

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Trinity Sunday June 15 & 16, 2019

God gives us the gift
of his truth

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday in the Church as well as Father's Day. First, Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and to the men in our lives who take on a fatherly role of education, protection, formation and guidance! May you, my dear brothers in Christ, know of our love, prayers and gratitude for your life-giving and sacrificial way of life leading and guiding us in this world and leading us to the Kingdom of God!

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is the dynamic unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our one God. The center of this "dynamic" is love. God essentially is the perfection of love. There is much more to this dynamic than the simple word and complex reality we call "love." Wisdom is also part of the divine dynamic. This weekend's first reading from the Book of Proverbs personifies Wisdom. Wisdom is not simply a concept or idea. Wisdom is not seen as only a gift, as we know that wisdom is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom, we are reminded, was with God the Father from before creation. In the New Testament we are reminded that Wisdom is revealed in Jesus Christ. Wisdom was not part of creation, but existed before creation. Wisdom plays a role in creation itself. Our theology reminds us that all was created through Christ and all was created for Christ. The personification of Wisdom in the book of Proverbs becomes full and complete in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Wisdom of the Father and wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit given to us at Baptism and Confirmation. How do you define wisdom and recognize wisdom as a gift?

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Novena Cards are at all entrances of the Church. You may place your offering in the collection basket. Intentions will be prayed during the week of June 16.

Although the word "trinity" does not appear anywhere in the Bible, the reality of the Trinity exists throughout the Scripture. We see some hallmark moments of the Trinity in the Bible. Probably the best known moment is Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan by John. We hear the voice of the Father state: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." We hear the Father's voice, see Jesus in the Jordan River, and we are told that the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. Further in Scripture we learn that as Jesus prepared for His crucifixion, He promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. We hear Jesus in the Garden praying to the Father for the Father's will to be done and not His own will to be done. After the Resurrection we hear Jesus specifically breathe upon the Apostles and give them the gift of the Holy Spirit. The list can go on and on of many moments where we are given insight into the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Pastor's article Continued on page 2)



CELEBRATION OF THE ST. GREG'S TWELVE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9

St. Gregory Twelve : Linda Brennan, Sam and Shirley Carocci, Imanol Colon, Craig Corra, Aaron and Melissa Filk, Barbara Janas, Joan And Tom Matusiak, Tom Reidy, Donna Strom, Richard Tarbell, John Zaepfel, and Nick Zona.

(Pastor's Article Cont.)

Many find the Trinity difficult to understand. On one hand I agree, it is difficult to understand one God in three Persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the other hand, we may be making it more complicated than it really is. How is it that you best relate to the Trinity? Do you identify most with the Father, Son or Holy Spirit? This may be a great Sunday and week to simply reflect on our personal image of God. How is it that you view God the Father? Is the Father a person who is "out to get you" and "watching for every bad move" or is He the Generous Father who is unconditionally forgiving, loving and generous in mercy and charity? What is your image of Jesus the Son, our Savior? Is Jesus simply a "vending machine" for us to get out what we want and need when we pump in enough prayers? Is Jesus simply a figure from history or person who possessed awesome (or magical) power? Can you see Jesus as the perfect expression of the Father who decided to reveal himself to us in a way we could understand, namely, through another human being like us in every way but sin? Can you recognize Jesus as the expression of the Father and the invitation of the Father into a relationship sharing in the dynamic of the triune Godhead? Can you recognize Jesus as the perfect example of sacrificial love? Finally, how do you view the Holy Spirit? Is the Spirit simply a concept of God's presence within us or is the Holy Spirit real, endowing you with gifts to be used to serve the Lord God and others? Is the Holy Spirit the fire and fuel for your life?

Finally, this Sunday, I regret to inform you of another departure from St. Gregory the Great. Our dear Music Director, Daniel Victoor, has submitted his resignation effective August 1, 2019. Daniel has served St. Greg's for eighteen years. He has done an **awesome** job in every facet of music ministry and his shoes will be hard to fill. Daniel has cultivated our young people in the School and Family Faith Formation to recognize their musical and vocal talents and he has taken seriously the call to work with them to form them as cantors and leaders of worship. On the other side, Daniel has worked with our adults in the same way to draw out their talents and abilities to lead us in worship. He has beautifully lead all of our choirs and opened the door for us to experience many and varied styles and forms of music. Daniel, we thank you and we wish you well. It is not a "good bye" now as we have a month and a half together. Please know you have contributed greatly to St. Greg's and we are profoundly grateful. May God bless you in your new endeavors!

