

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15 & 16, 2018*

## From the Desk of Nicole Janecek

Hello, St. Gregory the Great Parish Community,

My name is Nicole Janecek and I am the Middle School Youth Minister here at St. Gregory the Great. I have been in this position for approximately 3 years and have found such blessings working with the youth of this parish. The youth at St. Gregory the Great are such an amazing example of our faith, so your support of St. Gregory the Great is fostering something amazing in these youth.

As I reflect upon the current state of our Church and how it has affected my faith, finding out about the actions of people I looked up to as leaders in my faith has taken a toll on my faith and I'm sure many of you can agree. The thing is that life is full of moments that are difficult and even make us question the trust we have in others. It is so easy to dwell on the darkness and let it overtake our lives because, quite honestly, we are surrounded by darkness. What I realized though is beauty can come through times of darkness and we are called to be a light to those enveloped by this darkness.

As a young woman in the Catholic faith, I have been questioned by many as to why I am part of the Catholic Church, even including family and friends. They question how I can stand by a Church that allows our leaders to take advantage of the helpless, suppresses my rights as a woman, and is so conservative in our ever-changing world. I understand these questions, but then realize the beauty that comes from our faith. My pride in being a Catholic young woman does not come from the leaders that I follow or the "rules" I need to adhere to. It comes from the deep connection I have in the Eucharist. There are so many beautiful aspects of our Church that cannot be taken away from us, for example the fact that the Mass never changes and we have incredible saints to look to as role models.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

A collection to benefit Catholic Education will take place this weekend, **September 15 and 16**. All contributions remain in the Parish to support Catholic education of our children.

## Congratulation and Many Blessings

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God we congratulate our parishioners, Deacon Paul F. Walter, Jr. and Deacon Robert G. Warner, who were ordained Permanent Deacons on Saturday, September 15 at Our Lady of Victory Basilica by our Bishop, Most Reverend Richard J. Malone. For years we have been praying for Deacons Paul and Robert (Bob) at our Masses and our prayers have been very effective as they themselves prayed and pursued their formation and education at Christ the King Seminary. Deacon Paul Walter and Deacon Bob Warner, we congratulate you, we promise to continue to pray for the fruit of your ministry and we hope you know that wherever your ministry, will lead you St. Gregory the Great will be always your home. Congratulations to you both, to your wives and entire family! May God bless you always!

## September 16 is National Catechetical Sunday.

Let us pray for all of our Catechists who help our children grow in their faith...

### A Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these Catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as Catechists. May we, too, be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Sept. 17:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10  
**Tues. Sept. 18:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17  
**Wed. Sept. 19:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35  
**Thurs. Sept. 20:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50  
**Fri. Sept. 21:** 1 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13  
**Sat. Sept. 22:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15  
**Sun. Sept. 23:** Wisdom 12, 17-20 (134B); James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Faith and works

**Reading I** Isaiah 4-9 (salvation through the Lord's servant)  
**Reading II** James 2:14-18 (faith and good works)  
**Gospel** Mark 8:27-35 (first teaching of the paschal event and the doctrine of the cross)  
**Key Passage** Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2:17-18)

*Adult:* Why should good faith always lead to good works?

*Child:* What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

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## VOCATION VIEW

When Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ it was not by his own doing, but by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit moving you to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and Savior? 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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## Gathering Around Christ

Thank you for supporting Christ the King Seminary. Last weekend was the annual collection for Christ the King Seminary. Thank you to everyone who donated for your generous support. If you missed the collection **it's not too late to answer the call and support our Seminary's important work of educating our future priests, deacons and lay leaders** to serve in our diocese. Donations are still being accepted at [www.cks.edu](http://www.cks.edu) or by calling 716-655-7089. Gifts may also be placed in the collection (Attn: seminary appeal) or mailed to Christ the King Seminary, Attn: Parish Appeal, P.O. Box 607, East Aurora, New York 14052-

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## Come Join the Altar Linen Ministry

We maintain the small linens used during Mass, working at home on a rotating schedule. Call Marianne for more information at 689-6879. God blesses us for all we do for Him!

