

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

- ~ IN FAITH
- ~ IN WORSHIP
- ~ IN SERVICE



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9 & 10, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, As we celebrate this weekend I would like to address some practical points. The first point is our church renovation. The work is progressing along nicely. One part of our project that we did not include in the project is the need for new sanctuary furnishings. Simply stated, our liturgical furnishings are tired, broken and glued together or simply worn out. Like moving into a new home, we often will purchase new furniture and furnishings to match the new environment; the same is true for our church.

The time has come to purchase new liturgical furnishings to match each other and refresh the sanctuary. To that end, I have ordered the following items which can be memorialized. Each item will have a donor plaque stating who it is given by or in memory of. I ask you to call Jo Pierino at our Parish Office if you are interested in memorializing any of these items:

1. (6) Candle holders for the altar area. Two to be used at Mass in procession and the others to be used in various ways at Christmas, Easter and special celebrations. These are \$3000.00 each.
2. (1) Processional Cross and Stand for \$3500.00
3. (1) Paschal Candle Holder for \$3500.00
4. (1) Incense censor and stand for \$3500.00
5. (1) Set of Bells for use at Consecration for \$800.00

A second thought to share this week: I am sure you would agree that there is a sharp polarization in our society. There is a growing divide in our country as a whole and within many organizations.

In addition to the polarization, there is also a movement to direct all concerns, questions, complaints and issues to leadership rather than to begin with the person directly involved and work your way up the list. Our experience of Parish Life mirrors this trend.

We are blessed at St. Gregory the Great to have a wonderful and comprehensive staff; not only ministerial, but also administrative, maintenance, educators, and those dedicated to technology and communication and more.

I wish to urge everyone in our parish to utilize our staff before contacting one of the priests, especially the pastor, over every type of concern or question.

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PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **February 10** for coffee, juice and donuts in the **Café** after 9:30am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

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.

(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

During my time as Pastor, I have unintentionally frustrated people who have waited for me to return calls or emails. This occurs due to the volume of calls and emails I receive, but especially because many of the matters do not particularly pertain to me. To work as efficiently as we can as a Parish Family, I urge you to consider carefully who you call or email to first assist you. Contact the person who is closest to the matter at hand. As the Pastor, I do have ultimate responsibility and authority over the entire Parish and School, but I do not exercise that unless you have already taken your concern to the proper ministerial or administrative staff member.

Simply stated, I cannot answer every question. I would like to offer you this practical list of our staff and their given areas of ministry or service:

Business and Administrative: Tina Evers
ext. 306

School Tuition/Accounting: Ann Marie
Ricchiazzi ext. 307

Bulletin: Jo-Jo Palumbo, ext. 304

Communications: Marisa Piazza, ext. 303

Music Ministry: Daniel Victoor, ext. 308

ALL School Concerns: Julie Gajewski, ext.
350 or Eric Roy, ext. 352

ALL Family Faith Formation Concerns: Joan
Rischmiller, ext. 358

Jr. High Youth Ministry: Nicole Janecek, ext.
341

High School Youth Ministry: Richard Patti,
ext. 338

Young Adult Ministry: Adam Jarosz, ext.
316

St. Gregory's Café: Margaret Smith, ext.
317

St. Gregory's Bookstore: Kathy Delaney,
ext. 320

Please feel free to contact any one of the priests, deacons or Sr. Shawn directly at their extension or email for your spiritual and pastoral needs.

It is courteous to give some idea regarding the nature of your call or need to set up an appointment. Many individuals refuse to state the nature of their need to meet and simply state it as "personal" in nature. I would say about ninety percent of those needs are really coming to discuss a matter that needs to be discussed with one of our staff members.

When calling one of the clergy for an appointment, please give state what the matter is about: planning a wedding, counseling for the family or marriage, spiritual direction, discernment of a decision to be made, etc. This information helps us prepare for the appointment and allows us to have resources available for your visit. We thank you for your cooperation with this. Our goal is to serve all parishioners to the best of our ability. St. Paul reminds us that there are many parts to the same body and each part has its function. The same is true for our Parish Body. We have many people here to serve you and each has their given area of expertise. Working together ensures the parish functions more efficiently.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Feb. 11: Genesis 1:1-9; Mark 6:53-56

Tues. Feb. 12: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Wed. Feb. 13 : Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Thurs. Feb. 14: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Fri. Feb. 15: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Sat. Feb. 16: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sun. Feb. 17 Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C); 1 Corinthians
15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17,20-26

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stretching our limits

Reading I Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (call of Isaiah)

Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Christ's Resurrection)

Gospel Luke 5:1b:-11 (call of the first disciples)

Key Passage Simon Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people." Luke 5:8-10b)

Adult: *When have you felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?*

Child: *When have you been asked to do something you felt might be too hard for you? What did you do?*

Family Faith Formation

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

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events :

Winter Break February 16-- 24

NO FFF Classes. FFF Office Closed.



