

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

- ~ IN FAITH
- ~ IN WORSHIP
- ~ IN SERVICE



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6 & 7, 2018

From the Desk of the Pastor

On Saturday, September 29 I am pleased to announce that three of our parishioners were inducted into the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. His Eminence, Edwin Frederick Cardinal O'Brien, Knight of the Collar, Grand Master, presided over the investiture ceremony and Mass. Cardinal Timothy Dolan also attended the formal reception held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Lay members of the Order are referred to with the title of "Sir" or "Lady." Congratulations to Sir Edward Gress, Lady Catherina Gress and Lady Lee Zack of St. Greg's who were invested last weekend. I am grateful that I was also promoted to the rank of Chaplain Commander within the Order, having been invested as a Priest Knight in 2015. Even though there are some 30,000 members worldwide, locally many do not know of this papal honor. Here is a brief history of the Order from the Eastern Lieutenancy's website:

The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem date back to the First Crusade, when its leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem. As part of his operations to organize the religious, military and public bodies of the territories newly freed from Muslim control, he founded the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulchre. According to accounts of the Crusades, in 1103 the first King of Jerusalem, Baldwin I, assumed the leadership of this canonical order, and reserved the right for himself and his successors (as agents of the Patriarch of Jerusalem) to appoint Knights to it, should the Patriarch be absent or unable to do so. The Order's members included not only the Regular Canons (Fratres) but also the Secular Canons (Confratres) and the Sergentes. The latter were armed knights chosen from the crusader troops for their qualities of valor and dedication; they vowed to obey the Augustinian rule of poverty and obedience and undertook specifically, under the command of the King of Jerusalem, to defend the Holy Sepulchre and the Holy Places. Very soon after the First Crusade the troops – including the Knights of the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulchre – began to return to their homelands. This led to the creation of priories all over Europe, which were part of the Order as they came under the jurisdiction of the noble knights or prelates who had been invested on the Holy Sepulchre itself and who, although they were no longer in the direct service of the King of Jerusalem, continued to belong to the Order of Canons. The Order first began to fail as a cohesive military body of knights after Saladin regained Jerusalem in 1182, and completely ceased to exist in that format after the defeat of Acre in 1291. The passing of the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem left the Order without a leader, though it continued to survive in the European priories thanks to the protection of sovereigns, princes, bishops and the Holy See. The priories kept alive the ideals of the Crusader Knights: propagation of the Faith, defense of the weak, charity towards other human beings. With the exception of events in Spain, it was only rarely that the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre ever took part again in military action to defend Christianity. In the 14th century, the Holy See made an extremely high payment to the Egyptian Sultan so that he would grant the right to protect the Christian Sanctuaries to the Franciscan Friars Minor. Throughout the whole period of the Latin Patriarchate's suppression, the right to create new Knights was the prerogative of the representative of the highest Catholic authority in the Holy Land, the Custos.

In 1847 the Patriarchate was restored and Pope Pius IX modernized the Order, issuing a new Constitution which placed it under the direct protection of the Holy See and conferred its government to the Latin Patriarch. The Order's fundamental role was also defined: to uphold the works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, whilst preserving the spiritual duty of propagating the Faith. **(Continued on page 2)**

Columbus Day

All Parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day. There will be only one Mass that day, at 8:00 am.

LIFE CHAIN THIS WEEKEND

This is your chance to Stand Up For Life! On Sunday, October 7, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00-3:00 pm, on Niagara Falls Boulevard at Maple Road opposite the Mall.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Oct. 8: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
Tues. Oct. 9: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
Wed. Oct. 10: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
Thurs. Oct. 11: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
Fri. Oct. 12: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
Sat. Oct. 13: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
Sun. Oct. 14: Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B); Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Childlike faith

Reading I Genesis 2:18-24 (second story of creation, the creation of women)
Reading II Hebrew 2:9-11 (Jesus' exaltation through abasement)
Gospel Mark 10:2-16 (question of divorce and Jesus blessing the children)
Key Passage Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)

Adult: *What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?*

Child: *How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?*

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus calls all people to Himself, even the children. How is Jesus asking you to help others to find Him? 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!

