

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

*Pentecost Sunday  
May 19 & 20, 2018*



## **From The Desk of the Pastor**

My dear parish family, as we celebrate this Pentecost Sunday we pray that we continue to allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to give us all of the gifts we need to courageously make our Discipleship in Jesus Christ the very foundation of our lives. In this age of relativism, it is so easy for a Disciple of Christ to be misunderstood and even condemned, just as those in Biblical times, for living the Truth of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of John 18:38, Pilate responds to Jesus with the question: "What is truth?" In John 17:17 Jesus states: "Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." This Pentecost we pray to stay close to the truth.

This Sunday at our 11:00 am Mass we are pleased to honor the St. Gregory's Twelve. We honor: **Morgan and Andrew Arcuri, Lee Butler, Beverly Farry, John and Tracy Fitzpatrick, James R. Handley, Patti Hartigan, Mark Higgins, Matt and Vanessa Mesler, Tom and Dorothea Obst, Dennis Pulisi and Andrew Thein.** We thank these great parishioners for their dedication to living the truth and leading us as a parish family in the truth. May God bless you and thank you for all you have done for us at St. Greg's!

I also wish to acknowledge that six parishioners of St. Gregory the Great graduated from Christ the King Seminary on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with various degrees. We congratulate our two candidates for Permanent Diaconate, **Paul Walter and Bob Warner**, who graduated along with **Nick Zona** and three members of our Family Faith Formation staff including **Megan Looney, Arlene Meyerhofer and Kathy Tuffilaro.**

Congratulations and God's blessings on your graduation and renewed Discipleship to serve in Ministry!

I have been remiss in congratulating Gabrielle Walter from our parish. At the end of June, 2018 Gabrielle will complete her one-year crown as "Miss New York." In May, 2017, Gabrielle won the Miss New York crown in Staten Island. In September, 2017, Gabrielle represented New York State in the Miss America competition in Atlantic City. Gabrielle is an active parishioner of St. Greg's and is the daughter of, almost Deacon Paul and Michele Walter and is the sister of Melanie and William Walter. We are proud of you, Gabrielle, and all you have accomplished. We are thankful for your commitment to serve the poor, especially the documentary you shot about street children in the Philippines while you studied at Canisius College. Congratulations also on your graduation from UB Law School this past week. Your St. Greg's family is very proud of you! It is awesome having someone with the depth of your faith achieve a position as Miss New York! The Holy Spirit is alive in you for sure! (continued on page 2)



**Graduates of Christ the King Seminary: Joan Rischmiller, Director of Family Faith Formation; Kathy Tuffilaro; Nick Zona; Arlene Meyerhofer; Bob Warner; Paul Walter; Megan Looney, and Fr. Leon Biernat, Pastor.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. May 21:** James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29  
**Tues. May 22:** James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37  
**Wed. May 23:** James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40  
**Thurs. May 24:** James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50  
**Fri. May 25:** James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12  
**Sat. May 26:** James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16  
**Sun. May 27:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (165B);  
Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

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## PENTECOST

### Acting with Courage

**Reading I** Acts 2:1-11 (descent of the Holy Spirit)  
**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (many gifts,  
one Spirit, and the analogy of the body)  
**Gospel** John 20:19-23 (appearance to the disciples)  
**Passage** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared  
among them, and a tongue rested on each of  
them. All of them were filled with the Holy  
Spirit and began to speak in other  
languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
(Acts 2:3-4)

**Adult:** *When has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to act with courage?*

**Child:** *When and where do you need the Holy Spirit's help to speak out?*

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## VOCATION VIEW

The Holy Spirit sends seven special gifts to us. By calling upon these gifts, we are both made aware of God's will for us, and are given the strength to pursue it. If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

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## JOIN THE PARISH

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

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In March we Baptized 7 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Emily Lynn Benton, Biagio Marc Di Carlo, Claire Elizabeth Mason, Francis Michael Papia, Joseph Baker Papia, Alessandra Giovanni Picone, and Antonio Harrison Sceusa.** Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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

Finally, I'd like to say a word about my upcoming sabbatical. I have been asked by parishioners, brother priests, family and friends: "Are you really going this time?" As you may recall, this is my third attempt to take a sabbatical.