During classes, FFF Seventh Grade students learned to make Rosaries to use for a Candlelit Living Rosary. They learned the history of the Rosary, Rosaries were blessed and special petitions were prayed.



If your child (grades 5-8) doesn't know how to make one they can learn at Rosary Club, which meets on Mondays from 6:15 - 7:15/7:30 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Sacramental Information

First Communion Parent Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm and on Saturday, February 9, at 9:15 am, in the School Gym and Cafeteria. Parents please attend ONE of these sessions for important information regarding First Communion.

First Communion Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, February 10, at the 9:30 am Mass in the Ministry Center.

Eucharistic Minister Training

Share your love of the Eucharist. Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session on Saturday, March 9, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary. To register, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

Catechist Corner

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 the following workshops that are free but require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- February 13, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Ascension, Batavia
- April 25, 6:30 -8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the Catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- February 7, 6:30 -8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.*

- March 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo
Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

Growing Pains: *This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.*

- March 30, 9:30-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean,
- April 30, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

Confirmation Dates for 2019

Students will receive their assigned dates. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is learn, lead, serve, succeed which matches our vision at St. Gregory the Great School. We are blessed to have a strong faith community and Parish with many ministries that contribute to our school. Although, we were only able to celebrate on Monday and Tuesday, students participated in meaningful and exciting building events. On Monday, our 8th Grade class held a breakfast for the leaders of our ministries at St. Gregory the Great Parish and School. Our students demonstrated great leadership skills through set-up, serving, hosting, and entertaining members of our Parish School Family. It was wonderful to watch the students give thanks to so many who offer their time and talents to benefit our church and school.

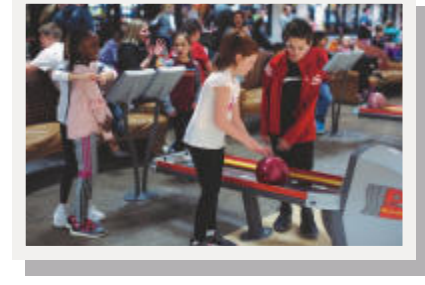
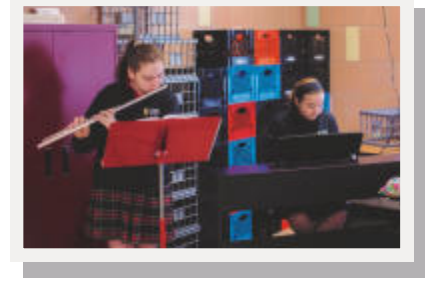
Students in Grades EK-4 enjoyed a day of team building at the annual bowling trip to Transit Lanes. Students bonded together through a fun day filled with laughter and friendly competition. On Tuesday, grades PK 4-8 participated in Prayer Partner Bingo. Students loved playing BINGO with their prayer partners which was another way that we foster a sense of family across many grade levels. The older and younger students greatly look forward to working with one another. We will be rescheduling some of the other events we missed due to snow days as we want to continue to celebrate who we are as a Catholic School. We are very blessed to be part of a dynamic and loving School and Parish community.

God Bless,
Mrs. Gajewski
Principal



Student Spotlight!

8th Grade Day of Recollection by: Carly Ratchuk



On January 10, the Eighth Grade class of St. Gregory's participated in a Day of Recollection. This Day of Recollection was carefully organized by the Youth Ministry Team of the school, led by Adam Jarosz and Nicole Janecek. Students participated in games and activities, along with attending the 12:00 noon Mass, and ended the day in Adoration at the church. It was a cheerful and fulfilling experience for the students. While we had fun, we also learned many things about our faith and ourselves.

To start the day, the class joined together in the Ministry Center. This is where most of the day's activities took place. Nicole directed several group games we could enjoy. Some of these included Ships and Sailors, Just Dance, Simon Says, and a Rock Paper Scissors tournament. We were also given free time in the gym. Here, we were able to participate in sports and group games together. These activities included frisbee, volleyball, four square, and basketball. One of the best parts of having this retreat for the eighth graders was that our class as a whole was able to spend time together outside of the classroom. Having a retreat where we could all be together and work together in team challenges and learn about our Faith was a great addition to our last year at St. Gregory's. "It was fun to get to know my friends better," agreed Lexi Brannen, St. Greg's eighth grader.

