

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

October 19 & 20, 2019
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Scriptures this Sunday we can summarize the readings in one word: endurance.

Aaron and Hur required endurance, as did Moses, to keep Moses' hands up for many hours. I am sure that both Aaron and Hur expected a more glamorous job or a more exciting position as they were called to battle, but their job was to be on the sidelines. Although their job probably involved great discomfort for themselves, it was necessary for them to endure especially since their job was not what they expected to be called to accomplish. Their "sideline" job was ultimately the most important for Israel's success.

St. Paul challenges Timothy in the second reading this Sunday to have endurance in his study of the Sacred Scriptures. Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of the Word to the disciple of Christ. We are reminded in this reading to endure in living the Faith, whether it is convenient or inconvenient to do so. Finally, the widow endured in her petition to the dishonest judge.

This is a time for us to endure. Just as Aaron and Hur probably did not expect to find themselves supporting Moses' hands, we never expected to find our Church in such a situation and being called to support our Church. We may feel like we are just on the sidelines watching, and not possessing positions of influence to spur change or correction in this difficult time. I am sure that Aaron and Hur felt similarly as they were on the sidelines supporting Moses' uplifted hands in an ancient gesture of prayer and blessing. For the majority of us, our call is to offer support in prayer and blessing. Without Aaron and Hur, Moses, the leader, would not have succeeded in his mission of following God's word.

We too need to see that our "sideline" support in prayer and blessing is of utmost importance to those who lead us in our Church through this time of crisis.

This is a difficult time to live our Catholic Faith. It is really no different than any other era of the Church. Each generation has met its set of challenges. St. Paul today reminds us in the Letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verse 2, to "Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." These words are awesome to reflect upon during this difficult time. It is easy to be a follower of Jesus when things seem to be going our way and no suffering is involved. It is a challenge of faith to be a follower of Jesus during a time of suffering, disappointment, anger, confusion and public humiliation. Do we endure or do we give up? I am concerned, angered and disappointed over the situation of our Diocese. In a larger picture, I am also concerned, angered and disappointed over the situation of the State of New York, our country and world as a whole. There are many issues, and these "issues" all seem to have developed their ripple effects as well. Even though I am concerned, angered and disappointed over our Diocese, State of New York, country and world, I have not stopped loving or supporting our Church, State of New York, country or world. I have not stopped supporting our Church, State of New York, country or world. Endurance calls us to see and abide within the larger picture. Endurance calls us to perhaps pray the serenity prayer, especially the part where we are instructed to change the things that we can; accept the things that we cannot; and the wisdom to know the difference.

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive on October 26 and 27. They are collecting canned or boxed non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to the Church entrances. Food bags will be handed out at Masses on October 19 and 20.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A combined collection will be held this weekend, October 19 and 20, for World Missions which supports the pastoral and evangelization programs of more than 1000 missions across the world.

(Pastor's Continued)

Endurance means that we still see the beauty of our Church, State, Country and World. Despite the failures, disappointments and suffering we still believe. Endurance calls us to refocus on our true belief in Jesus Christ and His presence to us in the Sacraments. Endurance means that we still see our connection to one another as the Body of Christ, and our call to support one another as any true family supports one another "in thick and thin." Endurance means that I continue to support all that needs to be accomplished with my time, talent and treasure.

To take things out of the context of the Church for a moment, there are issues I see with our State and Country. For example, I do not agree that my tax dollars go to support abortion and the termination of human life and to promote other issues which I find morally objectionable. This disagreement, anger and disappointment have not led me away from being a citizen to uphold the Constitution of our State and Nation. Despite my concerns, I continue to pay my taxes and abide by the laws of the State of New York and our Country.

I hope my point is clear. Despite the situation we are in and despite the justified feelings we may have, please endure with our Catholic Faith. Please endure with St. Gregory the Great Parish and the Diocese of Buffalo. Please endure with our State of New York and this great Nation of the United States. Today's message is simple and clear: endure, whether it is convenient or inconvenient. I believe this is the true test of our love and faith and to whom we are connected in the beginning and the end: Jesus Christ.

