



7th

SUNDAY OF
EASTER

“Now this is eternal
life, that they
should know you,
the only true God,
and the one whom
you sent, Jesus
Christ.” - Jn 17:3

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

June 1 & 2, 2019

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this weekend we are looking forward to the great celebration of Pentecost next Sunday. Pentecost officially ends the season of Easter and is the perfect time for us to pray to open our own mind and heart to unpack the graces and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I fear that often we treat the gifts of the Holy Spirit as we do many gifts we may receive at Christmas or on our Birthday: “Oh, this is nice,” and it gets shelved in our closet or put into a drawer or the basement or attic. Fortunately the gifts that get shelved or stored away still exist and can be pulled out and used at any time we may see that we actually need them. If there are any gifts of the Spirit that you have shelved or put away, maybe gifts that you do not understand, this week may be the week to pull them out and use them. The gifts of the Spirit include: wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, understanding, piety and fear of the Lord. Do you know spiritually what these gifts mean for your faith? How effectively are you using these gifts? This week maybe pick one to really study the meaning of and invite into your mind, heart and soul in a deeper way. Ask the Holy Spirit this week, and especially on Pentecost, to give you His power!

Last Saturday, May 25 we were filled with joy to celebrate with and for Jerry and Eileen Hodson. Jerry was ordained a permanent deacon at St. Joseph’s Cathedral on May 25, and served as Deacon for the first time at St. Greg’s on Sunday, May 26, at the 11:00 am Mass.

FATHER’S DAY NOVENA CARDS

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

It is with mixed emotion that I share with you the news that Deacon Jerry will not be assigned here at St. Greg’s. He has been assigned to serve at Saints Columba-Brigid Parish in the city of Buffalo. Although I am very disappointed that Deacon Jerry will not serve our parish family, I am very grateful that he has a wonderful assignment in a parish community that he has served during his formation. I know that this assignment brings him great joy as he begins to live his ordained life. We wish you both, Deacon Jerry and Eileen, all the best as you begin to live your married life along with the grace of the Ordained life of a Deacon. Please know that St. Greg’s is always home and that we love you, support you and pray for you! God bless you and Congratulations!

As you may already know, Sunday, June 9, will be Father Tom Mahoney’s last day with us at St. Gregory the Great. He has been assigned as the Administrator of St. Peter’s Parish in Lewiston and of St. Bernard’s Parish in Youngstown effective Monday, June 10. We thank Father Tom for all he has done for us during his four years at St. Greg’s and we wish him well as he assumes this responsibility. Father Tom will return to St. Greg’s for a Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception on Sunday, June 23. He will celebrate the 12:30 pm Mass on June 23 and we will have a parish reception for him immediately following the Mass. Please plan to come and thank and congratulate Father Tom on Sunday, June 23!

As some in ministry are leaving us at St. Greg’s, we will be receiving one new face. This Saturday, June 1, Bishop Malone celebrated the Ordination to the Priesthood. I am grateful to announce that we will receive one of our newly ordained priests, Father Moses Ikuelogbon, who has been assigned to St. Gregory the Great Parish. Father Moses comes from Erinje, Ondo State, Nigeria and has made St. Lawrence and St. Martin de Porres parish his home here in Buffalo.

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PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

He has studied at SS. Peter & Paul Major Seminary in Ibadan, Nigeria as well as Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York. Although I do not have an official starting date as yet, we welcome Father Moses to St. Greg's! Congratulations on your Ordination to the Priesthood and Welcome, Father Moses!

Finally, I urge you to make time in your schedule to come to St. Greg's Ministry Center this coming Saturday, June 8, at 9:30 am. Bishop Malone will be visiting St. Greg's to hold his first of five "Listening Sessions." The Listening Sessions are designed for our Bishop to hear the concerns of the engaged parishioners and for them to offer recommendations for future initiatives regarding pastoral care, spiritual care and ministry. There is more information located elsewhere in today's Bulletin regarding this visit and meeting. Please plan to come.

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

**BISHOP MALONE TO HOST
2019 LISTENING SESSIONS**

Bishop Richard Malone, in conjunction with the Presbyteral Council, Vicars Forane, and the Movement to Restore Trust, will host a series of Listening Sessions across the Diocese of Buffalo during the next few months. The Sessions will include Bishop Malone praying with the faithful, hearing their thoughts and comments, inviting discussion, and offering summary remarks regarding the mission of the Diocese and its parishes, schools, and other organizations.

