

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

October 26 & 27, 2019  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this weekend I wish to express my gratitude for all who are working very hard to make this coming Saturday's Dinner Auction a success. As you know, Saturday, November 2, is our Great Dinner Auction at Salvatore's and promises to be a wonderful evening.

Thank you to Steve and Maria Glamuzina and to Matt and Nicole Schmidt for chairing this year's "An Evening With The Stars" Dinner Auction. They have worked countless hours to secure sponsorships and gift items as well as attendees for this event. We are thankful for your "leading role" in this year's event. Thank you for your hard work and effort!

Thank you to our many faithful "stars" at St. Greg's who took on many "supporting roles" for our Dinner Auction. Thank you to everyone who hosted and attended a gift gathering party. Thank you to our school families who had gift gatherings in each of their classrooms. Thank you to our Family Faith board and families for your hard work to sponsor the Chiavetta's chicken dinner and Bill's game event as a fund raiser to purchase a gift for the Auction from the Family Faith Formation ministry. Thank you to the many workers who have helped gather and assemble the many wonderful gift baskets and who have assisted in the preparations for the event itself at Salvatore's. Thank you to all of our parishioners, school parents and students who have been selling the car raffle tickets after the Masses. I extend many thanks to everyone who took an ornament off of the Auction Tree" in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you in advance to all those who will come to work the event on Saturday night as well as those who will be setting up and tearing down after the Dinner Auction is completed. Thank you to our parish staff, and especially to Cindy Reitebach, who coordinates the Auction every year for us. Our parish staff has worked very hard to ensure a successful night of joy, entertainment, great food and fun. Finally, I wish to extend my gratitude to my

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting canned or boxed non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to the Church entrances. Food bags were handed out at Masses on October 19 and 20.

personal family and friends who have really helped us this year with our Parish Auction. This year I sent a letter to my personal family and friends to assist us at St. Greg's in making the Auction a success. They have purchased tables and dropped off many beautiful items for the Auction, as well as purchased many car raffle tickets and making outright financial contributions. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to my family and friends for your support of my ministry and for St. Gregory the Great Parish. I pray that God may reward everyone involved a hundred fold for your generosity and service.

Congratulations to our two 2019 recipients of the "St. Gregory the Great Cornerstone Award." This year we are pleased and honored to induct Rosemary "Ro" Spano and Mr. Joseph Couche. Ro Spano has been a parishioner of St. Greg's for many decades, having raised her family here with her husband James. Over all of that time Ro has always served our parish family. She has been active with Adult Enrichment at St. Greg's and our annual parish Mission. Ro was involved with our first Mission and has assisted other parishes in doing the same. She has also served on our Liturgy Committee and as a parish retreat leader, and helped lead RENEW at St. Greg's. Most substantially Ro has chaired and coordinated our parish hospitality at St. Gregory's for decades. Ro has put countless hours into arranging every detail for our large parish receptions to honor a newly ordained Deacon or Priest as well as those to thank a member of the clergy for their service to St. Greg's at a time of their reassignment. Ro has lead the planning for the celebrations of a special anniversary for the parish or clergy as well as coordinated hundreds of parish or diocesan meetings, parish education events, workshops, days of prayer and parish retreats and so much more! Ro has always been right there to coordinate the entire effort for our parish's Hospitality Ministry. Ro, we thank you and congratulate you on all you have done for our St. Greg's Parish family.

*(Pastor's Article Continued on Page 2)*

## ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is Friday, November 1, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are: Vigil Mass October 31, 7:00 pm; November 1, 7:00 am, 8:00 am (School Mass), 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

