

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

May 25 & 26, 2019

6<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

We give praise and thanks to Almighty God for the Ordination of Jerry Hodson to the Permanent Diaconate this weekend at St. Joseph's Cathedral. On Saturday, May 25, Jerry was Ordained and is now "Deacon Jerry" and on Sunday, May 26, he will "Deacon" for the first time at St. Greg's at the 11:00 am Mass. Congratulations Deacon Jerry and congratulations to Eileen, his wife, on assuming this important role in our Church. Please know of our continued love, support and prayers as you begin to live Diaconate Ministry!

As you can see, we are continuing to work on our St. Greg's campus. Currently we are replacing the section of the roof over the Ministry Center Gym. We are also working to install the new heating system for our sidewalks and obviously replacing our concrete as a result. As I mentioned in January when I spoke at all of the Masses about our renovations, we are installing heated sidewalks at all entrances of the church. The purpose, first and foremost, is safety. As you may recall, we installed the same system a couple years ago in front of the school. The system has worked well to not only melt, but often evaporate, the snow and ice. This has minimized the need for ice melt products. It has also minimized the floors getting wet and slippery on the inside from melting snow falling off of shoes and boots. Finally, with the terrazzo floor restored, we hope to preserve the floor from further pitting caused by the ice melt products. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by our renovation work, but the work does need to be accomplished. The contractors are doing a great job on a timely basis.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: MAY 30

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.  
Masses are: May 29, Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm;  
May 30, at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

As you may have noticed, we have made a change regarding the votive candles. The obvious concern over having votive candles is fire prevention and safety. Almost weekly we have noticed candles that have burned improperly and caused the plastic container for the candle to melt and sometimes burn. We have also had a problem with the wooden lighting sticks. Some people do not blow out the flame prior to putting it into the glass and sand container. Some people do not check to be sure that the stick actually has been extinguished in the sand. This has caused the container of sticks to also burn. We have eliminated the wooden sticks and are currently using butane lighters. I understand that they are not the easiest to use. We are trying to resolve this concern at the moment. Please know that fire prevention is our first concern regarding this issue. We have looked at the possibility to move to electric candles. That option is simply cost prohibitive. To replace the number of racks and candles that we currently own would be between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Please know that we are looking for an appropriate and safe solution to the concerns being raised to us over this matter.

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## MEMORIAL DAY

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be only one Mass that day, at 8:00 am. **This weekend we pray for all the men and women who selflessly paid the ultimate price for our freedom and liberties. We will never forget you and may you have a choice seat in the Kingdom of God.**

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

**\$534,604.32** collected, **77.14%**. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org).

#### PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

Finally, and of most importance, this weekend we mark Memorial Day. It seems that almost every week we have a funeral for one of our veterans, especially those who served in World War II. As we celebrate this weekend, please offer a prayer and some reflection upon what these brave men and women have done for us. Of course, we especially remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our country, but we also remember those who are veterans and those who currently serve our great nation.

This weekend is a time to focus on what we truly stand for as a nation. What are our national goals and values? I have often heard veterans sadly say, "This isn't what I risked my life for" when they look and see how the values of their era are being replaced with different ways of thinking and living. I was at a funeral recently and the priest who presided gave the homily for the 93 year old gentleman. The priest made an interesting observation that the man did not have an identity crisis. He knew who he was as a man of Faith and as a member of the community. He knew his role as husband, father and doctor. He went on to state that he had the same traditional Catholic values and morals all of his life. They did not change. The priest then posed the question, an excellent question, whether some of our personal identity questions/issues today are the result of a loss of values and morals. His observation was that we never really hear about the "older" generation in their 80's and 90's suffering from an identity crisis or wondering "who they are?" It simply was not part of their life experiences as a whole. Several months ago I wrote an article in the Bulletin about the greatest generation of our nation, and many commented on the accuracy of what I observed and wrote in that article. This great generation knew their identity and made awesome contributions!

This Memorial Day, we remember and thank all those who have died serving our nation as well as all those who have served and who currently serve. Maybe we can add one more reflection. Perhaps we can take a little time to reflect on what made these individuals the great men and women that they were and are. I believe my brother priest was on to a great point in that homily. Maybe some of our identity issues that we face today are because we have forgotten who we are. As a nation, maybe we have forgotten the real meaning of freedom? We are often reminded, "Freedom isn't free!" Freedom does not mean that we can each do whatever we want. That is reckless freedom at best. As a people of faith, have we also forgotten who we are as the "Body of Christ?" Freedom won on the Cross with the blood of Jesus Christ isn't really free unless we truly believe and desire to live as a member of His body in the world today. The freedom to live as a son or daughter of Christ means that we are bound to each other and have duties and responsibilities to our Church, world and personally to one another.

