

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*      *September 8 & 9, 2018*

## From the Desk of Richard Patti

Greetings all,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Richard Patti and I'm the high-school youth minister here at St. Greg's. Having just finished my first year here at the parish, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few tips I learned on the job. My time here has been both a blessing and a learning experience, so in no particular order, here are life lessons from a 22 year old:

It is hard to improve if you keep doing the same thing. Oftentimes, our unwillingness to change is what keeps us from getting better. We get stuck in our comfort zone and are unwilling to risk any sort of change because we are afraid. It's better to try and fail than to never try at all. That mindset should be applied to anything you do. Whether it is your job, your ministry, or even your prayer life, making an effort to change is the only way you can continue to improve.

It's not about you. In everything you do, you are working to glorify God, not glorify yourself. Jesus gave His life for you; therefore it only makes sense that we should live our lives for Him. My job is to bring kids closer to Christ. Not closer to me. If St. Greg's Youth Ministry ever becomes about what I've done or about what I've accomplished then I will have failed in my job as a youth minister. Working hard and having people appreciate what you do is great. Just remember that the Man upstairs should be getting all the credit.

God has you where you are for a reason. Believe it. As soon as you believe that, everything you do will take on a whole new meaning. God has blessed you with gifts and talents. Even if there are days when you feel that you are inadequate, unworthy, or not good enough, just know that you are part of God's divine plan. Let that be what motivates you. To borrow a tried and true cliché, "God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called."

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## CHRIST THE KING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend September 8 and 9 will be our annual collection to benefit Christ the King Seminary. There are many people ready to answer the call to ministry to meet the needs of today's church in our diocese; please help them by giving generously and remembering Christ the King in your prayers.

## PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

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

## CATHOLIC STORE SALE

Pre-Inventory SALE at the Catholic Store.  
40% off selected items September 7-15!!  
Stop in today!



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Sept. 10:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11  
**Tues. Sept. 11:** 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19  
**Wed. Sept. 12:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26  
**Thurs. Sept. 13:** 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38  
**Fri. Sept. 14:** Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17  
**Sat. Sept. 15:** 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; John 19:25-27  
**Sun. Sept. 16:** Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B); James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rich in faith

**Reading I** Isaiah 35:4-7 (Isreal's deliverance)  
**Reading II** James 2:1-5 (against favoritism)  
**Gospel** Mark 7:31-37 (healing of a deaf mute)  
**Key Passage** Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.  
Has

not God chosen the poor to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promise to those who love him?  
(James 2:5)

**Adult:** *When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?*

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## VOCATION VIEW

Jesus healed a man who was unable to hear or speak. How is Jesus asking you to open the ears and hearts of others so that they too may be heralds of His good news? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

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## Gathering Around Christ

**Building community. Visit, pray for, support your seminary.** Each year over 8,000 people answer God's call by seeking a deeper understanding of faith and service through lectures, retreats, and classes at Christ the King Seminary. Seminary students learn and minister together, forming relationships that serve our community in many ways long after they graduate. Come and see all that is happening at your seminary. This weekend is the annual collection for Christ the King Seminary. This is your opportunity to help support the education of our future priests, deacons and lay leaders. Please invest in the future of the Church in our area by helping our seminary continue its important work of ensuring that all who answer God's call to ministry will be well prepared to serve. Please give generously so more can serve, and pray for the success of our seminary's mission. For more information on Christ the King Seminary or to give online go to [www.cks.edu](http://www.cks.edu).

## (From the Desk of Continued from page 1)

It's okay if you don't know everything. Lack of knowledge is not in and of itself a problem; it is only when you fail to ask for help that it can become one. No one knows everything. I've seen college professors use Google to help me answer what seems to be a simple question. Never be afraid to ask for help.

Be authentic. Don't pretend to be someone you're not. God only created one person like you. Own it. Be true to yourself so people can get to know the real you, not someone you are pretending to be.

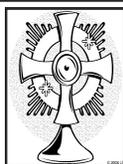
Take care of yourself. Before helping others, it is imperative that you first take care of yourself. If you have ever flown on a plane, you have heard this phrase: "In case of a decrease in cabin pressure, secure your own oxygen mask before helping others." Your own needs, whether they are physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual have to come first. I can't lead teens closer to Christ if I do not continue to grow in my relationship with Him. In the same way, none of us can make others know the Father's love for them if we first don't acknowledge His love for us.

