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*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 13 & 14, 2018*

## **From The Desk of Fr. Paul Cygan**

So... you may be wondering, "How is the new priest holding up in the biggest parish in the diocese?" That is a very good question. By the time that this Bulletin will be out in circulation on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, I will have been a priest for four months and 13 days! But who is counting, right? Still, this thought makes me reflect on what has happened the past few months and how I have lived out the priesthood in my life. So far the priesthood has been an incredible joy and a fulfilling vocation.

Let me tell you about some of those joys that I have found within our Church. In fact, it really has been a rediscovery of the beauty of the Sacraments for me. First and foremost, being able to celebrate the Mass is one of the greatest joys that I have ever experienced. Every single day, I get to consecrate the Eucharist, lifting up the bread and wine then changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The sense of unworthiness, love and amazement are all present for me at that moment. But then, I get to see how the Eucharist animates the entire congregation. I am moved by the prayerfulness, the devotion, the reverence and love that people have for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

One of the Sacraments I was honestly nervous about was Confession. My experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the priesthood has only been my own personal Confessions. However, I have an acute awareness now of the grace that is present in the confessional. God has revealed to me a little more about how great His mercy, love and forgiveness are!

Most of all, I am moved by the faithfulness of the people of God. So many of you have come up to me and shared their stories, their struggles, their lives and how they serve God. Listening to these stories has been a profound witness for me of how to strive for holiness in my own life with the help of God's grace.

## **LOST & FOUND**

A piece of jewelry was turned into the office recently. You may call the office at 688-5678 to identify it.

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## **MOMS MINISTRY**

The MOMS Ministry is looking for babysitters! Please consider volunteering to watch the children of moms who wish to attend MOMS Ministry. If you are interested in helping out once a month from 9:00-11:00 am on Fridays, please contact Dawn Iacono at [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com). Babysitting takes place in the Ministry Center.

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## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

The annual collection that supports the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses across the world will be taken up October 20 and 21. There will be one collection for two offerings.

## **PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME**

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on October 14 for coffee, juice and donuts, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

## **Flu Shot Clinic**

Health Ministry along with Family Medical Pharmacy will be providing a Flu Shot Clinic after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 & 21, in the Gathering Rooms. No appointment necessary; please bring current insurance information. We look forward to seeing and serving you.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Oct. 15:** Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

**Tues. Oct. 16:** Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

**Wed. Oct. 17:** Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

**Thurs. Oct. 18:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

**Fri. Oct. 19:** Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

**Sat. Oct. 20:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

**Sun. Oct. 21:** Isaiah 53:10-11(146B); Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Danger of riches

**Reading I** Wisdom 7:7-11 (Solomon and the riches of wisdom)

**Reading II** Hebrew 4:12-13 (God's living word)

**Gospel** Mark 10:17-30 (the dangers of riches - Jesus and the rich man)

**Key Passage** Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for some one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

**Adult:** *How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?*

**Child:** *What favorite toy, game, video, etc. of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?*

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## VOCATION VIEW

Jesus reminds us that a much better treasure can be sought by following God's commandments than anything that wealth affords us. How is God asking you to help to make known the value of His Kingdom? 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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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In September, we Baptized 6 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Mia Elizabeth Arcuri, Anastasia De Caro, Daniel Yelu Flores, Brynn Evelyn Ryan, Olivia Loren Vacanti and Andrew Edward Zoratti.** Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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## "Do This In Remembrance of Me"

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). If you have ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

## (From the Desk of Continued from Page 1)

To answer the question "How am I holding up?" I must say that these first few months have shown me what priesthood truly means. I am still learning what it means for the priest to imitate Christ in his radical availability, and having room in his heart for the suffering of people. I never expected that my first year of priesthood would involve so much pain with the news in our Diocese. But, I can't help but feel that God has chosen each and every single one of us for this time to pray, act and make our Church stronger.

I am so grateful for your prayers and support for faithful priests. I really think that during this time we need to rediscover the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. These dictate how we can approach this crisis and become a stronger Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for all of you! May God love you!

## Knights of Columbus - Annual Mass of Remembrance

The St. Gregory Council #14687 of the Knights of Columbus invites families, friends and the parish community to join us at the annual Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brother Knights on **Sunday, October 28, at 12:30pm.** A reception will immediately follow in the Gathering Rooms. Please RSVP your attendance to Tim Spellman by October 21 at 688-3597 or [teamspl@verizon.net](mailto:teamspl@verizon.net).