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. May 27:** Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

**Tues. May 28:** Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

**Wed. May 29:** Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

**Thurs. May 30:** Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

**Fri. May 31:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a; John 1:39-56

**Sat. June 1:** Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

**Sun. June 2:** Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60 (61C); Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20

#### FATHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Novena Cards are at all entrances of the Church. Please take a card. You may place your offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office before Father's Day. The Intentions for these will be prayed for each day during the week of June 16.



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 Don Postles our MC, 96.1 The Breeze broadcast, and Hit n Run Band with live music!



## 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:

For program information, go to our website at [www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/) then select **Program Options**.

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

- **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

## CATECHIST CORNER

**Become a Catechist ♥ Make a Difference**

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 provided.



**Won't you give us a hand?**

**Sign up to teach for the HS Summer Program!**

For more information on how to become a Catechist, call the **FFF Office at 688.5760.**

## LECTORS NEEDED

The Lector Ministry needs new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks through seven weekend Masses, on a rotating schedule. An email system is available to contact all Lectors to arrange for a substitute when an assigned Lector has a scheduling conflict. If you are interested in the Lector Ministry, please contact Earl Leising 716-432-5312.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

### Children Choir for Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 28, 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 28, 7:30 pm, in GR 2

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



### Vacation Bible School

(Pre K\* - Gr 4 in Sept 2019)

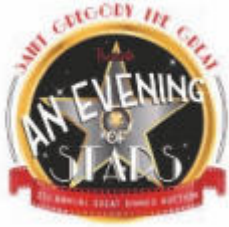
\*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

**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.

### Please Join us for the Rosary

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." *St. Pio*; "The Rosary is the Bible on a string!" *Fr. Ronan Murphy* "The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings." *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; "One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world." *St. Dominic*. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and these prayers "transform" our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country, in good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church.



**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*



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS

Consider joining St. Greg’s Knights of Columbus! If you’re interested in helping those in need in your parish and community, strengthening your parish and familial relationships - volunteering an hour here or there can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others.

Talk to our members who will be available after all Masses the weekend of June 1 and 2, and we will also have an open house Wednesday, June 5, in the Café at 7:00 pm. Visit our website at [www.stgregoryknights.org](http://www.stgregoryknights.org) to learn more about the Knights!

## LADIES OF THE LORD

Ladies of the Lord meeting for June 13, will be held in **THE CHURCH at 7:00 pm**. Our speaker is Jerry Haas who has a healing Ministry. He will pray over us after his talk. We will also be collecting for our Summer Picnic at Spaulding Lake which will serve as our July Meeting.



Our warmest congratulations to the 120 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. God bless and keep you always!





## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### LIVE MUSIC AT THE CAFÉ

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. Enjoy live, easy-listening music by Ascent 101, an acoustic ensemble made up of some youth from the Parish, as well as Day 7, a contemporary ensemble based out of St. Greg's. All are welcome!

**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!



### REGISTER TODAY!

#### Be PUREly You Young Women's Conference

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**

St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center  
Register online by May 28, at [www.stgregs.org](http://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.**



**Happy Birthday  
and Many  
Blessings to  
Fr. Leon on  
May 26, 2019.**



## HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION



St. Vincent de Paul Society and Ladies of Charity team up Sunday, June 9, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm for a household good collection.

Items needed: lamps, drapes, curtains of all sizes, shower curtains, towels, blankets, new bed pillows, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, kitchen utensils, sheets, towels, spreads, small appliances in working order such as coffee pots, hot plates, toasters, irons, electric fry pans, etc.

All items will be donated to needy families as identified by Catholic Charities and distributed by the Ladies of Charity Diocesan Fresh Start Program. Tax receipts will be available.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been serving the poor through the St. Gregory the Great Conference for over 50 years. Assistance is needed with collected items before and after all the Masses, at the SVDP "white house" headquarters, just north of the School. Look for the SVDP truck!!

If you would like to assist us in this drive, please email [st.vincentdepaulSG@gmail.com](mailto:st.vincentdepaulSG@gmail.com) and we will contact you. Thank you for your continued support!

### SAVE THE DATE : ST. GREGORY TWELVE MASS

We will honor the nominees at 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 9. Reception to follow Gathering Room. Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our Parish life and ministries. have enhanced our Parish Community.

