

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

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THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

September 14 & 15, 2019  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pastor's Message

My Dear Parish Family,

This weekend I would like to share some more reflections with you about the on-going crisis in our Diocese and Church. Daily we are flooded with information regarding our Bishops and Priests which minimally leave us wondering what is really going on and maximally lead us to doubt our Faith. What is really at the heart of our crisis? This is the question that I have been pondering for some time. I appeal to you out of love and know my reflections may be a challenge, especially in the face of the lies we have been fed for decades in our society.

I believe that the situation is no other than the force of evil, not only in our society but also within our Church. In the daily Mass readings offered this past Tuesday, St. Paul warns the Colossians to be on guard from false teachers, and instructed the Colossians to give praise and thanksgiving to God. I believe this warning is clearly also for us today. Taking Paul's warning along with the Book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, where we hear of the warnings for the seven churches, gives us great insight into our issues today. Paul warns against false teachers and the Book of Revelation offers correction to many of these seven churches that they have tolerated too much which is

contrary to the Gospel. It is important to mention that these churches were the hotbed of Christianity in the apostolic era but no longer exist today.

For many of us, in our lifetime, we have tolerated too much that is contrary to the Gospel. We have minimally tolerated, if not welcomed, false teachings into our lives. This has opened the door to allow evil to creep into our personal lives, society and even our church.

I was born in 1965. Although I was not personally aware at the time, in 1968, **Humanae Vitae**, an Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Paul VI on the regulation of birth, was published. It was controversial then, and still is today, as it calls Catholics to remember that marital relations were to always remain open to creating new life. Husband and wife are co-creators with God and cooperate in the gift of new life with God. Many rejected that teaching, then and now, and use artificial means to prohibit the transmission of life and limit the full, open experience of what God intended for us sexually. Honestly, this rejection of teaching opened the door to evil.

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## THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?



No immediate commitment, bring your questions. You will find our RCIA Team friendly and welcoming. Sessions of Inquiry continue on Wednesdays at 7 PM in School classroom 802. For more info contact Jerry at [gpeer@verizon.net](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net) or call the Parish Office.

**(Pastor's Continued)**

In 1973, Roe v. Wade opened the door to legalized abortion. This was expanded for a period under the Clinton presidency to include partial-birth abortion which was reversed under the Bush administration. In January 2019, New York State, under Governor Andrew Cuomo, passed the Reproductive Health Act which now allows for late-term abortions. It also "repealed a section of the public health law that required the following: that abortions after 12 weeks be performed in a hospital; that an additional physician be present for abortions after 20 weeks to care for "any live birth that is the result of the abortion"; and that such babies be provided "immediate legal protection under the laws of the state of New York." ([www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org)) In the eyes of faith, the destruction of human life is evil and these laws have opened the door to evil. Also this year, on the other end of the life spectrum, The New York Medical Aid in Dying Act is under consideration in Assembly and Senate committees. This is another opening of the door to evil and removal of God as the author of life and definer of when life begins and ends.

Many of us have been fed lies. That along with the increased acceptance and available use of pornography and sexting and the changes in the biblical meaning of marriage have changed the landscape of our society from being rooted as "one nation under God" to being a nation of tolerance and full acceptance opposed to the Word of God.

If we take the above and add in the horror of the sexual abuse of minors in every facet of our society (family homes, public and private schools, athletics, Scouts and religious institutions, etc.) we see that we are confronting evil, pure and simple. We cannot pick and choose which evil we want to accept and tolerate versus those to be completely forbidden. It is really a "Pandora's Box" of evil which has been opened. I suggest to you that evil in all of its forms must be rejected as evil. The Word of God, upon which this nation was founded, must be restored as **The Standard** of truth, justice and "the good." Either we are rooted in God, or not.

What does it mean to be a "good Catholic?" Does a "good Catholic" pick and choose which parts of the Catechism and Sacred Scripture they agree with and support and which ones they reject? Or does a "good Catholic" strive to agree with and support the total body of truth, even if it is difficult to live and unpopular?

As Catholics we do not accept abortion in any form, physician assisted suicide, the use of pornography or sexting, and we do not accept the sexual abuse of minors nor the sexual abuse of any person regardless of age. As a "good Catholic" I embrace the complete Catholic teaching as a beautiful way of life. I also suggest that as soon as we pick and choose which teachings we accept and reject, we ultimately land up in chaos. We are now in chaos. In the center of this chaos is evil. The chaos we are witnessing is not just an issue of the abuse crisis in our Church, but it is a compilation of all the issues affecting human life and sexuality. All of these issues and our tolerance of some, have allowed evil to be invited into our society and tolerated.

