

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 20 & 21, 2018*

**From the desk of Deacon Peter Donnelly**

I often hear from new parishioners that our parish is "so big" and that it's a challenge to figure out how to get involved. When my family arrived over twenty years ago, I had similar feelings. Over time, though, I came to think differently. You are all, if nothing else, a persistent bunch, and casual conversations soon became invitations to many different ministry experiences. I found that acquaintances soon became friends and friends became part of my bigger family. You got to me. When I was considering entering diaconate formation, it was your conversations and challenges that pushed me to say "yes" to the call that I was hearing. When I struggled with the demands of formation and opening myself to God in new ways, it was your prayers that kept me going. And when I was ordained, I was filled with joy knowing that you had walked by my side the entire way. You saw something in me that I couldn't, and for that I am eternally grateful and in your debt.

Which is why this letter is difficult to write.

As some of you may have heard, effective November 1st, I have been assigned to serve as deacon at St. John the Baptist parish in Alden. While this new challenge is exciting, it also makes me sad as this chapter of my ministry comes to a close. It seems like we were just getting started, yet it's already time to move on. Before leaving on a new assignment, though, I wanted to make sure that you knew how much you mean to me. Together we have celebrated Baptisms, Mission, and all of the little things that make life so interesting and exciting. We've also shared the sadness of burying loved ones, struggling through difficult times and just trying to figure out how to make it through another day. I wouldn't trade any of this for a lifetime supply of Reese's Cups. You've shown me that God is alive in the world in so many unexpected ways. **(continued on page 2)**

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive on October 27 & 28. We are collecting canned or boxed non-perishable items. Please bring your donations to the Church entrances. Bags will be handed out at Masses on October 20 & 21. Thank you!

## **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 this Sunday. There will be one collection for two offerings.

## **Flu Shot Clinic**

Health Ministry along with Family Medical Pharmacy will be providing a Flu Shot Clinic after all Masses this weekend, October 20 & 21, in the Gathering Rooms. No appointment necessary; please bring current insurance information. We look forward to seeing and serving 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 [teamspel@verizon.net](mailto:teamspel@verizon.net).

St. Gregory the Great Café and Catholic Store will be **CLOSED Wednesday Oct. 31(Halloween) FOR EVENING HOURS ONLY 5:30- 7:30pm**. We will be open during the day, for our regular business hours.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. Oct. 22: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
- Tues. Oct. 23: Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
- Wed. Oct. 24: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
- Thurs. Oct. 25: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
- Fri. Oct. 26: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
- Sat. Oct. 27: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
- Sun. Oct. 28: Jeremiah 31:7-9 (149B); Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Quiet sacrifice**

- Reading I** Isaiah 53:10-11 (the suffering servant)
- Reading II** Hebrews 4:14-16 (Jesus, compassionate high priest)
- Gospel** Mark 10:35-45 (ambition of James & John)
- Key Passage** Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." (Mark 10:44)

**Adult:** *Why is it so hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?*

**Child:** *Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it?*

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**VOCATION VIEW**

The privileged work of ministry is never done for the sake of spectacle, but with utmost humility. What does your level of humility say about your sense of vocation? 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!)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, October 24, 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](tel:688-5678) x 336.

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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.

While I won't be here on the weekends, you'll still see me around. I'm still at 7am Mass most weekdays. No matter where I go, St. Greg's (not the building, but you - the people) will always be my home. Thank you for the love and support you've shown me these many years and please continue to pray for me. Know that I will do the same.

I'd like to leave you with one final thought and, possibly, give away a little secret. Each Sunday the deacon has a choice of a couple phrases to use in closing the Mass. Almost without exception, I close with, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." I use that because I am convinced that you are the messengers, the apostles, who announced the Gospel of the Lord and impacted my life so profoundly. So, each time I close the Mass I offer those words as a reminder of how important each of you are. You never know who might be listening - I was. Please continue to be the voice of God in the world. Thank you. I love you all very much.

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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).

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. *"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!"* (Mark 11:24)

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**Follow St. Greg's on Social Media**



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
- Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- Download the St. Greg's Mobile App. Search St. Gregory the Great and enjoy daily spiritual quotes.

