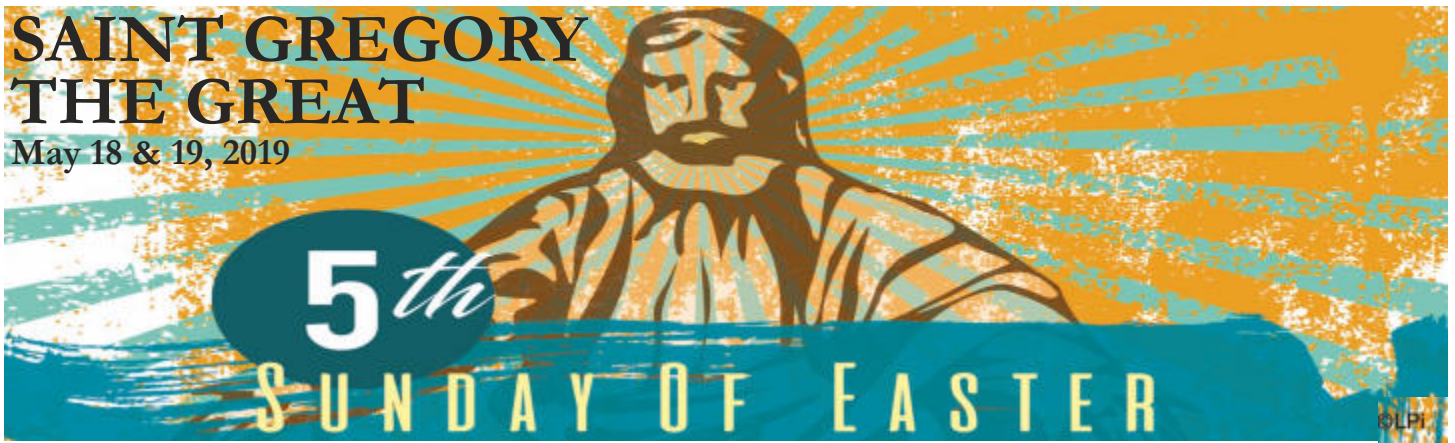


SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

May 18 & 19, 2019



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we come together this weekend, we close a wonderful week of celebrations at St. Greg's. Last week, Friday, May 10, our St. Gregory the Great Eighth Grade Students celebrated and presided over the School's May Crowning, which also serves as a class day celebration with a luncheon for the eighth grade after the service. The luncheon was held at the Country Club of Buffalo. On Saturday, May 11, we celebrated First Holy Communion. On both Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16, we celebrated Confirmation for our high school teenagers. Also on Thursday, May 16, our Third Grade Students, who just received their First Holy Communion, attended school Mass dressed in their beautiful dresses and suits. After they received Communion for the first time at a school Mass, their Eighth Grade buddy knelt before them for a prayer of blessing since they are in the powerful graces of having received the Eucharist. It is always a powerful moment to watch our Eighth Graders humbly kneel before our Third Graders asking for their blessing and prayer.

These celebrations are the "happy" part of discipleship today. I suppose we would all wish for our entire discipleship in Christ to be marked by high points of joy and spiritual intimacy with God and others. Unfortunately, as in every facet of life, it is inevitable for there to be a good amount of hard work, some failure, some success, and moments of frustration in addition to the brilliant moments like those described above. Leaves me to ask the question, what is the key to true discipleship?

I had the privilege to preside and preach at the 9:30 am, First Holy Communion last weekend. Among the many questions I asked our children during the homily, this one: "how is it that we grow from the time we are Baptized and how do we come to experience Jesus?" The first young man who I called upon gave an awesome answer, although all of the answers were great, this one stood out. He said: "we first need to be open to receive the Holy Spirit." Awesome answer and great theology! I told Bishop Malone about his answer and suggested he be appointed to a Diocesan Theological Commission.

Our young friend is exactly correct, the key to true discipleship is being open to the Holy Spirit. In order to truly be a disciple of Christ one must desire it in his/her heart and be open to be led by the Holy Spirit. This is an important point to consider as we look towards the celebration of Pentecost and as we contemplate the ultimate meaning of our Faith this Easter Season. Have you experienced the love of God in a deeper way this Easter? Have you ever deeply experienced the love of God? This is a great question to ponder.