Know your limits. Admitting that we have limits is quite sobering. However, this can prove to be beneficial when thinking about certain aspects of our lives. Know what you're capable of and do it to the best of your ability. God will not ask of you anything that you are not capable of doing.

Trust God. Sometimes it's hard to relinquish control of your life, but you have to trust that God has things under control. It's not always easy, but surrendering your life to Him is a recipe for happiness. Taking this job was a leap of faith for me. I'd be lying if I said it was easy. I would not be lying if I said that I've never felt more fulfillment in my life than I have in my time here.

AMDG  
Richard

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## 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.

## **HOUSE FOR HAITI**

### **EXTRAORDINARY CHARITY BRINGS FIVE HOUSES TO HAITI!**

Matt. 6:25, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." A phenomenal display of heartfelt generosity was displayed by the Parishioners of our Parish, which will produce FIVE houses to be built for the poor in Haiti, going above and beyond expectations. Difficult times often produce an outpouring of generosity and compassion and we thank all the generous givers to HOUSE/Food For The Poor; may God bless you all.

**After this week any further donations may be sent to:**

**Food for the Poor Inc  
6401 Lyons Road  
PO Box 979001  
Coconut Creek FL 33097-9970**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Stand up, sit down, kneel; what is going on? Do Catholics really pray to statues? What does this have to do with Jesus?

Bring your toughest questions to Sessions of Inquiry for RCIA: September 19 at 7:00pm. For more information call Fr. Paul Cygan at 688-5678 x 336.

### **Come Join the Altar Linen Ministry**

We maintain the small linens used during Mass, working at home on a rotating schedule. Call Marianne for more information at 689-6879. God blesses us for all we do for Him!

### **Paul Walter and Robert Warner Ordination Reception RSVP**

**On Sunday, September 16, Deacon Robert Warner will preach for the first time as an ordained member of our parish community at the 11:00am Mass and Deacon Paul Walter will preach for the first time at the 12:30pm Mass. A reception will follow in the Ministry Center after each Mass. Please complete this slip to RSVP and return to Jo Pierino by mail or collection basket by September 11.**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend Mass and the reception at the 11:00am Mass.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will attend Mass and the reception at the 12:30 Mass.

**MOMS: Calling all Catholic mothers...** Connect with other Catholic moms at St. Greg's and feel supported and inspired! Join MOMS this year as we meet other inspiring Spiritually Catholic Mothers! **Register today by phone/email/text:** Contact Dawn Iacono at [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com), Lorianne McNamara about free babysitting 507-2026 and Mary Sendlack about Playgroup 982-5120. First meeting is Friday, September 28, with Catholic doula and author Mary Hazeltine in Gathering Rooms (1-2) from 9:00 to 11:00 am!



#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Mary Hazeltine is a theology graduate and a certified birth doula and childbirth educator. With a passion for building a culture of life through the teachings of the Theology of the Body, she works to bring an awareness and practice of the teachings of the Church into the realm of childbirth, mothering, and pregnancy loss. She lives in Western New York with her husband and five sons. You can find more of her writing at [www.betterthaneden.com](http://www.betterthaneden.com).

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION**

A second collection to benefit Catholic Education will take place next weekend, **September 15 and 16**. All contributions remain in the Parish to support Catholic education of our children.

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### **LADIES OF THE LORD**

Thursday, September 13, at 7:00pm is our Ladies of the Lord meeting in Gathering Rooms 1&2. We will pray for all our petitions with special attention and intentions for our priests and religious and for the crisis in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

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### **Senior Citizens**

**September 10 - 1:00 pm** - Monthly meeting at the Ministry Center with membership tea and installation of officers. Please bring finger foods for the tea. Membership dues for 2019 are due. Mike Rossi will be available for flu shots.

**September 13-18; Nashville, Tennessee, motorcoach, featuring the Grand Ole Opry**, \$745/person double occupancy. 5 nights lodging and breakfasts, 3 dinners including Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre, performances at Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater and much more. Reservations/deposit due immediately.