## 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!

### Wednesday, October 24

4:30 pm Grade 4 Saints Fair (Classroom)

### Saturday, October 27

9:45 am Grade 4 Saints Fair (Classroom)

### Monday, October 29

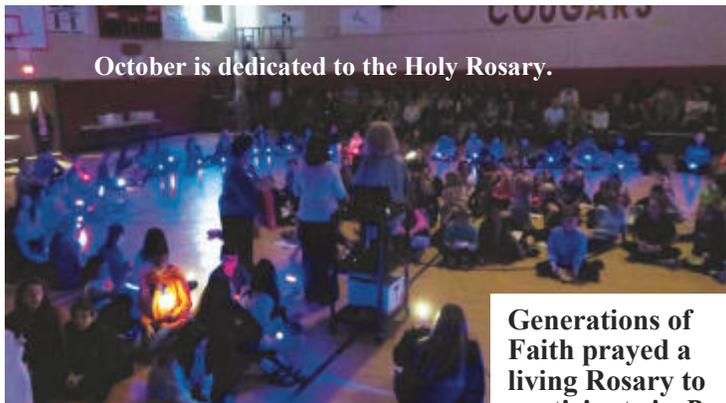
4:30 pm Grade 4 Saints Fair (Classroom)

### November Dates for Generations of Faith:

**Session A** Sunday, November 4, after the 9:30 am Mass

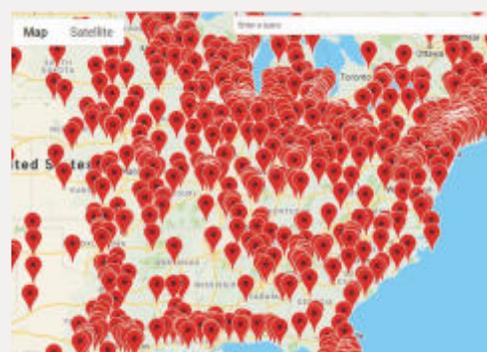
**Session B** Sunday, November 4, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

**Session C** Thursday, November 8, 6:15 - 7:45pm



October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Generations of Faith prayed a living Rosary to participate in *Rosary Coast to Coast*, which was held on on October 7. The map to the left shows the registered locations where the Rosary was prayed on October 7.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St Greg's Knights of Columbus

**All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, November 5, 9:00am - 12:30pm**  
**in the Ministry Center**

Tickets \$7.00 ( 4 & under free ) Pay at the door

Pancakes, egg, sausages, juice, coffee

Breakfast is open to the public

Profits benefit our Seminarian tuition fund

& other various charities

Contact Bob Moses at 908-4223 for more information.

## Wish Tree Donations - THANK YOU!

A big Thank You goes out to all those who grabbed a wish request from the Great Dinner Auction Wish-Tree in the Church vestibule. Because of your donations we are on track to have a very successful Great Dinner Auction! Don't forget your tickets, on sale in the Parish Office!

## 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

**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.**

## Prayer of St. Teresa

Let Nothing trouble you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
Everything passes away.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains everything.  
Whoever has God wants for nothing.  
God alone is enough.

St. Teresa of Avila

## K of C District Soccer Challenge Champions!



St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus Council hosted the District Soccer Challenge October 6, on the Ministry Center Field. Soccer Champions from St. Gregory Council, St. Pius Council, and St. John Maron Council participated. Each contestant took 25 penalty kicks into a score-zoned goal.

The District 79 Champions from this competition are:

Valencia Spoth – 9 year old Girls – from St. Pius Council  
Joseph Elkhoury – 11 year old Boys – from St. John Maron Council

Alexandria Zdyb - 12 year old Girls – from St. Pius Council

Madeline Moslow – 14 year old Girls – from St. Gregory Council

Stephen Zelazny – 14 year old Boys – from St. Gregory Council

Each of these winners will compete in the State semi-final competition to be held Oct. 28 at West Point. Congratulations to all those who participated!

## 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 - 7:30 pm.

Special Coupon offer below.

**SPECIAL COUPON OFFER**



**GOOD ON WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 24TH ONLY**

**HALF OFF THE MAHONEY PIZZA  
NO SUBSTITUTIONS  
NO VEGETABLES**

**NEXT MOMS: Friday, October 26 9:00-11:00 am**  
**Spiritual Mothers who are Catholic Authors..**  
Great Catholic books to buy for Christmas gifts!!  
Featuring Lynn Argy-Ryan, Texas Catholic author of a children's Marian book, **Mary's Memories**. ([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 **Explorer's Guide Buffalo & Niagara Falls, 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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## **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.

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## **Catechist Corner**

**Parent Volunteer needed** to be a Classroom Aide for Grade 3 classes that meet on Mondays from 4:30 - 5:45 pm. Please email [irischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:irischmiller@stgregs.org) if you are able to help out.



“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive: they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.” -Pope Francis

## 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 25, November 6, 13, 27**

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 25, November 1, 8, 15, 29**

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– November 16**

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 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18**

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– November 7, 21, 28**

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. Please join us for this 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**

A minister named Tweedle reluctantly refused a Doctor of Divinity degree. He said that he'd rather be Tweedle dumb than Tweedle, D.D. [Ibid.]



