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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16 & 17, 2018

From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, as we celebrate Father's Day, please know that we ask God's blessing upon all of our Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers. Please know how important you are, my brothers. God has entrusted you with the role of St. Joseph in the world today, meaning to care for, love, protect and spiritually lead your family. This is an awesome task in this complicated world. It is also a tremendous blessing. My brothers, please look to the prayerful, simple and attentive life of St. Joseph to model your own role as Father. May God bless you this Father's Day. In addition to all of the Masses being offered in Church for the Father's Day Novena, I will also be offering an additional Mass each day for the Novena intentions just as I did for the Mother's Day Novena. Happy Father's Day!

This Sunday, after the 8:00 am Mass, we will be dedicating the new plaque explaining the meaning of Our Lady of Lourdes. This plaque will be dedicated in Memory of Mrs. Rose Hoelscher, who belonged to St. Gregory the Great parish for many decades. Rose passed away on December 23, 2017. During her life here at St. Gregory the Great, she was devoted to our Blessed Mother in an exemplary way. She began the traveling statue of Mary and personally delivered and picked up the statue weekly from people's homes in addition to coordinating the scheduling of the ministry. She was a strong advocate for our Grotto and a faithful member of the Ladies of the Lord. Rose was a participant in almost every ministry at St. Greg's. Rose's family will be present at the 8:00 am Mass and afterwards we will proceed to the Grotto for the dedication and blessing. All are welcome to join us in prayer. An additional plaque bearing Rose's name will soon be installed.

Also, there will be a change coming up at St. Greg's regarding seating and the distribution of Communion. I have received several complaints regarding the way we handle taking Communion to those who may be disabled or handicapped and not able to proceed in a line to receive Communion at Mass. Virtually every parish I have served in and been privileged to visit, has a designated handicapped section. St. Greg's also has a designated section in the back of the church. It has developed over time that many do not wish to sit there and Eucharistic ministers and/or priests and deacons walk to many different parts of the church to distribute Communion to those who cannot easily walk. We are very grateful to do this, but the time has come to limit this to designated areas. Beginning next weekend, June 30 and July 1 the first row on both sides of the center aisle will be designated as handicapped rows and the priest and/or deacon distributing communion in front of the church in the center aisle will come to all those in those 2 benches to distribute the Eucharist. Similarly, the last row of the center aisle will also be designated for the handicapped and the Eucharistic Minister designated for the balcony will bring the Eucharist to those in that row.

I humbly ask those in need of Communion being brought to them to sit in one of these three designated rows to allow for an orderly and timely period of Communion during the Mass. Our Ushers will be able to direct you to the proper row. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

As we look to the refurbishment of our pews, as I have mentioned before, it appears that we will be replacing our benches and not simply refinishing them. It will be less expensive to replace them and it will also allow for us to reconfigure the church to include a designated section for those with handicaps. We will keep you informed as we progress with these plans. (continued on pg. 2)

What Makes A Dad

*A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there,
but a guiding light whose love shows us the
way.*

Unknown Author

FATHER'S DAY CARDS STILL AVAILABLE

Father's Day Novena Mass Cards are still available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week beginning June 17 through June 25.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. June 18: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
Tues. June 19: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
Wed. June 20: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. June 21: 1 Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
Fri. June 22: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23
Sat. June 23: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34
Sun. June 24: Isaiah 49:1-6 (587); Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Living in God's kingdom

Reading I Ezekiel 17:22-24 (prophesy of the restoration of Israel)
Reading II 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (walking by faith)
Gospel Mark 4:26-34 (seed grows by itself and the mustard seed)
Passage Yet when the [mustard seed] is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. (Mark 4:32)

Adult: *What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?*

Child: *How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?*

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to the growth of seeds to show that what seems small can have a great potential. What seeds has God given you to scatter? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - www.buffalovocations.org!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In May we Baptized 7 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Robert Joseph Thomas Glaser, Samuel Marc Kaun, Benjamin Lucas Keddie, Carter James Kopf, Joseph David Ponkou, John Mario Stenz, and Victoria Grace Woodroffe.** Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

CHANT MASS

On Saturday, June 23 at 5:30 pm, there will be a *Chant Mass* for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

If you are interested in participating in the Chant Choir for this Mass, please attend the following rehearsals:

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, June 20 in GR #2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Friday, June 22 in GR #2

Contact Daniel Victor at 688-5678, ext. 308

From the Desk of the Pastor (cont'd from pg. 1)

I would also like to announce and thank Mr. Gregory Bruno who has agreed to join our Parish's Finance Council. He has served on the council in past years and I am grateful for his enthusiastic yes to serve again.