The Day of Recollection was not all games, however. The youth ministers also administered Adoration in the Church, small group meetings where we reflected on Bible passages, and meditation. During Adoration in the Church, our class had time to reflect on what we had learned throughout the day, and pray on what is important to us. We assembled into small groups throughout the day as well as participated in a variety of activities. About five or six students were assigned a group with their classmates. These meetings usually occurred after one of the more important activities, so we could reflect on and discuss the lessons. The leader of each group asked thoughtful questions for us to discuss with one another. In the middle of the retreat, the boys and girls were separated for a much needed meditation. The girls participated in a conversation about becoming more secure in themselves, and the boys discussed the importance of humility. These lessons are very important and relevant in a fourteen-year-olds life. Adam and Nicole did a great job of teaching us and making us feel good about ourselves and our Faith. "I thought Sarah (guest speaker and small group leader) was a great influence," commented Kelly Ezenwa, St. Greg's Eighth Grader.

The Eighth Grade class really enjoyed the Day of Recollection and the time we spent together. We learned about the relentless love of our God and how important our Faith is, while having fun with our school community and teachers. Thank you to the Youth Ministry team led by Adam and Nicole, all the teachers who joined the students, the many volunteers who helped make the day possible, and Fr. Paul for blessing the Eighth Grade Cass with this wonderful opportunity!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Ignite- February 14, 19, 26

Our brand-new 5 and 6 grade group meets every week from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays** (with the exception of Feb 14). Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

EDGE- February 14, 21, 28

Our amazing 7 and 8 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- February 22

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 Youth Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- February 10, 17, 24

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- February 13, 20, 27

Are you looking to dive 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!

High School Hangout- February 15

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, high-schoolers get to take over the Ministry Center for a night of food and fun!

Come and bring a friend!

Summer Experience for Youth

Camp Covecrest- July 21-28

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Camp Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high-ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Ministry Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

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.**

Follow St. Greg's on Social Media



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
- Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- Download the St. Greg's Mobile App. Search St. Gregory the Great and enjoy daily spiritual quotes.

Music Ministry



Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 12
in GR2

The Children Choir will be singing during
the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 17

Adult Choir for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 12, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, February 26 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10 in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16 in the Church

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.

A Note From Father Thomas

Dear Friends,

Father Leon has asked me to assemble a small group of people to provide leadership for our Parish efforts in Evangelization, and I am happy to accept this assignment. In the Church's understanding, Evangelization has two thrusts: to go *out*, bringing the message of Christ to others, and to go *deep*, enriching and strengthening the Faith life of those who are already "in the pews".

This Evangelization Committee would meet six to eight times a year, and consider ways and means that have proved fruitful in other Parishes, in some of which I have served.

If you have an interest in this Ministry, please email me at tfm210@hotmail.com, with "Committee" in the title line, or phone me at 688-5678 ext. 305. Here are a few lines from the Gospel to ponder as you consider this possibility:

"To whom much has been given, much will be expected."

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

"Do not hide your light under a bushel basket."

Cordially,

Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, February 25, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be GOMOC and Father Barth and the Maryknolls. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, March 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

LADIES OF THE LORD...

... Will meet at 7:00pm in the Gathering Rooms on Thursday, February 14, for our Valentine gathering, with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our "family" of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.

HEART-TO-HEART FOOD DRIVE

The Heart-to-Heart Food Drive, in memory of Father David Kirsch, will be held this weekend, **February 9 and 10.** Fr. Dave was always very aware of the plight of the needy in winter and the burden on Food Pantries in trying to feed the hungry. We hope to collect non-perishable food that our St. Vincent de Paul can distribute. **Here are suggestions for donations:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Cereal, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Cake mix, Mac and Cheese and Paper Products.

Please bring your donation of food to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Truck by the Ministry Center.

Marriage Moment

"Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13:5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

Parenting Perspective

"Blessed are you who are poor...hungry...weeping...when people hate you." (Luke 6:20-22) Do your children understand what it is like to be poor, hungry or hated? Certainly as a parent you've at least had times when your child complained about you. Dig deep and ponder how to recognize this as a blessing...in time.



Respect Life

Join Us! The 8th Annual St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Benefit Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 26, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue.

The keynote speaker is Michele Sterlace-Accorsi, an attorney with an advanced law degree in conflict resolution and who is the executive director of Feminists Choosing Life of New York. Bishop Richard J. Malone will deliver opening remarks.