## **Respect Life**

**Pope Francis On Abortion:** In his general audience on October 10, Pope Francis remarked on abortion during a reflection on the fifth commandment, "Thou shall not kill."

"Is it right to take a human life to solve a problem? It's like hiring a hitman," Pope Francis said.

"Violence and the rejection of life are born from fear." For this reason, parents who learn that their unborn child will have a disability need "real closeness, true solidarity to face reality; overcoming understandable fears." Pope Francis lamented that parents receiving a difficult prenatal diagnosis often "receive hasty advice to stop the pregnancy."

It is contradictory to suppress "human life in the womb in the name of safeguarding other rights.... How can an act that suppresses innocent and helpless life in its blossoming be therapeutic, civil, or simply human?"

"One could say that all the evil done in the world is summarized in this: contempt for life. What leads man to reject life? They are the idols of this world: money, power, success. These are incorrect parameters to evaluate life. The only authentic measure of life is love, the love with which God loves it!"

The positive meaning of the fifth commandment is that "God is a lover of life."

"In every sick child, in every weak old man, in every desperate migrant, in every fragile and threatened life, Christ is looking for us, ...for our heart, to disclose the joy of love. It is worthwhile to accept every life because every man is worth the blood of Christ. We cannot despise what God so loved! ...While a sick child or an elderly person who needs assistance can be viewed as a burden, this can actually be 'a gift from God.' This vulnerable life can 'pull me out of self-centeredness and make me grow in love.'" (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com)

## **Parish Activity Calendar**

### **Sunday, October 21**

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

### **Monday, October 22**

1:00 pm Ladies of Charity (MC Café)  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)  
7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1&2)

### **Tuesday, October 23**

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)  
6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Core Prayer Night (GR 1)  
6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign  
Language Room)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

### **Wednesday, October 24**

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 Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 1)  
7:00 pm Ushers/Greeters Meeting (GR 1&2)  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Open House ((MC Café)  
7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (Room 702)  
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

### **Thursday, October 25**

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women's Bible Study (MC 1)  
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE(MC Gym)

### **Friday, October 26**

9:00 am MOMS Meeting (MC Gym)

### **Saturday, October 27**

9:00 am Boy Scout CPR/AED Training (GR 1)

### **Sunday, October 28**

12:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mass/deceased (Church)  
1:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mass Reception (GR 1&2)  
4:30 pm Confirmation Mass of Enrollment (Church)  
5:30 pm Potluck Dinner for Confirmation students  
(School Gym/Café)  
5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Caf/  
Basement)



## **Music Ministry**

### **Rehearsals**

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

4:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, October 23,  
in GR 2

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

#### **Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass**

8:00 pm Tuesday, October 23, 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.

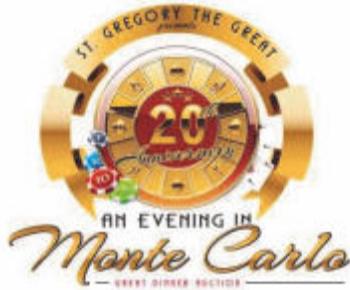


## **Marriage Moment**

Do something unexpected for your beloved today that shows you appreciate them. For example, place a love note in the bag they take to work; take a special picture for them and send with a nice text message. Say, "I appreciate you because..." and tell them something that you normally wouldn't.

## **Parenting Perspective**

Kids naturally like to be first, the boss, to be served. Ask your kids if they'd be willing to turn the tables for a day or just one hour and take care of things that you normally do for them. They might serve a parent dinner, wash the dishes, do a load of laundry, bring you your phone, rake leaves, etc.



**St. Gregory the Great  
20th Annual Dinner Auction  
Saturday, November 3, 2018 6:00 PM  
at Salvatore's Italian Gardens**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$110.00 Per Person

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Payment: Please make all checks payable to St. Gregory the Great Parish*

*Credit Cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover or AmEx*

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Out Of Parish**



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](mailto: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).

**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 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.

**DRIVER ED CLASS:** Places are still available for the fall/winter driver education program sponsored by Cardinal O'Hara High School offered from Nov. 5 to Jan. 3. Participants may choose classes on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Students must be 16 years old by Nov. 5. Drivers who complete the course with a passing grade of 65 or above will receive a DMV Certificate of Completion and will be eligible for insurance reduction certificate. The cost is \$490 with a \$100 deposit required and the remainder due the first day of class. A student's permit or license is due prior to the start of class. For more information, [bknott@cardinalohara.com](mailto:bknott@cardinalohara.com) or go to the O'Hara web site, [www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com).