Finally, I'd like to say a word about my upcoming sabbatical. I have been asked by many what my plans are during my sabbatical and I published them in the May 8 Bulletin. Last weekend in particular many were asking me after Masses what I was going to be doing and I do apologize to many as time simply did not allow me to answer your question. I appreciate your interest, concern and well wishes and I do apologize if I was short in my responses as I needed to either prepare for the next Mass or attend to other matters at that moment. With that in mind I will restate my sabbatical plans: My sabbatical is planned from July 1, 2018 to December 1, 2018. During this entire time I remain in fact the Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish and return as Pastor to continue my term. I am most thankful to Father Tom Mahoney who will be the Administrator in my absence and working closely with our new priest, Father Paul Cygan, and Msgr. Thomas Maloney.

The first week of my sabbatical I intend to sleep and catch up on some needed rest. I will be attending a retreat for Priests in West Virginia on the Identity of the Priest as Understood in the New Testament. This will be given by Dr. Scott Hahn from Franciscan University. I will attend a Scripture conference and an Apologetics conference at Franciscan University and also intend to take a couple courses from Franciscan in the fall term.

Finally, I hope to complete writing a book and do some travel, most notably to Italy, and to spend some time in the Adirondack Mountains and at the Trappist Monastery in Piffard, NY. While in Rome, I plan to celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and hopefully will be graced enough to preside at Mass above St. John Paul II's tomb. I am also thankful to Cardinal Dolan and to our Holy Father for inviting me to be elevated to the rank of Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Eastern Lieutenancy. The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is a Roman Catholic order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. The Pope is the sovereign of the Order which was established circa 1099. This will take me to New York City for an investiture at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Dolan. It is an ambitious agenda and if I accomplish all of this I will probably need a vacation from my sabbatical! Please know that I will be praying for my St. Greg's family daily especially as I celebrate daily Mass. Please pray for me! May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE: 642,110.18 COLLECTED, 92.66% OF OUR GOAL

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is \$693,000. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.cwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**

BECOME AN "ANGEL" IN A CHILD'S LIFE

We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. With tuition rising each year (for 2018-19 it is now over \$4,000 for one child) your help is needed more than ever. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help to make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our Parish School. Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Donations under \$250 will be pooled together for a Scholarship. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. Parents of current St. Gregory's students do not serve on the committee. Strict confidentiality of donors and award recipients will be maintained. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic Education and positively touch the life of a child in our parish with your generosity. Please join us in this wonderful endeavor.

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

Ministry Help Needed!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am - 12:00 noon in the MC Gym. All are invited to join us or if you would like to knit/crochet shawls (approximately 20x60 inches) at home, you may bring them to the Parish Office for blessing and distribution. For information call Chris Urbanski at 688-2495.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs your time and talent. Thank you for your gifts of treasure which have been used in service to the poor for 53 years via our St. Gregory's conference. Would you consider joining us? Please call 688-5678, Ext. 423 or e-mail jonnno22@yahoo.com.

Liturgical Items for Memorial Available

We have a few liturgical items available to be dedicated in memorial, for use at St. Greg's. The Parish has purchased three new vestments to complete the Concelebration set of vestments. Each vestment costs \$1500.00. We have also purchased a new Holy Water Bucket and Sprinkler which cost \$800. These items are available if you would like to donate them in memory of a loved one or in honor of your family. The memorial will be sewn into the vestment and will be engraved on the new Holy Water Set. Please call Jo Pierino at the parish office 688-5678 ext. 301 for more information. Thank you.

Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Lectors Needed

Are you interested in proclaiming the Word of God? Our Lector team is in need of more Lectors for Masses. If interested, contact Earl Leising at 432-5312 or earl.leising@genmills.com.

JOIN OUR USHERS TEAM!

How about volunteering to be an Usher? We can use help with the collection. You could usher weekly, or you could be a substitute. Please consider and give a call to Russell at 636-8283. Thank you!

OUR GREETERS NEED YOU!

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We especially need volunteers for the Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses and 12:30 and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please call Arlene at 688-5051.

SACRISTAN/ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of adult Sacristans and Altar Servers for the 8:00 am weekday Masses. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Walt Weber at 636-8285 and let him know which day(s) you would be available.

FUNERAL MASS SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of more Adult Altar Servers for Funeral Masses. Serving at a Funeral Mass is an important ministry, and a blessing to be able to send the deceased to God with love and prayers while giving consolation to the family and friends. For more information, please contact Meg King at 716-634-5865 or kingdavidmeg@verizon.net.

Café Volunteer's Needed

We are in need of volunteers for our Parish Café. Grillers and Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Hours are flexible. Please Contact Margy at 445-2510.

Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass, please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678

FOOD SHUTTLE

The *Food Shuttle* helps feed the hungry by transporting excess food from supermarkets and other food-related businesses to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. *There is a need for more drivers.* You can select your own "shuttle runs" and sign up one month at a time for the number of times you are available to drive. For more information or to volunteer, call Louise Seereiter at (716) 839-1797 or the Food Shuttle Hot Line at 688-2527.

Vacation Bible School

For Pre K*- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

(*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2017)

Camp Dates: July 9 –13, 2018 Mon-Friday,
9:00 am -12 noon.

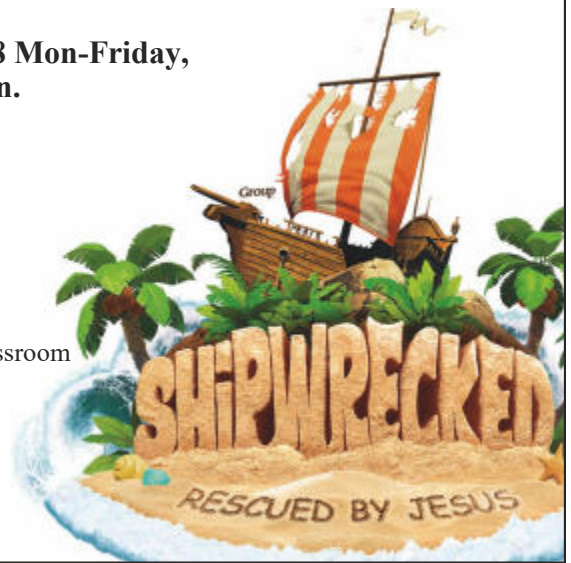
To Register, scroll down to the bottom of this page:

www.stgregs.org/register-now/

The fee is \$30.00 per student \$90.00 family rate (for 3 or more).

Deadline: Registration and payment must be received by 12:00 noon on **Friday, June 22, 2018. No classroom changes or refunds after June 22, 2018.** All classroom changes must be requested in writing.

For more program details, go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ or call Joan Rischmiller at 688-5760.



For adults & children with disabilities and special needs
and their families

LUAU DISABILITY PICNIC

Music &
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You are cordially invited to the
Annual Disability Picnic on
Saturday, July 14
12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm
in the Parish Ministry Center



Free
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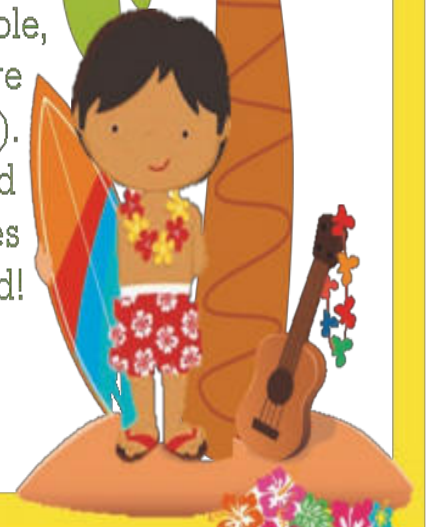
To Register, please email jrischmiller@stgregs.org
or call 688-5760 if you plan to attend.