To experience the love of God fills us with joy, exuberance, and excitement to go out and share the good news. We know what excitement is all about. We get excited over a new restaurant or a new draft pick to play for the Bills or Sabres. We get excited over graduation or a vacation or a new car or job. Do we have the same, and hopefully greater, joy over experiencing the love of God?

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MEMORIAL DAY



All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. There will only be one Mass that day, at 8:00 am.

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All Parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **May 19**, for coffee, juice and donuts in Gathering Room 1 after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the Parish, you may register at this time.

PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

The Apostles experienced the love of God and were filled with joy, exuberance and excitement that called them to suffer persecution and still be joyful. This same experience of love called them to travel. Think about Sunday's first reading from Acts 14:21-27 and the cities we hear about: Lystra, Iconium, Antioch, Pisidia, Pamphylia, Perga and Attalia. Paul's travels, and these cities were only part of his entire travel plan, took him over 1200 miles to share his excitement, exuberance and joy he knew in the love of God. What is God calling you to do? How is God calling you to invite others? Where is God calling you to serve in His name to share your joy?

The Book of Revelation is sometimes overlooked because it is seen as doom and gloom. Many see the Book of Revelation as only about the final judgment and the end of time. The book is really the opposite. It is a kind of "love story" as we hear a lot of wedding imagery used. Many parts of our Eucharistic liturgy come from the Book of Revelation. We are reminded of the nuptial union between Jesus the groom and the baptized, His spouse. Just the word "revelation" means to reveal or to lay bare. Just as a bride comes to the altar with her veil to meet her groom, so too, we the baptized come to Christ our spouse. In the nuptial union with Christ we are to lay bare our lives and reveal all who we are to Christ, and to be open to the Holy Spirit and allow ourselves to have Christ reveal Himself. If we see that we are the spouse of Christ, then we will experience the excitement, exuberance and joy of the love of God. It is in that experience that we find ourselves not only willing, but conceiving of nothing other than, going out to share the good news as did the Apostles. Do you see yourself as the spouse of Christ? Do you recognize fidelity to Christ as part of that spousal relationship?

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

.... **A Reminder:** Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces when there is a Handicap van parked there. This prevents our Parishioners from being able to enter/exit their vehicles.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. May 20: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tues. May 21: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wed. May 22: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thurs. May 23: Acts of the Apostles 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Fri. May 24: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Sat. May 25: Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sun. May 26: Acts of the Apostles 15,1-2, 22-29 (57C); Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29



In Memory of...

Additional Flower Donations:

- **Balcerek and Kozakiewicz Families**
- **Lvg and Dec Mmbrs of the DelBalso and Finn Families**
- **Mario, Catherine & Carl Puglisi**
- **Olive Mammoser**
- **Jim O'Shaunacy**
- **John, Benice, George and Peg Lawrence**

DEACON ORDINATION SATURDAY, MAY 25

Please join us on Saturday, May 25, at St. Joseph Cathedral, for the celebration of the Ordination of Jeremy (Jerry) Hodson, at 9:30 am. **All are welcome to attend!** On Sunday, May 26, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Gregory the Great Parish at 11:00 am with a Parish reception following.

RSVP for Reception by Friday, May 17, to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Number of People Attending: # _____

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

2019-20 FFF REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/
then select **Program Options** for more information,
including Little Cherubs (PreK) and the Weekly Pro-
gram (Gr K - 10).

- **High School Summer Program** (Gr 9 and 10)
Class dates: June 26 - 28, July 1 and 2, (9:00 am- 4:00 pm)
Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:
 - **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students) Register
In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on
Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
 - **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students) Register
In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on
Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

**Registration for the following programs begins on
Saturday, June 1, 2019. Register Online or In Per-
son:**

- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)
Class Dates: July 15-19, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Deadline to register for Disciple Camp is June 21.
- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K- Gr 10)
Weekly Classes from September 2019 - April 2020
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4)
Weekly classes, Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am from
September 2019 - April 2020

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 pm in GR 2
The Children Choir will be singing during the
9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 16.