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## HOSPITALITY, GREETER & USHER MEETING

Please join us for our annual meeting on Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room, followed by a social with refreshments. New members are welcome. RSVP: Arlene Manzella (688-5051), Frank Wimble (689-7450), Russ Todaro (636-8283) or Dennis Pulisi (688-2380).

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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, October 17, at 7:00pm in Room 702 in St. Gregory the Great School. All are welcome.

For more information call Fr. Paul Cygan at 688-5678 x 336.

## **Entertainment Books For Sale**

The St. Gregory the Great HSA is selling the 2018-2019 Entertainment Books in the School Office for \$25 from now through October 10. Buy five books, get one FREE. These make wonderful holiday gifts, and pay for themselves with the discounts. Out-of-town-editions are also available for purchase online. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Connie Miner at 632-2397.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE Sunday, October 14!**

The annual Fall Clothing Drive will be held on **Sunday, October 14**. Trucks will be available in the parking lot near the Ministry Center on Sunday, 8:00am - 6:00pm. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. **CLOTHES ONLY, PLEASE.**

## **Ladies of Charity**

Our next meeting is Monday, October 22, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be Thanksgiving gifts for religious sisters, and the food pantry. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, November 5. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

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## **Senior Citizens**

**Monday, October 15; Day of Reflection** with Mass in the Church at 12:00 pm followed by lunch (\$5 at the door) and guest speaker Father Paul in Gathering 1 & 2.

**Tuesday, October 30, Mama Mia, (tickets still available)** (General Seating) Seneca Niagara Casino, \$83 per person. You will receive ticket to 2:00 pm show, \$20/Slot Dollars plus free buffet lunch voucher for non-refundable ticket. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 11:45 am and returns at 7:15 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**December 29 - January 2, 2019, motor coach tour, featuring Swingin' New Year's Eve Celebration, \$624/ person double occupancy. 2 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, New Year's buffet, 2 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise, New Year's Eve Show & Party at Savannah Theater. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

## **MEN OF GOD**

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 17, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1**. Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffcrd@aol.com.



## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Dinner Auction An Evening in Monte Carlo Saturday, November 3, 2018 Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

Tickets for the Great Dinner Auction are now available at the Parish Office or **YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE!** Join us for a fun -filled evening of bidding, dining and dancing at Salvatore's Italian Garden's. Gather some friends and sit together, or we can seat you with parishioners and/or school families.

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in 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 October after weekend Masses or the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com.

## **Check out some of our Live Auction Items**

Private -Chef-Cooked Dinner Party  
Wine & Whiskey Tasting  
Disney Saratoga Springs  
Buffalo Sabres Rasmus Dahlin Autographed Jersey  
Principal for the Day

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).

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## **Please Join us for the Rosary**

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." *St. Pio*; "The Rosary is the Bible on a string!" *Fr. Ronan Murphy* "The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings." *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; "One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world." *St. Dominic*. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am & 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and 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 is recited for our country at the Grotto, or in the Church in inclement weather.

## Prayer to Bring Christ into Our Day

Lord Jesus,  
present before me in the Blessed Sacrament  
of the altar.  
Help me to cast out from my mind all  
thoughts of which You do not approve and  
from my heart all the emotions You do not  
encourage.  
Enable me to spend my entire day as a co-  
worker with You,  
carrying out the tasks You have entrusted to  
me.  
Be with me at every moment of this day;  
during the long hours of work,  
that I may never tire or slacken from Your  
service;  
during my conversations,  
that they may not become for me occasions  
for meanness towards others;  
during the moments of worry and stress,  
that I may remain patient and spiritually  
calm;  
during periods of fatigue and illness,  
that I may disregard self and think of others;  
during times of temptation,  
that I may take refuge in Your grace.  
Help me to remain generous and loyal to You  
this day and so be able to offer it all up to  
You, with its successes that I have achieved  
by Your help and its failures that occurred  
through my own fault.  
Let me come to the wonderful realization  
that life is most real when it is lived with You  
as the Guest of my soul. Amen.



## SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pickup date is on **Saturday, October 20**. 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.)