*(Pastor's Continued)*

Joe Couche is a newer parishioner of St. Greg's. Joe and his wife, Kim, are here only about a decade of years. In this relatively short time at St. Greg's Joe has "stepped up" to serve as a Eucharistic Minister and as a Special Minister to the Sick, especially at Suburban Hospital next door. Joe enthusiastically said "yes" to becoming a member of our parish Buildings and Grounds Committee when I began the advisory board for our parish property. Joe has served and continues to serve on our parish Finance Council and has been the Council's chair. Most substantially, Joe completely oversaw the renovation of our Church this year as well as the planning of the project. It had been twenty years since the interior of our church had been addressed. Joe stepped in and served as our project manager which was more than a full time, forty hour a week, job. Joe was that "one" person to constantly meet with all of our contractors and suppliers. He was the point person to meet with painters, restorers for our terrazzo floor, carpenters, those installing our carpets, lighting, and more. To this day Joe is still overseeing the final details like the black top repair that was accomplished just over a week ago. We will all be thankful to him as winter comes and our new heated sidewalks will ensure our safety. I believe we all know what it is like doing a remodeling project in our home. The many hours it takes to interview and discuss and compare proposals from several contractors for each part of the project as well as the oversight of the final details. I do not believe any of us can begin to imagine the scope and amount of time, talent and energy expended on a project of the magnitude of remodeling our worship space. Joe, we thank you and congratulate you for all you have done for us.

Finally, I wish to make you aware that in November I will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. As you know I am a Knight Commander with the Order. We have several parishioners who are also Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, Eastern Lieutenancy. The Order was established by the Holy Father in 1099 at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and works to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land and most notably to support Catholic Education in the Holy Land. Pope Francis is our Sovereign and Edwin Cardinal O'Brien is our Grand Master. I will travel in pilgrimage along with Knights and Dames of the Order who are St. Gregory's parishioners and with other members of the Eastern Lieutenancy. We will be on pilgrimage to the many holy sites of the Holy Land in Jordan, Israel and Palestine as well as meet with our Grand Prior, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and visit some of our schools that we work to fund and support. It is an honor and privilege to serve in this Order at the appointment of our Holy Father. Please pray for our safe journey and travel and please know that I will be praying for you and our St. Greg's family as I celebrate Mass daily in the various holy sites of the Holy Land.

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



Thanks to you, our Bishop Barron books are here! We asked for your help to defray costs and you came through! We acknowledge and offer special thanks to our Knights of Columbus, Donna Brachmann, Mary Broadt, Judy Brown-Reifsteck, Joann Clinton, Joe & Annie Deck, Joe Dispensa, Rita Dixon, also Nancy Donohue, Beth Lucia, and others who wish to remain anonymous. Our desire, for you, is that this book will provide hope and healing as we go through this trial, together.

### **"LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH" IS HERE!!!**

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. Feel free to take more than one to share with family and friends.

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.

### **BISHOP BARRON BOOK DISCUSSION**

Please join us for a sharing session regarding your insights and perspectives from the book *Letter to a Suffering Church* by Bishop Robert Barron. We pray this 'Cry from the Heart' will provide you with healing and hope as we journey forward during this difficult time for our Diocese and Church. These sessions are meant to allow us to prayerfully reflect on and better understand this difficult and sensitive topic. If you have not already received a copy of the book, they are available at the Church entrances or Parish Office.

We will gather on:

- Monday, November 4, at 7:00 pm in the Church
- Wednesday, November 6, at 12:30 pm in GR 1
- Wednesday, November 13, at 12:30 pm in GR 1
- Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm in GR 1

If you have questions, please contact Brian Ruh at [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org)





## BENCH DEDICATED AT SCHOOL

This summer the school H.S.A. purchased a park bench and had it engraved in memory of Christine Rogenthien. Christine was a dedicated, veteran teacher of 20 plus years at St. Greg's. She passed away earlier this year and is missed by many. The bench is located to the left of the playground in front of the school.



In a hard-fought meet, the St Greg's swimmers proved once again... it's not the size of the cat in the fight that counts (all St Greg's swimmers please stand up) but rather the amount of fight in the cougar that matters...beating St Amelia's 126 to 116!

A shoutout to some of our 11-and-ups who helped win their age group:

- Colin Duquin
- Molly Fulco
- Maddie Lempko
- Matteo Mancini
- Joey Piwko
- Jamie Quinn
- Mike Quinteros
- Michela Raio
- Nick Wehr



Finally, please give a HUGE congratulations to Bella Ryan...who broke the St. Gregs 50 free record with a 28.95, beating the record of 29.66 set in 2007!

