we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Father Paul was Ordained a Priest and celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving on the weekend of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is no coincidence. We are blessed to receive a priest who personally has a great devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary and to her son, Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist. I personally know Father Paul's great devotion and reverence for the Eucharist. This fact combined with two of the most important moments of his life, his birth and ordination, tied to celebrations of the Eucharist, lead me to believe that the Lord has great plans for Father Paul to accomplish for Him in the world. How blessed we are at St. Greg's to be recipients of his first three years of priestly ministry.

This Sunday we celebrate Father Paul Cygan's Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Greg's at the 12:30 pm Sunday Liturgy. Originally this Mass was planned as a Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Paul's time of Priestly formation here at St. Greg's. Now this celebration takes on new and greater meaning as we not only thank God for Father Paul's year of formation at St. Greg's, but we also thank God that he has answered our prayers and given us the Gift of a good and holy Priest to serve our parish family.

Father Paul is the son of Stanislaw and Mary Cygan of Olean, New York. We thank you for the gift of your son to our parish, the Diocese of Buffalo and Church. We thank you for the faith-filled home you have provided for Father Paul and your entire family. I know that your home and family life of faith, prayer and Sacraments was the first "seminary" that formed Father Paul to hear and generously respond to God's call in his life. We thank you, and please know that you, and the entire Cygan family, are welcomed with open arms to the parish family of St. Gregory the Great. We also thank your home parish of St. Mary of the Angels Basilica in Olean, New York, for the spiritual formation and guidance that they have given to Father Paul during his childhood and young adult life.

Welcome!! Witamy!!! Father Paul Cygan to St. Gregory the Great Parish family!! (continued on pg. 2)



Ordination of Fr. Paul Cygan

Liturgical Items for Memorial Available

We have a few liturgical items available to be dedicated in memorial, for use at St. Greg's. The Parish has purchased three new vestments to complete the Concelebration set of vestments. Each vestment costs \$1500.00. We have also purchased a new Holy Water Bucket and Sprinkler which cost \$800. These items are available if you would like to donate them in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family. The memorial will be sewn into the vestment and will be engraved on the new Holy Water Set. Please call Jo Pierino at the parish office 688-5678 ext. 301 for more information. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. June 11: Acts of the Apostles 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Tues. June 12: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

Wed. June 13: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

Thurs. June 14: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

Fri. June 15: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

Sat. June 16: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

Sun. June 17: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (92B); 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love for all

Reading I	Genesis 3:9-15 (the fall)
Reading II	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (paradox of the ministry)
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35 (Jesus and Beelzebul; Jesus and his family)
Passage	Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35)

Adult: *In what way could you widen the circle of your family to include someone in need?*

Child: *Whom could you invite to share a happy time with your family?*

VOCATION VIEW

Unity makes for strength, and division makes for failure. How are you called to foster unity among God's people? 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!

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.



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 held this weekend. Help us connect the world with God's word!

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

As we celebrate this weekend, we continue to pray for Vocations. We pray for every call from God. It is important to pray for all of our Single Men and Women who have chosen the Single Vocation, or who simply are living the single life looking someday to marriage, ordained, religious or consecrated life. We pray for our single men and women to remain generous and chaste. We pray for those preparing for Marriage as well as all of our married couples and families. May God bless all of our married couples with the grace of faithfulness and permanence to live out their call to witness to the love of Jesus in the world today. May we see the love of Jesus Christ alive and well in you and may your witness renew and strengthen us to live our own vocations.

We also pray for those called to Holy Orders. We especially pray for our parish Seminarian, Ryan Courtney, and for Jerry Hodgson, Paul Walter and Bob Warner who are in Diaconate formation. I know that the Lord is calling more of our young men to the Priesthood and Diaconate. We pray for your courage and strength to respond to serve the Sacramental life of our Church. We are a Eucharistic Church and we need Priests to celebrate the Mass for us. I know that God is calling, I pray those being called are willing to sacrifice and serve.

We pray for those called to Religious Life and Consecrated Life. We pray for Sister Maria Christi Delaney who is preparing for full and final vows. We pray for Kate Hahn, our Consecrated Virgin, to remain faithful to Christ to whom she has fully consecrated her life to love and serve. We pray for all of the women of our parish called to a Religious Order of Sisters or to Consecrated Virginity that you have the courage and grace to respond to God's call. We pray for all of the men of our parish called to a religious order as a brother, deacon or priest to also have the ability to respond.