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 pm, in GR 2

For more information about the various ensembles,
contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

SENIOR CITIZENS

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP
TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

\$26 per person due by May 25. Send payment to Par-
ish Business Office, checks only, to St. Greg's Sen-
ior. Try your luck at the popular Pennies from Heav-
en Slot area, Turtle Island, the non-smoking casino
and expanded Hotel Gaming Floor. Over 100 tables
including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and a world-
class Poker Room. Come check out the new renova-
tions! Receive \$30 Slot Dollars plus Lunch Buffet at
Thunder Mountain Buffet.

Depart: 9:00 am

Casino: 10:00 am -3:00 pm

Return: 4:00 pm

For more information
contact Elizabeth Starks at
639-0139.



CATECHIST CORNER

HELP WANTED: We're looking for Catechists to teach
religion classes for our High School Summer Program
held June 26, 27, 28, July 1 and 2. Catechists can take
morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/ or afternoon
sessions (12:45 pm - 4:00pm). All lesson plans,
materials and support provided.



Sign up to teach for the HS Summer Program!

For more information on how to become a
Catechist, call the **FFF Office at 688-760.**

MISSION RETREAT

A Parish Mission is a time in a Parish when the com-
munity 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 sto-
ries, examples and meaning.

The **2019 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place
July 14-20. Please consider joining us to deepen your
relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in
your hearts. Contact Jo in the Parish Office at 688-
5678 to register.



CATHOLIC STORE SALE

Time to spruce up your yard? Have
you planted your garden yet? Come to
The Catholic Store from May 4
through May 25 for **15% off all of our outdoor
statues** Come check out the selection before they
are gone!



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION
“AN EVENING OF STARS”
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

You’re All Invited to A St. Gregory the Great Dinner Auction Fundraiser at



Sunday, June 2, 4:00-8:00 pm
 Transit Road Location Only

9430 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

Show this Bulletin or mention St. Greg’s at checkout and Pie-o-Mine & Greens will donate 20% of your purchase to this fundraiser. (If you order online just put “fundraiser” in the notes section.)

DINE –IN or TAKE-OUT

LIVE MUSIC AT THE CAFÉ

SGYM⁵ Life is easier when you let the St. Greg’s Café do the cooking! Join us for an evening out on Wednesday, May 29, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm for custom, made-to-order pizza while enjoying live, easy-listening music by Ascent 101, an acoustic ensemble made up of some youth from the Parish, as well as Day7, a contemporary ensemble based out of St. Greg’s. All are welcome!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE A STUDENT IN GR 8 AND 9:

For your child to be confirmed at St. Gregory’s Parish, they need to be registered for Confirmation in Grades 9 and 10 so that parents receive all communication about Confirmation preparation.. Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meeting**

- **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)

Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

- **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)

Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.



RESPECT LIFE DIAPER DRIVE

Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center. You can drop off disposable diapers and wipes, lotions and bath products, baby formula, and/or new or gently used infant clothing items inside the main entrance to the Church all week and weekend long.

****Please Note:** Due to federal and state safety regulations, we CANNOT accept used baby furniture or toys. Those wishing to make a monetary donation may do so online at buffalodiocese.org/pro-life or by mail to the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, 14203. Make checks payable to “Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Activities.”



Congratulations and God bless the 111 children who received their First Communion on Saturday, May 13.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

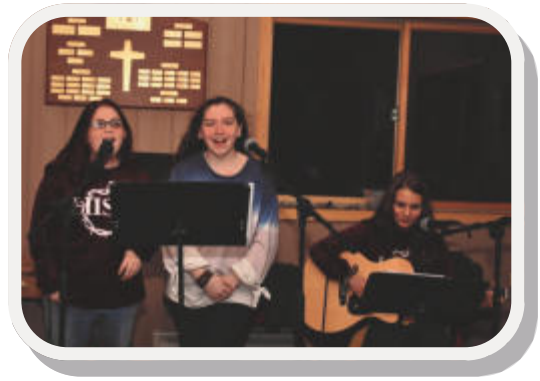
CLOTHED IN THE SUN

GRADE 8 STUDENTS FROM THE PARISH REFLECT ON CAMP TURNER END OF THE YEAR RETREAT



“Camp Turner is easily the most incredible retreat I’ve ever been to. The hilarious games to the amazing spiritual experiences like Adoration and the Marian talks have majorly influenced my soul. My favorite game obviously was ‘Honey do you Love Me?’ And easily the best spiritual experience was Adoration. This short retreat changed my life for the better, thank you staff for hosting the retreat!”