**HEALING MASS** on Friday, November 2, at 7:00 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4375 Harris Hill Rd., Williamsville. Celebrant – Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun. Let us come together and pray for our family, for our community, for one another, especially the sick, those in hospitals, those with cancer, the homebound, those going for surgery, those with special intentions, the travelers, etc. This Mass is for anyone seeking "physical, spiritual healing." Everyone is welcome and will be prayed for. For additional information, call the rectory office at 716-632-8838.

## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we take time to reflect upon our blessings from God. While we do so, we keep in mind some less fortunate families of the greater-Buffalo community. We hope that this 'family' project of giving will bring the meaning of Christmas to life for our parish family here at St. Greg's. **"Family-to-Family Christmas"** is a Christmas project that sponsors nearly 200 needy families each year from Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Assumption, Gerard Place, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and various Catholic Charities agencies. Our children help to keep *our* spirit of Christmas alive, so hopefully their participation in giving to a needy family will, in turn, make this a meaningful project for your family.

**If your family chooses to participate, please mail the form below, call, or send a request via email to a committee member listed below by Thursday, November 8.** You will receive details & information on your sponsored family by Thanksgiving. Each sponsor gives on a personal comfort level; that is what makes this program so special! Some suggestions that have worked in the past are each member of the sponsored family receiving a new gift(s) to unwrap and open on Christmas morning, and if desired, including non-perishable food, baked goods, or homemade treats from your family.

**This year's drop-off day for "Family to Family Christmas" is Tuesday, December 11, from 6:30-10:30AM at the St. Greg's Ministry Center Gym. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!**

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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 Weekend Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, October 20

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Bill Mason (anniv) by Wife, Dolores & Family  
Michaeleene 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 Sceda
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm David Hayes by Wife & Family  
Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate

### Monday, October 22 – St. John Paul II

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Margaret S. Schaub  
by Cole & Francine McCarthy  
Jennifer Uhl by Mr. & Mrs. John Zawadzki
- 12:00 pm Dr. Faustino T. Solis, Jr. by Family  
Mary Hayes by Mary Louise Cosgriff

### Tuesday, October 23

- 7:00 am Helen Pacciotti by Delaney Family  
Rita Biondo (birth) by Barbara Voigt
- 8:00 am Norm Paolini & Family (living)  
by Judy Strubel
- 12:00 pm Joseph Cosentino by Pam Pantano  
Deceased Members of Doerr & Enslin  
Families by Sharron Doerr

### Wednesday, October 24

- 7:00 am Richard Romanowski by Estate  
John Tronolone by Family
- 8:00 am Patricia Imiolo by Sharon & Michael Sans  
Francis M. O'Connor  
by Knights of Columbus
- 12:00 pm Deceased Members of Oleszek Family  
by Donna Oleszek

### Thursday, October 25

- 7:00 am Stanley Stepnik by Sharon & Michael Sans
- 8:00 am Hoelscher & Nati Families  
by Sam & Dawn Curazzato  
Frank and Bill Weber  
by Walt & Mary Ann Weber  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Robert J. Brill, Jr. by Mom  
Joyce Mecca by Frank & Dauria Cardarella

### Friday, October 26

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Rose Ryan by Ryan Family
- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Thomas Flynn Family
- 12:00 pm F. Robert Danni (birth) by Wife & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Marinoff, Sr.  
by Mrs. Frank Scarcella

### Saturday, October 27

- 8:00 am John Antonucci  
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis LaGree  
Owen Astridge (living) by Friends

#### Vigil Masses

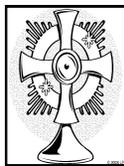
- 4:00 pm Michaeleen Stasio by Friends  
Evelyn Mecca  
by Cole & Francine McCarthy
- 5:30 pm Nunzio Maiorana by Ronald & Joanne Zini

### Sunday, October 28 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Donna, Kim & Kathy  
Leo & Marie Metz  
by Larry & Kathie Whistler
- 9:30 am Daniel T. Kirst  
by Angelo & Carol Del Balso
- 11:00 am Richard Siedlikowski by Allan Kuczka  
Onofrio Fred Carollo by Maria Freitag  
Giovanni, Genoveffa, Cologero Picone  
by Gioacchino Picone  
Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of  
Knights of Columbus  
by Knights of Columbus Council 14687
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Lucille Caggiano by Family  
Devin J. Waring by Tim, Tracy & Owen

### DECEASED

Betty A. Maloney



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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)**

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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.

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**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

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### 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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*St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:*

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