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

Do we need to ignore the issues at hand in our Church? No, not at all. I am reminded of a metaphor I learned while preparing to teach the middle schoolers about purgatory. When gold is created it has to go through immense amounts of heat to make that gold pure. We are currently going through that immense amount of heat to make our Church pure again, but we need strong Catholics to help the Church endure this here. We have to be the light of faith to so many who are stuck in the darkness and are being suffocated by this heat.

St. Joan of Arc is an incredible example of a person rising in spite of the difficulties around them. This Saint followed her faith until the very end. She was surrounded by soldiers that completely doubted her faith and then the people who she fought for actually turned against her. She could have abandoned her faith so that she could live, but she did not. She gave her life to her faith by completely following God's will and eventually becoming a martyr.

Now I am not saying that you need to physically give up your life, but metaphorically yes. If we try to understand what has happened and take control then we can never truly lead those around us back home to the Church. We cannot control God's will, even if it is extremely difficult. The moment we give up our life to the Lord we can find the beauty in this darkness and show them why the Church is their home.

"For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:5

Grace & Peace,  
Nicole Janecek

## FALL MUM SALE ~ THIS WEEKEND

St. Gregory's 8th Graders are selling beautiful fall mums (10" pots) after Masses this weekend. The mums are \$10 each or 3/\$25. Beautify your yard and help the students raise money for their 8th Grade class trip.

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In August we Baptized 1 new Christian. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Grayson Ernest Crozier**. Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

## JOIN THE PARISH

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

## Family Faith Formation

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

**September FFF Outreach:** We are collecting school supplies for children in need. Please send in donations throughout the month of September! Thank you!

### Saturday, September 15

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

### Monday, September 24

4:30 pm Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)

### Wednesday, September 26

4:30 pm Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)

### Saturday, September 29

9:00 am Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)

**FFF Website:** Please check the **FFF Home Page** ([www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation](http://www.stgregs.org/familyfaithformation)) throughout the year for schedule changes, special updates and information! For your convenience, the **2018-19 FFF Program Calendar** is posted, as well as links to **Class Schedules** and **Homework** information.

**Disciple Camp First Friday Club:** All Disciple Camp students and their friends are invited to our First Friday Club on Friday, October 5, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the School Gym/Cafeteria.

**Have you registered? Family Faith Formation Registration:** Weekly FFF Classes began the week of September 9. To register for the 2018-2019 school year, please register online: [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Stand up, sit down, kneel; what is going on? Do Catholics really pray to statues? What does this have to do with Jesus?

Bring your toughest questions to Sessions of Inquiry for RCIA: September 19 at 7:00pm. For more information call Fr. Paul Cygan at [688-5678](tel:688-5678) x 336.

## Children's Catechumenate:

All children are welcome here at St. Gregory's Parish community! In addition to our weekly Faith Formation classes, we offer alternative opportunities in our Parish for our youth, including integrated and individualized faith formation programs and sacramental preparation for those children with special needs, physical disabilities or serious health issues. We offer **Children's Catechumenate** also for older children who have not been Baptized or those who have missed the Sacraments of First Penance or Eucharist. For more information, please contact us at the FFF Office and ask for Joan Rischmiller at [jrischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:jrischmiller@stgregs.org) or 688-5760.

## **MOMS: Calling all Catholic mothers...**

Connect with other Catholic moms at St. Greg's and feel supported and inspired! Join MOMS this year as we meet other inspiring Spiritually Catholic Mothers! **Register** today by phone/email/text: Contact Dawn Iacono at [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com), Lorianne McNamara about free babysitting 507-2026 and Mary Sendlack about Playgroup 982-5120. First meeting is Friday, September 28, with Catholic doula and author Mary Hazeltine in Gathering Rooms (1-2) from 9:00 to 11:00 am!



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Hazeltine is a theology graduate and a certified birth doula and childbirth educator. With a passion for building a culture of life through the teachings of the Theology of the Body, she works to bring an awareness and practice of the teachings of the Church into the realm of childbirth, mothering, and pregnancy loss. She lives in Western New York with her husband and five sons. You can find more of her writing at [www.betterthaneden.com](http://www.betterthaneden.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, 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.