My first attempt was in 2011 while I served at Our Lady of Pompeii. It was approved but cancelled due to discussions regarding Catholic Schools. Last year I was approved again to go, but cancelled because of the need to find a new Principal for St. Gregory the Great School. I am most grateful to Bishop Malone for giving me a third time at bat and this time I will not strike out!

My sabbatical is planned from July 1, 2018 to December 1, 2018. During this entire time I remain in fact the pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish and return as Pastor to continue my term. I am most thankful to Father Tom Mahoney who will be the Administrator in my absence. I am especially grateful because Father Tom's three-year term at St. Greg's ends this June, 2018, and he generously volunteered to stay an additional year to allow me this opportunity. Thank you from the depth of my heart, Father Tom, for your goodness to me and to the people of our St. Greg's family.

Many are asking me: "What are you going to be doing?" Here is a brief answer. The first week I intend to sleep and catch up on some needed rest. I will be attending a retreat for Priests in West Virginia on the Identity of the Priest as understood in the New Testament. This will be given by Dr. Scott Hahn from Franciscan University. I will attend a Scripture conference and an Apologetics conference at Franciscan University and also intend to take a couple courses from Franciscan in the fall term. Finally, I hope to complete writing a book and do some travel, most notably to Italy, and to spend some time in the Adirondack mountains and at the Trappist Monastery in Piffard, NY. While in Rome, I plan to celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and hopefully will be graced enough to preside at Mass above St. John Paul II's tomb. I am also thankful to Cardinal Dolan and to our Holy Father for inviting me to be elevated to the rank of Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Eastern Lieutenancy. The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is a Roman Catholic Order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. The Pope is the sovereign of the Order which was established circa 1099. This will take me to New York City for an investiture at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Dolan. If I accomplish all of this I will probably need a vacation from my sabbatical! I hope this answers the questions some of you may have. Please know I will be celebrating Mass daily and will be praying for you and our parish family every day.

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

## Ladies of Charity

There will be no monthly meeting in May. Our next day of service is Monday, June 4. Call Marge at 688-5954, if interested.

## St. Greg's Great Race

St. Gregory's 23rd Annual Great Race will be held Friday, June 15, at 7:00pm. Register online at [www.stgregs.org/greatrace](http://www.stgregs.org/greatrace). There are no paper registrations; online registration only. An after-race party will be held in the parking lot next to the Ministry Center and Hit-n-Run will be the featured entertainment. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kevin Ryan [kpryan21@yahoo.com](mailto:kpryan21@yahoo.com). If you have any problems registering please contact Cheryl Bertovich at [cbertovich1@gmail.com](mailto:cbertovich1@gmail.com).

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### Stream Sprouts Young Scientists Club

Monday, July 30-Thursday August 2, from 8:30 –11:30am led by Mrs. Andzik. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are eligible. Explore the wonderful world of science with this hands-on, inquiry based, and engaging after-school club. Students will conduct experiments to explore basic scientific principles. Please register as soon as possible, as there is a maximum number of 14 students. The \$100 class dues includes supplies. Please contact Emily Andzik ([eandzik@stgregs.org](mailto:eandzik@stgregs.org)).

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### Kindergarten Readiness Camp

St. Gregory the Great is offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp for Children ages 4-6. This camp will focus on academic, social, emotional and motor skills. Two sessions will be offered: Monday Aug 13-Thursday August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursday, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 –11:30am. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik ([eandzik@stgregs.org](mailto:eandzik@stgregs.org)).

