

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

# Happy

# Mother's Day

May 11 & 12 2019

## *A Message from Msgr. Thomas Maloney*

Dear Parishioners,

Father Leon was away this past week, and he asked me to fill in for him by providing the Pastor's message for the Bulletin. I wanted to provide an update on the work of the newly formed Evangelization Committee.

Here is an imaginary conversation between Jesus and St. Greg's Parishioner (let's call him Greg):

Greg: "I want to remind you, Lord, about my son in Denver and my daughter in Dallas. For some time now, I have been asking you to lead them back to the regular practice of the Catholic faith they were raised in."

Jesus: "I know of your deep concern for your children. I share this concern. I have been working to engage people in Denver and Dallas to get involved in reaching out to people like your children and welcoming them to their church services. To date, I have not been as successful as I had hoped. Meantime, there is something I want to ask you."

Greg: "Sure, Lord. I am open to what you ask."

Jesus: "Well, you see, Greg, I get prayers like yours every day. Right now, in fact, I have requests from people in places like Denver and Dallas whose children have grown up and moved to places like Amherst. I need people in Amherst to reach out to these individuals who could be new members of their parish families, people like you. Will you help?"

This imaginary dialogue ends with a question, and I believe that is the question Jesus is asking the members of St. Gregory the Great Parish. I am asking, in the name of Jesus, will you help?

I am not asking you to join the Evangelization Committee. I did that some weeks ago, and now we have a dozen members. I am not asking you to "hop on the Welcome Wagon." I did that in April and now we have six volunteers preparing to welcome new Amherst residents to the community, and to our Parish Family.

I am asking you now to help in two ways. First, make our Parish outreach part of your personal prayer agenda. Ask God to make our efforts fruitful.

Second, sharpen your personal sense of hospitality. Imagine someone reaching out to your child in a distant city. If your child ventured to attend church, you would hope and pray that he would be accepted, welcomed, affirmed. That is the way we need to treat newcomers to our parish liturgies. Ask yourself, "If I were a stranger attending St. Greg's for the first time, what would I want to happen?"

Some ideas: Move in toward the center of your pew, leaving room for newcomers on the aisle. Smile and say hello to people you do not know. Make it a point, at the sign of peace, to greet at least one person who is unknown to you.

I am heartened and enthused by the response of our people to the work of evangelization.

Sincerely in the Risen Christ,  
Father Thomas

### **MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS**

Novena Cards are available at all entrances of the Church. Please take a card today to honor your mother, grandmother, or godmother. Place your offering in the collection basket. Novena intentions will be prayed for the week of May 12 - 20.



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 wont want to miss out on the 7:00 pm shotgun start. See you there!!!

### 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.

### “ST. GREGORY TWELVE” NOMINATIONS

Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our Parish life and ministries. If you know of Parishioners whose voluntary efforts have enhanced our Parish Community, please nominate them for this award, which will be acknowledged at Mass on May 20. We look forward to having the opportunity to honor many in our Parish who unselfishly donate their time/abilities to fulfill our Parish mission. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office, due to Jo Pierino by Friday, May 17.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. May 13:** Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:1-10  
**Tues. May 14:** Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17  
**Wed. May 15:** Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50  
**Thurs. May 16:** Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20  
**Fri. May 17:** Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
**Sat.. May 18:** Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John 14:7-14  
**Sun. May 19:** Acts of the Apostles 14, 21-27 (54C); Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31a, 34-35



### 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** These statues are a perfect gift for Mother’s Day! Come check out the selection before they are gone!

### 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.**

### 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/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/) then select **Program Options** for more information, including Little Cherubs (Pre School) and the Weekly Program.

- **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.
- **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Program, Gr K-Gr 10)  
**Classes** are once a month, September 2019 – April 2020  
**Registration** for All GOF Sessions (A, B and C) is on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration ONLY.** Act fast; each session will close at 50 Families.
- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)  
**Class Dates:** July 15-19, 2019, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1, and ends on June 21. Register Online or In Person.

We were proud to recognize 26 students from the Weekly FFF Program for having perfect attendance throughout this school year! Pictured below are some of those students. Great job to you all!!



**Congratulations to the FFF Weekly Program Students who had perfect attendance for the 2018-2019 year!**

#### Grade 1

Tyler Berg  
Isabella Cieslewicz  
Charlotte Meyer  
Steven (Tim) Moll, Jr.  
Elizabeth Vallon

#### Grade 2

Isabella Anderson  
Emma Cosentino  
Abraham Joseph  
Valentina Ragusa  
Vincent Rasnik

#### Grade 3

Olivia Otis  
Thomas Weir, Jr.