~Steven Szumigala
8th Grade Homeschool



“I loved Spring Retreat because it brought me a lot closer to everyone there and I am now great friends with everyone. Youth Ministry definitely brought me closer to God and I couldn’t have found my faith without it. I like Youth Ministry because of the different activities and all the different prayers”

~Gianna Bargnes
8th Grade Transit Middle School

“I like Youth Ministry not only to learn more about my faith but I also like having a place to go where I can spend time with my friends”

~Amanda(Mandy) Allen
8th Grade St. Gregory the Great



“There are so many different memories I have with youth ministry, it’s very hard to name my favorite! In general, youth ministry has taught me how to be myself and how to stay rooted in my Catholic faith. I would never trade anything for the community I have in youth group at St. Greg’s.”

~Kristin Filk
8th Grade St. Gregory the Great

Join us for the last SWAT of the year May 29, 7:00 pm.
Don’t forget to check out our website for all our summer programs!





RESPECT LIFE

Heartbeat Law Passes in Georgia--

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp has approved a law that bans abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat. The law will take effect January 1. Georgia is one of eleven states that have proposed or passed similar legislation.

The Living Infants Fairness and Equality (LIFE) Act will limit abortion in the state of Georgia to about the first six weeks of gestation. Presently, abortion is legal in the state until the 20th week of a pregnancy.

“We stand up and speak for those unable to speak for themselves. The LIFE Act is very simple, but also very powerful,” said Kemp. The bill is “a declaration that all life has value, that all life matters, that all life is worthy of protection.”

Francis J. Mulcahy, the executive director of the Georgia Catholic Conference, said in a statement that the bishops were fully behind the bill.

The American Civil Liberties Union had promised to fight the LIFE Act in court if it was signed into law. Other states have seen similar legislation struck down as unconstitutional by the courts following expensive legal battles. Actress Alyssa Milano threatened to organize a state-wide boycott of Georgia by the film and television industry in protest of the law. So far, a boycott has failed to materialize. (Full text at ncregister.com).

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org. If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, the Buffalo Diocese offers a local Project Rachel program. You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at 716-847-2211.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

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

- ◆ **SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm**
- ◆ **MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am**
- ◆ **SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm**

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19 - Clothing Drive

10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)

Monday, May 20

8:00 am H.S.A. Book Fair (School Library)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, May 21

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Daisies) (GR 1)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)

6:45pm Webelos Pack 440 Meeting (GR 1)

Wednesday, May 22

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

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

Thursday, May 23

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 2)

Friday, May 24

6:00 pm Am. Heritage Girls (School Caf/ Gym/Library)

Saturday, May 25

4:00 pm 5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, May 26

11:00 am Deacon Jerry Hodson Mass (Church)



REGISTER TODAY!

Be PUREly You Young Women's Conference: Be Purely You

All girls Grades 8-12 are welcome to join us for a faith- and fun-filled day of inspiring talks and activities! Take a journey through key life areas and discover ways to develop great relationships, live with intentionality and create healthy habits. Walk away with your unique “travel itinerary.”

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at

St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center
Register online by May 28, at www.stgregs.org \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes lunch provided by Buffalo Strive Markets.