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

"LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH" HAS ARRIVED

Bishop Barron's book has arrived! The sexual abuse scandal is affecting the entire United States and most especially in our Diocese of Buffalo. For those asking, "Why should I stay?" we encourage you to take a copy. In this stirring and quick read, 'Letter to a Suffering Church', Bishop Robert Barron explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. For Catholics questioning their Faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ. We kindly ask that you take just one, at this time, and if we discover we have extras, in a week or two, then at that time we invite you to get the remainder into the hands of your family and friends. Our hope is to provide opportunities to discuss this book, in the near future. Look for more information in upcoming Bulletins.

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Gregory the Great parish leaders have formed a Security Committee charged with the development of a security plan. This is intended to address issues that can provide a safe and secure environment for those attending Mass or other functions in the Church. As part of this effort the committee would like to invite parishioners who have current or previous military, police or first-responder background to a meeting. The committee looks to those with such expertise to share their knowledge that can be incorporated into the plan based upon your expertise, in the event of an emergency.

The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1**. To sign up for this meeting, members of the committee will be available after each Mass October 19 and 20, in the back of Church. You can also sign up by calling the Parish Business Office at 688-5678 or send an e-mail to Paul Shibley Comm. Chair, at peshibley@gmail.com. Refreshments will be served.

Let's Talk About...
HOPE
for the
FUTURE
The Voices of
Young Priests

Add your voice to the conversation!

7 PM Thurs, Oct 24th

St. Leo the Great
Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Peter Santandreu
St. Amelia

Rev. Paul Cygan
St. Gregory the Great

Rev. Mr. Denning Achidi
Transitional Deacon

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"LET'S TALK ABOUT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: THE VOICES OF YOUNG PRIESTS"

Join two young priests and one soon approaching priestly ordination for the third panel discussion in the "Let's Talk About" series – "Hope for the Future: The Voices of Young Priests" at St. Leo the Great R.C. Church in Amherst at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 24. Rev. Peter Santandreu of St. Amelia, Rev. Paul Cygan of St. Gregory the Great, and transitional deacon Rev. Mr. Denning Achidi speak on their experiences and reasons for hope in the future of the Church. The audience is invited to join their voices to the conversation as we share how hope is essential for us and for the Church.



FAMILY MASS

Upcoming is the St. Greg's Family Mass on October 27 at 9:30 am. We invite all parish families to participate together in the form of Greeters, Lectors and Ushers at this Mass each

month.

If you are interested, please contact Marisa Piazza in the Parish Office at mpiazza@stgregs.org or 688-5678. The next Family Mass is November 24 at 9:30 am: mark your calendars.



ST. GREG'S SCHOOL TURNS 60!!!

St. Gregory the Great School is searching for alumni to begin coordinating an event for Summer 2020 as the school will be celebrating 60 years! **THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 6:30 PM IN THE CAFÉ! BRING YOUR GRADE 8 PHOTO TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND HELP US ORGANIZE TO CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.**



Grade 8 Students kicked off the Middle School Service Projects by going to Response for Love Center.



The Early Childhood Program celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with the children having their favorite stuffed animal blessed by Fr. Leon and Fr Paul in Church.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

On October 10 the youth attending Edge started with time in Adoration and a procession around the island in the middle of the parking lot. This included about 10 minutes of silent Adoration. The group continued the night talking about the Commandment and ended in Adoration.



K OF C DISTRICT SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS!

St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus Council hosted the District Soccer Challenge October 5 on the Ministry Center Field. Soccer Champions from Councils comprising District 79 participated, including our St. Gregory Council. Each contestant took 25 penalty kicks into a score-zoned goal.

The District 79 Champions from this competition are all from St. Gregory Council:

- ◇ Emma Tredo – 11 year old Girls
- ◇ Jonathan Becker – 9 year old Boys
- ◇ Andrew Polisoto - 10 year old Boys
- ◇ Connor Jackson – 11 year old Boys
- ◇ Jorgen Hendricks – 13 year old Boys
- ◇ Phillip Basile – 14 year old Boys

Each of these winners will compete in the State semi-final competition to be held November 3 at West Point. Congratulations to all those that participated!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

October's FFF Outreach: We're collecting **snack cracker packets** for Peaceprints Ministry Food Basket. Please bring donations to the front of the FFF Office. Thank you so much!