#### Grade 4

Gwendolyn Burtis  
James Cieslewicz  
Zachary Evans  
Aiden Gunther  
Aubrey Lippa  
Justin Meyer  
Joseph Rasnick  
Jacob Wyant

#### Grade 5

Benjamin Atkinson  
Thomas Hopkins  
Alicia Zemrak

#### Grade 6

Morgan Lippa  
Tyler White

#### Grade 7

Jack Golden

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

### Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 14, in GR2  
The Children Choir will be singing during the  
9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 16.

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

## MISSION RETREAT

A Parish Mission is a time in a Parish 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.

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.

## CATECHIST CORNER

We're looking for Catechists to teach Religion classes for our High School Summer Program which will be 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 are provided.

For more information on how to become a Catechist call the FFF Office at 688-5760.



As a service project, our High School Summer Program students made tie dye tee shirts for the students of Our Lady of Black Rock for their Vacation Bible School students.



**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

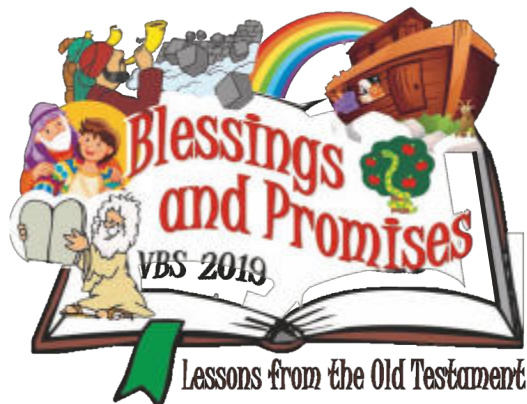


**Sunday, June 2, 4:00-8:00 pm**  
 Transit Road Location Only

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*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

(Pre K\*- Gr 4) \*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

**Camp Dates:** July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon.  
**Registration** begins on Monday, May 1, and ends on Friday, June 21. This year’s theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament. For details go to [www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/) Register Online or In Person.

**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, May 15, from 7:00-10:00 pm in GR 2.** For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or ray-geska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.



**In Memory of...**  
*Additional Flower Donations:*

- **Balcerek and Kozakiewicz Families**
- **Lvg and Dec Mmbrs of the DelBalso and Finn Families**
- **Mario, Catherine & Carl Puglisi**
- **Susan Wright**

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Seneca Niagara Casino Trip - June 25,** Make check payable to St. Greg’s Senior, \$26 by May 25. Checks only. Contact Elizabeth Starks, 639-0139.

**AND THE WINNER IS.....**

Fr. Paul draws the wining tickets for the Catholic Store 7 year anniversary!

**CONGRATULATIONS SHARON FINLAYSON!**



## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**YA Retreat: Flourish, June 14-15:** Set in the time of the year where life is awakening, this retreat will focus on our relationship with Christ and how to grow your life in Him. You don't want to miss out on this retreat along the shores of beautiful Lake Erie at Camp Pioneer. Registration is now open on the YM website. \$85 if registered and paid by May 31, \$95 after.

**YA Women's Community:** All this Exodus 90 talk has rekindled the desire for a YA women's group. We have a group of women meeting soon to brainstorm over doughnuts and coffee. Interested in being a part of the conversation? Talk to Adam.

**St. Luke's Service:** St. Luke's Service: Stay tuned for the next date. We'll be working on a house off-site: if you're interested, message Adam at 716-435-0432.

**Amped:** Running every other Tuesday is Amped, an ongoing night to build community and develop 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. The next one is this Tuesday!

**YA Retreat: Brave II, November 8-10:** Oh yea. It's coming and it's better than the first. You can even sign up now if you want right here. Our. First. Full. Weekend.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION CONFIRMATION 2019

**Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows:** Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

### CONFIRMATION 2020 AND 2021

**ALL Catholic and Public School Parents who currently have a student in Grade 8 and 9:** For your child to be Confirmed at St. Gregory's, they need to be registered for Confirmation in Grades 9 and 10. Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meeting** (see below) to register for Confirmation.

The **Parent Meetings** are for both Catholic and Public school students. Registration is necessary so that parents receive all communication about Confirmation preparation which takes place when your child is in Grades 9 and 10.