October is Respect Life Month

"Every Life: Cherished-Chosen-Sent"

This weekend, is "Respect Life Weekend" at St. Gregory's: Committee members will be available before and after all the Masses to distribute information and to let you know what you can do to help defend all human life. Please see the Respect Life section inside this Bulletin for details regarding the National Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, and other ways you can observe this month.

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.

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In 1949, Pius XII decreed that the Grand Master of the Order should be a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and assigned the position of Grand Prior to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. In 1962 Pope John XXIII and, in 1967, Pope Paul VI, reorganized and revitalized the Order by adding more specific regulations to the Constitution with the intention of making the Order's activities more co-coordinated and more effective. In February 1996, the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II enhanced the Order's status. Today it is a Public Association of faithful with a legal, canonical and public personality, constituted by the Holy See under Canon Law 312.

Today, the Order is charged, in its Constitution:

- To strengthen in its members the practice of Christian life, in absolute fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and according to the teachings of the Church, observing as its foundation the principles of charity which make the Order a fundamental means of assistance to the Holy Land.
- To sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains its traditional ties.
- To support the preservation and propagation of the Faith in those lands, and promote interest in this work not only among Catholics scattered throughout the world, who are united in charity by the symbol of the Order, but also among all other Christians.
- To uphold the rights of the Catholic Church in Holy Land

Congratulations to Sir Edward Gress, Lady Catherina Gress, and Lady Lee Zack. We are proud of you and wish you God's blessings!

Rev. Leon J. Biernat, KCHS
(KCHS: Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre)

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.

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.**

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. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to create a 21st Century school cafeteria model.

LADIES OF THE LORD

Thursday, October 11, at 7:00pm is our Ladies of the Lord meeting in Gathering Rooms 1&2. We will pray for all our petitions with special attention and intentions for our priests and religious and for the crisis in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

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.

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, (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.



20th 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.

Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or what? In the back foyer of the Church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation at the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR Join our Virtual Gift- Gathering Party Go to Amazon.com and under bridal registry search for St. Gregory the Great. See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to the Parish Office.**

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 at the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel(mckm6174@yahoo.com).

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

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, paninis 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.



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20th 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

NEW OPTION REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE NEW OPTION

at

http://stgregthegreat.maestroweb.com/

or fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office

I would like to purchase a sponsorship for the following table:

Special Opportunities/ Patron Listings:

The Royal Flush \$3,500

The 4 of a Kind \$2,500

The Full House \$1,500

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

I would like to sponsor a teacher ticket at \$70.00 Per Person _____ (#tkts)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

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

Credit Cards: Visa, Master Card, Discover, AmEx

Account No. _____ Exp Date _____ CVV Code _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Please seat us with: (tables of 10) _____

Saturday, November 3, 2018 6:00 PM at Salvatore's Italian Gardens

St. Gregory the Great ■ 200 St. Gregory Court ■ Williamsville, NY 14221 ■ Dinnerauction@gmail.com ■ 716-688-5678

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janecek: njanecek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite– October 9, 16, 25

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 11, 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 10, 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- October 12

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!

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

Youth Ministry Needs Your Help

Our Youth Ministry Department has a donation board in the back of the Church. **This is the last week to grab your envelope and donate.** . The board has numbers labeled 1- 200: please take an envelope and put the amount listed in the envelope. For example, if you choose the envelope with the number 48 on it, then 48 dollars will go into that envelope. You can mail the envelopes or bring the envelopes back to St. Greg's. Thank you so much for your support !

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 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**

If a man cannot be a Christian where he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere. [Henry Ward-Beecher]



Respect Life

What You Can Do to Defend Life This Month...

Life Chain 2018--On Sunday, October 7, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Join the Respect Life Committee in the silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. **Bus reservations are now closed. There may be a few available seats remaining on Sunday, but please be prepared to provide your own transportation.** However, there is plenty of space along the Boulevard, so you are still most welcome!!

"40 Days for Life" campaign began September 26 and continues through November 4. This nation-wide, ecumenical effort is designed to raise awareness and bring a strong, positive pro-life message across America. Your help is needed! Join us at a peaceful prayer vigil outside the Buffalo WomenServices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 m to 7:00 pm each day. To sign up for an hour, or for more information, contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323, Dolly at (716) 868-2049 E-mail: dollyverdi@gmail.com, or you may sign up on-line at www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo.