We pray for all parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, to have the wisdom and ability to honestly talk to their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews about the importance of discerning God's call in their life including the option of the Priesthood, Religious Life and Consecrated Life.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving

Please join us in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Paul Cygan on Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 Mass. Reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms. We continue to pray for Father Paul as he joins us in his new role as Parochial Vicar! Many Blessings and Congratulations, Father Paul!

A Special Thank You

Thank you to Spoth Farms for their generous donation of beautiful flowers to be planted by our Grotto and Rectory.

BECOME AN "ANGEL" IN A CHILD'S LIFE

We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. With tuition rising each year (for 2018-19 it is now over \$4,000 for one child) your help is needed more than ever. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help to make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our Parish School. Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Donations under \$250 will be pooled together for a Scholarship. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. Parents of current St. Gregory's students do not serve on the committee. Strict confidentiality of donors and award recipients will be maintained. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic Education and positively touch the life of a child in our parish with your generosity. Please join us in this wonderful endeavor.

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

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.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of each month following the 12:30 pm Mass. To register, call Jo at 688-5678.

St. Greg's Great Race

St. Gregory's 23rd Annual Great Race will be held Friday, June 15, at 7:00pm. Register online at www.stgregs.org/greace. 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 registering please contact Cheryl Bertovich at cberovich1@gmail.com.

Catechist's Corner

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



HS Summer Program Students with their catechist working on a service project last summer.

Catechists Needed for our Summer Programs! You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Family Faith Formation! As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with training, materials, and support. **If you're interested** in learning more about becoming a catechist or a class-room aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.

Summer program dates and times you can help teach:

High School Summer Program (Gr 9 & 10) June 25 - 29

All Day: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

Mornings only: 8:45 - 12 noon

Afternoons only: 12 noon - 4:15 pm

Disciple Camp (Gr 5 - 8) July 16 - 20, 8:45 am - 4:15 pm



Disciple Camp Students with their catechist collected non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry as a service project last summer.

Vacation Bible School

For Pre K- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

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

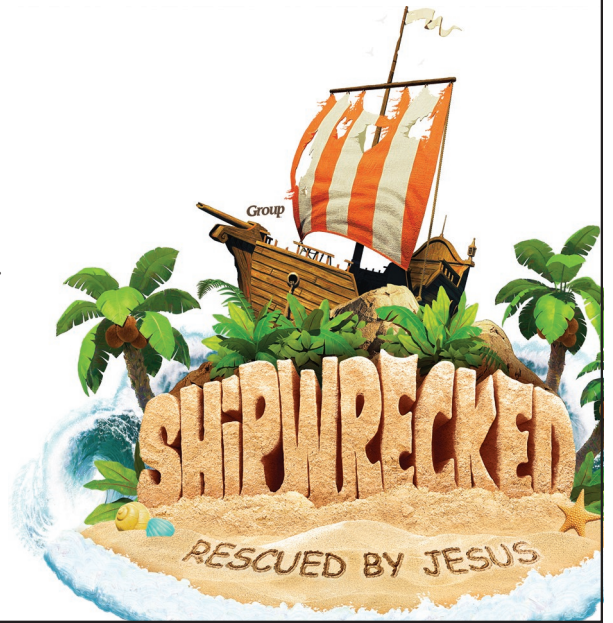
Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22.

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.



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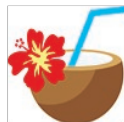
Music &
Dancing

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



Free
Admission

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



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!

Aloha



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

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Respect Life

Abortion Expansion Defeated in Albany: On May 30, State Senate Democrats attempted to force votes on two pro-abortion bills, the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (CCCA) (A.9957-Cahill) and the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) (S.2796-Krueger/A.1748-Glick).

Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Yonkers) and other Democrats were trying to take advantage of a situation where the normal Republican one-vote majority, 32-31, was not in place. Republican Sen. Tom Croci (R-Islip), who had accepted an active duty assignment from the U.S. Navy, was absent from Albany on that day. Consequently, the Senate was evenly split, 31-31 with Democrat Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul holding the potentially tie-breaking vote. Her vote undoubtedly would have brought the two abortion bills to the floor and passed them into law.