- **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.




### Middle School End of the Year Event

Above-Grade 8

Below-Grade 5-8 with core members



### SAVE THE DATE: 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](http://www.stgregs.org) \$20 presale or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes lunch provided by Buffalo Strive Markets. **Visit the table in the back of Church May 4 and 5 to learn more and sign up!**

**For more information, call Lori at 866-2373.**

## Out of Parish

### 29TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN ART EXHIBITION

*CELEBRATING BUDDING ARTISTS...BLOOMING IN FAITH"*

Opening Reception and Ice Cream Social: May 6, 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Additional Show Hours: Tuesday, May 7 –Thursday, May 9, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: St. Mary School Swormville  
6919 Transit Road, East Amherst

What: Students from around the Diocese will have their artwork on display throughout the halls. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

### 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:

⇒ **Friday, May 17, at 11:00 am:** The Alzheimer's Association: *"Dementia Conversations"*

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

### 11 DAYS EGYPT & THE GREAT NILE CRUISE

When: Novrmbrrt 5-15, 2019

Cost: \$3399

Visit: The Great Pyramids of Giza...the Colossal Sphinx...the Valley of the Kings~ famous for its royal tombs...the Temples of Luxor & Karnak... Ancient Cairo...Take an unforgettable 5-Day cruise down the eternal Nile River...

Contact Msgr.. Zapfel for more information at 835-8905 Email: office@stleothegreatamherst.com

### PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL & THE EARLY CHURCH TO GREECE AND EPHEBUS

When: October 15-19, 2019

Cost: \$3,895

Visit: Tolo, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplion, Delphi, Kalambaka, Corinth, and 3 nights in Athens. Cruise includes: Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini.

Contact Fr. Peter Zaczynski 763-2815 or peterzaczynski@gmail.com

### TRIP TO 2020 PASSION PLAY OFFERED

2020 is the year for the next Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The 12-Day Splendors of Eastern Europe Pilgrimage including the Passion Play is May 18 to 29, 2020. The cost for this excursion is \$4,139 per person includes air and land packages, government taxes and fees, and airline surcharges, First Class ticket to the Passion Play. It is not too early to reserve a spot for this journey. For more information on either trip, contact Nadine Oates at 55-7092 or noates@cks.edu.

### 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 level. To register, visit [www.sjci.com/sportscamp](http://www.sjci.com/sportscamp) or call 874-4953.

### PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION MEETING

Participate in our May meeting, at St. Gregory the Great Church on Monday, May 13, at 7:00-8:30pm in Gathering Room # 1. Affiliate meetings are a chance for us to come together in the fight against pancreatic cancer. Make a difference for those affected by the disease by getting involved. We will continue the planning process for PanCAN's signature fundraiser the PurpleStride 5K walk/run to be held in September 2019. Please come and bring a friend! All are welcome! **To RSVP please contact [ljakubowski@pancanvolunteer.org](mailto:ljakubowski@pancanvolunteer.org).**

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

**\$472,152.77** collected, **68.1%**. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at [www.ccnyny.org](http://www.ccnyny.org). Thank you for your support!



## RESPECT LIFE

**Happy Mother's Day!!** "Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Certainly, a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the Faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world." (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, Section 174)

**This weekend**, the Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center. They need: **Disposable Diapers (All Sizes) and Wipes, Lotions and Bath Products, Baby Formula and New or Gently Used Infant Clothing Items.**

Items should be placed in the container inside the main entrance to the Church.

**Please Note:** Donations are limited to the items on this list. Due to federal and state safety regulations, we CANNOT accept used baby furniture, car seats, or toys. Those wishing to make a monetary donation may do so online at [buffalodiocese.org/pro-life](http://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."

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CELEBRATES 17 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 12

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

### Monday, May 13

1:30 pm Seniors Mother's Day Luncheon

6:15 pm PanCan Meeting (GR 1)

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

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

### Tuesday, May 14

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC Café)

7:00 pm Respect Life Meeting (MC 1)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

### Wednesday, May 15

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

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

7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)

7:00 pm RCIA Final Session (School Room 702)

### Thursday, May 16

2:15 pm Girl Scouts Junior Troop Meeting (GR 2)

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (MC 2)

7:00 pm Confirmation (Church)

### Friday, May 17

8:00 am Mother's Day Tea (MC Gym/Kitchen)

9:00 am MOMS Meeting (GR 1&2)

4:00 pm H.S.A. Family Event (School Gym/Café)

### Saturday, May 18

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

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room)

6:30 pm 1500 Club Dinner (MC Gym/Foyer/Kitchen)

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

11:30 am First Communion

### Sunday, May 19 - Clothing Drive

10:00 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)

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



## EUCHARISTIC 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.



READI-

### NESS 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



Help the students raise money for Roswell to fight Cancer. You can donate money to someone participating in Bald for Bucks at the school or participate yourself. <http://buffalo.baldforbucks.org/>

Go online to register yourself for the St. Gregory the Great Team or donate to someone listed.