The Listening Sessions are designed for the Bishop to hear the concerns of the engaged parishioners and for them to offer recommendations for future initiatives regarding pastoral care, spiritual care and ministry. Recognizing the importance of the input and empowerment of the laity working in collaboration with pastors, these listening sessions are an opportunity to create constructive partnerships, receive feedback, and formulate next steps to address the effects of the clergy sexual abuse crisis and other matters of concern.

Listening Session Schedule:

- Saturday, June 8, 9:30-11:30 am, St. Gregory the Great, Ministry Center, Williamsville
- Saturday June 22, 9:30-11:30 am, Prince of Peace Parish, St. Leo Site, Niagara Falls
- Saturday, July 27, 9:30-11:30 am, Olean
- Saturday, August 3, 9:30-11:30 am Location TBD
- Saturday August 17, 9:30-11:30am Location TBD

Contact: Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications, [kspan-
gler@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:kspan-
gler@buffalodiocese.org)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sun. June 2: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60 (61C);
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20
Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31a, 34-35

Mon. June 3: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8; John
16:29-33

Tues. June 4: Acts of the Apostles 20: 17-27; John
17 :1– 11a

Wed. June 5: Acts of the Apostles 20: 28-38; John
17: 11b –19

Thurs. June 6: Acts of the Apostles 22; 30 23: 6-11;
John 17: 20-26

Fri. June 7: Acts of the Apostles 25: 13b –21; John
21: 15-19

Sat. June 8: Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31;
John 21: 20-25

2020 Mass Book is now available!!!

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

**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.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

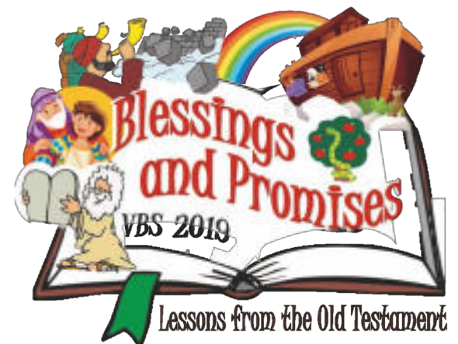
FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

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



Vacation Bible School

(Pre K*- Gr 4 in Sept 2019)

*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

Camp Dates: July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon

Registration begins on Monday, May 1, and ends
on Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings
and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament.

For details go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ Register Online or In Person. **Vacation Bible School Training** will be held on Monday, June 17, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. You must attend this session in order to volunteer for VBS.

FFF STUDENTS RECEIVED DIOCESAN AWARDS

Congratulations to the following St. Gregory the Great
Family Faith Formation Students:

Grade 1: Adam Ticoalu for his Vocation Poster

Grade 3: Gabriella Elias for her Vocation Prayer (*pictured*)

They received Honorable Mention in the Diocesan
Mary, Mother of Vocation Awareness Contest.

Bishop Richard J. Malone presented the awards
at the Catholic Center on Thursday, May 16.



CATECHIST CORNER



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

**Become a Catechist and
Make a Difference**

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**.



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION
“AN EVENING OF STARS”
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

You’re All Invited to A St. Gregory the Great Dinner Auction Fundraiser at



Sunday, June 2, 4:00-8:00 pm
 Transit Road Location Only

9430 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

Show this Bulletin or mention St. Greg’s at checkout and Pie-o-Mine & Greens will donate 20% of your purchase to this fundraiser. (If you order online just put “fundraiser” in the notes section.)

DINE -IN or TAKE-OUT

WEEK 7

The Life-Changing Message of Divine Mercy



Pope Francis, “ From the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it.” (4/11/15, no.25)

God’s very nature is love. Divine Mercy is compassionate love. “It is when God, who is love itself, loves us.”(Fr. G. Kosicki, CSB) Recognizing our human weakness and sins, God is always ready to pour out His mercy upon us. This overflowing quality of mercy is most dramatically represented by Christ on the cross.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass

Tuesday, June 4, 4:30 pm in GR 2

The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 16.

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 pm, in GR 2

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



To learn more visit our website or Facebook page:

<http://www.stgregs.org/great-race-calendar/>

To register for the race go to :

<https://www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7145>

The unofficial race to start your summer off on the right foot! With over 1,000 runners and walkers, you won’t want to miss out on Don Postles our MC, 96.1 The Breeze broadcast, and Hit n Run Band with live music!