Grade 4 Saints Fair: Parents please join us as your children share their imaginations and talents in presenting many holy people honored by the Catholic Church. Dates as follows: **Monday Classes:** October 28 at 4:30 pm in the classroom. **Saturday Class:** November 2 from 9:45 am - 10:30 am in the Cafeteria.

Rosary Club (Grades 5-8) meets on Mondays from 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm in the School Cafeteria, except when there are no classes due to holidays (e.g. Veteran's Day, Christmas break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). Hours attended count toward ministry hours as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc. Please check the FFF Program Calendar online for class dates.

First Friday Club: All Disciple Camp students and their friends (Gr 5-8) are invited to our **First Friday Club** on **Friday, November 1**, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the School Gym and Cafeteria.



During the Confirmation Retreat, Fr. Leon prepared Confirmation Candidates for Adoration, which proved to be a powerful and meaningful experience for all. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours, 7 days, a week for all seeking quiet time with Jesus Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament.



www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation

FAMILY FUN



In an attempt to promote stronger family life within our parish, we encourage families to begin a Family Night once a week where you turn off the phones and enjoy each other's company. Consider board games, video games, movies, a favorite show, baking, prepare a meal or an outing. Heck, maybe enjoying a meal, where everyone is home at the same time would work! Set aside age-appropriate time length, a shorter time frame for pre-school age to longer hours for the older ones. Snacks are a must! Let the communication, guidance, affirmation and fun begin!

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ PIZZA NIGHT!

Need dinner for Family Fun Night? Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Need to schedule a meeting over the dinner hour? Stop by the Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty **HOMEMADE** Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Typically, children receive Baptism as infants and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist when they are in Grades 2 and 3. When this does not happen, they need to be prepared for these Sacraments when they are older. At St. Greg's children and their families and/or sponsors are placed in a Children's Catechumenate and the process is called **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**. Through this process, older children who have missed Sacraments are prepared to receive them. If you have a family member ages 7-18 who has missed a Sacrament(s), please contact Joan Rischmiller (jrischmiller@stgregs.org) in the FFF Office at 688-5760.

CONFIRMATION 2020 CANDIDATES

Confirmation Mass of Enrollment: Candidates and their Sponsors, along with their families, are cordially invited to the **Confirmation Mass of Enrollment** on October 20 in Church at 4:30 pm and a **Pot Luck Dinner** immediately following. **Please remember to pick up your Sponsor/Candidate Conversation Booklet**, which is designed to bring you and your Sponsor closer as you make preparations for Confirmation. You and your Sponsor can decide when to have these conversations together. **Completed booklets are due at the January Sponsor/Candidate Session.** Booklets must be picked up by November 15 in the FFF Office, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.



St. Gregory the Great
21st Annual Great Dinner Auction
November 2, 2019 5:30 pm
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

*Join us as we honor the recipients of
the Cornerstone Award*

**Joseph Couche
Rosemary Spano**

NEW OPTION

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE

at <http://stgregthegreat.maestroweb.com/>

or fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office

I would like to purchase a sponsorship for the following table:

Special Opportunities/ Patron Listings:

- The Producer \$3,500
- The Director \$2,500
- The Spotlight \$1,500

I would like to purchase _____ tickets at \$110.00
Per Person

I would like to sponsor a teacher ticket at \$70.00
Per Person _____ (#tkts)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

*Payment: Please make all checks payable to St. Gregory the Great
Parish*

Credit Cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover, AmEx

Account No. _____

Exp Date _____ CVV Code _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Please seat us with: (tables of 10)

Salvatore's Italian Gardens

■ 6461 Transit Road, Depew, NY ■
■ Dinnerauction@gmail.com ■ 716-688-5678 x337 ■

**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT DAY OF
SPIRITUAL RENWAL A SUCCESS!**

On Saturday, October 5, the Ministry Center was filled with guests who were treated to a day of faith, fellowship, food and fun at the Women's Enrichment Day of Spiritual Renewal, "The Ordinary is Extraordinary, Our God-given Gifts". Joy Bila and her W.E. team presented this special day which featured prayer, music, spiritual activities, and their special guest speaker Kimberly Cook, author and host of the podcast, "The Dignity of Women". Her inspiring and engaging talk, as well as her compelling story, left everyone wanting more. It was an incredible, Holy Spirit-filled day.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CRAFT SHOW VOLUNTEERS
REQUEST**

The Craft Show is in need of about 10 volunteers to help run and manage the food services. This team purchases, prepares and sells food during the Craft Show on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. All prepared food is for-purchase to all vendors and attendees, which is an integral part of the Craft Show experience. Anyone interested in being part of this team, please contact Lori at craftshow@stgregs.org or 636-8319.