Again, Happy Father's Day to all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and male leaders of faith and action in the name of Christ in the world today. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

**FATHER TOM MAHONEY'S FAREWELL
MASS AND RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, AT 12:30 PM**

Please join us as Father Tom celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 23, for his four years of ministry at St. Greg's. Father Tom has been assigned as the Administrator of St. Peter Parish, Lewiston, and St. Bernard Parish, Youngstown, effective June 10. Please fill out the reply below and either place it in the Sunday collection basket next weekend or mail or drop off at the Parish Office so we are prepared for his reception which will follow the Mass in the Ministry Center. We hope you can come, and please pray for Father Tom at this most important time in his life.

**Reply card for Father Tom's Mass and
Reception**

Name _____

Number attending the reception _____

Please return to the Parish Office by Monday, June 17, or place in the Sunday collection basket by Sunday, June 16. Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS

SAVE THE DATE: Summer Picnic is on July 8.
More information coming soon!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Parish Business Office is looking for volunteers to help in the office. Please contact Marisa Piazza at 688-5678 Ext. 303 to learn more.

High School Students: Monday, June 17 - Flyer Distribution 5:00 pm. Meet in front of St. Greg's School at playground.

Great Race is looking for volunteers for before, during and after the race. Contact the Parish Office at 688-5678 to learn more.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Attention HS Students volunteering for Vacation Bible School: VBS Training is on Monday, June 17, from 7:00- 8:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. If you did not attend the June 1 training session, you must attend this session in order to volunteer for VBS.

Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

For information about Disciple Camp or our Weekly Programs (PreK and Grades K-10) go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/ then select **Program Options**.

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

- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)
Class Dates: July 15-19, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Deadline to register for Disciple Camp is June 21.
- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K- Gr 10)
Weekly Classes from September 2019 - April 2020
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4)
Weekly classes, Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020

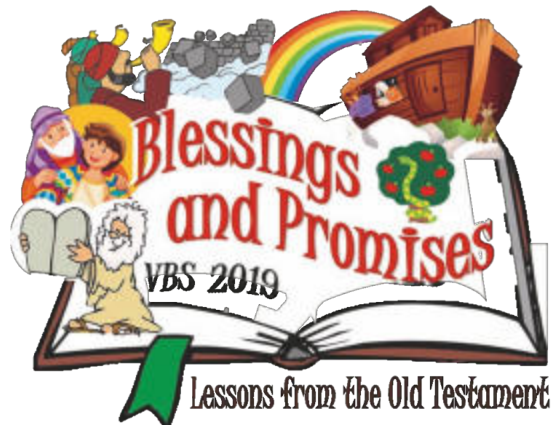


Help Needed: We need Catechists for **Disciple Camp** held **July 15 -19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** in the School, Gym and Cafeteria. Catechists can take morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/or afternoon sessions (12:45 pm - 4:00 pm). All lesson plans, materials and support are provided.

Call the **FFF Office at 688-5760** to sign up!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$558,036.82 collected, **80.5%**. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccnw.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(Pre K*- Gr 4 in Sept 2019)

*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

Camp Dates: July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon
Registration ends on Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament. For details go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ Register Online or In Person.

Vacation Bible School Training will be Monday, June 17, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. You must attend this session in order to volunteer for VBS.

**Become a Catechist and
Make a Difference**



Catechists Needed: We're looking for catechists to teach religion classes for our **High School Summer Program** which will be held **June 26, 27, 28, July 1 and 2**. Catechists can take morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/or afternoon sessions (12:45 - 4:00pm). All lesson plans, materials and support are provided.

Sign up to teach for the HS Summer Program!

For more information on how to become a catechist, call the **FFF Office at 688-5760**.

What does Mission mean to me?

Mission has truly opened my eyes to the real presence of Jesus in my life. Mission has strengthened my weakness in prayer and Mission has given me a greater appreciation of my Faith!

- Tracy, Mission 30

MISSION RETREAT

The **2019 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place **July 14-20**. Please consider joining us to deepen your relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in your hearts. Contact Jo Pierino in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.



RCIA: BAPTISM MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Did you know that Christians baptized in another denomination have a different place in the RCIA process than unbaptized Seekers(Catechumens)? Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit produces a permanent (indelible) change on the soul of that individual. The Church honors that Baptism in several ways, and identifies these individuals as Candidates (as opposed to Catechumens). Message for today: There is only one Baptism, there is only one Faith!

