

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29 & 30, 2018

A Reflection on the Priesthood
by Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

Back in the spring of 1968, I was preparing for my ordination to the priesthood. I wanted to provide a remembrance card for folks attending my ordination and First Mass. I wanted the message to convey my own understanding of what it means to be a priest. I came upon this quotation from Father Karl Rahner, S.J., who was one of the leading scholars at the Second Vatican Council. It is as relevant in 2018 as it was in 1968.

"The priest is not an angel sent from Heaven. He is a man chosen from among you, a member of the church, a Christian. Remaining man and Christian, he begins to speak to you the Word of God.

"This Word is not his own. No, he comes to you because God has told him to proclaim His Word. Perhaps he has not entirely understood it himself. Perhaps he adulterates it. But he believes, and despite his fears, he knows he must communicate God's Word to you. For must not some one of us say something about God, about eternal life, about the majesty of grace in our Sanctified Being? Must not some one of us speak of sin, the judgement and the mercy of God?

"So, my dear friends, pray for him. Carry him so that he might be able to sustain others by bringing to them the mystery of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ".

I am grateful to you for your prayers and your words of support and affirmation for me and my brother priests, especially these last few months.



St. Gregory the Great School received a donation check for \$1000, from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. Our School was selected to be filmed for the Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour which is celebrated worldwide. The Holy Hour is scheduled to air on Friday, October 5, at 10:00 am on EWTN. Pictured are Fr. Thomas Mahoney, Father Chris Alar MIC, and Julie Gajewski, Principal.

LIFE CHAIN

Next weekend 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. **Please see inside the Bulletin for details. Bus sign up must in by Monday, October 1.**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 6, at 11:00 am, Father Francis will have the traditional blessing of pets at the Grotto area. So bring your furred, fanged, finned and feathered friends to receive this special blessing.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Oct. 1: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tues. Oct. 2: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Wed. Oct. 3: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thurs. Oct. 4: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Fri. Oct. 5: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Sat. Oct. 6: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
Sun. Oct. 7: Genesis 2:18-24 (140B); Hebrews 2:9-11;
Mark 10:2-16

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I Numbers 11:25-29
Reading II James 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 9:38-43
Key Passage Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. (James 5:4)

Adult: *What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?*

Child: *Could a poor person who is wise be richer in a way than a foolish person who has many things?*

VOCATION VIEW

In the Body of Christ what is good and what is bad affect all members respectively. We must constantly rid from ourselves all that is not pleasing to the Lord and is hence detrimental to our vocation. What can you rid from your life in order to do God's will more readily? 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!

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "Language of Grief/Stages of Grief & Loss." All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

"Do This In Remembrance of Me"

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

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.

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

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

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pickup date is on **Saturday, October 6**. 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.)

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.

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. First-paid/first-reserved reservations due by **October 5** 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.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00pm in Room 702 in St. Gregory the Great School. All are welcome.

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



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!** Registration form also printed on page 4 of this bulletin. 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 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.

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

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" From Father Francis

Talents are best nurtured in solitude: character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world. [Goethe]

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 !



**St. Gregory the Great
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



Respect Life

“Every Life: Cherished-Chosen-Sent” --Next weekend is Respect Life Weekend. 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 from conception to natural death.

***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.

A sincere thank you to **Jay DiPasquale** who led the project and to the members of the American Heritage Girls Troop 3129, **Cathy McMaster, Erin McMaster, Katie Zaepfel, Katrina Zaepfel, Juliette Stenz, Catherine Stenz, and Elizabeth Stenz** who helped set up the crosses.

Life Chain 2018- 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.