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## **Senior Citizens**

**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.**



## Welcome Back to School at St. Gregory the Great

Welcome back to St. Gregory the Great School! The year is off to a great start, filled with our core values of faith, love, hope and reconciliation. The halls were filled with laughter and smiling faces. We had a wonderful first week of school focused on our two school goals. Our first goal is to continue to focus on building relationships with students, parents, faculty, priests and administration. Once relationships are established our second school-wide goal is to focus on the question "What do we want students to learn?" The students' job is to take ownership of their learning. As a school we will be fostering a growth mindset opposed to a fixed mindset. The teachers will be working on the "what to teach" through designing a rich curriculum aligned to the newly adopted learning standards.

We are so excited to teach our students to learn, live and lead as disciples of Christ. Through partnering with youth ministry, music ministry and parents, we will continue to build a strong community centered around faith, a commitment to rigorous academics, and creating a social learning environment. Please continue to pray for our school community for a successful and joyful year. Thank you for your love and support for our excellent school.

God bless, Mrs. Julie Gajewski , Principal



## **SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION**

Our summer pickup date resumes on **Saturday, September 22**. If you have any of the following items, we ask that you contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message with your contact information. We will call you to make arrangements. We can only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area and all furniture and appliances must be located in the garage or covered porch. Please refer to the list of what we are able to accept and note all appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

**Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

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## 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.

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

Here is a fabulous fact. Whatsoever your problem, it can be solved; whatsoever your burden, it can be lightened; whatsoever your sorrow, it can be overcome; whatsoever your anxiety, it can be relieved; whatsoever your sin, it can be cleansed and forgiven. Just try God and see.

[Nornan Vincent Peale, "The New Art of Living" - adapted]

## **JOIN US FOR DAILY PRAYER**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily after the 7:00 am Mass as well as before the 8:00 am Mass, which includes praying for those in the Military, especially those in harm's way. It is also prayed after the 8:00 am Mass and Rosary. Please join us in this powerful prayer which brings many blessings.

## **Ladies of Charity**

Monday, September 24, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, Oct. 1. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.



## Respect Life

**“40 Days for Life:”** Your help is needed! The campaign begins **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. 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 or to sign up for an hour, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo) or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.

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**Life Chain 2018- Save the Date! On Sunday, October 7,** the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. **Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall.**

**\*\*You may drive yourself or take advantage of round-trip bus transportation leaving from St. Gregory’s Church at 1:30 pm. Following the Life Chain, we will have some light refreshments in the Ministry Center for those who participate. To sign up for the reception and/or reserve a seat on the bus, PLEASE return the form below in the weekend collection or to Jo Pierino in the Business Office (688-5678) by Monday, October 1.**

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### **LIFE CHAIN 2018**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of people riding on the bus: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending the pizza reception: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The first meeting of the Respect Life Committee is on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center Room #1. All are welcome!!**

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### **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, September 19, 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](mailto:raygeska@yahoo.com), or Jeff Criden

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## Parish Activity Calendar

**Sunday, September 16 - Mum Sale**

**Monday, September 17**

- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1 & 2)
- 7:00 pm Little Rock Bible Study (MC 2)

**Tuesday, September 18**

- 6:00 pm Parents Information Night (School)
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Class (School Foreign Language Room)

6:30 pm Mystery of the Eucharist (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm Boy Scouts Planning Meeting (MC 2)

**Wednesday, September 19**

- 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 Book Club Meeting (MC 3)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR2)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

**Thursday, September 20**

- 8:00 am H.S.A. Book Fair (School Library)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Front Lawn)

**Friday, September 21**

- 6:00 pm American Heritage Group Meeting (School Caf, Gym, Library)

**Saturday, September 22**

- 8:00 am Women’s Enrichment Spiritual Day of Renewal (MC Gym)
- 8:00 am Boy Scout Training Meeting (MC 2)
- 4:30 pm H.S.A. Welcome Back School Event (School Gym/Cafe-Food Trucks on Campus)

**Sunday, September 23**

- 12:00 pm Buffalo Bills Family Day (MC Gym/Foyer/ Kitchen & outside barbecue)

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## Music Ministry Rehearsals



Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass

7:30 pm Tuesday, September 18, in GR 2

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30 pm Tuesday, September 18, in GR 2

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

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.



