

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

September 28 & 29, 2019
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family, as we celebrate this weekend I invite you to reflect on the value of human life. Probably every day we are confronted with tragedies that affect human life. As I write this article reflecting on the loss of human life, we have the news of 19 deaths and hundreds of casualties in Pakistan from an earthquake. Reflections on the value of human life come forward daily including senseless acts of aggression on our streets, casualties of war, the mistreatment of the most vulnerable of society, as well as a basic lack of respect for each other as human beings. How do we truly value human life?

Our respect for human life involves both lives within and outside of the womb. As Catholic Christians we are called to use our lives to serve and protect other people's lives. At times the bravest among us step forward as martyrs to protect the life of the Church or another person's physical life. We should all remember St. Maximilian Kolbe who did just that during World War II in Auschwitz. Last month we hosted the play about his life. People like the Servant of God, Dorothy Day, gave her life as a social activist. She gave her life to aid those outside the womb. The list is long, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta who worked daily to aid the poorest of the poor and dying in India.

We must grow in a respect in our modern generation for those who are struggling to live an authentically Catholic life in the midst of discerning and having feelings of being transgendered or same-sex attracted. I believe we owe a huge apology to our brothers and sisters who live with these orientations because of the countless derogatory jokes and comments that have been made at their expense. These are very hurtful and lacking respect of their struggles. There is a tremendous lack of respect for the human lives of our brothers and sisters who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning. It is our call as a Catholic people to support our brothers and sisters who identify in these ways and not to ridicule them.

It is my hope that someday the Church canonizes a saint who can be a great role model of living the Catholic discipleship of Christ while embracing these identity issues. For now, to truly respect life, we must love and support our brothers and sisters in living a generous, fulfilling and chaste life.

On the forefront today is the battle in New York State over end-of-life issues. Currently we have the New York Medical Aid in Dying Act under consideration in both the Assembly and Senate. It was introduced on January 23, 2017. Basically, the purpose of the bill is to allow terminally ill patients to take self-administered medication for the purpose of hastening their death. I encourage you to read it and understand this legislation. It is Bill Number A2383A in our state.

I believe that our basic respect for human life begins with conception. The moment we go from "nothing" to "something" is that moment of conception and almost immediate cell division taking place. It is interesting to note that the egg of a bald eagle is protected under the law since the Lacey Act of 1900 and has had more protections added over the last century. At the same time, the egg of a human being is not protected. It seems we understand that a fertilized egg of a bald eagle *is* a bald eagle and is protected, but we do not recognize that a fertilized egg of a human being is a human being. Great Saints have emerged in choosing unborn human life over their own, such as St. Gianna Molla. If you do not know this great physician's story, please look it up and learn from her. The list of issues facing our society regarding a respect for human life is long. I mentioned a few above in detail, but the list includes bullying, the misuse of prescription drugs (most notably the opioid crisis), elder abuse, suicide, the fair distribution of resources so that all people may simply be able to live, and the constant calls for relief efforts in light of natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and more. All of these issues concern human life.

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We need to reflect upon a consistent ethic of life. This was a proposal from the late Cardinal Joseph Bernadine. Cardinal Bernadine put forward that there is only one fundamental question to be answered. That question is: "Do you support human life or not?" He said, once you answer that fundamental question then every issue which affects human life is also answered. His reasoning is simple: either you consistently support life or you do not. These are not isolated issues we confront in our lives, but are fully related to one another.

Perhaps the reason we see so many issues facing us in an increasing amount and intensity is that we are now seeing generations born and raised with an education that human life is disposable. It is logical to conclude that if unborn human life is disposable, then born life is disposable. If born life is disposable, then my life is disposable and I can choose to dispose of my own life or even someone else's life if it suits me. If we continue to promote a culture of death beginning in the womb, then it stands to reason a culture of death will also be promoted outside of the womb.