## NEXT MOMS:

**Friday, October 26 9:00-11:00am**

### **Spiritual Mothers who are Catholic Authors..**

Great Catholic books to buy for Christmas gifts!!  
Featuring Texas Catholic author of a children's Marian book, Lynne Argy-Ryan: *Mary's Memo-ries*. ([rememberthathelovesyou.com](http://rememberthathelovesyou.com)).

Plus, St. Greg's own local expert on travel, Christine Smyczynski, ([www.christinesmyczynski.com](http://www.christinesmyczynski.com)) ([www.explorewesternnewyork.blogspot.com](http://www.explorewesternnewyork.blogspot.com)) author of *WNY An Explorer's Guide from Niagara Falls and Southern Ontario and Backroads and Byways of Upstate NY*.

Authors will hold a book signing following Q & A and MOMS will continue to write to their spiritually adopted priests. [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com) free babysitting 507-2026 Mary -Playgroup 982-5120.

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## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, October 16,  
in GR 2

The children will be singing at the  
9:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 28.

Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass

7:30 pm Tuesday, October 16, in GR 2

Choir for Christmas Midnight Mass

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, October 23 & 30 in GR 2  
7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, November 6 & 27, in GR 2  
7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, December 4, in GR 2  
7:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, December 12, in GR 2  
7:00-9:00 pm Tuesday, December 18, in Church

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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## 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

**Middle School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

### **Ignite– October 16, 23**

Our brand-new 5th and 6th Grade group meets from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

### **EDGE– October 18, 25**

Our amazing 7th and 8th Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

### **Ultimate– October 19**

Ultimate is open to everyone 5-8 Grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the Ministry Center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

### **Life Teen– October 14, 21, 28**

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm** Mass, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

### **SWAT Team– October 17**

Are you looking to dive deeper into your Faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

### **High School Hangout– November 9**

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, high-schoolers get to take over the ministry center for a night of food and fun! Come and bring a friend!

### **Empowered In Christ- October 24**

Empowered in Christ is our girls' prayer and community group. We meet once a month at 7:00 pm; this group offers the opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

### **Camp Covecrest- July 21-28**

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

Any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

### Open Young Adult Lineup

**Oasis Magazine:** Monthly email refresher with good content to keep you going!

**Amped:** \*NEW\* Starting October 23 and running every other Tuesday is Amped, an ongoing night to build community and develop faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, check the website for dates.

**St. Luke's Service:** We're heading to St Luke's, a faithful city mission, on Saturday, October 27, to continue a house project. We'll be getting our hands dirty so wear working clothes. Contact Adam to go.

**Fall Retreat:** November 9-10 will be our first Young Adult retreat! We'll be getting away to Camp Turner in Allegheny State park for this overnight experience to grow in faith and build community. Take a breather from your busy life and recharge. The theme for this is "Brave" and we're re-equipping you to brave the storm of life. You can find more details on [stgregsYM.org](http://stgregsYM.org) and message Adam about registering. \$70 per person includes food and lodging.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study:** Gathering Thursday's, ongoing to December 6, at 7:00pm for a 10 week series on "The Fruits of the Spirit". Come for community and Scripture over a cup of coffee. Need to miss one? No problem, come when you can!

**Mass and Lunch:** #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

### College Lineup

**College Life:** Starting October 29, College Life returns to help fuel college students through the semester. College Life will gather 7:00-8:30pm every other Monday in the Café. Come grab something to eat and seek answers to the biggest questions you'll have being a student on campus.

**SEEK 2019:** January 3-7, Indianapolis. Open for college students, this amazing few days will transform your life as a Catholic leader! Join thousands of other college students looking for a spark on the soul with live music, amazing speakers, and an opportunity to grow in faith.

## **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"** **From Father Francis**

Teacher: What parable is the Bible do you like best? Student: The one about the fellow that loafs and fishes. [Ibid.]



## Respect Life

**THANK YOU!!** A very heartfelt thanks to the 250+ people, particularly the many middle-school and high-school students, who participated in the Life Chain on October 7. Your presence was a tremendous witness in defense of the sanctity of ALL life. God bless you!