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

**"ADORERS NEEDED!!!"** You are invited to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

## ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. Contact Catie Wagner at 688-5678 or [cwagner@stgregs.org](mailto:cwagner@stgregs.org)

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### Senior Citizens

**May 28**, Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**June 11** - Monthly meeting at 1:00 pm in the **Gathering Rooms**. We will celebrate Fathers and Veterans. Subs will be served and music entertainment.

**June 15**, Great Race "Baked Goods Sale." The Seniors will again sponsor the "Baked Goods Sale" at the Great Race. If you would like to help us, please call Dolores Mason at 574-6405. Baked goods can be dropped off at 4:00 pm in front of the Church that day.

**June 18**, Our *All American City* Tour, \$73 per person, 3 hour Buffalo Creek Casino with \$15 free slot play, lunch at Pearl Street Grill, menu choice of CharGrilled Chicken, Fish & Chips or Pot Roast. 90 minute double-deck bus tour of Canalside, Outer Harbor, Erie Canal, Erie Basin Marina and more. Bus departs Ministry Center at 9:30 am returning at 5:30 pm.

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

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

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### Catechist's Corner

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



"Catechesis is a pillar for education in faith... it is a vocation." - Pope Francis

*From a Fourth Grade FFF student:*

"Mrs. Cannamela, You are very kind because you teach me about God.."

*If you're interested* in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.



# Vacation Bible School

For Pre K- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

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

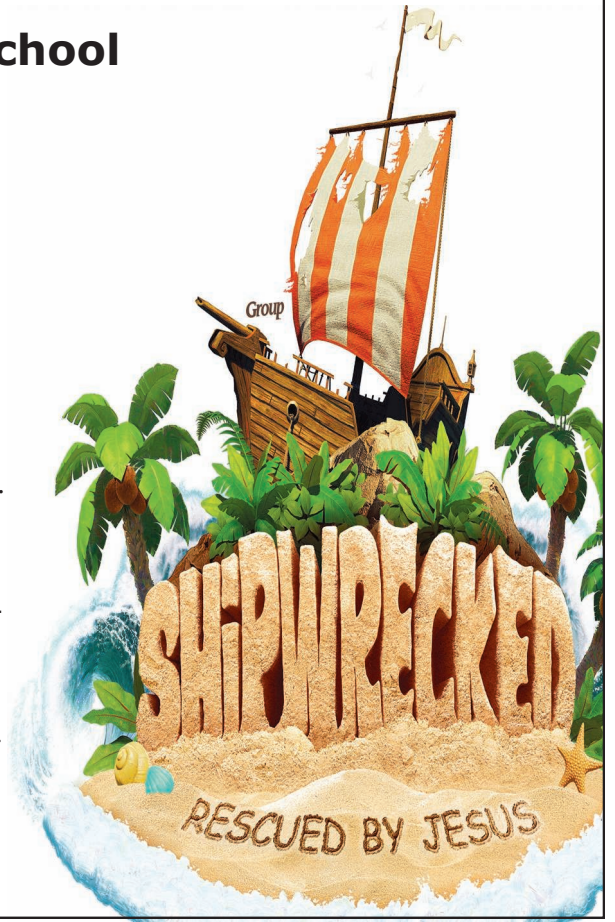
Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22.

To Register, go to [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

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

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

For more program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/) or call Joan Rischmiller at 688-5760.



## First Communion 2018





## **Respect Life**

**Iowa Passes Fetal Heartbeat Bill:** On May 4, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law the Fetal Heartbeat Bill, which prohibits doctors from performing an abortion after the detection of the baby's heartbeat.

The law would require any women seeking an abortion to undergo an ultrasound to determine whether a fetal heartbeat can be detected, a milestone usually detected around the sixth week of pregnancy. The legislation does make some exceptions for pregnancies conceived through rape or incest, as well as fetal abnormality, or if a doctor determines that a woman's life is in danger.