SAVE THE DATE



ReSet
Your Mornings with MOMS
in the Year of Healing

SUFFERING?
ReSet & Restore
with
Susan Pivarunas
Catholic Mother of 11,
wife of Dr. Anthony Pivarunas
of Sisters Hospital
*Mary, Mother of the Church
St. Joseph, Protector Pray for us*

Call ahead for **FREE BABYSITTING!**
Next MOMS Meeting
Friday, Oct. 25th
9:00am-11:00am
St. Greg's Gathering Rooms
\$25 Registration at entrances,
in parish office and on-line
Questions: Contact
stregsmoms@gmail.com

MOMS ASSISI/ROME RETREAT MAY 2020

You are invited to participate in a women's spiritual retreat to Assisi and Rome May 13-21, 2020. This retreat offers you an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with God through visits to the major sanctuaries of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. The retreat will be led by Monsignor Zapfel and Fr. John Cella OFM.

INFORMATION MEETING: Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Rory Reichenberg from St. Francis High School will be sharing his experiences from participating in this retreat. Please contact Nadine Bargnes with any questions 830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com

CALLING ALL MOMS AND TOTS!

Join us Friday, November 1, from 10:00 am-noon for an All Saints Day Celebration and Parade! Little ones can dress as their favorite Saint; we will parade through the Café and store at 11:00 am. Playgroup meets in the MC basement. Upcoming playdates December 5, January 1 and February 6. Contact Fanony Montoya-Plavan at fanony27@gmail.com with questions.



St. Gregory the Great
Craft Show
Friday, November 29
10AM - 4PM
Saturday, November 30
10AM - 3PM
More than **140 crafters**
Unique, handmade gifts
\$2 Admission
250 St. Gregory Court • Williamsville
(next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital) www.stgregs.org

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2019

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we take time to reflect upon our blessings from God. While we do so, we keep in mind some less-fortunate families of the greater-Buffalo community. We hope that this 'family' project of giving will bring the meaning of Christmas to life for our parish family here at St. Greg's. **"Family-to-Family Christmas"** is a Christmas project that sponsors nearly 200 needy families each year from Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Gerard Place, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and various Catholic Charities agencies. Our children help to keep *our* spirit of Christmas alive, so hopefully their participation in giving to a needy family will, in turn, make this a meaningful project for your family.

If your family chooses to participate, please mail the form below, call, or send a request via email to a committee member listed below by Friday, November 8.

You will receive details and information on your sponsored family by Thanksgiving. Each sponsor gives on a personal comfort level; that is what makes this program so special! Some suggestions that have worked in the past are each member of the sponsored family receiving a new gift(s) to unwrap and open on Christmas morning, and if desired, including non-perishable food, baked goods, or homemade treats from your family.

This year's drop-off day for "Family-to-Family Christmas" is Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 - 10:30 am at the St. Greg's Ministry Center Gym. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Karyn McMahan (861-1107) kmcmahan1224@gmail.com

Michelle Burns (380-5423) micburns99@aol.com

Meegan Stamm (867-4431) meegstamm@msn.com

If sending by mail, detach lower section and mail to:

Karyn McMahan, 8260 Lisa Lane, East Amherst, NY 14051

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2019

NAME _____

PHONE (cell/home) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

AGES/GENDER OF YOUR CHILDREN:

___ We can sponsor a family not to exceed ___ members

___ We can sponsor a child /children

___ We can donate Tops/Target/Walmart gift cards/check payable to St. Gregory the Great Parish

Please mail to Karyn McMahan: see address above, or drop off at School Office: ATTN-Michelle Burns/ Family-to- Family Christmas



THANK YOU!!