This is a time to overcome divisions which are deepening. This is a time to put down signs, leave picket lines and demonstrations. This is a time to join together in unified prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, a time to celebrate additional Masses, to pray the Rosary daily and to seek God's mercy and forgiveness for the sinful, life-destructive sins that have been committed not only in our Church but in our state, country and world. If we do not do this, I fear the rooting of evil will grow as will the pain, suffering and divisions we are experiencing. Please pray like you have never prayed before! This is not a time of despair, but a time to focus on the call to be Saints as we live the total Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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



**FREE BABYSITTING!**  
**First Meeting**  
**Friday, Sept. 20th**  
**9:00am-11:00am**  
St. Greg's Gathering Rooms  
\$25 Registration at entrances,  
in parish office and on-line  
Questions: Contact  
[stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com)



## SCHOOL FLAG PROJECT FOR 9/11



Grades 6, 7, and 8 students created flags including a prayer on it for all the victims and their families of 9/11. They lined the flags down St. Gregory Court to remember.



## FALL MUM SALE

St. Gregory's 8th Graders will be selling beautiful fall mums, assorted colors (10" pots) after Masses on September 21 and 22. The mums are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Beautify your yard and help the students raise money for their 8th Grade class trip. Questions: Contact Jessica Taft at (724) 992-8869.

### PRE-ORDER

Please send this form and payment to school by  
**Wednesday, September 18th.**

*(Payable to St. Gregory the Great School in an envelope labeled Mum Sale)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Mums Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Mums: (check all that apply)

White \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_\_\_

Rust/Orange \_\_\_\_\_ Red/Wine \_\_\_\_\_

Purple/Pink \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will pick up in Gathering Room 1 following which Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSIC MINISTRY— Youth Choir

Inviting all youth of our Parish in Grades 1-8 to share your musical talent with our Youth Choir! Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 17, from 4:30-5:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. Our first Mass will be Sunday, September 29, at 9:30 am! See you then! Bring a friend!! Send email to [childrenschoir@stgregs.org](mailto:childrenschoir@stgregs.org) to learn more.

Nancy Erdman [nerdman@stgregs.org](mailto:nerdman@stgregs.org) Ext. 308

Michael Cygan [mcygan@stgregs.org](mailto:mcygan@stgregs.org) Ext. 340

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, DIOCESE OF BUFFALO FRIENDS of the POOR WALK

Saturday, September 28, at Goat Island, Niagara Falls State Park (enter Prospect & Old Falls Sts. Niagara Falls NY 14203). A one and one-quarter (1.25) mile walk held to raise awareness and funds for the Society's mission, to assist the poor and needy in Western New York. Picnic and fellowship to follow walk with proceeds to assist the Society's central and parish-based conferences in the region. On-site registration starts at 8:30 am, walk at 10:00 am. Questions: Contact Tim Spellman (688-3597). On line registration: <http://svdpwny.org/2019-friends-of-the-poor-walk/>

### SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

**Our next pick up is on Saturday, Sept. 21.** Call 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and all furniture/appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch. Refer to what we can accept on this list; Appliances must work, and furniture must be in good condition: **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or 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 cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

## ST. GREG'S CAFÉ

### 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.

### 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!

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### FFF UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION:

**September's FFF Outreach** is collecting school supplies; We are collecting school supplies for under-privileged children. Please remind your child to bring school supplies to class if you plan to make a donation. Thank you so much!

#### **Saturday, September 21**

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room)

#### **Monday, September 23**

4:30 pm Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)  
Families are invited to join their First Grader!

#### **Saturday, September 28**

9:00 am Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)  
Families are invited to join their First Grader!

**FFF Website:** Check our site throughout the year [www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation](http://www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation) for schedule changes, special updates and information! For your convenience, the **2019 –2020 FFF Program Calendar** is posted, links to **Class Schedules** and much more!

**Save the Date for First Friday Club:** All Disciple Camp students and their friends( Gr 5-8) are invited to our First Friday Club on Friday, October 4, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the School Gym/Cafeteria.