### DID YOU KNOW...

...that St. Greg's is not notified when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know when your loved ones are in need of a priest visit.

Please call the Parish Office at 688-5678 for a priest visit, to be added to the prayer chain or to update their contact information.



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](mailto:NErdman@stgregs.org) or call the Parish Office at 688-5678, extension 308.



## ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Join us on Wednesday November 6, at 6:30pm in the Church for our annual Candlelight Mass in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. As you enter the Church we will ask for the names of your beloved deceased, and we will read those names aloud during our candlelight prayers after the homily. As part of this continued celebration of the Feast of All Souls, we will also lift in prayer all our beloved parishioners who have died during this past year.

### ATTENTION ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

Please REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES IN THE Parish Office once a month or weekly if possible. If you are a ministry leader and can't check it yourself, please designate a representative to do this. Information is given monthly and sometimes weekly to keep your ministry updated about Parish events.

### DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

Here are 3 ways to get news and information as it relates to the Diocese.

SOCIAL MEDIA: **Facebook , Instagram, Twitter and/or YouTube**

WEBSITE: [www.buffalodiocese.org](http://www.buffalodiocese.org)

WNY CATHOLIC: [ww.wnycatholic.org](http://ww.wnycatholic.org) (print or online)



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

**October's FFF Outreach:** This is the last week 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 for your generosity!

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

**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 - 10:30 am in the Cafeteria.

#### November GOF Class Dates:

**GOF Session A:** November 3 (9:30 - 12 noon)

**GOF Session B:** November 3 (12:30 - 2:00 pm)

**GOF Session C:** November 7 (6:15 - 7:45 pm)

**Rosary Club** (Grades 5-8) meets on Mondays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm in the School Cafeteria, except when there are no classes due to holidays (eg **Veteran's Day**, Christmas Break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). Hours attended count towards ministry hours as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc. **There is NO Rosary Club on Nov. 11.** Please check the FFF Program Calendar online for class dates.

**There are NO CLASSES on Monday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day. The FFF Office will also be closed. Note: There is **NO Rosary Club** on November 11.



October **Coffee Break with God:** Parents enjoyed a relaxing morning with special speakers Christie Thein and Mrene Corra. **Join us next time on Saturday, November 2**, from 9:15-10:15 am in the School Art Room.

November Topic: "Simple Ways to Incorporate Faith Into the Holidays!", presented by Catherine Wadhams. Come for coffee, donuts and fellowship. See you then!

[www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation](http://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.

## CATECHIST'S CORNER

### THE ROLE OF A CATECHIST IS TO TEACH OUR FAITH BY WORD AND EXAMPLE.

"I derived joy and excitement in preparing and presenting each week's lesson. Children have an innate curiosity to learn, and my goal each week was to help children have a greater understanding of our Catholic faith and a deeper love of God and in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer. Being a Catechist has deepened my faith as well. I was learning right along with the children. Give it a try, at least for a year, and experience the joy of bringing God's message into the hearts and minds of our children!"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Marguerite Lavigne, *Give Me One Good Reason I Should Consider Serving as a Catechist*, Joe Paprocki's Catechist Journey, <https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2016/05/good-reason-to-consider-serving-as-a-catechist/>

Links to the Diocesan Catechist Formation Brochure and other information can be found on our website; go to [www.stgregs.org/catechist-information/](http://www.stgregs.org/catechist-information/)

You are cordially invited to

## Coffee Breaks with God

Join us on Saturday, November 2,  
from 9:15 am-10:15am in the School Art Room



Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) by 12 noon on the Thursday prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.

November speaker  
**Catherine Wadhams**  
will share fun and simple ways  
families can incorporate  
Faith into the holidays!





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](mailto:Dinnerauction@gmail.com) ■ 716-688-5678 x337■

**SNEAK PEEK AT SOME OF THE  
LIVE AUCTION ITEMS FOR THIS  
YEAR'S GREAT DINNER AUCTION**

- ◇ Disney Vacation
- ◇ Lake House Get Aways
- ◇ Josh Allen Autographed Jersey \*\*\*
- ◇ Unique Dining Opportunities
- ◇ Sandlot Cast Jersey Autographed and Framed \*\*\*
- ◇ Bubble Chexx

If you don't want to miss out on a chance at these fabulous items, then make sure you purchase a ticket to the event today! Auction volunteers will be in the back of Church this weekend after all the Masses. You can also purchase tickets online or directly from the Parish Business Office.