***Cemetery of the Innocents**—In memoriam of the millions of unborn lives lost and the millions more mothers, fathers, and families wounded through abortion, the Respect Life Committee and Knights of Columbus have placed a Cemetery of the Innocents on the lawn by the Holy Family Statue facing Maple Road. Please take a few minutes there to reflect and pray for a Culture of Life. May we always offer real hope and help to women in crisis situations. And to those who have made the irreversible and, usually, devastating "choice," may they come to know the peace of God's love and mercy.

...And Every Day:

***Pray** for an end of abortion and respect for all life from conception to natural death.

***Educate** yourself about pro-life issues so that you can educate others. Go to our web page: www.stgregs.org/respectlife for resources.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, October 7

- 3:00 pm Respect Life Pizza Reception (MC Gym)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/Basement)

Monday, October 8 - Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 9

- 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)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

Wednesday, October 10

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Home & School Association Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (Room 702)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, October 11

- 2:15 pm Girls Scout Brownie Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Woman's Bible Study (MC 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE(MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

Friday, October 12

- 9:00 am MOMS Playroom (MC Basement)
- 5:00 pm Auction Gift Gathering Party (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm American Heritage Girl's Troop Meeting (School Cafeteria/Gym/Library)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Gym, Café, Basement)

Saturday, October 13

- 12:00 pm Rosary (Church)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (School Room 602)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Ampet (MC Café)

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/

Marriage Moment

"It is not good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18) Indeed, it is not good for anyone to be alone. In marriage you are blessed to have chosen a helpmate to share your spiritual journey toward home. Make some time to be alone together today.

Parenting Perspective

Children make mistakes. That's natural. Of course you forgive them. For example, they may promise to never drink and drive again. Believe them. But this doesn't mean you enable a teen by being blind to reality. Forgive but verify.



Download the St. Gregory the Great Mobile App!!!



Take St. Gregory's wherever you go. The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational thoughts and messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great"
- 3) Download the mobile app!

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.

Ministry Help Needed!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Have you considered giving a prayer shawl to someone you know who is going through difficult or challenging circumstances in life? Our shawls, made by hand with love and prayer, can be given to anyone who is going through physical pain from surgery, rehab after surgery, acute and chronic illnesses, especially cancer with surgery and subsequent chemotherapy. Those suffering from emotional pain from the loss of a loved one, divorce, dementia, depression or family conflict can also benefit from the warmth, consolation and connection with God's love that a blessed shawl can often provide. The elderly, the very ill and depressed are often cold, even on the hottest day.

Prayer shawls are free and can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am -12:00 noon in the Ministry Center Gym. All are invited to join us! Donations to purchase yarn are greatly appreciated.

JOIN OUR USHERS TEAM!

How about volunteering to be an Usher? We can use help with the collection. You could usher weekly, or you could be a substitute. Please consider and give a call to Russell at 636-8283. Thank you!

OUR GREETERS NEED YOU!

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We especially need volunteers for the Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses and 12:30 and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please call Arlene at 688-5051.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our "family" of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.

FOOD SHUTTLE

The *Food Shuttle* helps feed the hungry by transporting excess food from supermarkets and other food-related businesses to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. *There is a need for more drivers.* You can select your own "shuttle runs" and sign up one month at a time for the number of times you are available to drive. For more information or to volunteer, call Louise Seereiter at 839-1797 or the Food Shuttle Hot Line at 688-2527.

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.

Catechist Corner

FFF Catechists Needed for the 2018-2019 school! Due to the size of the class, we have a **Saturday Grade 6 class** that needs to be split into two classes. If you can volunteer to be a Catechist, please contact Joan Rischmiller at the Family Faith Formation Office at 688-5760. Lesson plans and all materials needed to teach are provided. Other Weekly FFF classes that need Catechists are the following:

Mondays (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm): Adult aide for Grade 3.

Saturdays (9:00 am - 10:30 am): We need a Full-time aide for Little Cherubs, a Co-Teacher for Grade 1 and a Catechist for Grade 6.