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. **For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY  
PRESENTS**

**"LET THE SPIRIT SET YOU FREE"**

**A WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

**AT 10 :00 AM  
St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center**

**....for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17**



**TRISH SHORT -NATIONAL CATHOLIC SPEAKER, AWARDWINNING CATHOLIC SINGER/SONGWRITER & PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE.** A much sought-after speaker and musician, Trish's music and personal witness testify to the **TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, Who changes lives through the Love and Mercy of God. Trish is

best known as one of the singers of "The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song" which has aired on EWTN since 2002. Open the windows of your soul and let the Holy Spirit in! When: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10:00 am (doors open at 9:45 am) until 3:00 pm Where: St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville, NY 14221 **Cost: \$35-** This "Spa for the Women's Soul" includes prayer, spiritual activities, music and song with Sydnie & Joana Perkins from St. Luke's Voices of Mercy along with Nancy Erdman. You can relax, and renew your faith with fellowship and fun, enjoy morning and all-day refreshments, and lunch by Cenzo's Catering. Kindly make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great, with "Women's Enrichment 9/22 Event" in the memo and return with registration form by mail to St. Gregory the Great, 200 St Gregory Ct, Williamsville, NY 14221. Your completed form with payment may also be placed in the collection basket at Mass. For more information contact Joy Bila at [jbila@hotmail.com](mailto:jbila@hotmail.com) or phone 834-0128.

**Kindly RSVP no later than Sunday, September 16**

**I will Attend the Women's Enrichment Ministry's Day of Spiritual Renewal with Trish Short on 9/22/18**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janeczek: [njaneczek@stgregs.org](mailto:njaneczek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org) ~ 688-3578

**Middle School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

**Ignite-** Our brand-new group open to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders has its inaugural meeting on **September 11 at 6:00pm!** We have an incredible year planned, but you have to be there to experience the awesomeness!

**EDGE-** EDGE begins the year on **September 13 at 6:30pm.** Our amazing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade group is back and better than ever! Come and bring a friend!

**High-School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

Our Fourth Annual **Life Teen Luau** will be held on **September 9 after the 4:30pm Mass.** This includes a pig roast, fire dancers and more! Come kick off the year in style! All High-Schoolers welcome!

If you have any questions about High-School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard ([rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org))

### **Youth Ministry Needs Your Help**

Starting this weekend, September 8, our Youth Ministry Department has placed a donation board in the back of the Church. All the proceeds we receive will be used for funding the many needs of our growing department, such as supplies, events, and travel. The board has numbers labeled 1- 200: please take an envelope and put the amount listed in the envelope. For example, if you choose the envelope with the number 48 on it, then 48 dollars will go into that envelope. You can mail the envelopes or bring the envelopes back to St. Greg's. Thank you so much for your support !

### **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" From Father Francis**

The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in this world is for good people to do nothing! [Edmund Burke]

### **Catechist's Corner**

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

The Pope sent out his letter to Catechists on the occasion of the International Congress on Catechesis, which took place at the Pontifical Catholic University of Buenos Aires...

In his message, the Pope shared an anecdote about St. Francis of Assisi. When one of the saint's followers wanted to learn how to preach, St. Francis replied, "When we visit the sick, help children, give food to the poor, we are already preaching." When it comes to how they carry out their role, the Pope said Catechists should keep in mind Jesus' style of reaching out to people: He adapted to the people around Him in order to bring them the love of God.

The Pope said that although God's message is unchanging and always the same, a Catechist needs to be creative and find ever new ways to transmit that message. There is no reason to be afraid of finding new ways to reach people, Pope Francis said, because Jesus has already done it.

Finally, Catechists should be joyful messengers, guardians of goodness and beauty, which should shine through in their lives.

-Excerpts from article written by Alicia Ambrosio for Aleteia



## Respect Life

**Life Chain 2018- Save the Date! On Sunday, October 7, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. **Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall.****

You may drive yourself or take advantage of round-trip bus transportation leaving from St. Gregory's Church at 1:30 pm. Following the Life Chain, we will have some light refreshments in the Ministry Center for those who participate. **To sign up for the reception and/or reserve a seat on the bus, PLEASE return the form below in the weekend collection or to Jo Pierino in the Business Office (688-5678) by Monday, October 1.**

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### **LIFE CHAIN 2018**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people riding on the bus: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending the pizza reception after: \_\_\_\_\_

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Over 3000 babies are killed in an abortion EVERY DAY in the US. Planned Parenthood and other businesses are allegedly profiting from the selling of fetal body parts. Millions of women, men, and their families are suffering from the aftermath of abortion. Won't you consider being a witness for your Faith and join us?