Lt. Gov. Hochul believes that it is “vitaly important” for the Senate to vote on “legislation that simply says we should codify *Roe v. Wade*.” **However, it should be noted that the RHA goes far beyond *Roe* to allow unlimited abortion up to birth as well as removing other safeguards.**

Deputy Senate Majority Leader John DeFrancisco (R-DeWitt) responded to the Democrats’ strategy by laying aside all the bills that were scheduled to be considered that day, and the Senate adjourned without voting on any legislation.

When the Senate reconvened, the RHA was returned to the Senate Health Committee. There the bill was defeated by a vote of 9-8 along party lines. The defeat of the RHA in committee means that the bill will not advance any further through the legislative process this year unless Democrats again attempt to force a floor vote on it.

While abortion expansion is thwarted for this session, advocates promise the bills will be reintroduced following the November elections when supporters hope to have a clear majority in the Senate (albanyupdate.com).

THANK YOU FROM THE LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity wish to thank everyone who donated to our recent Household Goods Collection. Your generosity will help many families who are coming out of homeless shelters and setting up new apartments/homes. A very special thank you to our brother Vincentian organization, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Gregory’s, that selflessly provided their muscle & strength. They also set up a tarp in case of rain or blistering sun and stayed with us for the final cleanup. We also appreciate the students who helped us sort and pack the many donated items.

Leaving Religious Items in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Every item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

“SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS”

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me. [Jim Valvano]

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.

Thank you to All Who Donated

Dear St. Gregory the Great Parishioners,

We can’t thank you enough for donating to help provide Sudan with clean water. You will truly change the lives of many people. We appreciate your kindness and generosity and are very grateful for your donations and care for this charity. We have already reached our goal of raising \$5,000. As of Friday, June 1st we have raised \$6,684. Again, thank you so much for showing empathy to the people of Sudan. Your kindness will show the Sudanese God’s loving care.

**God bless,
The St. Greg’s Sixth Grade Class**

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE:

638,590.18 COLLECTED, 91.15 % 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.cwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**

Family Faith Formation

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

2018-2019 FFF Program Registration:

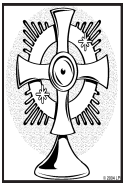
Go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

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 Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes.



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)

"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. *"There is a great need for Mid-night-6:00 am adorers, especially Wednesday 3:00-4:00 am.* If you are a student or teacher off for the summer, please consider an early morning spot. Thank you."

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.

St. Greg's School

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.

Senior Citizens

June 11 - Monthly meeting in the Gathering Rooms 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

Middle School

Visit stgregsym.org for our Summer Schedule! If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

Young Adult Ministry *(18 – 30something)*

Our department is expanding! God has blessed us with the amazing opportunity to begin Young Adult Ministry here at St. Greg's. Adam will now be stepping in to spearhead this ministry and has some pretty amazing plans for the Young Adult Ministry. Stay tuned for what is to come!

High School

Visit stgregsym.org for our summer schedule!

SPECIAL EVENT: Live music night! Join us on **Wednesday, June 13, at 6:00pm** in the Café for fresh, handcrafted pizza, and contemporary Christian music performed by youth from the parish! This is going to be a great night so invite family and friends!

SWAT Team: June 12, 19, 26

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

High-School Hangouts: June 8, June 22

Help us take over the entire Ministry Center for a night of fun and games! Nothing fancy, just show up, enjoy some snacks and have a good time. Starts on Fridays at 7:00pm!

College

Join us for College Life every Monday night at 7:00pm in the Café, a night of food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome in this dynamic and growing community!

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!

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 12, 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 12, 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



Download the St. Gregory the Great Mobile App!!!

Take St. Gregory's wherever you go. The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

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

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).

Marriage Moment

Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance. Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. If your marriage is in a rocky period consider trying Retrouvaille or The Third Option.

Parenting Perspective

"He took bread, blessed it...and gave it to them." (Mark 14:22) Hopefully our family says a blessing before meals. What we eat becomes part of our body. As your family eats together, be mindful that God is in each of you. Together we are the Body of Christ.