If you or someone you know is ready to explore the Catholic Faith, call the St. Gregory the Great office or call/text Jerry Peer 861-5497.



ATTENTION RETIRED CATHOLICS!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Buffalo is accepting new members this fall! Do you hear the call of Pope Francis to serve the poor? Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Buffalo. Ignatian Volunteers are Catholic men and women over the age of 50 who spend a few hours each week in service to those in need. IVC volunteers share their expertise, their life skills, and their hope! At the same time, we learn to pray and reflect in the Ignatian tradition. Let your lifetime of experience become the experience of a lifetime! Learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps Buffalo: call IVC Buffalo Director Minnie Wyse at 716 854-6726 or mwyse@ivcusa.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass
Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 pm, in GR 2

Chant Choir Rehearsal

July 11, 7:00 pm, in GR 2

July 22 and 25, 7:00 pm, GR 2

The Chant Mass will be Sunday, July 28 at 12:30 pm

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



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION "AN EVENING OF STARS"

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 2, at
5:30 pm
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Gift-Gathering Party Time

Everyone loves an excuse to party. Host a gift-gathering party to support St. Greg's annual dinner auction and have fun while supporting the parish's largest fund raising effort. Contrary to popular belief, a gift-gathering party does not have to be a lavish large catered affair to be a success. The best parties are simple and easy.

How about coffee and donuts with friends, a kids pool party, wine and cheese with the neighbors. The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how to host or plan your own party, please contact Auction Coordinator Cindy Reitebach at dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. SIBBY....

Dear St. Gregory Family,
My mother is in long term care at McAuley Seton. I am asking if you can help to cheer her up by sending a card and keeping her in your prayers.

Her information is : Mrs. Connie Pierro
1503 Military Road
Buffalo, NY 14217

Thank you and God Bless, Fr. Sibby

MINISTRY UPDATES

LECTORS NEEDED

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

EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 24, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, July 1. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

THANK YOU

The Ladies of Charity send their thanks to the Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Church for the many donations they made to the annual Household Collection Drive. All of these goods were taken to the LOC Center at, 1122 Broadway where they were placed in the Fresh Start Section. They will be distributed to needy families as recommended by Catholic Charity social workers. This drive was facilitated by the hard work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Both groups are most thankful for the generosity of the members of our Parish.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SWAT – June 19, 26 at 7:00 pm

AMPED – June 25 at 5:00 pm

BRAVE II – Young Adult Retreat – Save the date – November 8-10

ST. LUKE'S SERVICE – Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Luke's, please contact Adam Jarosz at 688-3578, ext. 316



For persons with disabilities and their families

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF BUFFALO cordially invites you to the **Annual Disability Picnic** on **Saturday, July 13** from 12 noon - 2:30 pm at St. Gregory Parish 100 St. Gregory Ct, Williamsville in the Ministry Center

To register, call 688-5760 or e-mail jrischmiller@stgregs.org

Bring your favorite dish to share (8-12 servings) Hot Dogs & Drinks are provided!

Co-Sponsored by the Disability Inclusion Team of the Catholic Diocese

In an air-conditioned facility, located off of Maple Road between Hopkins and Young, next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital



St. Greg's vs. St. Amelia's. St. Greg's for the WIN!!!!



RESPECT LIFE

Happy Father's Day!! "God sets the Father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be close to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And to be close to his children as they grow – when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path. [Be] a father who is always present...Some fathers feel they are useless or unnecessary, but the fact is that children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems. They may try hard not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it. It is not good for children to lack a father and to grow up before they are ready." –Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 177

Religious Freedom Week "Strength in Hope" takes place from June 22, the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, to June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

During this week, there will be an information table in the church foyer containing materials from the USCCB and other sources which outline current religious freedom issues and give suggestions as to how you can stand up for your Catholic Faith. Please stop by and educate yourself on this very important cause!!



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Ask for His Mercy

Through St. Faustina, Jesus calls us all to ask for His mercy: Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion. (*Diary*, 1146). God, who gave us the gift of free will, will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. He must wait for us to turn away from our sinfulness and ask. (DMM 26) "Ask and it will be given to you...for everyone who asks receives" (*Mt* 7:7, 8).