For more information, call Lori at 866-2373.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The annual Clothing Drive will be held on **Sunday, May 19**. Trucks will be available in the parking lot near the Ministry Center from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. **CLOTHES ONLY.**



READINESS CAMP

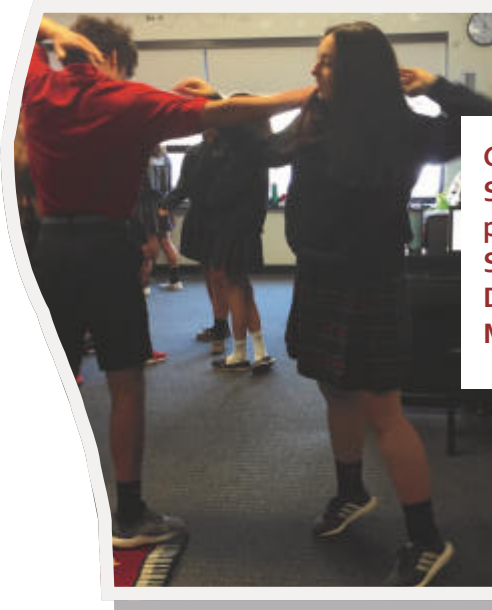
Kindergarten Readiness program for children ages 4-6. The camp will focus on academic, social, emotional, and motor skills. Children will develop necessary skills through fun games, activities and play.

- August 12-15 and/or
- August 19-22

Time: 8:30-11:30 am

Maximum of 20 Students

To reserve a spot please contact
Emily Andzik
(eandzik@stgregs.org) or Terri
Strassel (tstrassel@stgregs.org)



Grade 8
Students
practice
Swing
Dancing in
Music Class

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Visit www.stgregsschool.org to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.

Discover the St. Greg's Difference Today!

A Day in the Life of Early Kindergarten

Our Early Kindergarten program embraces our Early Childhood mission of faith-filled, joyful learning every day through play based learning and collaboration among peers in a safe and nurturing environment. Early Kindergarten is a multi-age (4/5 year old) program that gives the gift of enrichment and time for students before they enter Kindergarten. It is a year for children to grow physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually as they ready themselves for a successful academic path in Kindergarten and beyond.

A typical morning in EK involves morning meeting, where students pray together, sing, dance, and stretch, and prepare for the fun day of learning ahead. Our writer's workshop time allows the children to journal their own stories and share their ideas with their friends which builds a sense of community and taps into each child's individual interests. Our literacy block is a center-based time where students collaborate in small groups to work on various literacy skills including letter ID, sounds, word work, and reading. We also incorporate our Handwriting Without Tears activities which gives the children a fun, interactive way to enhance their fine motor skills and writing.

In the afternoon we enjoy the playground, our daily special, and dive into our STREAM based centers which include activities such as art, building, math, science and technology.

Throughout the year in EK we love to celebrate birthdays and holidays with class parties, participate in field trips, and complete service projects with our 4th Grade Prayer Partners. Our goal for every child who enters our program is to leave with the tools necessary to not just be ready, but THRIVE in Kindergarten!

God Bless,
Molly White and Heather Flanagan

"SHARING OUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS"

ART & POETRY SHOW



Date: May 19, 2019

Time: 10:30—1:00

For more information please
contact the school.

Phone: 716-688-5323

E-mail: ppgms@aol.com

- Student art and poetry displays
- Poetry readings @ 11:00 and 12:00
- Food & refreshments
- Guest Writer/Poet Amy Ludwig VanDerwater



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18

Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm John Tammaro by Ann Lambiose
Judith Kaczmarek (birth)
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
- 5:30 pm Antoinette Cavanaugh
by Ronald & Joanne Zini

Sunday, May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Frank & Clara Jarmusz
by Judy & Frank Jarmusz
- 9:30 am John Lydon, Jr. by Wife
Mother's Day Novena
for all Mothers Living & Deceased
- 11:00 am Helen Tarby by Ron & Jeannie Kreamy
Patricia & Frank Palczak by Alfasso Family
- 12:30 pm Russ & Hartwanger Families
by Robert Rauh Family
Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family
& Friends
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Patrick Waldron by Stark Family

Monday, May 20

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Mother's Day Novena
for all Mothers Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Father Jack Mattimore (living) by Friend
- 12:00 pm Bartholomew G. Mazzara by Ventura Family
Patricia Vigneron
by John & Marguerite Stonesifer

Tuesday, May 21

- 7:00 am William Bender by Fran & Gil Countryman
- 8:00 am Larry Rose by Bernadette Barton
Sister Mary Rosalma Pawlak by Barbara Gmann
- 12:00 pm George Sasse (birth) by Daughter
Christina Benito by Christopher Family