A Prayer for Catechists

Father of all families....you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a Catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.

Amen.

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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.

Family Faith Formation

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

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

There are NO CLASSES on Monday, October 8 due to Columbus Day. The FFF Office will be closed that day.



Attention Students in Grades 5-8: Rosary Club meets every Monday at 6:15 pm in the School Cafeteria. If you haven't learned to make one – this is the perfect time to learn! The student below shows the Rosary he just made!!



Music Ministry Rehearsals



Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass
7:30 pm Tuesday, October 9, in GR 2

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)
4:30 pm Tuesday, October 9, in GR 2
The children will be singing
at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 28.

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.



Next MOMS: October 26 **MEET THE CATHOLIC AUTHORS!**

Texas Catholic wife, mother, and author Lynne Argy-Ryan will speak about her book Mary's Memories. (rememberthathelovesyou.com). We will also have St. Greg's own local expert on travel, Christine Smyczynski, author of Western New York An Explorer's Guide for Niagara Falls and Southern Ontario who will hold a book signing following Q & A. Contact Dawn Iacono at stgregsmoms@gmail.com for more information. For Free babysitting contact Lorianne McNamara at 507-2026, or Mary Sendlack about Playgroup 982-5120.



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. Babysitting takes place in the Ministry Center.

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.)

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING CONCERN/

IMPORANT REMINDER: Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces. This prevents our parishioners with Special Needs from being able to enter/exit their vehicles.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 6

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Richard Lester by Wife, Marjorie
Sister Mary Mayer by Jay & Amy Roeder

5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

Sunday, October 7 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Franz K. Bargmann (birth)
by Daughter, Barbara Bargmann

9:30 am Rose Hoelscher by Ladies of the Lord
Sue Sneck by Marilyn & John

11:00 am Leonard Sadowski by Daughter, Frances
Elizabeth Mastrantonio by Family
Baptisms

12:30 pm Balcerek Families by Christine Balcerek
Jill D. Kilinskas by Husband,
Bill Kilinskas

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:00 pm Devin Waring by Jewula Family

Monday, October 8

8:00 am Gerri De Lac (anniv) by Family
Gilbert Monacelli by Wife & Daughters

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's

8:00 am Francis Gallagher by Mike & Kathy Deakin
Michael Boland by Diane & Don Luce

12:00 pm Rev. David I. Richards
Anniversary of Ordination
Betty & Robby Robson by Michelle Bertola

Wednesday, October 10

7:00 am Harold Grunert & Family
by Bill & Lee Grunert

8:00 am Anna Herrmann
by Bill & Cathy Schrameck
Alan J. White
by Eileen & Charles Lestition

12:00 pm Richard J. & Mary Kate (living) Vivacqua
(anniv) by Mary Kate Vivacqua
Deceased Members of Idzik Family
by Donna Olezek

Thursday, October 11

7:00 am Eugene Ryan (living) by Ryan Family

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi
Norm Paolini by MOMS' Ministry
(School Mass)

12:00 pm Vittorio Disalvo by Mrs. Lina Privitera
Jennifer Uhl by Dolores Mason

Friday, October 12

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate

8:00 am Dolores Maurer by Family
Living & Deceased Members of Varbanov
Family by Ladies of the Lord

12:00 pm Margaret & M. Raymond Guastaferrero
by Estate
Marie Spagnola by Joyce Santora & Family

Saturday, October 13

8:00 am Richard Siedlikowski
by Dave & Mary O'Bara
Nicholas M. Iannarelli
by Andrea & Chris Rubino

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 Dianne & Family

11:00 am Anthony D. Vetrano by Carol Retzer

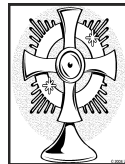
12:30 pm Dolores Turano by Flora Dispenza
Baptisms

1:30 pm Anne Valenti by Gloria Gilmartin

4:30 pm Connie Reppucci
by David & Patricia Luzer

DECEASED

Ruth E. Mahoney
Alma Catherine Parks
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Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great.

"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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

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.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

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
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

Our Mission

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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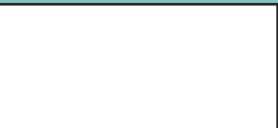
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