## CATECHIST CORNER

**Matthew 19:14** "Let the children come to me."

**"Teach them to pray.** The prayers of children are powerful. Ask your students to pray for their intentions, trusting that God will make something beautiful out of them. Whatever the problem, teach your students to ask God to work on it. They can learn the power of prayer and become motivated to pray for others. Ask them: Are you having a hard time forgiving? Ask God for his help. He can do *anything*. Do you know somebody who is sick, sad or scared about something? Pray for them. Is there a bully in school? Pray for them. Orient all of the students' cares to God and let them know you care. Teach them to use the rosary."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mladinich, Lisa. "Teach them to Pray." *Be An Amazing Catechist; Inspire the Faith of Children*. 2010. Pages 16 - 17.

## St. Gregory the Great 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Dinner Auction Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Honoring recipients of the  
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Rosemary Spano



### Dinner Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

#### Table Sponsorships

*includes seating for 10*

The Producer \$3,500

The Director \$2,500

The Spotlight \$1,500

*Please see website for description of sponsorship tables*

#### More Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Bid Sheets \$1,200

Favors \$1,200

Valet Parking \$1,100

Wine/Gift Pull \$ 600

Gym Banner \$ 600

Golden Raffle \$ 600

Photo Booth \$ 600

#### Catalog Advertising

Inside Front Cover 4/C \$ 750

Inside Back Cover 4/C \$750

Full Page B/W \$400

Half Page B/W \$250

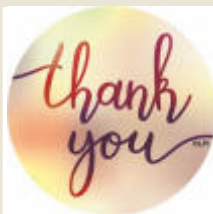
¼ Page B/W \$150

Business Card AD \$ 95

**\$25 Shout Out to Cornerstone Honorees**  
Acknowledge these honorees in the dinner program  
(3-4 short lines of appreciation)

If you are interested please contact  
Cindy Reitebach in the auction office at  
688-5678 ext 337 or [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com)





I would like to thank those who offered their professional expertise in helping us create a strategy for our upcoming evangelization efforts. We are close to launching our outreach to our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from actively celebrating with us at St. Greg's. I have two more requests, please? First, for your continued prayers; may our efforts touch hearts and plant seeds. Second, we are still in need of parishioners willing to make phone calls. If interested, please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or e-mail [bruh@stgregs.org](mailto:bruh@stgregs.org).

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**ATTN Catholic School and Public School Parents:** Online **Confirmation Registration** began on July 1. If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that you receive all Confirmation related notifications. Go to

[www.stgregs.org/confirmation-1/](http://www.stgregs.org/confirmation-1/)

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

The Northern Erie County Vicariate is sponsoring a training session for all those interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. **St. Greg's is in great need for new Ministers.** If you ever felt called to this ministry, please come to the training session. It will be held at St. Leo the Great Parish, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY on Saturday, September 21, at 9:30 am and concludes around noon. Please fill in the form below and drop it into the Sunday collection basket or call Jo Pierino (688-5678 extension 301) at the Parish Office to sign up.

**Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 am**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



**SAVE THE DATE 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**Annual Great Dinner Auction**  
**An Evening of Stars**  
**Saturday, November 2, 2019**  
**Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

**Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or**

**what?** In the back foyer of the Church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR**

**Join our Virtual Gift-Gathering Party**

**Go to [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20F1XK7J97G95?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20F1XK7J97G95?ref=wl_share) or send an email to [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com) and we will send you the link. See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to St. Greg's.**

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in September and October and are available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships, or \$8,000 cash!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or at the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at [mckm6174@yahoo.com](mailto:mckm6174@yahoo.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator, at 688-5678 x 337 or [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com).

## **MOMS, COME CELEBRATE BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A ST. GREGORY THE GREAT GIFT-GATHERING EVENT TO BENEFIT THE 2019 GREAT DINNER AUCTION**

**JOIN US FOR A SHOPPING PARTY AT TONY WALKER & CO ON OCTOBER 10!**

Shopping will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Guests will receive 20% off their Tony Walker purchases. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers from Giancarlo's.

PLEASE RSVP TO NICOLE SCHMIDT AT 479-0209.

The Auction Committee has requested Tony Walker and Co and Amazon gifts, in any denomination, although all gifts and monetary donations are appreciated. If you have already attended a gift-gathering party, please do not feel obligated to bring a gift!

# —SAVE THE DATE—

## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT

A Ministry of St. Gregory the Great presents: A Day of Spiritual Renewal

*“The Ordinary IS Extraordinary;  
Our God-Given Gifts”*

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In*

*the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:14-16*



**Featuring Special Guest Speaker**

**Kimberly Cook, M.A.T.S.**

**Writer, Podcaster, and Catholic Apologist  
and**

**Music by Nancy Erdman**

**DATE:** Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm (9:45 arrival).

**LOCATION:** St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Ct. Williamsville, NY 14221

**REGISTRATION COST:** \$35\*

\*Includes catered buffet lunch, desserts, morning and afternoon refreshments .