### 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.



## RESPECT LIFE

**Praying for Governor Cuomo:** Following the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, Jack, a nine-year-old Catholic boy in the Archdiocese of New York, decided to start a prayer campaign for the express purpose of praying for the conversion of Governor Andrew Cuomo. Cuomo, a Catholic, signed the radical abortion expansion bill on January 22. Cuomo is also responsible for the legalization of same-sex marriage in New York and is currently advocating for legislation to allow physician-assisted suicide.

Based on his son's idea, Jack's father created a website, **ConvertCuomo.com**, where people can pledge to pray and fast for the governor. "I hope that it will have up to 1,000 people praying for Governor Cuomo and that if we get enough people praying on the website abortion in New York will stop," Jack said, "and I also hope that Governor Cuomo will soon have so many prayers that he will want to become pro-life." To date, almost 2000 people have pledged their prayers.

The Respect Life Offices for the Diocese of Albany and the Archdiocese of New York, as well as the Archdiocese of New York Public Policy Office and the New York State Catholic Conference, have all offered their support for the campaign, promoting it via their Facebook pages. Human Life Action (National Committee for a Human Life Amendment — NCHLA) has shared the site via Twitter as well. (Full text at [lifesitenews.com](http://lifesitenews.com))

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 26

11:00 am Deacon Jerry Hodson Mass (*Church*)  
12:00 pm Deacon Hodson Reception (*Gathering Rooms*)  
3:15 pm 4:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)

### Monday, May 27- Memorial Day—Parish Closed

### Tuesday, May 28

5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (*MC Café*)  
6:45 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (*School Caf/ Gym*)  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (*MC Gym*)

### Wednesday, May 29

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Café*)  
10:00 am School Meeting (*Gathering Rooms*)  
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (*MC Basement*)

### Thursday, May 30

### Friday, May 31

7:30 pm Father-Daughter Dance (*MC Gym/Foyer/Kitchen*)  
12:30 pm Counters Luncheon (*Gathering Rooms*)  
6:00 pm Am. Heritage Girls (*School Cafeteria/ Gym/Library*)

### Saturday, June 1

8:00 am Conference for 8-12 Grade Girls (*MC 1 and 2*)  
10:00 am Vacation Bible School (Training)  
*(School Gym / Cafeteria)*  
10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (*Gathering Rooms*)  
4:00 pm 5:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*GR 2*)

### Sunday, June 2

3:15 pm 4:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)



## 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.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

\$26 per person due by May 28. Send payment to parish Business Office, checks only, to St. Greg's Senior. Try your luck at the popular Pennies from Heaven 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 renovations! 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.

**EXCITING NEWS FROM  
ST. GREG'S SCHOOL**

For the first time in St. Greg's history we are excited to announce the opening of a **2nd Session of our unique Early Kindergarten Program.**

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.

This program is maximized at 20 students. EK runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students are eligible for before and after school care, and are also eligible to take the bus if they live within a 15 mile radius of the school (must be 5 years old).

Contact the school office to register and discover the St. Greg's difference today!



**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 Strasse (tstrassel@stgregs.org)

**BALD FOR BUCKS EVENT—HUGE SUCCESS!**

We are proud to announce our students and staff raised over \$17,000 for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center during the Bald for Bucks event on Friday, May 17! The program started with a prayer from Fr. Leon over candle light including music provided by Daniel Victoor and the Student Choir. There were 30 students, staff and faculty that participated. Special thank you to DJ Anthony and the Buffalo Bandits for their guest appearances today, Erie One Boces students who styled hair, along with a few parents that are hair dressers. Thank you to Desiree Weppner for coordinating a beautiful event for our School to participate in. Thank you to all our Students, you are truly a blessing in our lives.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talent to make this event a huge success!

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open.  
Visit [www.stgregsschool.org](http://www.stgregsschool.org) to register today or call  
688-5323 for more information.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 25

#### Vigil Mass

- 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi  
Ginger Kothen by Barbara Pelosi
- 2:00pm Wedding: Kathleen A. Behan and Thomas J. Creenan
- 4:00pm 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, Lidia LaLama  
Arlene Mruk (anniv) by Husband, Norbert
- 12:30 pm Carl Cammilleri by Mom, Dad & Family  
Aloysius & Gertrude Huber by Huber Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Randy Nelson by Julicher Family

### Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Marjorie Kramer by Family

### Tuesday, May 28

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Dawn Iacono (living) by Linda Dohn
- 8:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
- 12:00 pm Dec. Mbrs. of Oleszek Families  
by Donna Oleszek  
Ellen Egan by Patricia Davis