It would also ban all persons from knowingly acquiring, providing, transferring, or using fetal remains in Iowa. Previously, abortion was legal in Iowa until the 20th week of pregnancy. The new law is the strongest abortion regulation in the country.

"I believe that all innocent life is precious and sacred, and as governor, I pledged to do everything in my power to protect it," Gov. Reynolds said. The law will most certainly be challenged in court and is unlikely to go into effect without approval from the Supreme Court. Acknowledging this, Reynolds said that her actions...were "bigger than just a law," and that she will not be backing down.

Planned Parenthood and the ACLU promised a lawsuit. If this bill is taken to the Supreme Court, it could potentially force the justices to reconsider the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a constitutional right to abortion.

Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, praised the law, saying it "will not only save lives, it also reminds us that abortion stops a beating heart." "We thank Iowa for recognizing that every life is a gift and that personhood has inherent dignity from the moment of conception," she said. (From catholicnewsagency.com)

### **REQUESTS FOR 2019 MASSES...**

... are being accepted beginning May 15. Please **mail** all requests to the Parish Office, Attention: 2019 Masses. Requests will not be accepted over the phone. Please mail your donation (\$15 per Mass) with your requests. Weekly offerings of Host (\$55), Wine (\$40) and Sanctuary Candle (\$35) are also available for 2018 and 2019. Thank you.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you have a loved one or a friend who is going through a tough time, think about giving her/him a prayer shawl. Warm and comforting, made in prayer and blessed by Father Tom, shawls are available in the Parish office at no cost. Also available are blankets for very sick babies and children. Smaller and larger blankets have been made to accommodate children of all ages. A gift of love is the best gift of all to someone who is suffering from pain or loss.

## **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"**

A bedtime prayer that was overheard: "I'm not praying for anything for myself...just a new bike for my brother that we can both ride." [Ibid.]

### **Parish Mission**

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

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

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

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### **Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?**

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

### **Women's Enrichment News**

Women's Enrichment has taken a hiatus from our annual spring Women's Day of Spiritual Renewal. We will miss seeing you, but mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22, when we return with a day filled with the Holy Spirit as presented to us by our very special guest speaker Trish Short, Grammy award winner and singer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. You won't want to miss this inspiring speaker and the awesome event we have planned. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

### **Mass of Thanksgiving**

Please join us in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Paul Cygan at St. Gregory the Great on Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 Mass. Reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms. Deacon Paul served with us for a year as a Seminarian and we continue to pray for him. His Ordination to the priesthood is on Saturday, June 2 at 9:30 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral.



### **Family Faith Formation**

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

### **FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

### **2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:**

**Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Program, Gr 1-10) **Registration for All Sessions** (A, B and C) is on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration Only.** Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/](http://www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/)

**Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8) Register **In Person Only** (parent and student must attend) in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2 at 9:00 am **OR** on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes. For program details and Registration form go to [www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/](http://www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/)

For FFF Program Registration, go to [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/) Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.



**FFF Eighth Graders went on a field trip to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church.**



### **SVDP FURNITURE/APPLIANCE COLLECTION**

Our next furniture pickup date resumes on **Saturday, May 26.** If you have any of the following items, we ask that you contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message with your contact information. We will call you to make arrangements. We can only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area and all furniture and appliances must be located in the garage or covered porch. Please refer to the list of what we are able to accept and note all appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

**Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs).

**Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

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### **St. Greg's School**

#### **OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8**

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

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

### **Café Volunteer's Needed**

We are in need of volunteers for our Parish Café. Grillers and Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Hours are flexible. Please Contact Margie at 276-2915.

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### **Clean Water Project for South Sudan**

Millions of people across the lands of Africa have no access to clean water, including children. They spend hours walking miles, in temperatures over 110 degrees Fahrenheit. It is a very difficult, life-sustaining journey, and one that no human should have to endure. As a result, the hardships to access water, along with the bacteria and contamination within water, has led to disease, sickness, or even death. As a part of the sixth grade curriculum, the book, A Long Walk to Water, by Linda Sue Park, inspired us to start our own mission. It enlightened us to share, acknowledge, and show empathy by raising funds for wells and filtration systems for this region.