A very heartfelt thanks to the 200+ people, particularly the many middle-school and high-school students,

who participated in the Life Chain on October 6. Your presence was a tremendous witness in defense of the sanctity of ALL life. God bless you!

“40 Days for Life” campaign continues through November 3. Join this peaceful ecumenical prayer vigil outside the Buffalo WomenServices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day.

St. Gregory’s Parishioners are especially invited to participate in the 40 Days’ campaign on Sunday, October 27, from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Please help demonstrate our parish’s support for women who so often believe they are alone, and encourage them to choose life. To sign up for an hour on the 27th or for more information, contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323 or sign up on-line at www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo.

Light for Life Walk: Tuesday, October 22, at St. Mary of the Cataract Church, 237 4th Street, Niagara Falls, NY. This event commemorates the nine-month anniversary of the passing of New York’s radical Reproductive Health Law on January 22, 2019. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with Rosary and Adoration in the church, followed at 7:00 pm by a two-mile walk through Niagara Falls State Park, returning to St. Mary’s afterward. **Participants should bring their own flashlights or lanterns. NO signs, banners, or handouts are permitted.** For more information, contact Kathy Aronica at 870-2220 or email: thebridge1013@gmail.com

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

Welcome to our Parish

Family and congratulations to the parents of: Evan Xavier Astridge, Milo Dominic Biagiotti, Becket Dalton Brooks, Declan Sean Govern, Ava Regina Kutrybala, Cameron Joseph Lindberg, Britta Jade Margitus, Wyatt James Murphy, Gianna Domenica Peer, Harrison Armando Perez, Nathan Vincent Savage, Evelyn Ruth Scott. Special thanks to Parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend Adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Thank you.

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

- ◆ MONDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

OUR CHAPEL IS OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK.



EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Evangelization Committee is looking to add a few more disciples to the “Welcome Wagon” team, started by Fr. Thomas. This ministry welcomes new residents to the “St Greg’s” neighborhood with a personal invitation to visit our parish / campus...it’s an extraordinary opportunity to evangelize! You can participate on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or as-available basis. We go out in pairs. If interested please contact Brian Ruh at 688 5678 ext. 313 or at bruh@stgregs.org.

TELEMARKETERS WANTED

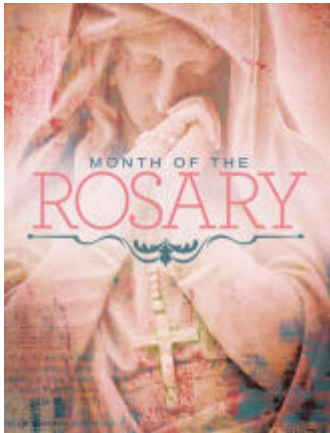


After weeks of preparation, we are ready to reach out to our Parishioners, whom we have not seen in a while. We have a phone script a census form and helpful hints to give you the confidence to engage our parish family members. You can participate on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or as-available basis. If you are able to help us, please contact Brian Ruh at 688 - 5678 ext. 303 or at bruh@stgregs.org.

MINISTRY UPDATES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to attend the October 21 meeting in MC Gym at 1:00pm. The guest speaker will be Fr. Moses Ikuelogbon. He will talk on subjects of his childhood, his calling to the priesthood and his roll at St. Gregory the Great Parish. Refreshments will be served.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. 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 for our Country is recited, including an announcement for each state plus the Divine Mercy. In good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church. Bring a folding chair, sing Ava Maria and God Bless America after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, October 28, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The charitable focus will be Thanksgiving donations. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, November 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if Interested. New members are always welcome.