In our country we spend billions of dollars to address many of the issues I stated above in order to study their cause and how to solve them. I submit to you the answer is simple and free: support human life from conception to natural death. Once you make that fundamental decision, a culture of life will be restored and our youth will grow in a culture that supports their lives and does not teach them to question that gift. I believe we would see a decrease in the use of artificial means to try to "feel good" about an individual life or to terminate a life in any circumstance.

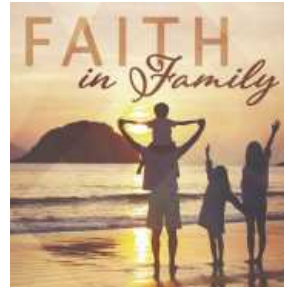
If any of these issues concern you, I invite you to join me in standing for human life on Niagara Falls Boulevard next Sunday, October 6th. There is information in this Bulletin about our departure and return to St. Greg's for this one hour, silent and prayerful stand for human life. Please join me; life is too precious not to come. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

ST. GREG'S CAFÉ PIZZA NIGHT!

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



BECOME INVOLVED WITH MUSIC MINISTRY AND THE FAMILY MASS



We are blessed to have 2 singing opportunities for children in grades 2 through 8! Our **parish and school** children in grades 2 – 8 rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. **Mrs. Debbie Lombardo** prepares them to minister at the monthly Family Mass.

Our school children in Grades 5 – 8 rehearse on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 3:15 pm in the Church. The choir ministers at School Masses on Thursdays with the guidance of **Mrs. Nancy Erdman**. We're also combining both choirs to minister at the monthly **Family Mass**. Our next Family Mass is **Sunday, October 27th** at the 9:30 Mass. Families are encouraged to minister at Mass! Imagine this: your young singers – who love to sing around the house—are sharing their talents in the choir, and parents and older children greet people coming in for Mass or help take up the collection.

Please contact Nancy Erdman at the Parish Office (688-5678, Ext. 308) or email NErdman@stgregs.org to get information or sign up for choir. Debbie Lombardo can be reached at childrenschoir@stgregs.org. For other ministries at the monthly Family Mass, please contact Marisa Piazza (688-5678, Ext. 303) or email MPiazza@stgregs.org.

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

Sunday, November 24th, 2019

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Sunday, February 9th, 2020

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

Sunday, April 5th, 2020

Sunday, May 10th, 2020

Sunday, June 21st, 2020

DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

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

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

WEBSITE: www.buffalodiocese.org

WNY CATHOLIC: www.wnycatholic.org (print or online)





St. Gregory the Great School

ST. GREG'S ALUMNI

Calling all St. Greg's Alumni to a 2020 Reunion Meeting this October 2, at 6:30 pm in the St. Greg's Café. Come grab a pizza and help us brainstorm ideas for the 60th School Anniversary next year!

ST. GREG'S SCHOOL JOB POSTING

The School is seeking an enthusiastic Pre-K 4 long term substitute Teacher to guide a classroom of young children in a variety of educational activities, including arts and crafts, free play, storytelling, and class outings. The primary responsibility is to teach them the fundamental concepts they need to know for Kindergarten, such as identifying numbers and letters, socializing well with others, and working effectively in a classroom structure.

For the full description please see the school website at www.stgregsschool.org. Please submit resume and cover letter by Monday, September 30, to msoda-ro@stgregs.org.

GRADE 5 LEARNS ABOUT THE PARTS OF THE MASS



Fifth grade religion had a wonderful day learning about the parts of the Mass. They spent class in the sacristy with Fr. Paul and Seminarian Joe who showed them the vestments the priests put on before Mass begins and why they do it.
#catholicidentity



The Youth Ministry team and the School partnered up to provide team building for 5,6,7 and 8 grade students. The faith-filled program started with mass and then focused on building relationships within their own grade levels. Each grade had an

entire day dedicated to themselves to encourage team building and solidarity.



#faithbasedcurriculum

#developrelationshipswithstudents

BRAVE II

Fall Young Adult Retreat

*Allegany 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



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz
ajarosz@stgregs.org - 688-3578

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Upcoming Events and Information:

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

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 and Cafeteria.