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**40 Days for Life** continues through November 4. Join us at a peaceful prayer vigil outside the Buffalo WomenServices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00am to 7:00pm each day. For more information, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo) or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323 or Dolly at (716) 868-2049 E-mail: [dollyverdi@gmail.com](mailto:dollyverdi@gmail.com).

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“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors that may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not have yet healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. **But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope.** Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life.” –Pope St. John Paul II, “*Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*”

**Need help after abortion? Contact the Diocese's Project Rachel Confidential Hotline at (716) 847-2211 or the Pro-Life Office at 847-2205.**

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## School/ Faith Formation Office Hours

The School office hours are 7:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday. The Family Faith Formation office hours are 9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday.

## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, October 14**

**St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive –all Masses  
Ministry Center Parking Lot (truck)**

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/

### **Monday, October 15**

- 12:00 pm Senior Citizens Mass/Retreat (Church)
- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens Lunch/Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1&2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

### **Tuesday, October 16**

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisies Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign Language Room)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

### **Wednesday, October 17**

- 7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR1)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Children's Catechumenate (School Art Room)
- 6:30 pm Book Club Meeting (MC Foyer)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (Room 702)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

### **Thursday, October 18**

- 9:00 am Family Faith Formation DRE/CRE's (GR 1&2)
- 2:15 pm Girls Scout Junior Troop Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women's Bible Study (MC 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE(MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)

### **Friday, October 19**

- 9:00 am Defensive Driving Course (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls Troop Meeting (School Cafeteria/Gym/Library)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Gym)

### **Saturday, October 20**

- 8:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC 1)
- 12:00 pm Rosary (Church)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (School Room 602)

### **Sunday, October 21**

- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/ Basement)

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## St. Gregory the Great

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Dinner Auction  
An Evening in Monte Carlo  
Saturday, November 3, 2018  
Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 20th annual Great Dinner Auction, *An Evening in Monte Carlo*, will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. This is a fun filled dinner event with a silent and live auction.

***Join us as we honor the recipients of the Cornerstone Award  
Allegra Perna  
Cheryl Bertovich***

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**I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$110.00 Per Person  
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Please seat us with: (tables of 10) \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,  
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**October FFF Outreach:** We are collecting snack cracker packets for Peaceprints Ministry Food Baskets. Please send in donations throughout the month of October!

**Saturday, October 20**

**9:00 am** FFF Board Meeting (MC, Room 1)



October **Coffee Break with God:** Parents enjoyed a relaxing morning with Christie Thein, who spoke about the power of prayer. Join us on Saturday, November 3, from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the School Cafeteria (November topic: Coping Skills; giving your children the tools to help them when life disappoints.



### St. Greg's Café

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!  
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, pannis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

#### **PIZZA NIGHT!**

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 8:00pm.

## Out Of Parish

**Night on Forgiveness**-Fourteen Holy Helpers Parish invites you to learn about putting forgiveness into practice at our **Night on Forgiveness** on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall, 1345 Indian Church Rd. West Seneca, 14224. The program will consist of prayer, a witness talk and breakout sessions. The breakout sessions will cover how to: 1) Forgive Someone Who Hurt You, 2) Forgive the Church; 3) Forgive God; 4) Forgive Yourself; 5) Ask for Forgiveness; and 6) Heal Your Past. Registration starts at 6:15 PM; the program starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Please pre-register by calling the Rectory at 674-2374. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend.

**Buffalo Choral Arts Society** presents "**The Spirit of Freedom**"—a choral celebration of Patriotism and Americana performed in honor of the service and sacrifice of our veterans and military. Sunday, October 28, at 3:00 PM, St. Joseph University Church, 3269 Main Street, Buffalo. Admission is free for veterans and active duty military with proper ID. All other tickets are \$15 per person or \$12 per person for groups of 15 or more. Call 716.775.SONG (7664) or purchase tickets online at [www.BuffaloChoralArts.org](http://www.BuffaloChoralArts.org). For Group Tickets please call Linda Lang (716.983.5391) or Margo Fronczek (716.698.3134).

**Mass honoring the life of John Neumann** on Wednesday, October 24, at 6:00 pm at St. John Gualbert Church and Diocesan Shrine, 83 Gualbert Ave., Cheektowaga. The diocesan shrine contains over 1,100 relics, including several from this local saint. The Mass will be presided over by Fr. Michael Burzynski and will include a presentation on these relics of John Neumann. Everyone is invited to join us in this celebration. For more information, call the rectory at 716-892-5746.