Prior registration is required as seating is limited.

You may register one of three ways: mail the slip below, or place the slip in the basket at Mass, or register online [www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy](http://www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy)

**Register NO LATER THAN September 30!!!**

Make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great. Write “Women’s Enrichment Day” in the memo.

For more information contact Joycelyn (Joy) Bila 834-0128 or [jbila@hotmail.com](mailto:jbila@hotmail.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Women’s Enrichment Day of Spiritual Renewal on October 5.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ P

hone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# BRAVE II

## Fall Young Adult Retreat

*Allegheny State Park  
Camp Turner*

NOVEMBER 8-10

18-30somethings invited for  
this overnight experience and  
recharge to **BRAVE** the world

Details & Registration  
[stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii](http://stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii)



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz  
[ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org) - 688-3578

## REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means “rediscovery.” The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next weekend is September 27-29. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org). All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.



**SENECA NIAGARA  
CASINO TRIP  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**\$26 PER PERSON**

Travel to Seneca Niagara Casino. Receive \$30 in Seneca Slot Dollars and Lunch Buffet. Remember to bring your Players Card or you can apply for one upon arrival and a valid state or federally issued ID. Must arrive on Motor Coach to receive incentive. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**  
**DEPART:** 11:00 am from St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Court.

**CASINO:** 12:00 pm-5:00 pm **RETURN:** 6:00 pm  
For more information call Nancy Harkins at 631-5313.





**LIFE CHAIN  
OCTOBER 6, 2019  
SAVE THE DATE!**

**On Sunday, October 6**, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. **Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall.** You may drive yourself or take advantage of round-trip bus transportation leaving from St. Gregory's Church at 1:30 pm. Following the Life Chain, we will have a pizza reception in the Ministry Center. **To sign up for the reception and/or reserve a seat on the bus, PLEASE return the form below in the weekend collection or to Jo Pierino in the Business Office (688-5678) by Tuesday, October 1.**

Over 3000 babies are killed in an abortion EVERY DAY in the US. Millions of women, men, and their families are suffering from the aftermath of abortion. Won't you consider being a witness for your Faith and join us?

**The Respect Life Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center Room #1. All are welcome!**

**LIFE CHAIN 2019**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people riding on the bus: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending the pizza reception in Ministry Center: \_\_\_\_\_

**"40 Days for Life"** begins September 25 and continues through November 3. Buffalo's 40 Days for Life group holds a peaceful prayer vigil at the Buffalo Women Services clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day during the campaign.

**For more information or to sign up for an hour, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo) or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.**

**EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"**

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

**MOMS 2019-2020**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$25.00 CASH \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: St. Gregory the Great, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

**MOMS ASSISI/ROME RETREAT MAY  
2020**

You are invited to participate in a women's spiritual retreat to Assisi and Rome May 13-21, 2020. This retreat offers you an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with God through visits to the major sanctuaries associated with SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Your life is enriched and transformed through participation in rituals, prayers, Eucharistic celebrations, historical visits and lectures. By journeying through their life stories, these two saints help us to "fix our gaze on God." The retreat will be led by Monsignor Zapfel and Fr. John Cella OFM.

INFORMATION MEETING Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Please contact Nadine Bargnes with any questions 830-8530 or [ngbargnes@aol.com](mailto:ngbargnes@aol.com)




# MINISTRY UPDATES

## LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, September 23, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, October 7. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you. **Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend Adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Thank you.**

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

- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00- 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

## INVITATION TO PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

*Could you not watch one hour with Me?*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to spend one hour once a week with Jesus, Who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

This is the day and time I prefer:

Day \_\_\_\_\_

Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contacts:

Barb, 634-7478, [bpelosi@verizon.net](mailto:bpelosi@verizon.net)

Kathy, 759-7149, [srkathleen@yahoo.com](mailto:srkathleen@yahoo.com)

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 15

- 12:00 pm Buffalo Bills Family Day (MC Gym)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC)

### Monday, September 16

- 6:00 pm Young Adult Women's Mtg. (MC2)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