\*\*\* These items are excluded from the Golden Raffle Ticket



The Great Dinner Auction is pleased to announce online bidding for St. Greg's Class Art and Teacher Gifts. Online bidding opened Tuesday, October 15, at 9:00 am and will remain open until November 2 at 7:45 pm. Don't miss the chance to get an earlier bid in before the event.

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Auction Committee is searching for adult volunteers, 18 years or older, to work the night of the Auction. Anyone interested should contact Cindy Reitebach at 688-5678 ext. 337 or [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com).



# SAVE THE DATE

## 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](mailto:fanony27@gmail.com) with questions.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST ST GREG'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



All-you-can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 17, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in Ministry Center Gym. Purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Children 4 and under are free. Menu includes: Pancakes, egg, sausages, juice, coffee.



This breakfast is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. This year the proceeds will benefit our Seminarian Tuition Fund and other various charities. To learn more contact Bob Moses at 908-4223.

## ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

Have you ever considered the annulment process? Facilitators, knowledgeable in the Marriage Tribunal Process leading to a Church Annulment, are available to assist individuals to prepare the "paper work" necessary to begin the annulment procedures. So often just putting together the information needed can be overwhelming. Please join us Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 – 11:00am in the Gathering Rooms, 200 St. Gregory Court. A \$5.00 registration fee will cover the cost of materials. Walk-ins are welcome. To register please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or e-mail at

## 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 McMahon (861-1107) [kcmcmahon1224@gmail.com](mailto:kcmcmahon1224@gmail.com)  
Michelle Burns (380-5423) [micburns99@aol.com](mailto:micburns99@aol.com)  
Meegan Stamm (867-4431) [meegstamm@msn.com](mailto:meegstamm@msn.com)  
**If sending by mail, detach lower section and mail to:**  
Karyn McMahon, 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 McMahon: see address above, or drop off at School Office: ATTN-Michelle Burns/ Family-to- Family Christmas



**“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. For more information, contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323 or sign up on-line at [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo).

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors that may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have yet healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. **But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.** Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation... [Through] your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life.” – Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*

**Pregnant and 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](mailto:StGianna@buffalodiocese.org).**

**If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, the Buffalo Diocese offers a local Project Rachel program. You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at 716-847-2211.**



Sessions of Inquiry continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. For more information e-mail Jerry Peer at [gpeer@verizon.net](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net) or call the Parish Office at 688-5678.



## 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.

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

Next weekend, November 2 and 3, we will have a combined collection for Catholic University.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org).

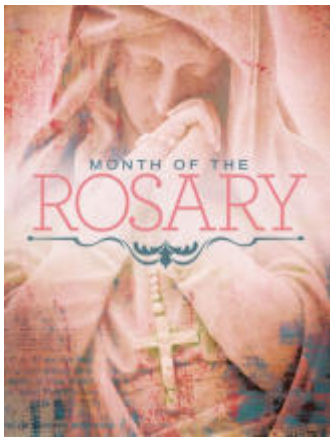


# MINISTRY UPDATES

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Knights of Columbus Council #14687 invites family, friends and the parish community to join in the annual St. Gregory the Great Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brother Knights on Sunday, November 10, at 12:30 pm. A reception will follow immediately in the Gathering Rooms.

Please RSVP by November 6 to Tim Spellman at 688-3597 or [teamspel@verizon.net](mailto:teamspel@verizon.net).