**"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you. No child should be deprived of the right to be born, the right to be fed, the right to go to school." -- Pope Francis**

## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, September 9**

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

### **Monday, September 10**

- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting (MC Gym)
- 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC Gym)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm Little Rock Bible Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Association Board Meeting (MC 3)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

### **Tuesday, September 11**

- 6:00 pm Parents Information Night (School)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Class (School Foreign Language Room)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

### **Wednesday, September 12**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Home School Assoc. Meeting (GR 1)

### **Thursday, September 13**

- 8:30 am Auction Meeting (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Front Lawn)

### **Friday, September 14**

- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Front Lawn)

### **Saturday, September 15**

- 6:00 pm American Heritage Group Meeting (School Caf, Gym, Library)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Gym/Café)

### **Sunday, September 16 - Mum Sale**

## Little Rock Scripture Study ~ God's Word is Alive and Present Today

Christianity lifts us up from the level of Christian doctrine (laws and practices) into the mystery of the interaction with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "In my God is the joy for my soul. " Is 61:10. Christianity gives us not rules and instructions, BUT goals and directions. " It is with those with a journey to make." Is35:4-8. Isaiah is the most quoted Old Testament author referred to on the New Testament (exception Psalms). His views reveal many of God's plans for salvation which are fulfilled in the New Testament.. Come learn about God's GPS ( God's Plan for salvation). " HE IS The WAY". Is 30:21. You will leave assured with renewed peace in your heart. "God is with you always." Is61:10 Due to the length and depth of this book, we will complete the first seven lessons Sept. 10 to Oct.29. (Recess for Thanksgiving and Christmas.) Resume January 7 to February 25. Come join us for a beautiful spiritual adventure.

**To register call Joan King at (716) 688-7238**

**Location:** Ministry Center #2 **Cost:** \$15

**Time:** Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

**Dates:** September 10 to October 29. (Recess for Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Resume January 7 to February 25



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Dinner Auction**  
**An Evening in Monte Carlo**  
**Saturday, November 3, 2018**  
**Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or what? In the back foyer of the Church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR Join our Virtual Gift Gathering Party Go to Amazon.com and under bridal registry search for St. Gregory the Great. See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to the church.**

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in September and October and are available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships or \$8,000 cash!

**Volunteers Needed!**

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator at 688-5678 x 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com .

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**St. Gregory the Great**

**Sunday,**  
**September 23**

**12 noon-4:00 pm**  
**in the**  
**Ministry Center**



**Family Bills Day**

**Raffle Drawing**  
**50/50**

**Basket Raffle**

Beer • Water • Soda  
 Chiavetta's BBQ  
 available for purchase

Watch the  
**Buffalo Bills**

vs.

**Minnesota Vikings**

**Admission is FREE!**



**Chiavetta Chicken Dinners**  
**\$10 Pre Sale Tickets**  
 (\$12 at the event)

Pre Sale Tickets are available at the FFF Office after Labor Day, Mon-Fri 9 am-2 pm and when classes are in session.

\*Must be 21 or older to purchase beer. Proceeds from raffles and concessions to benefit St. Gregory the Great. Sponsored by Family Faith Formation.

**FALL MUM SALE**

The 8th Graders will be selling beautiful fall mums after Masses next weekend, September 15 and 16, for \$10 each or 3/\$25. Help the students raise money for their 8th Grade class trip. Questions: Call, text or e-mail Jessica Taft at (724) 992-8869 or jtaft057@gmail.com

**To Pre-order:**

Please send this form and payment to school by **Wednesday, September 12.**  
 (Payable to St. Gregory the Great School in an envelope labeled Mum Sale)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Mums Reserved \_\_\_\_\_ Color: White, Yellow, Rust/Orange, Red/Wine or Purple/Pink

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick-up following which Mass? \_\_\_\_\_ (In Gathering Room)

## Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,  
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Have you registered? Family Faith Formation Registration:** Weekly FFF Classes begin the week of September 9. To register for the 2018-2019 school year, please register online: [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

**Classes begin on the dates below for the Monthly FFF Program aka Generations of Faith** (in the School Gym, Cafeteria and Classrooms):

**GOF Session A:** September 9 (9:30 am - 12 noon)  
**GOF Session B:** September 9 (12:30pm - 2:00 pm)  
**GOF Session C:** September 13 (6:15 pm - 7:45 pm)

**Classes will begin on the dates below for the Weekly FFF Program in the School Classrooms:**

**Monday Gr 1-4:** Sept. 10 (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm)  
**Monday Gr 5-10:** Sept. 10 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)  
**Wednesday Gr 1-4:** Sept. 12 (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm)  
**Saturday Gr 1-6:** Sept.15 (9:00 - 10:30 am)  
**Little Cherubs:** Sept.15 (9:00 - 10:30 am)

**September FFF Outreach:** We are collecting school supplies for children in need. Please send in donations throughout the month of September!

**Saturday, September 15**  
**9:00 am FFF Board Meeting** (MC, Room 1)

## 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, September 19, 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](mailto:raygeska@yahoo.com), or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or [jeffrerd@aol.com](mailto:jeffrerd@aol.com).

## Out of Parish

### Christ the King Seminary

A fall retreat will be offered at the Seminary. The retreat, entitled "*Finding Our Center in God*", will be held from October 3 to October 6. Please contact Gayle at 805-1438 or visit [cks.edu](http://cks.edu) for more info

### Help For Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you angry or frustrated with each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times. For more info call (716) 474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) All Calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Our next weekend for Retrouvaille is September 21-23.

**COLLEGE FAIR:** Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a free College Fair on Wednesday, September 19, starting at 5:15 p.m. in the Cardinal O'Hara Performing Arts Center. The College Fair, featuring more than 75 colleges, universities, technical and military schools will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Cardinal O'Hara gym. All are welcome. For more information, email [rhoffman@cardinalohara.com](mailto:rhoffman@cardinalohara.com) or call Rena Hoffman at the guidance office, 716-695-2600, ext.353.

### Christ the Teacher Conference

The second conference with Dr. David Anders will be held at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine on Genesee Street in Bowmansville, on October 13. Dr. Anders can be heard on 101.7 FM Catholic Radio weekdays at 2:00 pm. For information/tickets, visit [www.SacredHeartShrine.org](http://www.SacredHeartShrine.org) or call 717-683-2375.

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## Music Ministry Rehearsals



Children Choir (Grades 2-8)  
4:30 - 5:30 pm Tuesday, September 11 in GR 2  
The children will be singing  
at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 30.

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.



## EMERALD IRELAND TOUR

**11 DAYS: November 6-16, 2018**

**\$2849 Roundtrip from Toronto**

*(Air/land tour price is \$2349 plus \$500 govt. taxes & airline surcharges)*

Hosted by

**Msgr. Robert E. Zapfel**

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

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Galway,  
Connemara, Knock Shrine, Sligo and  
Dublin**

For a brochure & more information contact Msgr. Zapfel at:

Tel: (716) 835-8905

Email: [office@stleothegreatamherst.com](mailto:office@stleothegreatamherst.com)

## Adult Faith Formation - Fall 2018 Courses

### *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance*

**Course Overview:** Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals man's remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church - as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance is an 8-part Bible study that will enrich your faith, and show you how to live it out.

**Lead By:** Arlene Meyerhofer

**Cost:** \$23.00

**Location:** Foreign Language Room

**Time:** 6:30 -8:30 pm

**Day/Dates:** Tuesdays, September 11, 18, : October 23 & 30: November 6, 13, & 27: December 4, 11

### *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

**Course Overview:** Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer — He wants you to be his disciple and friend. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow Him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love, and to love others as He has loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. We plan on offering Revelation in fall 2019,

**Lead By:** Sarah Anderson

**Cost:** \$ 18.00

**Location:** Gathering Room 1

**Time:** 9:30am-11:00am

**Day/Dates:** Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25: October. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

### *Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist*

**Course Overview:** What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

**Lead By:** Deacon Peter Donnelly

**Cost:** \$7.00

**Location:** Foreign Language Room

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Day/Dates:** Tuesdays, September 25: October 2 , 9, & 16

### *All Hearts Afire : Wisdom and Works of Mercy*

**Course Overview:** : A study by Fr. Michael Gaitley that gives insight into the relevance of the Trinity in our daily lives, how the Trinity illuminates every aspect of our faith, and how knowing and loving our Triune God allows us to live our faith to the fullest. The 10 week course uses a workbook and the books "The One Thing is Three" and "You Did it to Me."