Live music will be performed by David Calire. There will be gift baskets and raffle contests, along with a cash bar. Seating is limited with reservations required. Non-refundable registration is \$75 per person, or \$50 per student. You may register online at buffalodiocese.org or call the Office of Pro-Life at 716-847-2205. **The deadline is Friday, February 15th.**

Group reservations (tables of eight) are available. Be sure to supply all the names in your group when registering. If you cannot attend, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Online donations via PayPal or credit card can be made at buffalodiocese.org and click on the "Pro-Life" tab. Checks payable to the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center can be mailed to:

**Office of Pro-Life
795 Main St.
Buffalo, NY 14203**

Thank you so much for your generosity, and helping women to choose Life!

Senior Citizens

The February Meeting has been cancelled due to Church construction.

Tuesday, February 26; Seneca Niagara Casino, Customer Appreciation Event, \$26 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm, \$20/member & \$25/guest. Choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Marsala or Baked Haddock. Mail check and meal choice to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's by March 4.

Second-Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry Collection Drive

St. Vincent De Paul Society will be collecting **Second Hand Watches, Clocks & Jewelry** at all Masses on Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24, in the Ministry Center. All donations are for the St. Vincent De Paul not-for-profit store.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 10 - Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Caf /Gym Basement)

Monday, February 11

5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Caf )
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, February 12

1:30 pm Girls Scouts Daisies Meeting (GR 1)
5:30 pm School Board Advancement Committee Meeting (MC 2)
6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Caf)

Wednesday, February 13

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Caf )
6:30 pm Hearts Afire Meeting (GR 2)
7:00 pm Home & School Assn. Meeting (GR 1)
7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, February 14

2:15 pm Girl Scouts Troop Brownies Meeting (GR 1)
7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

Friday, February 15

9:00 am MOMS Meeting (GR 1&2)
6:00 pm AHG Troop Meeting
(School Caf /Gym/Library)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout
(MC Caf /Basement)

Saturday, February 16

10:00 am Women's Enrichment Meeting (MC 2)
12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 3)
5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, February 17

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Caf /Basement)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Have you considered giving a prayer shawl to someone you know who is going through difficult or challenging circumstances in life? Our shawls, made by hand with love and prayer, can be given to anyone who is going through physical pain from surgery, rehab after surgery, acute and chronic illnesses, especially cancer with surgery and subsequent chemotherapy. Those suffering from emotional pain from the loss of a loved one, divorce, dementia, depression or family conflict can also benefit from the warmth, consolation and connection with God's love that a blessed shawl can often provide. The elderly, the very ill and depressed are often cold, even on the hottest day. Prayer shawls are free and can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am -12:00 noon in the Ministry Center Gym. All are invited to join us! Donations to purchase yarn are greatly appreciated.



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.

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.

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled adorers:
SUNDAYS 6-7 PM and 8-9 PM
MONDAYS 6-7 PM

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

Mission Trip - Spots Still Available!

There are still a few openings available for our mission trip to Moneague, Jamaica this July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Astridge at stgreg-smissiontrip@gmail.com.

OUT OF PARISH

CHICKEN DINNER: Cardinal O’Hara High School will host a chicken barbecue dinner from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the school, 39 O’Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. The Chiavetta’s chicken dinner will include a half-chicken, two salads, roll and butter. Beverages and desserts will be available for purchase. Dine in or take out dinners will be available. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Proceeds will fully support the 2018-2019 Monsignor Martin Class B Champion Football Team. For information or tickets, call the school at 695-2600, ext. 312 or email sdudley@cardinalohara.com or dschieser@cardinalohara.com.

BASKETBALL FUN: If you like to play basketball and are a graduate of Cardinal O’Hara High School, you are invited to play in, or be a spectator at, the annual coed alumni basketball game at 6:00 p.m. Feb. 13 at Cardinal O’Hara. Tickets to the evening’s activities are free to alumni. For more information, call 695-2600, ext. 312 or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

OUT OF PARISH (Continued)

Brothers of Mercy Speaker Events:

Join us for these FREE informational seminars and light refreshments held at Brothers of Mercy’s Montabaur Heights (4530 Ransom Road in Clarence) **February 18th: Living with Dementia: Dr. Natalie Gugino, MD | 6:30 - 7:30pm** Dr. Gugino will lead a discussion of the different types of dementia, emotional and psychological effect, treatments, medications and more. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation. **February 25th : Heart Health: Dr. Joanne Cobler, MD | 6:30 - 7:30pm** Dr. Cobler will lead a discussion of heart symptoms, risk factors and diagnosis. A Question & Answer session will follow the presentation.