### Tuesday, September 17

- 4:30 pm School Choir Practice (GR 2)
- 5:00 pm AMPED (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm IGNITE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)
- 6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Mtg. (MC 1)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)
- 7:30 pm BSA Troop 444 Mtg. (MC Gym)

### Wednesday, September 18

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire Book Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Mtg. (GR 2)

### Thursday, September 19

- 6:30 pm EDGE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)

### Friday, September 20

- 9:00 am MOMS (GR 1 & 2)
- 12:45 pm Brown Bag Lunch Discussion (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Scouts Religious Emblem Mtg. (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm High School Hangouts (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement, Café)

### Saturday, September 21

#### All Day SVDP FURNITURE COLLECTION

- 8:00 am Boy Scout Leader Training (MC 1)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (Parish Office)

### Sunday, September 22

#### All Masses HSA MUM Sale

- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Foyer, Gym, Café, Basement)

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. These prayers "transform" our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary for our Country is recited and Divine Mercy. In good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church. Bring a folding chair, sing Ava Maria, and God Bless America, after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.





## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 14– Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Daniel T. Kirst by Family  
Giuseppe Saieva by Family
- 5:30 pm Joseph & Victoria Wyzkowski  
by Family

### Sunday, September 15 -24th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Deacon Paul Walter (Living) by KOC  
Council 14687  
Elizabeth J. Megger  
by Terry & Jim Gumulak
- 9:30 am Mollie Verdi by Family  
Bob Rose by Rose & Becker Families
- 11:00 am John Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family  
Richard R. Olejniczak by Olejniczak  
Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Dr. Nick Bona by Montagna Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm John J. Zaleski  
by Respite Health Ministry

### Monday , September 16– Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

- 7:00 am Rev. Michael Putich O.F.M.  
(Anniversary) by Priests of St. Gregory  
William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty
- 8:00 am Marcia Rajewski (Birthday)  
by Husband & Children
- 12:00 pm Susan Fanning by Frank & Susan Stahl  
Paul A. Spinley by Gloria Burdette, Sue  
Nicholas, & Bernice Spinley

### Tuesday, September 17– St. Robert Bellarmine

- 7:00 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Diane Higgins  
Richard Daniels by Anne Bielinski
- 8:00 am Marie Vetrano by St. Gregory Seniors
- 12:00 pm Bruce Fenn by Sobczyk Family  
Kathy Deakin (Living) by Sharon Sans

### Wednesday, September 18

- 7:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- 8:00 am Mary Glenn by Jim Glenn  
Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel
- 12:00 pm Vincent Leone (Birthday)  
by Joyce Santora & Family  
Marcia Gambino by Sister

### Thursday, September 19– St. Januarius

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory  
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad, & Becky
- 8:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Billy Hartigan (Birthday) by Family  
Zygmunt Wienckowski (Birthday)  
by Family

### Friday, September 20– St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

- 7:00 am Mary Le Goff by Le Goff Family
- 8:00 am Theresa DiAngelo  
By Husband, Richard DiAngelo
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of the Idzik Family  
By Donna Oleszek  
Paul A. Spinley by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Yezzi

### Saturday, September 21

- 8:00 am Joseph Pace by Wife & Family  
Donald Jenry by Family
- 2:00 pm **WEDDING**  
Sarah L. Spitznagle & Harrison B. Civin

### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Anne G. Wittig (wedding Anniversary) by  
Husband, Roger  
Lorraine Wojtowicz by Gail Wojtowicz
- 5:30 pm Alois Zygmunt Wienckowski  
by Carol & Russell Monafa

### Sunday, September 22– 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Vivienne Schifferli (Anniversary)  
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli  
Alice Smyczynski  
by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski
- 9:30 am Dennis Zion (Birthday) by Sandra Zion
- 11:00 am Josephine Caldiero by Children  
Dominic Zigrossi by Antoniette Pope
- 12:30 pm Carl Cammilleri by Mom, Dad, & Family  
Aldo Narduzzo (Anniversary)  
by Irma & Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Donald Guerra by Wife & Children

### DECEASED

Kathleen J. Turner

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CELL PHONES

September 1 began our new fiscal year. In the effort to balance our Parish budget for this new fiscal year we have eliminated all reimbursements for cell phones that were used for Parish purposes. If you were accustomed to contacting our Parish Clergy or staff members by cell phone, we ask that you begin to use the Parish and School land lines. Please see the back of the Bulletin for a full list of direct lines. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are no longer able to provide cell phones for parish use. Thank you for your understanding.

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**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

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

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

#### CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

**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.*

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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](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)

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