Join us for the event---  
Friday, May 17, at 8:00am in the gym.

*Hairdresser Parents- Volunteer to do the cutting/ shaving for the event. Contact Ms. Weppner with questions.*

**Bonus- Grade 3 students will sell their artwork at this event for "Canvases Against Cancer" Led by student Sydney Lynn.**



"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: [ggmccm@stgregs.org](mailto:ggmccm@stgregs.org)

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

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT—Purchase a ticket online today at <https://stgregs.weshareonline.org/>**

### DRAWING: MAY 18, 2019

Time is running out for a chance at the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$50 and each ticket admits two adults to the party to be held in the Ministry Center. You do not have to attend to win.

To purchase a ticket, go to the website above, or complete the form below and send your \$50 check payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: 1500 Club, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Contact [1500club@stgregs.org](mailto:1500club@stgregs.org).

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested @ \$50/each: \_\_\_\_\_



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 11

#### Vigil Mass

4:00 pm Anthony & Mary Cosentino by Pam Pantano  
Mary Wzyzkowski by Family  
5:30 pm Linda Grandits by Grandits Family

### Sunday, May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Sophie Biernat by Son, Father Leon Biernat  
Edward Bieda by Eloise & Paul Donovan  
9:30 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins  
11:00 am Sophie & Bernard Balcerek by Daughter,  
Christine  
Erich Zagskorn, Jr. by Family  
12:30 pm Teresa Pileri & Nancy Cammilleri  
by Josephine & Angelo Cammilleri  
Mother's Day Novena  
For all Mothers Living & Deceased  
1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Sons, Eric & Brian  
Dolores E. Gleason by Devoted Daughter,  
Margaret A. Gleason

### Monday, May 13

7:00 am Leonard Benjamin by Bertovich Family  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
8:00 am Marica Pavin by Senka Kacan  
12:00 pm Lucille Cullen by Sister, Mary Ann Held  
Frank Deni by Aunt Rose Sicurella

### Tuesday, May 14 – St. Matthias

7:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Varbanov & Vasco  
Families by Ladies of the Lord  
8:00 am Larry Rose by Jim & Judy Huber  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Veta Thurston (anniv) by Family  
Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters  
7:00 pm Confirmation

### Wednesday, May 15

7:00 am Ann Scanlan by Gary & Annette Kajtoch  
Matt & Stacy Brass & Family (living)  
by Kirk & Karen Stubbendeck  
8:00 am George & Janet Collins by Children  
12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased

### Thursday, May 16

7:00 am Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty  
Kenneth M. Krysztal  
by Robert & Ann Ludwig  
(School Mass)  
12:00 pm Joseph Prazmark by Daughter  
Doris Erickson by James Carney  
7:00 pm Confirmation

### Friday, May 17

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Daniel Carocci by St. Vincent de Paul Society  
8:00 am Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm James Daly (birth) by Wife, Diane  
Charlie Donner by Teri & Family

### Saturday, May 18

8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Wedding: Lauren K. Shields  
and Philip A. Lusiak  
2:00 pm Wedding: Brittany E. Perry  
and Matthew R. Barbalato

#### Vigil Mass

4:00 pm John Tammaro by Ann Lambiose  
Judith Kaczmarek (birth)  
by Robert & Michelle Schiferli  
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 Kreavy  
Patricia & Frank Palczak by Alfasso Family  
12:30 pm Russ & Hartwanger Families  
by Robert Rauh  
Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family  
& Friends  
1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Patrick Waldron by Stark Family

### HOST & WINE OFFERING

In Memory of Colleen Bolton Witting  
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**WEEKDAYS:** (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 and 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

**For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.**

**CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE**

**CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920):** Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and

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*Closed Monday.*

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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.

**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.

**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** – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

**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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