LIVE CONCERTS: The Cardinal O’Hara High School Alumni Association will present the Strictly Hip at 8:00 p.m. March 1 at Cardinal O’Hara. Tickets for the BBC concert are \$20 each or five for the cost of four. The Strictly Hip tickets are \$8 presale, \$10 at the door. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cardinalohara.com or call 695-2600, ext. 312. Proceeds benefit the continuing restoration of the Arts Center and the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Catholic Women’s Conference 2019-“Nourished by Christ” at St. Mary’s High School in Lancaster (Across from Our Lady of Pompeii Church) Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 am Registration / 8:00am Mass. The speakers will be Sonja Corbitt, Catholic speaker/writer/podcaster at www.biblestudyevangelista.com, and Rev. David Richards, pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii. Tickets are \$20.00 which includes continental breakfast. In addition to the speakers, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession. **For information call 716-222-0622 or go to www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org.**

Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage and don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The next weekend is **February 15-17**. For details or to register, call 716-474-9371 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential; pre-registration is required.

New York Yankees vs. Cleveland Indians. Saturday, June 8th. The bus will be leaving St. Amelia Church parking lot at 11:30am for a 4:15pm ballgame. We will return immediately following the game (approx. 11:00pm) Cost of the trip is \$110 per person and includes: transportation, gratuity & tickets to the game in our own private suite, unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages from before the game until 1 hour after the first pitch. Drinks, snack and dessert remain out until the 7th inning. If you prefer you can also sit outside in the sunshine. For reservations or more information please contact Joe Kroczyński @ 876-2616 or jkroczyński@stameliaschool.org **DON’T DELAY ONLY 42 SEATS REMAIN**

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 9

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Corra & Thein Families (living)
by the Curazzatos
Pearl Forbes by Joan Mathews
5:30 pm Brian Boulay by Lisa LaLonde

Sunday, February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Edmund Mayer by Jim & Judy Huber
John A. Abeyounis
by Terry & Jim Gumulak
9:30 am Emily J. Kloss
by Richard & Donna Suchan
James L. Hoelscher
by Richard & Donna Suchan
11:00 am In Honor of St. Anthony –
Thank you for Article Found
Norrine Whissel by Courtney Robshaw
12:30 pm Marie & Philip Pantano by Pam Pantano
Joan Marinaccio
by Mitch & Michele Staskiewicz
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Joan M. Schmitt by L. T. Verity & Family

Monday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

- 7:00 am Sister Marie McTarnaghan (living)
by Bill & Linda Dohn
8:00 am John D. Rutherford by John & Amy Persons
Tran Trong Am
by Richard & Donna Suchan
12:00 pm Timothy Burke by Rick & Beth Gerrish
Anthony Guizzatti
by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Tower

Tuesday, February 12

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am Richard A. Haberman
by Kevin & Danielle Hanley
Lucy Maggioli by Rose Marie Beltrami
12:00 pm John Lucyszyn (birth) by Amy Ventura
Margaret M. Richards by Friend

Wednesday, February 13

- 7:00 am Dave Haumesser by Rick & Beth Gerrish
8:00 am Michael Varbanov by Mother
Mary & Jeanne Le Goff by Le Goff Family
12:00 pm Arthur Lorenzo
by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Donius
Dr. David P. Bartels by Cosgriff Family

Thursday, February 14

- 7:00 am Paul Moran by Betty Moran
8:00 am Gerri De Lac by Granddaughter, Lillian
(School Mass) Lyle Kinsella by Fr. Tom Mahoney
12:00 pm Patrick Allen by Allen, Benson & Gerrish
Families
Christine A. Dulski
by Mary & Anthony Dulski

Friday, February 15

- 7:00 am Angela Riordan (anniv) by Riordan Family
8:00 am Pasquale Rossi by Cheryl, Mike
& Giavanna Rossi
Mary & Albert Capozzi
by Sharyn & Bill Miller
12:00 pm Josephine Curto (birth) by Daughter
& Family
Leroy Knuth by Barbara Voigt

Saturday, February 16

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Anne G. Wittig by Husband, Roger

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Msgr. Rupert Wright (birth) by Allen,
Benson & Gerrish Families
Otello & Marianna Manna
by Laura A. Pegnia & Family
5:30 pm Rodney & Cindy Krysztof (living)
by Karen Cindy Stubbendeck

Sunday, February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am William J. Cleary, Jr. by Goergen Family
Mary Capps by Michael & Tommy Bender
9:30 am Helen Labrushesky by Schimenti Family
11:00 am John Julicher by Frank & Dianne Riordan
Norine Whissel by Courtney Robshaw
12:30 pm Ralph Sperrazza (anniv) by Sister
William J. Kilinskas by Bill Kilinskas
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Angelo Oliva by Richard & Mary Stanton

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

Catholic Store & Café

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 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 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.

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