Wednesday, May 22

- 7:00 am Charles & Agnes Egloff
by John & Amy Persons
- 8:00 am Franca Lumia by Farruggia Family
Stella Messina by Besant Family
- 12:00 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Dr. & Mrs. Donald Donius
Reno Ellero by Family

Thursday, May 23

- 7:00 am Msgr. Donald R. Wangler
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Kreir & Kistner
Families by Ladies of the Lord
Marie Malano by Fran & Bob Kropf
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Stephan Leman (birth) by Mom & Daughter
Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel

Friday, May 24

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am John Tronolone (anniv) by Family
Margaret Ciesiulka by Sister, Kate
- 12:00 pm Margaret D'Auria by Geri & Paul Cardarella
Kay Krauss by Eugene & Diane Vogel

Saturday, May 25

- 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi
Ginger Kothen by Barbara Pelosi
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Kathleen A. Behan
and Thomas J. Creenan

Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Ed & Lorene Ingerski by Kempner Family
Sam Arena by Wife & Children
- 5:30 pm Helen Tarby by Irv & Joy Peterson

Sunday, May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Carole, Harold & Bob Curtin
by Judy & Frank Jarmusz
- 9:30 am Franklin M. Boehler
by Wife & Family
Patricia Lo Bue Becht (birth)
by Sister, Rosemary
- 11:00 am Donato LaLama by Wife, Lydia LaLama
Arlene Mruk by Husband, Norbert
- 12:30 pm Carl Cammilleri by Mom, Dad & Family
Aloysius & Gertrude Huber by Huber Family
Baptisms
- 1:30 pm Randy Nelson by Julicher Family

DECEASED

Robert J. Briggs

HOST & WINE OFFERING

In Memory of Colleen Bolton Witting
by Douglas Bolton Family

HOST OFFERING

In Memory of Dorothy & Tom Flynn
By Nancy Goodwin

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$502,172.32 collected, 72.5%. Our Parish goal is
\$692,988.74. To donate, mail your contribution to
the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccwny.org.



To learn more visit our website or Facebook page:

<http://www.stgregs.org/great-race-calendar/>

To register for the race go to :

<https://www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7145>

The unofficial race to start your summer off on the right foot! With over 1,000 runners and walkers, you won't want to miss out on the 7:00 pm shotgun start. See you there!!!

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pick up date is Saturday, May 25. Call 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and all furniture/appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch. Refer to what we can accept on this list; Appliances must work, and furniture must be in good condition: **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

EVENING PRAYER

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. It is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

Out of Parish

THE BROTHERS OF MERCY SPEAKER SERIES

Free series, open to the public at Montabaur Heights, 4530 Ransom Rd. Clarence, NY. Call (716) 407-5104 to register; walk-ins welcome.

Upcoming dates and topics:

⇒ **Monday, May 20, at 1:00 pm:** University Express: *Historic and Influential People from Buffalo: Early 1800s*

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION

Collegiate Summer—4 week program for students entering Grade 8. July 1-26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Experience the community of excellence and develop useful skills to prepare for high school. To request a brochure and application, call 874-4953.

9 Summer Camps—Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Strength & Speed, Volleyball, and Wrestling camps. Open to a variety of age groups and skill levels. To register, visit www.sjci.com/sportscamp or call 874-4953.

CELEBRATE 850 YEARS OF THE NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

The world was shocked and saddened by the fire that roared through Notre Dame Cathedral. Yet, this is the latest event in the long, rich, and complicated history. Join Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary as presenter and storyteller, Bob Poczik, tells the story of veneration, desecration, neglect, decline and renewal. Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 pm 8500 Main Street, Clarence NY. For more information please contact John Wilde at 634-3130 Ext. 322 or jwilde@nativityharrishill.org

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Catholic Prom is back, and you're invited! Tickets are only \$25, and students from 9-12 grade are welcome to attend. The Prom is on June 15, at the Buffalo Seminary from 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. Photos, registration, and further information can be found at <https://buffcatholicprom.wixsite.com/buffalo>. See you there!



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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass, 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. 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.

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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.

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PRAYER

- The Rosary is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
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