**Spiritual Uplift Packet.** Feeling down or discouraged? Are you looking for ways to cope while down, or just some help? We want to help you! Contact the Office of Family Life Ministries for a free Spiritual Uplift Packet full of practical, easy to use resources, prayers and ideas for help. For more information or a free packet, call 716-847-2210 or email [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org).

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### Leaving Religious Articles & Pamphlets in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Any item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Items left without permission are recycled. **We have recently had an issue with pamphlets being left by the entrances of the Church.**



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, October 13

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Lorraine Wojtowicz by Gail Wojtowicz  
Victor Molfese by Matt, Adrienne Peer  
& Family
- 5:30 pm Thomas J. Shanahan (anniv) by Wife  
& Family

### Sunday, October 14 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Lorraine Sullivan  
by Larry & Kathie Whistler
- 9:30 am David Starks (anniv) by Elizabeth Starks  
& Family  
Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family  
Jim Daly (anniv) by Diane & Family
- 11:00 am Anthony D. Vetrano by Carol Retzer
- 12:30 pm Dolores Turano by Flora Dispenza  
Baptisms
- 1:30 pm Anne Valenti by Gloria Gilmartin
- 4:30 pm Connie Reppucci  
by David & Patricia Luzer

### Monday, October 15

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Jerry & Joy Leet by Sue Thomas  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Ladies of the Lord
- 12:00 pm Frank Scarcella by Frances Struczyk  
Charles J. Donner  
by Mary Elizabeth Mattimore

### Tuesday, October 16

- 7:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Bob & Barbara Priore
- 8:00 am Clifford Conover by Family  
John S. Antonucci by Barbara Voigt
- 12:00 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli (anniv)  
by Joyce Santora & Family  
James J. Wojnar by Daughter, Susan Baird

### Wednesday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 7:00 am Norm Paolini, Jr. by Ladies of the Lord
- 8:00 am Sam Glorioso by JoJo & Family  
Michele A. Dieckman by Joan Grandoni
- 12:00 pm Francisco Vargas by Daughter,  
Edith Varbanov  
Maria Perna by Mary Jane Cercone

### Thursday, October 18 – St. Luke

- 7:00 am Rose Ryan by Ryan Family  
Violet Cassiol by Shar & Kevin Donovan
- 8:00 am Joseph Imiolo III  
by Sharon & Michael Sans  
Frank Algera by Family  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Luke Doktor by Math & Kelly Doktor  
Norman Kreuz by Marty & Tess Cicatello

### Friday, October 19

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Dino Pacciotti by Delaney Family
- 8:00 am Charles Oliver by Wife, Karen
- 12:00 pm Francis Reidy (birth) by Hartigan Family  
Zygmunt Wienckowski (birth) by Family

### Saturday, October 20

- 8:00 am Marian Cannon by Barbara Pelosi  
Nicholas Iannarelli by Volpe Family
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Kristin E. Antis  
and Charles N. Tripi

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Bill Mason (anniv) by Wife, Dolores  
& Family  
Michaelene Hayes-Stosio  
by Chris & Barb Wende
- 5:30 pm Cornelius A. O'Donnell  
by JoAnn Chiavetta

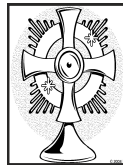
### Sunday, October 21 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Dolores Turano by Joseph Latona
- 9:30 am Richard Siedlikowski  
by Dave & Mary O'Bara
- 11:00 am Marina & Donato Lalama by Lydia Lalama  
Patricia Ahearn (birth)  
by Tom & Janet Ahearn
- 12:30 pm Bill Liscavage (birth) by Wife, Bianca  
Anthony D. Vetrano by Ruth Scheda
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm David Hayes by Wife & Family  
Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate

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## Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

**For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: [www.stgregs.org](http://www.stgregs.org)**

## Catholic Store & Café

**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 - limit of six babies, 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. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. 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.

**Marriage Preparation** – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

### 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** – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

## Prayer and Devotion

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

### PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;  
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- 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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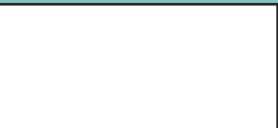
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