We want to make the fresh water supply become a reality for those without. We need your help! Our core goal is to collect \$5000 to empower the Sudanese people through fresh water.

Please contact the School Office for forms at 688-5323.

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org) ~ 688-3578

### High School

SWAT Team: May 22, 29; 7:00 - 8:30pm

### Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30something)

**Oasis Magazine and website:** Sign up for the online magazine for young adults both home and away for original content to keep you fresh. Take a look at the website ([stgregsYM.org](http://stgregsYM.org)) or follow us on Instagram [@stgregsyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyoungadults) for events and gatherings.

**Exodus 90:** Our Exodus 90 test group is nearing our 90th day on Pentecost. What a fulfilling journey with our group of men who have been building spiritual and physical discipline since the start of Lent. Please pray for us as we come to the end of our experience. Already looking at running the next one in Lent; get ready, men!

### **College Summer Lineup:**

#### **Summer Kick -Off – June 1, 7:00pm-9:00pm:**

Get ready for an awesome start to summer! We're shoring up the details, but save the date for this summer blast as we celebrate classes being done and over!

#### **Summer Nights - Monday's in June, 7:00pm in the Café**

Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus; we'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, throwing a Frisbee.

#### **Summer Closeout Party: Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm:**

Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give-aways, and a send-off blessing!

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

### **Young Adult Summer Lineup:**

#### **Trivia Night: May 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Not to worry if you missed out on our first Trivia Night, our follow-up is on its way. Come and meet someone new over wings and trivia at the Anchor Bar on Maple! Bring a friend!

**Softball League:** We're in the midst of starting our softball team to represent our parish. We have a full roster already but we'll be keeping you up-to-date on how the season goes.

#### **Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm**

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



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

#### Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

Tuesday, May 22, at 4:30pm  
The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 17.

#### Adult Choir for the 11:00am Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30pm in GR 2

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308



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### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE:**

**619,579.37 COLLECTED, 89 % OF OUR GOAL**


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



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# DONUTS and donations

Enjoy Paula's Donuts for All and Crafts & Games for Kids  
as we Kick Off the 2018 Great Dinner Auction



**SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd**  
*following the 9:30am mass*

**IN THE MINISTRY CENTER**

Please feel most welcome to bring any  
gift card or cash donation.

Hosted By Auction Chair Couples  
Matt & Kelly Dobler and Steve & Maria Clemente

## Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, May 20

- 8:00 am Household Goods Collection  
(St. Vincent de Paul House)
- 11:00 am St. Gregory's Twelve Ceremony (Church)
- 12:00 am St. Gregory's Twelve Reception (GR 1&2)

### Monday, May 21

- 6:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Business Meeting (MC 3)

### Tuesday, May 22

- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)
- 6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
(School Caf/Gym)
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Meeting (MC 1)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

### Wednesday, May 23

- 7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (MC 2)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus 1st & 2nd Degree  
Knights Ceremony (GR 1&2)

### Thursday, May 24

### Friday, May 25

### Saturday, May 26

- 6:30 pm Gold Star Mothers Reception (GR 1&2)

### Sunday, May 27

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### Marriage Moment

Pentecost is a feast of fear, community, and bravery. Have you ever feared for the safety of your beloved? When? What helps your marriage vows? Have you ever needed to defend your spouse to others? Stand up for each other's goodness. Gently and privately correct if necessary.

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### Parenting Perspective

Pentecost refers to 50 days after Easter. It reminds us of fear, community, and bravery. The apostles were afraid after Jesus left them. They gathered together. The Spirit filled them with courage to speak out. Ask your family what helps them be brave? Can anyone identify a recent courageous act?