Pope John Paul II echoes this scriptural message with a new urgency for our times: "At no time...especially at a moment as critical as our own- can the Church forget the prayer that is a cry for the mercy of God. ...The Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy 'with loud cries'" (Rich in Mercy, 15). Jesus tells St. Faustina, Beg for mercy for the whole world (*Diary*, 570). No soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed (1541).

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 16

1:30 pm Baptisms
3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)

Monday, June 17

7:00pm VBS Training (*School Caf./Gym*)

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (*MC Gym*)

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 pm SWAT Team (*MC basement*)

7:00 pm Men of God (*GR2*)

Thursday, June 20

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*GR 2*)

Sunday, June 23

11:00 am Farewell Mass/ Reception for Fr. Tom (*MC*)

1:30 pm Baptisms

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is the place to find comfort and peace, especially at this time. Offer a Holy Hour before our Lord for our Catholic Church. Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Saturday, June 22. If you have eligible items, contact 688-5678, ext. 423, and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and items must be located in a garage or covered porch.

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cook-tops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

5TH GRADE CAREER EXPO



We are proud to announce that out of over 900 participants in Bald For Bucks, St Greg's had two of the top ten total highest fundraisers and 6 of the top 10 highest number of donations out of the entire program!!!

We are so proud of our students! It is such a great event and it is amazing to see that when a bunch of kids each contribute in a small way, it becomes something with such a huge positive impact for others.

Why we stand out!

This year the students in the Grade 7 and 8 advanced ELA classes had the opportunity to work on a Passion Project. Educational research shows that students who have a choice and ownership in their learning, who are allowed to take risks, and who build 21st Century skills, will do more work and have products that are above expectations. Our students proved this and then some.

Students were tasked with brainstorming ideas for a topic or task that they were passionate about and were interested in researching further. The sky was the limit! They were required to document their journey from beginning to end and present their product to their peers, teachers, administrators and parents. Topics varied greatly, with students bringing out their inner chef, artist, entrepreneur, journalist, and more.

Some of the presentations included:

- Dress making and Russian culture
- Adrenaline and how it helps in the world of wrestling
- Creating the perfect edible cookie dough
- Black holes
- Minority representation in the media
- Generational stereotypes
- Adoption
- Positive self-image
- What is ART?

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Visit www.stgregsschool.org to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.

P. E TEACHER FOR THE DAY 2019



Pictured above:

(Left) Mrs. Perna, Max Gilbert, Olivia Gilbert and Mr. Fiegl
(Right) Mrs Perna, Regan McDonald, Joe Oddo and Mr. Fiegl

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15

Vigil Mass

4:00 pm Living Members of Bogdan/ Daigler Families
By Mary Lou Daigler
Adella Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family

5:30 pm Clara & Daniel Weslowski
by Mr.& Mrs. Paul Bartlett & Grace Bartlett

Sunday, June 16 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am Mario & Santo Campanella
by Maria Campanella
Anne G. Wettig (Wedding Anniversary)
By husband, Roger

9:30 am John Lydon Jr. by Family
Father's Day Novena Intention

11:00 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Diane Higgins
Aldo Narduzzo(Birthday) by Irma & Family

12:30 pm Angelo Pileri & Carmelo Cammilleri
By Josephine & Angelo Cammilleri
Fredrick Wilbur (Anniv.) by wife Barbara

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Amy Banks by Michele Falkides

Monday, June 17

7:00 am Father's Day Novena Intention

8:00 am Richard Romanowski by Estate
Guy Michaud by Bucki Family

12:00 pm Dorothy Meissner by Denise Meissner
Christine Nash by CTK Wednesday
Night Bishop's Co.

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 am Rev. Ronald Bagienski by Priests of St. Gregory

8:00 am Father's Day Novena Intentions
Ginger Kothen By Jo Marie Buscarino

12:00 pm Teresa De Mario by Laura A. Pogina & Family
Karen Ann Zimmer by Lee Zack

Wednesday, June 19

7:00 am John Barrett by Steinwach Children

8:00 am Anthony T. Benefante by Julie & Les Wortham
Jack Markfard by Wasyl & Anne Polischuk

12:00 pm Father's Day Novena Intention
Larry Rose by Rita Driscoll & Family

Thursday, June 20- St. Romuald

7:00 am Father's Day Novena Intentions
Parishioners of St. Gregory's

8:00 am Edward J. Kramer by Desiree Weppner
Richard Scimia (Living) by Bob & Fran Krapf
(School Mass)