LIFE CHAIN 2018

Name (s):

Phone:

Number of people riding on the bus:

Number of people attending the pizza reception:

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, September 30

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

Monday, October 1

10:30 am Senior Citizen Board Meeting (MC 1)

5:00 pm Auction Meeting (MC Café)

5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC Gym)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1 & 2)

7:00 pm Athletic Association Board Meeting (MC 3)

7:00 pm Little Rock Bible Study **Cancelled**

Tuesday, October 2

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Brownie Meeting (GR 1)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Gym)

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign
Language Room)

7:00 pm Executive Council Meeting (MC Café)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)

Wednesday, October 3

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

6:30 pm Grief & Loss Meeting (GR 1)

6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)

7:00 pm RCIA Meeting (Room 702)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, October 4

9:30 am Blessing of Stuffed Animals - St. Francis Day
(Church)

4:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (GR 1)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women’s Bible Study (MC 1)

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul District Meeting (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge (MC Gym)

Friday, October 5

9:00 am MOM’s Playroom (MC Basement)

7:00 pm First Friday Club (School Gym/Caf/Kitchen)

Saturday, October 6

9:15 am Coffee Break with God (School Art Room)

10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1 & 2)

11:00 am Blessing of Animals (Church Grotto)

12:00 pm Rosary (Church)

12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal (School Room 602)

1:00 pm Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge (MC
Soccer Field)

Sunday, October 7

3:00 pm Respect Life Pizza Reception (MC Gym)

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

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 1. 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 new school cafeteria model.

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 2, 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 4, 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 3, 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!

Bowling Night- October 7

Life Teen is going bowling at Transit Lanes on **Sunday, October 7, at 6:00pm**. Pick up a permission slip in the Youth Office or find it online at stgregsym.org! Food is included!

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. 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!

If you have 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 and message Adam about registering. \$70 per person includes food and lodging.

Young Adult Women's Bible Study: Gathering Thursday's, October 4-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.

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.

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.

Parenting Perspective

During Respect Life Month, pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, eliminating the death penalty, and bullying. Tell your child why this is important to you.

Marriage Moment

“Whoever causes one of these little ones...to sin...” (Mark 9:42) Taking advantage of a child’s innocence or failing to protect children from harm is a betrayal of trust. Use your voice as a Christian couple to speak truth to power whenever it is needed. Your vocation demands that you not sit silently by.

SONJA CORBITT’S BIBLE STUDY

For Young Adult Women

Fruits of the Spirit
Series

**Walk in the Spirit, and you will not
fulfill the desires of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:16

Free to Attend

Starts Thursday, October 4 – December 6
7:00 pm, Ministry Center Café

Come and join other adult women (18 to 30-something) in community to grow in faith through this Bible study. Welcome to come any of the nights. Any questions, contact Pam Distefano at (716) 946-8970.



Music Ministry Rehearsals



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

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

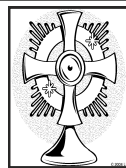
For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

Catechist’s Corner

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

"Quite early on, the name *Catechesis* was given to the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in His name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ." Today, Catechists are an integral part of building our faith community. *-Excerpt from the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership*





EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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.

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.

Family Faith Formation

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

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

Saturday, September 29

9:45 am Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)

Generations of Faith:

Session C meets on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Session A meets on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10:30 am - 12 noon

Session B meets on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm

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.

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

Have you registered yet? FFF Classes are well underway! If you haven't registered, please do so as soon as possible. To register for Family Faith Formation classes for the 2018-2019 school year, please stop by the FFF Office and ask for Paula Gilbert.

Very Special Thank you for a successful Buffalo Bills Family Party (proceeds to benefit the Great Dinner Auction): Vanessa Mesler (Family Bills Party Chairperson), Dan Golden and Jeanne Kasprowicz, Ann Marie Ricchiazzi, Jim Templin and his maintenance staff, Chiavetta's BBQ, Homer and Elena Ba Lea (for the audio set up and sound system); the FFF Staff, especially Norma Tetrault and Paula Gilbert; the following **FFF Board Members** who put this event together: Lisa Batt, Lori Chilcott, Jennifer Ehmann, Jen and Ray Geska, Carly and Kevin Klein, Matt Mesler, Christa Meer; **Parent & student helpers:** Dana and Siena Allen, Robert and Ryan Blake, Ryan Buettner, Angelina Casterline, Oscar Ehmann, Nathan Kasprowicz, Elena, Michael and Ella Modicamore, Sophia and Viera Mesler, Alexandra Moll, Adriene Peer, Abbie Stellrecht, Chad Swiech, Cathy, Donald, Mia and Cameron Yergeau. We couldn't have done it without you all!