Add to our summertime
banquet table and bring
your favorite casserole,
salad or dessert to share
(8-12 servings).

Hot dogs and
beverages
are provided!

Aloha



Our air-conditioned facility is completely accessible, including bathrooms.

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Respect Life

Happy Fathers' Day!

A Prayer for Fathers

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. -- Pope John XXIII

Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018: The US Conference of Catholic Bishops will launch its annual campaign in support of religious liberty at home and abroad **beginning June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher and ending June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.**

"Religious freedom allows... people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we [are able] to carry out our mission of service and mercy, and ...to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world." --*Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty*

St. Greg's Respect Life Committee will have information tables at the Church entrances next week. Please take a minute to educate yourself about these critical issues and share with others.

St. Greg's Café

DON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE LUNCH?

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy delicious paninis and homemade soups!

PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Leaving Religious Items in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Every item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

Lately all my friends are worried that they're turning into their fathers. I'm not worried. {Dan Zevin}

Parish Mission

A Parish Mission is a time in a parish community 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.

This past year, several people have asked if it would be possible to have a Lenten Mission instead of Summer Mission. So after some thought and discussion with the mission committee, and also realizing that Father Leon will be on sabbatical this summer, it was agreed that we would forgo the Summer Mission 2018 and move the Mission to Lent 2019.

The mission committee is very excited to have the time to coordinate an outstanding Mission for Lent 2019. As we move forward information will be printed in the Bulletin.

ST. LEO THE GREAT CHURCH
presents
"Let's Talk About...."
The Future of the Catholic Church

Wednesday, June 20th

Panel with Discussion: 7:00
Free childcare by reservation
Meyr Robert E. Zapfel, moderator
Join the Conversation
Free & open to the public

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Bishop Richard J. Doane
Sister Paula Rivie, O.S.B.
Dr. James Brennan
Fr. James Russo, O.F.M.

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Family Faith Formation

FFF Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
and when classes are in session.

Parents Needed for 2018 Vacation Bible School! Be a Game Captain, Drama Coach, Crafts Leader or a Refreshments Captain! VBS runs from July 9 -13. Parent volunteers come from 8:45 am-12 noon. VBS kids are 3 years old (by December 31, 2017) through Grade 4. Please call 688-5760 for more information.

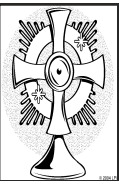
2018-2019 FFF Program Registration:

Go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

Weekly FFF Program (Gr 1-10) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information go to www.stgregs.org/program-options/ then select your child's grade level.

Little Cherubs (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information, go to www.stgregs.org/pre-school/



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

"ADORERS NEEDED!!!" You are invited

to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. *"There is a great need for Midnight-6:00 am adorers, especially Wednesday 3:00-4:00 am.* If you are a student or teacher off for the summer, please consider an early morning spot. Thank you."

St. Greg's School

OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

Senior Citizens

July 9, 1:00 pm, Summer picnic by Chiavetta's BBQ prepared on site, Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St
Members: \$17, Guests: \$20. Door prizes and live music for listening & dancing by Tom & Diane. Reservations to Dolores Mason at 574-6405 no later than July 2.

July 11, Southern Tier Treasures, Tour to Olean, \$77 per person, tour of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, lunch at The Old Library Inn and visit Cutco's Visitor Center. Bus departs Ministry Center 10:00 am, returning at 7:00 pm. If interested, let us know to secure reservations.

Ladies of Charity

For our monthly meeting on Monday, June 25, at 1:00 pm, a Tea will be held to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Charity in our parish. All past, present and future members are welcome to join us in the Ministry Center! The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, July 2. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janecek: njanecek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org ~ 688-3578

Middle School

Visit stgregsym.org for our summer schedule! If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole at 688-5678 Ext 341.

High School

Visit stgregsym.org for our summer schedule!