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

Join us at Tony Walker on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00pm for a Gift-Gathering party. Stop in and have a drink and purchase an item for the Auction. You will receive 20% off any of your purchases that evening.

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 Church.

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in September and October and are available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships or \$8,000 cash!

**Volunteers Needed!**

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com.

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

**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.

**St. Gregory the Great**

**Sunday,**  
**September 23**

**12 noon-4:00 pm**  
**in the**  
**Ministry Center**



**Family Bills Day**

**Raffle Drawing**  
**50/50**

**Basket Raffle**

Beer • Water • Soda  
 Chiavetta's BBQ  
 available for purchase

Watch the  
**Buffalo Bills**

vs.

**Minnesota Vikings**

**Admission is FREE!**



**Chiavetta Chicken Dinners**  
**\$10 Pre Sale Tickets**  
 (\$12 at the event)

Pre Sale Tickets are available at the FFF Office after Labor Day, Mon-Fri 9 am-2 pm and when classes are in session.

\*Must be 21 or older to purchase beer. Proceeds from raffles and concessions to benefit St. Gregory the Great. Sponsored by Family Faith Formation.

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## ***St. Gregory the Great School Hosts Welcome Back to School Event September 22<sup>nd</sup>***

St. Gregory the Great School is excited to kick off the 2018-2019 school year with a "Welcome Back to School" event on September 22, from 4:30-8:30pm. Activities will be taking place inside and outside of the school and will feature food trucks, bake sale, Follett Book Fair, a craft and photo booth area, magician and much more! The theme for the event is based on the book, "Last Stop on Market Street" which correlates with a school wide reading project called "One Book, One School". The purpose of the project, which began this summer, is to link all grade levels together and incorporate the theme of "Last Stop on Market Street", which is about giving to your community.

In keeping with this theme a donation space, called "The Last Stop", will offer people the opportunity to donate gently used books, which will be delivered to Our Lady of Black Rock School. This outreach project is one example of how St. Gregory the Great School is partnering faith with education!

## **Out of Parish**

**SCREENAGERS!** Growing up in the digital age, are you watching kids scroll through life with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six second attention span? Please join us for a special showing of the highly acclaimed documentary SCREENAGERS on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the lower church, **Christ the King, 30 Lamarck, Snyder, NY**. This film reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and probes into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction, and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. **Tickets are \$10 and available by going to this link: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-church-of-christ-the-king-9149> Or contacting the rectory. For more information please contact Rebecca Cambria 839-0946**

### **Help For Your Marriage**

Do you feel alone? Are you angry or frustrated with each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times. For more info call (716) 474-9371 or visit **[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)** All Calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. **Our next weekend for Retrouvaille is September 21-23.**

### **Christ the King Seminary**

A fall retreat will be offered at the Seminary. The retreat, entitled "***Finding Our Center in God***", will be held from October 3 to October 6. Please contact Gayle at 805-1438 or visit [cks.edu](http://cks.edu) for more info

**Saint Therese Novena**— The Novena in honor of St. Therese will begin on Sunday, September 23, and close on the feast day, October 1. Rev. Terrence Brennan, of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico will be conducting the Novena. Services each evening of the Novena will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass.

**CARDINAL O'HARA OPEN HOUSE:** "You Belong Here" is the theme of Cardinal O'Hara High School's annual Open House for sixth through eighth grade students and their families from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 30 at the co-educational school, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. For more information, contact Doug Buczak, admissions director, at 695-2600 ext. 307 or visit **[www.cardinaloahara.com](http://www.cardinaloahara.com)**.

### **Parish Weekend Office Hours**

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

## **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- September 11, 18, 25**

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

### **EDGE- September 13, 20, 27**

Our amazing 7 and 8 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!

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

### **Life Teen- September 16, 23, 20**

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- September 12, 26**

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!

### **Empowered in Christ- September 19**

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

### **High-School Hangout- September 14**

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!