**Lead By:** Chris Schober, Linda Brennan and Sharon Sans

**Cost:** TBA

**Location:** Ministry Center 2

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Day/Dates:** Wednesdays ,September 12, 19 & 26: October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: November 7, & 14

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 8

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Barbara Rappl by Mary Martin & Family  
G. Daniel O'Connell  
by Maureen O'Connell
- 5:30 pm Margaret S. Burns by Patricia Bellone

### Sunday, September 9 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am John Tommaro by Ann Lambiasi
- 9:30 am Michael L. & Dawn Britt by Family  
Ralph & Laura Claps by Daughter
- 11:00 am Thomas J. Shanahan by Wife & Family  
Dorothy Olejniczak  
by Bob & Jody Chamberlin
- 12:30 pm Valentine Kozakiewicz & Helen Jachimiak  
by Goddaughter, Christine  
Marie Dukat by Norman Mruk
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm James Steinwachs by Kate Hahn

### Monday, September 10 – St. Gregory the Great

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Marion Rauh (anniv)  
by Robert Rauh Family  
Mary Stafford by Strasser Family
- 12:00 pm Valerie Garrison & Tina Tramontana  
by Alfasso Family  
Frank Scarcella  
by Michael & Joanne Andriaccio

### Tuesday, September 11

- 7:00 am William J. Cleary, Sr. by Goergen Family  
Elmer Rowekamp (anniv) by Wife, Marie  
& Family
- 8:00 am Bernie Anibaldi by Wife
- 12:00 pm Nicholas Willett by Francine Nicholas  
Jim Daly by Dianne

### Wednesday, September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 7:00 am Edward Czech by Brian Carroll
- 8:00 am Sixto Maceda III by Maceda Family  
Judith P. Brown by Barbara Pelosi
- 12:00 pm Natalie & Henry Noworyta  
by Maria & Jerry Piskorowski  
Donald Davis (anniv) by Ellie Lorenzo

### Thursday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom

- 7:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- 8:00 am Devin Waring by Weil Family  
Kathleen Hillebrand by Margaret Kelly  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Frank Scarcella by Phyllis Saviola  
John Michtich by Deni Family

### Friday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Cross

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Daniel T. Kirst  
by Maureen & David Kennedy
- 8:00 am Mary Good by Mary Rowe
- 12:00 pm Nancy Orr by Doris Orr  
David Hayes by Wife & Family

### Saturday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:00 am Daniel M. Thiebolt  
by Don & Renee Fleming & Family  
Joyce Mecca by Tom & Joan Nigrelli

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Jennifer L. Wilson  
by Richard & Cynthia LaPlante
- 5:30 pm Alfred Caldiero by Children  
Giuseppe Saieva by Family

### Sunday, September 16 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Rev. Michael Putich OFM by Priests  
of St. Gregory's  
Matthew Maes (anniv)  
by Michael Anastasia
- 9:30 am Jerry & Joy Leet by Sue Thomas  
John Kensity by Wally Kensity & Family
- 11:00 am Leo Butera by Tony & Carm Cartone  
Margaret & David King (living)  
by Tricia Hrycko
- 12:30 pm Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family
- 4:30 pm Donald Collins II by Parents  
Mary Jacobini by Grace Gilmartin

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#### EVENING PRAYER

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday from 6:00pm in the Crying Room of the Church. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). 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.

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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

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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](http://www.stgregs.org)**

## Catholic Store & Café

**CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

**CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915):** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

## Sacraments

### BAPTISM

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

### PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

### WEDDINGS

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

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

### MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

**Anointing of the Sick** – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

## Prayer and Devotion

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

### PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;  
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

## Our Mission

*St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:*

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