## 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 Ave 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 27

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

### Monday, October 28

- 12:30 pm Ladies of Charity (*Café*)
- 6:00 pm SWAT (*MC Basement*)
- 7:00 pm KOC Leadership Mtg. (*MC 2*)

### Tuesday, October 29

- 4:30 pm Parish Children’s Choir Practice (*GR 2*)
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
- 7:00 pm AMPED (*MC Café*)
- 7:00 pm Scouts Troop 444 Mtg. (*MC Gym*)
- 7:30 pm (11:00 am) Adult Choir Rehearsal (*GR 2*)

### Wednesday, October 30

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Gym*)
- 2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (*School Classroom #802*)

### Thursday, October 31

- 7:00 pm Vigil Mass All Saints Day (*Church*)

### Friday, November 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

- 10:00 am MOMS Playgroup (*MC Basement*)
- 5:30 pm American Heritage Girls Mtg. (*GR 1 & 2*)
- 6:00 pm Scouts Religious Emblems Mtg. (*MC 2*)

### Saturday, November 2

- 10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (*GR 1 & 2*)
- 12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (*School Classroom #602*)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (*GR 1*)

### Sunday, November 3

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (*GR 1*)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (*MC foyer, gym, basement, Café*)

## REAR PEWS RECEIVING COMMUNION



We are changing our Communion stations to better service the parishioners during Communion. In our efforts, we want it to be clear that any disabled individuals sitting in the rear pews will receive Communion after the two side isles have finished. We have designated two Eucharist Ministers, at each Mass, to service these pews. We appreciate your patience as we work through this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please see an Usher before or after Mass.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, October 26

#### 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 LaMendola 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

### Monday, October 28– Sts. Simon & Jude

- 7:00 am Sam & Jay Chiarello  
by Mary Ann & Sam Piazza  
& John Chiarello
- 8:00 am Ginger Kothen by Julie Lakatos
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Marinoff Sr.  
by Mrs. Virginia Scarcella

### Tuesday, October 29

- 7:00 am James Clark by Barbara Wilbur
- 8:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan,  
A.J. & Stephen  
Jaeger & Curazzato Families  
by Sam & Dawn Curazzato
- 12:00 pm Norma Heimerl  
by Shirley & John Allen &  
Barbara & James Mc Martin  
Rose Glorioso by JoJo & Sammy

### Wednesday, October 30

- 7:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
- 8:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 12:00 pm Howard Estes by Mom  
Edward Driscoll by Wife, Rita Driscoll

### Thursday, October 31

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 8:00 am Robert Allen  
by Allen, Benson, & Gerrish Families  
Devin Waring by Godparents
- 12:00 pm Erich Zagskorn Jr. by Family  
Stella Wienckowski  
by Carol & Russell Monafio

#### Vigil Mass

- 7:00 pm Phillip Martorana by Mom & Dad

### Friday, November 1–All Saints Day

- 7:00 am Charlene Weiskaput by Donna Cronin
- 8:00 am Henry L. Bogdan  
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family  
Nancy D'Arrigo by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Neri  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Corinne & Frank Weise  
by Frank & Carol Weise  
Rocco Verdi by Family
- 7:00 pm Suzanne Nicole Sorci  
by Joanne Sorci & Family

### Saturday, November 2– All Souls Day

- 8:00 am Deceased Members of Ladies of the Lord  
by Friend  
Jamie Zawodzinski (Living)  
by Mom & Dad

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Florence Sodus (Birthday)  
by Jason, Kathleen, Colin Coyle  
Henry Walas by Jim & Teresa Majors
- 5:30 pm Felipe & Jesusa Torres & Children  
by Diana Adriano

### Sunday, November 3– 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
- 9:30 am Angela Scrivani by Ralph & Rose Pawlak  
Paul A. Spinley by Pauline Meli
- 11:00 am Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki  
Charles Michael Calabrese by  
Glenn Wilke Midtown Educational  
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- 12:30 pm Carmelo Manta  
by Daughter, Carmelina Misercola  
Souls in Purgatory by Joyce Santoro
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Pasquale Vicari by Wife & Children

### DECEASED

Ryan Marchiori  
Gaetano Gullo  
Rose Carnevale  
James E. Huber  
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**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

**SUNDAY:** 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am; 12:30 and 4:30 pm

**HOLY DAYS:** As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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**SACRAMENTS**

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Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

**PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)**

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

**WEDDINGS**

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

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