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 Prayer 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 10

1:30 pm Fr. Paul Cygan Reception (GR 1&2)

Monday, June 11

1:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting (GR 1&2)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Summer Nights MC Café

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Committee Meeting (MC 1)

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)

Wednesday, June 13

8:00 am Kindergarten Graduation (MC Gym)

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Home School Association Meeting (GR 1&2)

7:30 pm Boys Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

Thursday, June 14

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

7:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation (Church)

7:00 pm Graduation Reception (School Gym)

Friday, June 15 - Great Race

Saturday, June 16

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC 1)

10:00 am Women's Enrichment Coordinators Meeting (MC 2)

Sunday, June 17

Chesterton Academy of Buffalo Presents

Dr. Alan Keyes:

"Catholic Faith and Citizenship"

Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and listen to one of our country's most prolific political activists, author, and former diplomat. Dr. Keyes is proudly Christian, Catholic, Pro-Life and Pro-Liberty and has sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the republican form of government it establishes.

When: June 16, 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: 14 Holy Helpers Hall
1339 Indian Church Rd.
West Seneca, NY 14224

Cost: Free will offering with proceeds going to Chesterton Academy of Buffalo and Dr. Keyes.

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.

JOIN THE PARISH

If you are recently married and live in our area, we invite you to join our parish. Contact the Parish Office at (716) 688-5678 to register.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 9

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Thomas Lombardo, Sr. MD
by Straeck Family
Michelle G. Jacobs by Gaulin Family
- 5:30 pm Katie Gosch by Linda Amabile
Charles Kane by Wife & Family

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
Rudolph Klaus by Daughter, Linda
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Peter G. Bertola (anniv)
by Bertola Family

Monday, June 11

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
William J. Cleary, Sr. by Goergen Family
- 8:00 am Robert, Sr. & Vivienne Schifferli
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
Gustina & Wittig Families
by Roger J. Wittig
- 12:00 pm Nelson DiPasquale
by Ronald & Joanne Zini

Tuesday, June 12

- 7:00 am Thomas Matey by Joe & Diane Kapsiak
- 8:00 am Thomas H. Crowley by Wife, Rita
& Family
Msgr. Paul Juenker
by Robert & Ann Ludwig
- 12:00 pm Billy Allaire by Nancy Allaire Donohue
Richard Cole by Cole & Allen Families

Wednesday, June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

- 7:00 am Richard A. Miller by Stephen Hassenlopp
- 8:00 am David Hayes by Stephen Kane
Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family
- 12:00 pm Sister Shawn Czyzycki (living)
(Anniv. of Final Vows) by St. Gregory's
Knights of Columbus Council #14687
Richard Calzi by Margaret Estes

Thursday, June 14

- 7:00 am John & Connie Gambino (anniv)
by Son, Jack
Rev. Msgr. Samuel J. Faiola
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Mary Dukat by St. Vincent de Paul Society
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of Hertel Family
by Jeanne Hertel
Chester Kosnik (anniv) by Daughter,
Amy Ventura
- 7:00 pm **8th Grade Graduation**

Friday, June 15

- 7:00 am C. James & Elizabeth Lagowski (living)
50th Wedding Annivesary by Family
- 8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of Bogdan
& Daigler Families
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
- 12:00 pm Mary Ann Hertel by Ruth Crowley
Mrs. Dorothy Meissner
by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Meissner
Kenneth Slawson by Family

Saturday, June 16

- 8:00 am Steve Brevorka (anniv) by Barbara Pelosi

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Anne G. Wittig by Husband, Roger
Marcia Gambino by Sister
- 5:30 pm Santo & Mario Campanella
by Maria Campanella

Sunday, June 17 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Robert N. Rutkowski by Daughter,
Donna Morrison
Fathers Day Novena
for All Father's, Living & Deceased
- 9:30 am Salvatore J. Giovino by Giovino Family
- 11:00 am Alois Dukat (anniv) by Norbert Mruk
Family
Richard Parnell by Parnell & Pilicki
Families
- 12:30 pm Chester Lis by Family
Alice Klaus by Daughter, Linda
- 4:30 pm Aldo Narduzzo (birth) by Irma & Family

DECEASED

Mary A. Capone
Bruce A. Pieters

HOST OFFERING

In Honor of Michael Anastasia (living)
by Daughter, Mimi

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.

St. Gregory the Great
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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.

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:

- *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*