SWAT Team: June 19, 26

SWAT (Spiritual Weapons and Tactics) is our high school prayer group designed for those who want to dive deeper into the Bible and explore the Catholic faith. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm for discussion or simply adoration time! Food and fun is included!

High School Hangouts: June 22

Help us take over the entire Ministry Center for a night of fun and games! Nothing fancy, just show up enjoy some snacks and have a good time. Starts at 7:00pm! If you have any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard at 688-5678 Ext 338.

College

College Summer Lineup: Open for recent High-School Grads to recent College Grads.

Summer Nights - Mondays in June, 7:00pm in the Café. Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus. We'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, and throwing a Frisbee.

Summer Closeout Party - Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm: Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give-aways, and a send-off blessing!

College Life returns this Fall - We'll be back to break open the faith and build community in a big way. We're revamping College Life for this fall and will be open to all college students nearby. Stay tuned for dates!

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Summer Lineup: Open for all 18-30somethings.

St. Luke's Service - June 30 - 9:00am-1:00pm: We are heading to St. Luke's to offer our service with their ministry to the poor. Come ready to work and be ready to do anything. We will stop for food and beverages after!

Mass and BBQ - July 14, 4:00pm Mass with a BBQ following for young adults in the Café! It's easy, you fill up your spirit, then you fill up your stomach. Swing by, meet other young adults, and grab a hot dog or burger!

Softball Team - The Royal Blue team here at St. Greg's has had a rough start in the standings but our spirits are high! We're having a blast playing ball, spitting seeds, and building relationships. Keep on the look out for our first win at our Sunday games!

Mass and Lunch - Wednesdays at 12:00pm Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after Mass, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat with us.



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- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store;
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great";
- 3) Download the mobile app!



ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. Please call Sister Shawn in the Parish Office, 688-5678 ext. 335.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to help out the future church? Do you enjoy working with middle schooler or high schoolers? Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Greg's? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd love to have you join the St. Greg's Youth Ministry team! With a constantly expanding ministry, we at SGYM, are always in need of any help that we can get from fantastic people like you! We will be in the foyer following all masses the weekend of June 23-24 so please come talk to us and see how you can get involved! You can also contact us anytime via phone or email. Please consider using your gifts and talents to help out the youth of this parish!

Marriage Moment

Summer officially begins June 21. Traditionally this is a time of rest and vacations. Have you planned time together away from home, family, and work for just the two of you? A day trip to see something that you normally wouldn't take the time to counts!

Parenting Perspective

"Our Father, who art in heaven..." Note that we say "Our" Father, not "My" Father since God is father to all the children of the earth. Please remember your own father on June 17, but also remember those children whose fathers are absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you?

JOIN THE PARISH

If you are recently married and live in our area, we invite you to join our parish. Contact the Parish Office at (716) 688-5678 to register.

Catechist's Corner

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



Family Faith Formation is looking for enthusiastic, Confirmed Catholics willing to share their faith on a leadership team which will be working with small groups of high school freshmen and sophomores the week of June 25-29. There will be a training orientation to go over teaching materials. Volunteers can work full days (from 8:45 am - 4:15 pm), morning shifts OR afternoon shifts for that full week. Activities will include leading discussions, helping in service projects and team-building exercises. This is a volunteer experience that would qualify for service hours or leadership experience for honor/college/job applications. If you interested, please call the FFF Office at 688-5760.

Summer program dates and times you can help teach:

High –School Summer Program (Gr 9 & 10) June 25 - 29

All Day: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm

Mornings only: 8:45 - 12:00 noon

Afternoons only: 12:00 noon - 4:15 pm

Disciple Camp (Gr 5 - 8) July 16 - 20, 8:45 am - 4:15 pm



.... A Reminder: Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces when there is a Handicap van parked there. This prevents our parishioners from being able to enter/exit their vehicles.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, June 17

Monday, June 18

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Summer Nights MC Café

7:00 pm FFF VBS Training (School Caf & Gym)

Tuesday, June 19

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)

Wednesday, June 20

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)

6:30 pm Home School Assoc. Meeting (MC Gym)

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

Thursday, June 21

5:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Patrol Meeting (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)

Friday, June 22

7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout
(MC Gym/Café/Basement)

Saturday, June 23

Sunday, June 24

Enjoy An Evening Out

Living is easy when you let the Café do the cooking! Join us on **June 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM** for custom, made-to-order pizza while enjoying live, easy-listening summer time music performed by “Day7” a contemporary, acoustic music group based out of St. Greg’s. All are welcome to enjoy this relaxing evening out!