October GOF Class Dates:

GOF Session A: October 6 (9:30 am - 12 noon)

GOF Session B: October 6 (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

GOF Session C: October 10 (6:15 pm - 7:45 pm)

Rosary Club (for Grades 5-8) begins on Monday, **October 7**, from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the School Cafeteria. Learn to make Rosaries. **Rosary Club** meets on Mondays except when there are no classes due to holidays (e.g. Columbus Day, Christmas break, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). Hours attended count towards ministry hours, as Rosaries made are given to new parishioners, distributed on Ash Wednesday, etc.

FFF Website: Check our site throughout the year www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation for schedule changes, special updates and information! For your convenience, the **2019 – 2020 FFF Program Calendar** is posted, as well as links to **Class Sched-**

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist

for Older Children: Typically, children receive Baptism as infants and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist when they are in Grades 2 and 3. Occasionally, when this does not happen, they need to prepare for these Sacraments when they are older. Here at St. Gregory's, we have a process for these children and their families. Children and their families and/or sponsors are placed in a Children's Catechumenate and the process is called **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**. Through this process, older children who have missed any of these Sacraments will prepare to receive Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation as needed. If you have a family member, ages 7-18, who needs preparation for a missed Sacrament(s), please contact Joan Rischmiller (jrischmiller@stgregs.org) in the Family Faith Formation Office at **688-5760**.

Confirmation 2020 Candidates:

Our last Confirmation retreat is Saturday, **November 23**. Attendance at one retreat is mandatory in order to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. If you were not able to attend the August or September retreat and would like to attend this retreat, please call the FFF Office(688-5760).

Any questions for Confirmation, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

You are cordially invited to

Coffee Breaks with God

Join us on Saturday, October 5,
from 9:15 am-10:15am in the School Art Room

Speakers Christie Thein and Mrene Corra
will discuss,

"A Divided Church; What to Believe?"



Then, join us every first Saturday of the month, through March for more coffee breaks with God.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

The role of a Catechist is to teach our faith.

Being a catechist enables us to spread the word of God to a generation of youth who will take these life lessons with them to adulthood and beyond... In our world today, we desperately need to spread and share our love of the Lord to all! Become a much needed Catechist today and share this special journey. I guarantee your own life will benefit as well as those lives you touch!"¹ - Susan G.

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

Links to the **Diocesan Catechist Formation Brochure** and other information can be found on our website; go to www.stgregs.org/catechist-information/



“LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH”

The sexual abuse scandal is affecting the entire United States and most especially in our Diocese of Buffalo. Many Catholics are understandably asking, “Why should I stay?”

In this stirring and quick read, ‘Letter to a Suffering Church’, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. For Catholics questioning their faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer those reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ.

We wish to get this book into your hands but we need your help, please? We are able to purchase this book in bulk for \$1 / book with free shipping. Our hope is to order 2500. We are looking for generous souls to help us defray the costs of this book; any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you are moved to help, please contact Fr. Leon at lbeirnat@stgregs.org or Brian Ruh at bruh@stgregs.org or call 688-5678.

THE CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS



Since 1973, over 60 MILLION unborn children have lost their lives to abortion. **In 2017, more than 105,000 abortions or 12.2% of the national total were performed in New York State, the abortion capital of the US**

(Gutmacher.org). That is 288 abortions every day.

The Cemetery of the Innocents, located on the Ministry Center lawn facing Maple Road, is an effort by the St. Gregory the Great Respect Life Committee to raise awareness of the millions of unborn lives lost and the millions more mothers, fathers, and families wounded through abortion. Initially, it was created by parishioners Rose and Harvey Hoelscher who were dedicated to this observance for many years. Following a short lapse, the memorial was reinstated through the efforts of Jay DiPasquale with funding provided by the St. Greg’s chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the help of volunteers from the American Heritage Girls Troop 3129 and the Boy Scouts Troop 440, the memorial is again in place and will remain during October in observance of Respect Life Month.

Please take a few minutes there to reflect and pray for an end of abortion and the respect for all human life from conception to natural death.



SAVE THE DATE
21ST 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 or send an email to 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!

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!