### **Youth Ministry Needs Your Help**

Our Youth Ministry Department has placed a donation board in the back of the Church. All the proceeds we receive will be used for funding the many needs of our growing department, such as supplies, events, and travel. 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 !

## **Marriage Moment**

Research studies show that men who kiss their wives before leaving in the morning live five years longer than those who don't. Don't want to be a widower? Remember this. Although I haven't done the research, I suppose this works in the reverse too (wives kissing their husbands before leaving).

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## **Parenting Perspective**

The commandments tell us not to lie, steal, murder, or commit adultery. That's pretty clear. However, sins of greed, selfishness, or general meanness are not always as clear. What actions and attitudes create unhappiness in your family? Ask your kids.

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## **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.

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## **SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING CONCERN/**

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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.



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 15

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Jennifer L. Wilson  
by Richard & Cynthia LaPlante
- 5:30 pm Alfred Caldiero by Children  
Giuseppe Saieva by Family

### Sunday, September 16 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Rev. Michael Putich OFM by Priests  
of St. Gregory's  
Matthew Maes (anniv)  
by Michael Anastasia
- 9:30 am Jerry & Joy Leet by Sue Thomas  
John Kensity by Wally Kensity & Family
- 11:00 am Leo Butera by Tony & Carm Cartone  
Margaret & David King (living)  
by Tricia Hrycko
- 12:30 pm Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family
- 4:30 pm Donald Collins II by Parents  
Mary Jacobini by Grace Gilmartin

### Monday, September 17

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Richard Daniels (birth) by Daughter,  
Anne Bielinski  
Edward Wisniewski  
by Dick & Diane Toepfer
- 12:00 pm Charles Duerr by Jennifer Rebmann  
Daniel T. Kirst  
by Angelo & Carol Del Balso

### Tuesday, September 18

- 7:00 am Mary Le Goff by Family
- 8:00 am Zygmunt Wienckowski (birth) by Family  
Ruth C. Burke (birth)  
by Charles & Eileen Lestition
- 12:00 pm Marcia Gambino by Sister  
Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel

### Wednesday, September 19

- 7:00 am Billy Hartigan (birth) by Hartigan Family  
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad & Becky
- 8:00 am Daniel T. Kirst by St. Gregory's Men's  
Golf League
- 12:00 pm Vincent Leone (birth) by Joyce Santora  
& Family  
David Hayes by Wife & Family

### Thursday, September 20

- 7:00 am John Tronolone by Family
- 8:00 am Devin Waring by St. Gregory the Great  
School Office  
Kathy Hillebrand by Special Teachers  
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Anthony D. Vetrano by The Lunch Bunch  
John & Florence Olezek by Donna Olezek

### Friday, September 21 – St. Matthew

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Anne G. Wittig (anniv) by Husband, Roger  
Donald Henry (birth) by Family
- 12:00 pm Anne & Al Allen and Joe & Theresa Yager  
by Allen & Cole Families

### Saturday, September 22

- 8:00 am Richard Siedlikowski by Sonia Kelly  
Daniel Kirst by Suzanne Mitts
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Meghan A. McMonagle  
and Vladimir Monpremier

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Josephine Caldiero by Children  
Vivienne Schifferli (anniv)  
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
- 5:30 pm Donald Guerra (birth) by Wife & Children

### Sunday, September 23 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

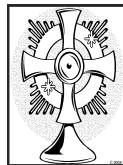
- 8:00 am Pauline Hrycib by Marianne Boccabella  
Margaret Svarczkopf by Movie Club
- 9:30 am James & Anna Sucey  
by Joe & Jennifer Ferraro
- 11:00 am Deceased Members of Pelosi & Brevorka  
Families by Barbara Pelosi  
Margaret & David King (living)  
by Michael D. King Family
- 12:30 pm Carl Cammilleri by Mom, Dad & Family  
Timothy Grace  
by Christopher & Caroline Alterio
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Aldo Narduzzo by Irma & Family

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#### DECEASED

Joan Marinaccio  
Geraldine H. Pieters

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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 the second and fourth Sundays 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

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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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