Women’s Enrichment News

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22, when we return with a day filled with the Holy Spirit as presented to us by our very special guest speaker Trish Short, Grammy award winner and singer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. You won’t want to miss this inspiring speaker and the awesome event we have planned.

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory’s has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the parish office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. *“Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!”* (Mark 11:24)

Out of Parish

Healing Masses offered by Fr. Andre “Fr. Pat” Patenaude, MS, at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18), Lewiston, on Saturday, June 30, at 4:00pm and Sunday, July 1, at 6:30 pm. Masses will be followed by prayers for healing. Fr. Pat comes to us from Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA and is internationally known for his healing ministry through music. All are welcome. For more information, call 716-754-7489.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 16

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Anne G. Wittig by Husband, Roger
Marcia Gambino by Sister
- 5:30 pm Santo & Mario Campanella
by Maria Campanella

Sunday, June 17 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Robert N. Rutkowski by Daughter,
Donna Morrison
Father's Day Novena
for All Fathers, Living & Deceased
- 9:30 am Salvatore J. Giovino by Giovino Family
- 11:00 am Alois Dukat (anniv) by Norbert Mruk
Family
Richard Parnell by Parnell & Pilicki
Families
- 12:30 pm Chester Lis by Family
Alice Klaus by Daughter, Linda
- 4:30 pm Aldo Narduzzo (birth) by Irma & Family

Monday, June 18

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Raymond Nuchereno by Maureen Schmitt
- 12:00 pm Teresa DeMario by Laura Pegnica & Family
Margaret King (living) by Tricia Hrycko

Tuesday, June 19

- 7:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
by Mary Lou Daigler
- 8:00 am Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family
- 12:00 pm St. Gregory's Eucharistic Ministers
by Vern & Sarah Anderson
Patrick J. Gallagher
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, June 20

- 7:00 am Pamela Lau by Shirley & Arthur Chan
Juanita Schober by Marie & Tom Hartz
- 8:00 am Gary Clayback by Dowd Family
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
Michele Dieckman
by Mary Pat & Bob Heary

Thursday, June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

- 7:00 am Casey Ronas by Francis Lessswing
Elna Wagner (anniv) & Ralph Wagner
(birth) by Linda & Bill Dohn
- 8:00 am Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm Margaret S. Burns by Burns Family
Paul Cannamela by Lucille Cannamela

Friday, June 22

- 7:00 am Gerri De Lac by Husband, William
Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Mary & Frank Young by Daughter,
Frances
- 12:00 pm Patrick R. Pujolas by Carol Pujolas
& Family
Doris Mathias (living) 100th Birthday
by Mary Lou Cosgriff-Heintz

Saturday, June 23

- 8:00 am Florence M. Brevorka by Carol Brevorka
Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Vita LoVerde by Fr. Pierro Sebastian
& Family
- 5:30 pm John Hartigan by Hartigan Family
Thomas Shanahan (birth) by Wife
& Family

Sunday, June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 8:00 am Bruce J. Cusenz, MD
by Felix & Lorraine Gramza
- 9:30 am Victoria DiSalvo by Casola Family
- 11:00 am Joseph V. Pegnica by Tony Pegnica, Sr.
& Family
George Strubel by Wife, Judy
Joseph & Victoria Balcerek
by Granddaughter, Christine
Father's Day Novena
For all Fathers, Living & Deceased
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Angela Riordan by Family
Carmela Amabile by Amabile Family

DECEASED

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

Catholic Store & Café

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

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

Sacraments

BAPTISM

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

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

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

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

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

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

PRAYER

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

Our Mission

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

- *Spiritual focus*
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