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

We request prayers for all in the Military Service, especially from our Parish families whose names are posted on the website ([www.stgregs.org/parish](http://www.stgregs.org/parish)). To add your loved one's name (with summary details of service and location), please submit them to the Parish Office in person or by phone at 688-5678.



## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, May 19**

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Jane Esposito by Abeyounis Family  
Janet Collins by Janet & Bob Shanahan
- 5:30 pm Mother's Day Novena  
for All Mothers Living & Deceased

### **Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday**

- 8:00 am Mother's Day Novena  
for All Mothers Living & Deceased  
Richard & Margaret Daniels by Daughter,  
Anne Bielinski
- 9:30 am William Wopperer  
by Susan & Paul Schneeberger  
Grace Nosal by Carmen Vella
- 11:00 am Ellen Grunthaler by Marie Brewer  
Lynn Hino by Marie Brewer
- 12:30 pm Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
- 4:30 pm Mary Carroll by Richard & Donna Suchan
- Monday, May 21 - Mary, Mother of the Church**
- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Mother's Day Novena  
for all Mothers Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Albert Gottotein by Angie, Family Friend  
Ed Rajewski (living) (birth)  
Ladies of the Lord
- 12:00 pm George Sasse (birth) by Daughter  
Georgina B. Gleave  
by Jack & Ann Burgasser

### **Tuesday, May 22**

- 7:00 am Richard Romanowski by Estate
- 8:00 am Eleanor, Albert & James Gottstein  
by Yerke & Genau Families  
Sheila Malone-Steiner by Priests  
of St. Gregory's
- 12:00 pm Rose Reinacher by Angelo & Joan Sorci  
Deacon Peter Donnelly (living) (birth)  
by St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus  
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### **Wednesday, May 23**

- 7:00 am Linda Krug by Robert & Ann Ludwig
- 8:00 am Constance Reppucci by Family Medical  
Pharmacy  
Ava M. Bartfay-Szabo  
by Sam & Shirley Carocci
- 12:00 pm Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel  
Rose Hoelscher by Nancy & Jeff Reed

### **Thursday, May 24**

- 7:00 am John Tronolone (anniv)  
by Melody Tronolone
- 8:00 am Martha O'Bannon by Astridge Family  
Patrick Gallagher by Kathy Klawon  
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Margaret Ciesiulka by Kate Hahn  
Marion Rauh by Rauh Family

### **Friday, May 25**

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
John Bender by Alice Bender
- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Mary Lou Daigler
- 12:00 pm Sam Arena by Family  
Joseph Gentile by Gentile Family

### **Saturday, May 26**

- 8:00 am Phyllis Barone by Russ & Cathy Cipolla  
& Family  
Patrick Gallagher by Barbara Pelosi
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Mary Kate Haumesser  
and Todd A. Marshall

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Carmelina Salandra (birth) by Husband, Al  
Reno Ellero by Family
- 5:30 pm **Veterans Gold Star Mothers Mass**  
Franklin Boehler by Margaret Boehler

### **Sunday, May 27 – Trinity Sunday**

- 8:00 am Harold, Anne & Bob Curtin  
by Frank & Judy Jarmusz
- 9:30 am Patricia Lobue Becht (birth) by Sister,  
Rosemary Spano  
Bill Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
- 11:00 am Al & Gertrude Huber by Huber Family  
Arlene Mruk (anniv) by Husband, Norbert
- 12:30 pm Marjorie M. Kramer by Mei Chen Kramer  
Carl Cammilleri (birth) by Mom, Dad  
& Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Gloria Lynch by Rose Hoelscher

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A new Memorial, **Mary, Mother of the Church**, has been established by Pope Francis and will be annually celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. This year the date is May 21, 2018.

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*Mass Schedule*

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*Sacraments*

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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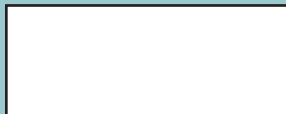
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