### Wednesday, May 29

- 7:00 pm Joan Svarczkopf by Bertovich Family
- 8:00 am Ginger Kothen by Joyce Santora  
Mrs. Eileen Bender  
by Brian & Madeline Cushing
- 12:00 pm Howard Estes by Mom  
John & Patricia Cusack by Family

### Thursday, May 30 – Ascension of the Lord

- 7:00 am Fr. Leon Biernat by K of C Council 14687
- 8:00 am Rose Ricigliano by Seniors of St. Gregory's  
Ginger L. Kothen by Bucki Family
- 12:00 pm Robert Rauh by Mary Ann Jeffrey  
Dec. Mbrs. of Buiani Family  
by Joan & Ron Resetarits
- 7:00 pm Ginger Kothen by Josephine Collane

### Friday, May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am Samuel Magistrale by Dr. & Mary Nigam
- 8:00 am Santo & Luigina Campanella  
by Maria Campanella
- Edward Driscoll by Mary Ann Jeffrey
- 12:00 pm Rev. Joseph Gatto (living)  
by Sandra & Jim Holland  
Angeline Liszka by Ladies of Charity

### Saturday, June 1

- 8:00 am Constance Hayek by Ladies of the Lord  
James Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney

#### Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Nicholas Ingallina and Shawn Ross  
by Dr. John & Anita Laurie  
Rita McGorry by Mary Joan & Paul Fix  
Mathew Wzykowski by Family  
Christopher Bertoni by Bernadette Ciccia
- 5:30 pm

### Sunday, June 2 – Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family  
Sue Wagle (living) by Marie Brewer
- 9:30 am Nicholas Iannarelli by Sam & Marisa Rizzo
- 11:00 am Tim Shay by Wife, Debbie  
Richard R. Olejniczak, Sr.  
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Ellie Lorenzo
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Francis X. & Hilda Trauffer  
by Bill & Kathy Schrameck  
Ethan Ciesiulka by Aunt Kate

### EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

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. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

### GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join the next Grief & Loss meeting on June 5, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. All are welcome. You do not need to be a parishioner.

### HOST & WINE OFFERING

In Memory of Colleen Bolton Witting  
by Douglas Bolton Family



# 1500 Club Winners

## GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS

	PRIZE	TICKET		PRIZE	TICKET		PRIZE	TICKET		PRIZE	TICKET
1	\$10,000	434	4	\$500	93	7	\$200	126	9	\$200	547
2	\$2,000	1052	5	\$500	498	8	\$200	7	10	\$200	898
3	\$1,000	1120	6	\$200	1179						

Prize Amount	\$50	\$100	\$50
Drawing #	Ticket		
1	199	200	201
2	485	486	487
3	583	584	585
4	581	582	583
5	509	510	511
6	111	112	113
7	66	67	68
8	102	103	104
9	54	55	56
10	437	438	439
11	854	855	856
12	503	504	505
13	287	288	289
14	1177	1178	1179
15	97	98	99
16	1226	1227	1228
17	1479	1480	1481
18	747	748	749
19	1087	1088	1089
20	939	940	941
21	194	195	196
22	1153	1154	1155
23	944	945	946
24	1258	1259	1260
25	1130	1131	1132
26	1247	1248	1249
27	1074	1075	1076
28	418	419	420
29	809	810	811
30	499	500	501
31	908	909	910
32	42	43	44
33	59	60	61
34	23	24	25
35	956	957	958
36	424	425	426
37	275	276	277
38	82	83	84

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS #1					
	PRIZE	TICKET		PRIZE	TICKET
1	\$500	912	4	\$100	219
2	\$350	1472	5	\$50	461
3	\$250	1419			

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS #2					
	PRIZE	TICKET		PRIZE	TICKET
1	\$500	987	4	\$100	162
2	\$350	169	5	\$50	49
3	\$250	1423			

Prize Amount	\$50	\$100	\$50
Drawing #	Ticket		
39	154	155	156
40	137	138	139
41	938	939	940
42	1422	1423	1424
43	85	86	87
44	985	986	987
45	227	228	229
46	1282	1283	1284
47	1081	1082	1083
48	1215	1216	1217
49	1480	1481	1482
50	1056	1057	1058
51	1065	1066	1067
52	1205	1206	1207
53	166	167	168
54	591	592	593
55	128	129	130
56	1419	1420	1421
57	838	839	840
58	92	93	94
59	13	14	15
60	572	573	574
61	950	951	952
62	821	822	823
63	1286	1287	1288
64	533	534	535
65	1079	1080	1081
66	1149	1150	1151
67	1242	1243	1244
68	816	817	818
69	890	891	892
70	455	456	457
71	48	49	50
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#### PRAYER

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