LADIES OF THE LORD

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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

SEVENTH GRADE RETREAT - PARISH SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY JOINED FORCES FOR A PRAYER FILLED DAY!



Young Adults (18-30somethings) - Flourish is set in the time of year where life is awakening, this retreat will focus on our relationship with Christ and to grow our life in Him. Set on the beach in Angola, this experience is a great way to build community and refresh. You can register online at stgregsYM.org, contact Adam Jarosz at ajarosz@stgregs.org. The retreat is June 14-15.



HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION



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

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE : ST. GREGORY TWELVE MASS

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

MISSION RETREAT

A Parish Mission is a time in a Parish when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a Faith-filled life. It is a time for graces and renewal of the Parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

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



RESPECT LIFE

USCCB Statement on the Equality Act:

Five chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have expressed strong opposition to the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of the Equality Act (H.R. 5) on May 17. The Act would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," as well as "pregnancy [...] or a related medical condition," to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws; expand the types of entities covered under those laws; and exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

The statement was issued by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the chairmen of the Domestic Justice and Human Development, Catholic Education, Religious Liberty, and Defense of Marriage committees.

"Our Faith calls us to uphold every individual's dignity and rights against unjust discrimination – including in employment, housing, and services – regardless of characteristics or background. Rather than offering meaningful protections for individuals, the Equality Act would impose sweeping new norms that negatively impact the unborn, health care, charitable services, schools, personal privacy, athletics, free speech, religious liberties, and parental rights. The Act's unsound definitions of 'sex' and 'gender identity' would erase women's distinct, hard-won recognition in federal laws. Its sex-based nondiscrimination terms would end women's shelters and many single-sex schools. It would close faith-based foster care and adoption agencies that honor children's rights to a mother and father. The bill would even act as an abortion mandate. We must pursue justice and equality for anyone denied it; but this is a regrettable approach. We are gravely disappointed with the Act's passage in the U.S. House." (usccb.org)

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Diaper and New Infant Clothing Drive! Your generosity will do so much to help support women choosing life. To make a monetary donation, go to buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna-molla-center.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

1:30 Baptisms

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

Monday, June 3

10:30 am Senior Citizens Board Mtg. (MC 1)

5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (GR 1 & 2)

7:00 pm Athletics Association Board Mtg. (MC 3)

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 pm Pastor's Executive Meeting (MC Café)

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

7:30 Baptism Class (MC 2)

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 pm Grief Matters (GR 1)

7:00 pm KOC Open House (GR 1)

7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

Thursday, June 6

6:30 pm One Way Home Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, June 9

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



JOIN THE KNIGHTS

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

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

◆ SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am

◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.

St. Gregory the Great School

EXCITING NEWS FROM ST. GREG'S SCHOOL

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

Early Kindergarten is a multi-age (4/5 year old) program that gives the gift of enrichment and time for students before they enter Kindergarten. It is a year for children to grow physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually as they ready themselves for a successful academic path in Kindergarten and beyond.

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

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



READINESS CAMP

Kindergarten Readiness program for children ages 4-6. The camp will focus on academic, social, emotional, and motor skills. Children will develop necessary skills through fun games, activities and play.

- August 12-15 and/or
- August 19-22

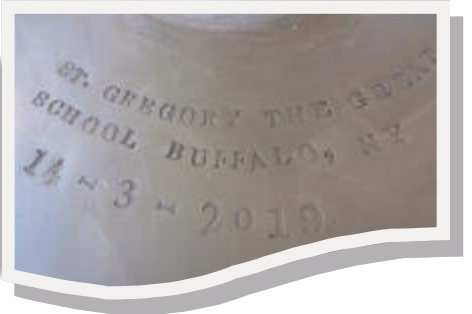
Time: 8:30-11:30 am
Maximum of 20 Students.