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

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

_____ I will attend the Women's Enrichment Day of Spiritual Renewal on October 5.

Name _____ P

hone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Check # _____

SAVE THE DATE



HEALING FROM SEPARATION/ DIVORCE

St. Greg's will be hosting a 3 part series for those who have been affected by Separation and/or Divorce.

Dan Lawson is back at St. Greg's to offer a 3 day program starting October 15 -17.

Day 1-An open general talk and presentation to instill hope and healing. This is for anyone who has been affected by divorce or separation including adults, teens, grandparents, or loved ones.

Day 2- This workshop is only for divorced/separated individuals. This part of the program is designed to assist in the healing process of a divorce/separation. It is designed to assist individuals to move out of the pain of the past and move toward their preferred future.

Day 3 - The final evening on Thursday, October 17, will conclude with a healing Mass at 7:00 pm presided by Fr. David Bellittiere .

RSVP to Marisa Piazza at mpiazza@stgregs.org or 688-5678 , ext. 303.

ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP:

An annulment workshop, facilitated by Ms. Barbara Wyse (633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com), is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. at St. Gregory the Great Gathering Room located at 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A \$5.00 registration fee will cover the cost of materials. To register for the workshop, please call Brian Ruh at 688 - 5678 ext 313 or e-mail him at bruh@stgregs.org

FLU SHOT CLINIC OCTOBER 12 AND 13



Flu shot clinic for anyone over the age of 18 on Saturday, October 12, and Sunday October 13, after each one of the Masses, in the Gathering Rooms. Please bring insurance card.



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

“Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life”

--Next weekend is Respect Life Weekend. Committee members will be available before and after all the Masses to distribute information and to let you know what you can do to help defend all human life from conception to natural death.

Life Chain 2019- 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.

LIFE CHAIN 2019

Name (s): _____

Phone: _____

Number of people riding on the bus: _____

Number of people attending the pizza reception in 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.

“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 or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.

**RECENTLY TRAINED
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

Please contact Tom Ahearn at tandj1978@gmail.com with your availability as soon as possible to get on the schedule. Thank you.

**MASS CELEBRATIONS
IN AMHERST**

Our Amherst community is blessed by many faithful Catholics who participate in the Sunday Eucharist at five churches: Saint Benedict, Christ the King, Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Leo the Great and Saints Peter and Paul. Each of these Parishes is less than 2 miles from their neighbor.

At a recent meeting, we Pastors of these Parishes all shared our difficulty in providing priests, music ministers and liturgical ministers to sustain the current Mass schedules in Amherst. Four of the five parishes now have only one priest and the availability of priests for weekend and/or emergency assistance is severely diminished. Furthermore, studying the Mass schedule survey conducted by the Diocese in Spring 2018, we observed that there was often a replication of Masses at the same time resulting in more-than-half-empty worship spaces.

As Pastors our fervent desire is to provide vibrant celebrations of the Eucharist and to offer a variety of opportunities for Mass that can be sustained within the Amherst community. To achieve this we have agreed to work together on coordinating our Mass schedules to provide a sustainable variety of opportunities for the Sunday Eucharist without needless duplication. We will be reaching out to lay leaders in our community for their input.

We believe that if each Parish reduces the number of Sunday Masses by one, and creates Mass schedules that accommodate individual Parish Ministerial needs without duplicating neighboring schedules, we will be able to sustain a variety of Mass opportunities for our Amherst community.

- Rev. Robert Mock • St. Benedict
- Msgr. Paul Litwin • Christ the King
- Rev. Leon Biernat • St. Gregory the Great
- Msgr. Robert Zapfel • St. Leo the Great and
- Rev. Jerome Kopec • SS. Peter and Paul

PRAYER WARRIORS WANTED

We are entertaining the idea of forming prayer teams to pray with parishioners after designated Masses over the weekend. We humbly ask for those interested to prayerfully discern this invitation. If you believe the Lord is calling you to consider this ministry, please contact Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or at bruh@stgregs.org

MINISTRY UPDATES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to attend the October 21 meeting in MC Gym at 1:00pm. The guest speaker will be Fr. Moses Ikuelogbon. He will talk on subjects of his childhood, his calling to the priesthood and his roll at St. Gregory the Great Parish. Refreshments will be served.