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 information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Foyer, Gym, Basement, Café)

Monday, October 21

- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens Mthly. Mtg (MC Gym)
- 6:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm YM Affinity (MC 2)
- 7:30 pm Scouts Troop 440 (MC 1)

Tuesday, October 22

- 4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (GR 2)
- 6:30 pm School Board Mthly. Mtg. (MC 1)
- 7:00 pm Security Ministry Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:30 pm (11:00 am) Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)
- 7:30 pm Scouts Troop 444 MTG. (MC Gym)

Wednesday, October 23

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire Book Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (School Classroom #802)

Thursday, October 24

- 6:30 pm EDGE (MC Foyer, Gym, Basement)
- 6:30 pm One Way Home Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, October 25

- 9:00 am MOMS Mtg. (GR 1 & 2)
- 12:45 pm Brown Bag Lunch Discussion (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm ULTIMATE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)

Saturday, October 26

SVDP FOOD DRIVE

- 12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (School Classroom #602)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (GR 2)

Sunday, October 27

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC foyer, gym, basement, Café)



We invite singers of the parish to consider joining Music Ministry for a few rehearsals in preparation for Christmas Midnight Mass. Rehearsals are planned for Tuesdays, November 12 and 19, December 3, 10, and 17, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in GR 2. The regular Adult Choir rehearsal follows from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our final Christmas rehearsal is planned for Monday, December 23, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Church. If you're interested and available for most of the rehearsals and Midnight Mass, please contact Nancy Erdman by email NErdman@stgregs.org or call the Parish Office at 688-5678, extension 308.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 19

Vigil Masses

- 4:00pm Bill Mason Sr.
by Wife, Dolores & Family
Adriel J. Buleje - Castillo
by Plavan Family
- 5:30 pm Frances Reidy (Birthday)
by Hartigan Family

Sunday, October 20—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Benny Constantino by the Julicher's
- 9:30 am Angela Scrivani by Ralph & Rose Pawlak
Marie Zarcone by the Bruno Family
- 11:00 am Alois & Marie Dukat (Anniversary)
by Norbert Mruk & Family
Marina & Donotola Lama
by Lydia & Family
- 12:30 pm Annette Sperrazza
by Sister-in-Law, Marie Leman
Henry & Agnes Kucharski by
Michael & Carolyn Dowling
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Thomas Ventriglio
by Jill & Greg Graham

Monday, October 21

- 7:00 am Donna Spellman
by Staff & Volunteers of St. Greg's Store
- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
Nancy Taborda by Donna Hall-Clark
- 12:00 pm Violet Cassiol by Phyllis Petre & Family
Patricia Ahearn (Birthday) by Family

Tuesday, October 22— St. John Paul II

- 7:00 am Mary Genter-Witten (Living)
by Sharon Sans
- 8:00 am Anthony Ferace by Nigam Family
- 12:00 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli
(Anniversary) by Joyce Santora & Family
Dr. Faustino P. Solis (Birthday)
by Family

Wednesday, October 23— St. John Capistrano

- 7:00 am Ladies of the Lord by Dawn Curazzato
- 8:00 am Eileen O'Grady by Bob & Judi Moses
- 12:00 pm Rita Biondo by Barbara Voigt
Deceased Members of Doerr & Enslin
Families by Sharon Doerr

Thursday, October 24— St. Anthony Claret

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Christine Rogenthien by Diane Daly
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Arthur Lorenzo (Birthday)
by Ellie Lorenzo
Paul A. Spinley
by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bobowicz

Friday, October 25

- 7:00 am Carolyn Ruffino by Dr. & Ashok Nigam
- 8:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,
A.J. & Stephen
- 12:00 pm Sally Hurley by Peg Boehler
Francis O'Connor (Birthday)
by Catherine Steffan

Saturday, October 26

- 8:00 am Florence Kozlowska
by Kathy & Dennis Mooney
- 2:00 pm **Wedding**
Sarah E. Notaro & William T. Englert

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Joseph Cosentino by Pam Pantano
F. Robert Danni by Wife,
Kathy & Family
- 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Phelan
& Van Buhler Families by
Mrs. Patricia A. Phelan & Family

Sunday, October 27— 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Clare Wesolowski by Ihor Gill
- 9:30 am Sally M. Hartmayer by La Mendola Family
Thomas Ventriglio by Linda & Tom Rosetti
- 11:00 am Valerie Garrison & Tina Tramontana by
Alfasso Family
Charles Michael Calabrese
by Glenn Wilke-Midtown Educational
Foundation
- 12:30 pm Floyd Salzman by Irv & Joy Peterson
Frank Deni by Joey & Kelli Manti
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. William Flanagan by
Mike & Joanne Kersten

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