You are cordially invited to Coffee Breaks with God



Join us every Saturday of the month through March, **from 9:15-10:15 am in the School Cafeteria.**

Date	Speaker	Topic
Oct. 5	Christie Thein	Pray On It
Nov. 3	Carrie Duquin	Coping Skills: Giving Your Children the Tools to Help Them When Life Disappoints
Dec. 1	Gina Cutrona	Making Gingerbread Houses
Jan. 5	Eileen Warner	Keeping Faith
Feb. 2	Lori Chilcott	Family Time on the Run
Mar. 2	Dawn Iacono	Refilling Your Spiritual Cup

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) **by 12noon** on the **Thursdays** prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.



*Relax, unwind
and fill your cup!*

God Bless our Catechists throughout this school year.

FFF Catechists Needed for the 2018-2019 school! Lesson plans and all materials needed to teach are provided. Please contact Joan Rischmiller at the Family Faith Formation Office at 688-5760. **Weekly FFF Program** (September - April) **need the following:**

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

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



A great time was had by all when the Bills won their game vs. the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 22 at the Buffalo Bills Family Party in the Ministry Center!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 29

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Nancy Dillon by Dillon Family
John Thomas by Stephanie Gambacorta
- 5:30 pm Francis Balkin by Grabenstatter
& Roeder Families

Sunday, September 30 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eugene & Diantha Fiegl
by Richard & Victoria Leavens
- 9:30 am Daniel T. Kirst
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel
- 11:00 am Richard Parnell by Parnell & Pilecki Families
Ava Bartfay-Szabo by Carol Retzer
Helen Kilinskas by Bill Kilinskas
Carol Boyle by Joyce Knoll
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Ardine & Joseph Hojnowski by Sister,
Linda & Family
Deacon Peter Donnelly (living)
by Devin Waring Family

Monday, October 1

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Richard Romanowski by Estate
Janet Schachner by Camille Bob
- 12:00 pm Marlin Marini by Irma Narduzzo
Jean & Philip Roeder
by Matt, Adrienne Peer & Family

Tuesday, October 2 – Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Cheryl Dipalma
Living & Deceased Ladies of the Lord
by Dawn Curazzato
- 8:00 am Nicholas M. Iannarelli by MOMS Ministry
- 12:00 pm Julie Lakatos (living) in Thanksgiving for
Blessings Received
Charles Duerr
by Chester & Adrian Stueben

Wednesday, October 3

- 7:00 am Valerie Garrison by Mom
Rita Biondo (anniv) by Linda & Bill Dohn
- 8:00 am Mary Kraus by Sue White
- 12:00 pm Gertrude Sadowski by Daughter, Frances
Kelly McMartin by John & Shirley Allen

Thursday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

- 7:00 am Faley & Curazzato Families
by Sam & Dawn Curazzato
- 8:00 am Mary Stafford by Strasser Family
John Antonucci by Grace & Phil Martorana
& Helen Szeffel
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm John & Florence Olezek by Donna Olezek
Edward Wisniewski by Bill & Kathy Roe

Friday, October 5

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am John J. Wojnar by Maddie Baird
Jennifer Uhl by Margery Kirst
- 12:00 pm Franklin Boehler by Margaret Boehler
Michele Dieckman
by First Friday Rosary Group

Saturday, October 6

- 8:00 am Margaret Berens by Carl & Deborah Bucki
Nicholas Iannarelli by Hamberger Family
- 2:00 pm Wedding: Angela M. Cardena
& Christopher A. Spengler

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
- 12:30 pm Balcerek Families by Christine Balcerek
Jill D. Kilinskas by Husband,
Bill Kilinskas
- 4:00 pm Devin Waring by Jewula Family

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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

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

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

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

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

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **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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