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. All are welcome. You do not need to be a parishioner.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

Kathy, 759-7149, srkathleen@yahoo.com

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30

- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

Tuesday, October 1

- 4:30 pm Parish Children's Choir Practice (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm AMPED (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm IGNITE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)
- 7:00 pm Pastor's Executive Mtg. (MC 1)
- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 2:15 pm School Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry Mtg. (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire Book Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (School Classroom #802)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)

Thursday, October 3

- 6:30 pm EDGE (MC Foyer, Gym, Basement)
- 6:30 pm SVDP Mtg. (GR 1&2)

Friday, October 4

- 12:45 pm Brown Bag Lunch Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm American Heritage Girls Mtg. (GR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm ULTIMATE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)

Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 am Women's Enrichment Spiritual Renewal Day (MC Gym, Kitchen)
- 10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)
- 4:00 pm Full of Grace (GR 2)

Sunday, October 6

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

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 28

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Alice Godechowiak (Birthday)
By Daughter, Carolyn Romanowski
- 5:30 pm Lillian Smoter (Birthday) by Family
Anthony & Marie Vetrano
(Wedding Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, September 29– 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Francis Gallagher
by Mike & Kathy Deakin
- 9:30 am John & Victoria Di Salvo
by Casola Family
Eileen O’Grady by The Hendler Girls
- 11:00 am Nancy H. Dillon by Dillon Family
Elizabeth J. Diemerg by Judy Strubel
- 12:30 pm Family Cousins by Christine Balcerek
Helen Kilinskas by Bill Kilinskas
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Thomas & Connie Gennaro
by Son, Rosario

Monday, September 30– St. Jerome

- 7:00 am Souls of Conover/Meer Families
By Debbie Kistner
- 8:00 am Marie Vetrano by Dolores Mason
- 12:00 pm Ralph Sperrazza (Birthday) by Sister
Earl E. Kramer by Mei Chen Kramer

Tuesday, October 1– St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
Daniel Wesolowski by Jane Wolf
- 8:00 am Therese Murray Ferrara
by Patricia Reeder
- 12:00 pm Dawn Curazzato (Living)
by Mary Criden & Donna Strom

Wednesday, October 2– Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Dr. Rocco Venuto
by Bob & Barbara Klocke
- 12:00 pm M. Patricia Paxon
by Joe & Bonnie La Rotonda
Francis Reidy (Anniversary) by
Hartigan Family

Thursday, October 3

- 7:00 am Valerie Garrison by Mom
- 8:00 am Cheryl Manley
by Joe & Bonnie La Rotonda
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Lena Majchrzak by Family & Friend
Fredrick J. Bough by Janice Bough

Friday, October 4– St. Francis of Assisi

- 7:00 am Souls of Kistner & Volbratch Families
By Debbie & Ken Kistner
- 8:00 am Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
Francis O’Connor by Catherine Steffan
- 12:00 pm Dorothy Flynn by Family
Frank Deni by Aunt Rose Sicurella

Saturday, October 5– Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

- 8:00 am John J. Wojnar (Birthday)
by Madison Baird
Therese Ferrara & Anne Forte
by Patricia Reeder Family

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Ladies of the Lord & Families
by Mary Lou Daigler
Franklin M. Boehler by Wife & Family
- 5:30 pm Olga Wopperer
by Dr. & Mrs. Albert Menno

Sunday, October 6– 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
Terry Watters by Karas Family
- 9:30 am Mary Kerrigan
by Maria Deighan & Lenny
- 11:00 am Elizabeth Safe
by RoseAnn Lokaj & Family
Dorothy M. Olejniczak
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Valentine Kozakiewicz
& Helen Jachimiak by Goddaughter,
Christine Balcerek
Jill D. Kilinskas
by Husband, Bill Kilinskas
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Rose Hoelscher
by Brian & Madeline Cushing

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

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