12:00 pm Fr. David Richards (Living) by a Friend

Friday, June 21- St. Aloysius Gonzaga

7:00 am Edward & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
Ralph Wagner (Birthday) & Elna Wagner
(Anniv.)by Linda & Bill Dohn

8:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate

12:00 pm Father's Day Novena Intentions
Nicola Casola by Casola Family

Saturday, June 22- St. Paulinus of Nola; Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

8:00 am Father's Day Novena Intentions
Gerri DeLac (Wedding Anniversary)
by husband William

Vigil Masses:

4:00 pm Patrick J. Pujolas By Carol Pujalos & Family
Jerry & Margaret Burns by Burns Family

5:30 pm John Hartigan (Birthday/Anniv.) by Family

Sunday, June 23 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00 am Lillian Smoter by Family
William Bender by Jim & Lois Helfert

9:30 am Mary & Michael Cirelle by Family & Friends
Marilyn A. Goodman
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

11:00 am Frank Deni by Irma Narduzzo
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Pegina
by Son, Anthony F. Pegina & Family

12:30 pm Richard Dungehe by Mary C. Ricotta & Family

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Carmela Amabile by Amabile Family

2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE!!!

All requests are on a first-come, first-served basis. Mass stipend is \$15.00. When you request a Mass by mail, please PRINT phone number and Mass request name legibly. Please include your contact information in case the Parish Office needs to reach you.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading– Proverbs 8:22-31

Second Reading– Romans 5:1-5

Gospel– John 16:12-15

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading- Genesis 14:18-20

Second Reading– 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel– Luke 9:11b-17

DECEASED

Lena Majchrzak
John Premielewski



St. Greg's will host its 24th annual Great Race on Friday, June 21. The Great Race has become the "unofficial" start of the summer running season in the greater Buffalo area! With over 1000 runners and walkers taking part in the event (along with thousands of other spectators and members of the community who come out annually to support the Church), this is one race you don't want to miss! The St. Greg's Great Race is a Buffalo Runner of the Year race.

This year Don Postles from Channel 4 will MC the event along with Hit n Run playing the after-party. The media sponsor 96.1 The Breeze will broadcast live from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. The 5K sanctioned Run/One-Mile Fun Walk begins promptly at 7:00 pm; pre-race party begins at 6:00 pm and the post party is in the parking lot after the race.

5K TEAM CHALLENGE

If you can get a minimum of 5 people (yourself included) to register for the 5K Team Challenge, you will not only save \$5 per person but your team will automatically be eligible for some fun exciting prizes and recognition.

We'll have an award for the team with the most creative costumes/attire. We'll also take the average of the top five finish times from your team to determine the fastest team. And finally, we'll recognize the largest team based on total number of team members. All team awards will be announced at the awards ceremony following the race!

REGISTRATION:

Register on-line: <https://www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7145>

- 5K Registration* \$30/\$35 after 6/12/19
- 1 Mile Fun Walk* \$20/\$25 after 6/12/19
- Team Challenge* (NEW for 2019)... \$25/\$30 after 6/12/19

***Register on-line by June 12, FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** <https://www.facebook.com/StGregsGreatRace/>

For more information, visit the website at www.stgregs.org/greatrace. Contact: Cheryl Bertovich, 866-2042 or Allegra Perna, 983-5329, Co-Chairs, 2019 Great Race

SOCCER CHALLENGE AT THE GREAT RACE

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's **Knights of Columbus** Soccer Challenge held during the Great Race, Friday, June 21, at the Ministry Center Soccer Field. Stop by any time between 7:00 - 8:15 PM to participate. Winners announced at 8:30 PM.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. There is a boy and girl winner at each age group. Winners are determined by best of **15 penalty kicks** into a goal with 5 scoring zones.

Registration is at the event with parental/guardian consent (signature). Participants are required to vouch for age as of September 1, 2019. Registration forms can be obtained ahead of time if parent/guardian will not be present. Contact Jim @ 481-0986 (cell).

Winners receive a Council Champion Certificate and advance to the District level competition (October at St. Gregory's). All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. This is a global Knights of Columbus Community activity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers during and after the race. Please contact the Parish Business Office to volunteer today!



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday—Friday 9:00 pm to 3:00 pm and 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—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 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.

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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER

- The Rosary is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule

OUR MISSION

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