To reserve a spot please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org) or Terri Strasse (tstrassel@stgregs.org)

GRADE 8 TAKES CLASS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC



Water For South Sudan has drilled the well sponsored by donations from St. Gregory the Great School. Below are photos of the well. Our well is in the village of Panhom-Lang in Kuach-Nyiel, Tonj, South Sudan.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 1

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, June 2 – 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, June 3

7:00 am Andrew Varbanov by Mother, Edith Varbanov
Father Paul Cygan (Living)
by Knights of Columbus Council 14687
8:00 am Michael Ward by O'Connor Family- Charlie,
Deirdre & Joan
12:00 pm Ann Marie Bene by Richard Bene
Richard Pfeiffer by Cousins, Marie & Grace

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Deacon Michael Bochiechio (Living) by
Knights of Columbus Council 14687
8:00 am Judy Volpe by Joyce Santora & Family
12:00 pm Domenic & Leonard Casola by Casola Family
Stanley George by Angela George

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 pm John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Kathleen Grunert & Mbrs. of
Cavanaugh Family by Bill & Lee Grunert
8:00 am Charles Patrick Drumm by Family
12:00 pm Geraldine Sano by Ruth Anne Fink
Daniel M. Carocci by Nick & Rose Marie
George

Thursday, June 6

7:00 am John Barrett
by Don & Mary Celeste Steinwachs
8:00 am Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfratz (birth)
by Donna Hassenfratz
Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
12:00 pm Louise Cantella by Richard Bene
Robert Dorn by Wife, Nina

Friday, June 7

7:00 am Fr. Thomas Mahoney (Living)
by Knights of Columbus Council 14687
Mary Jo Schwenka
by Karen & Kirk Stubbendeck
8:00 am Marion Jane Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney
12:00 pm Richard Pfeiffer by Anita Van Volkenburg
Dr. Paul LiBassi by Eugene & Diane Vogel

Saturday, June 8

8:00 am George Conti by Family & Friends
Deacon Daniel Golinski (Living)
by Knights of Columbus Council 14687
2:00 pm Wedding: Faith G. Torres &
Alexander Quinn

Vigil Mass

4:00 pm Anthony Modicamore (anniv) by Family
Charles T. Kane (birth) by Wife & Family
5:30 pm Mary Ann Wardle by Tom & Judy Picone

Sunday, June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Dorothy Smith by John & Cathy Roseti
9:30 am Florence LoBue (birth)
by Daughter, Rosemary
Joan Gugliuzza by Family
11:00 am Chester Stuben by Wife
Philip Cafurella
by Christine & Gregory Gaulin
12:30 pm Balcersek & Kozakiewicz Families
by Christine Balcersek
Priests of St. Gregory's & Sister Shawn
(Living) by Ladies of the Lord
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Richard Laux by Family

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$534,604.32 collected, **77.14%**. Our Parish goal is
\$692,988.74. To donate, mail your contribution to
the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccwny.org.

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

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



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.

LECTORS NEEDED

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

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

FORGOT YOUR LUNCH ?

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

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 - 7:30 pm.

OUT OF PARISH

♪ SING A SONG OF HOPE ♪

Have you or your loved ones been impacted by cancer? Cantate Omnes choir invites you to *Sing a Song of Hope!* Join us at St. Louis Church, 35 Edward St., Buffalo, NY 14202, on **Wednesday, June 12, at 7:30 PM** for a beautiful choral and instrumental concert offered in honor of those who have been impacted by cancer. Admission is *free* and free-will donations will go to Roswell Park.

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION

Collegiate Summer—4 week program for students entering Grade 8. July 1-26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Experience the community of excellence and develop useful skills to prepare for high school. To request a brochure and application, call 874-4953.

9 Summer Camps—Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Strength & Speed, Volleyball, and Wrestling camps. Open to a variety of age groups and skill levels. To register, visit www.sjci.com/sportscamp or call 874-4953.

SUMMER AT CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

For rising 8 Grade boys: Higher Achievement Program 5-week session July 1-31 blending academics and fun activities each day.

For rising 6-7 Grade boys: One-week workshops in video game design & animation, robotics, sports statistics, and outdoor adventure.

For rising 7-9 Grade boys: Sports camps for basketball, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling. Learn more at canisiushigh.org/bestsummerever,

EXPERIENCE NARDIN SUMMER CAMP!

Enjoy a glimpse into Nardin during two weeks of summer fun with morning workshops that include art, creative writing, theatre, real life math/science/technology and photography. Optional Fun Fridays include trips off-campus to build camaraderie and make new friends. Past Fun Fridays include trips to Darien Lake and Cave of the Winds in Niagara Falls State Park. Register at www.nardin.org/camps.



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HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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 am to 3:00 pm and

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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

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