

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

- ~ IN FAITH
- ~ IN WORSHIP
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The Baptism of the Lord

January 12 & 13, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, first, I wish to thank you for your many kind words of affirmation for our church renovation project. I am grateful that my speaking at all of the Masses last weekend clarified and explained the scope and purpose for our work. At the time of my writing this article, two questions have surfaced which I would like to answer here.

First, there was a question regarding handicapped parking at the Ministry Center. Although there are already designated handicapped spots by the Ministry Center, we are adding several temporary handicapped parking spots by that building. Our maintenance staff is taking care of making the signs and placing them. Secondly, there was a question about confessionals in the Ministry Center. Unfortunately, there will not be individual confessionals in the Ministry Center as we are used to having in the church itself. They simply do not exist. Confessions will take place as usual on Saturday's from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm. Our plan is for the priests to simply be sitting in different areas of the Ministry Center worship space to hear Confession. Those who come to Confession will need to maintain a practical distance away from the priest to allow for privacy. Those coming in for Mass will need to do the same. I suppose this is one of the areas that will require the flexibility and patience that I spoke of at Masses last weekend. Actually, some parishes have gone to this method of Confession permanently now and are no longer using the old traditional confessionals. We do intend to have additional Confessions available during Lent on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm as we have done in the last couple years. I am sorry for the inconvenience, but it is simply the best we can do as there are no real individual rooms to utilize for confessionals in the Ministry Center.

This Sunday we celebrate the end of the Christmas Season with the Baptism of our Lord. This Sunday is also a perfect Sunday to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism. It is through the waters of Baptism that we are washed of our sins, joined to the Body of Christ and really "pass from death to life." Baptism calls us to die to sin and to rise with Christ and live His Gospel. What does that really mean and how aware are we of our Baptism? Do we see our Discipleship in Christ as a "matter of life and death?"

Baptism is the first Sacrament and the gateway to all of the Sacraments of the Church. Do we see when we ask to have a baby Baptized that we are choosing a real way of life for them and taking on a real responsibility for ourselves as a parent or Godparent? For some, I know they do recognize this power and responsibility, but for others, I fear it may be just an empty old custom. As parents and Godparents we have a real responsibility to share our Faith with those we bring into the world and sponsor for Baptism. We are to use our lives to share and help form the next generation of Disciples for Christ. This is especially done as others observe the way we live, speak and act. It is also accomplished by having meaningful conversations where we approach the matters of faith and how they relate to the current issues of our world. **(Continued on Page 2)**

LIVE STREAM FOR MASS

THE MINISTRY CENTER WORSHIP SPACE IS NOT EQUIPPED FOR MASSES TO BE TELEVISED. BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, THERE WILL BE NO LIVE STREAMING VIDEO.

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **January 13** for coffee, juice and donuts in the Gathering Rooms after 9:30am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jan 14: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
Tues. Jan. 15: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
Wed. Jan. 16: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
Thurs. Jan. 17: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
Fri. Jan. 18: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 1:1-12
Sat. Jan 19: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
Sun. Jan. 20: Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C); 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reading I 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Reading II Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (baptism of Jesus)
Key Passage And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:2)

Adult: *Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?*

Child: *What good things could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?*

VOCATION VIEW

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, 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!

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

Please note that if the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

ADULT MISSION TRIP – JULY 2019

The smallest little action can explode into a lifetime of love. We will be taking a group of adults ages 21 and over to a Mustard Seed community in Moneague, Jamaica from July 13-20, 2019. If you are interested but could not attend the informational meeting, look for mission trip participants in the vestibules after all Masses this weekend or contact Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com.



The Catholic Store is having a 20% OFF SALE on Christmas and Advent items now through January 31.

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Do we live like Jesus and His teachings are "a matter of life and death?" This is an important question to ponder. I suppose every person has a set of values by which they make judgements and decisions. What is your set of values? Are they Christ's or some other system of belief? If each of us can answer these questions, I believe we will then discover what we will personally "live or die for." We use that phrase often, "live or die for," especially as we are looking to make a decision that involves many individuals. The "live or die for" list of values comes into play at moments of compromise. We see this principle at work in political circles as well as at our places of employment and among family and friends who debate issues or come to some course of action.

This Sunday, please consider what you will "live or die" for. Will you "live or die" for the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What does your Baptism really mean to you, and do you remind yourself of your Baptism every time you make the sign of the Cross, especially when you do so after dipping your hand in the Holy Water font reminiscent of Baptism?

See you next week in our temporary worship space in the Ministry Center. Also, for the last time, Merry Christmas!! May God bless you, Our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

NEW EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

One of our Parish projects in the New Year is the re-establishment of our Parish Evangelization Committee. The Committee's goal is to provide leadership and direction to our Parish, as we seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to bring the Gospel to all people. Fr. Thomas has agreed to spearhead this effort, using methods that have been fruitful in parishes he has served. He is looking for people who can help by serving on the committee, which will meet 6 to 8 times a year. If you are interested email him at tfm210@hotmail.com with "Committee" in the title line or call him at 688-5678 ext. 305.

Update Your Parishioner Records

If you have recently married please contact the Parish Office to update your records. This is very important if you ever need to request a letter to become a Godparent.

In addition, if you have moved or changed parishes please update your records. Again, this is important in the process of becoming a Godparent.

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Hours are Monday - Friday,
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events and Registration Information:

January Outreach: We will be collecting cleaned and gently used (or new) children's winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens. No adult clothing, please. All donations can be brought to the Family Faith Formation Office until Wednesday, January 30. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am - 2:00 pm, and when classes are in session. We are closed January 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday). Please make a special effort to help little ones keep warm this winter season, and thank you for your continued support!

Saturday, January 19

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

Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

NO FFF Classes for All Grades



Rosary Club for Grades 5-8: Students have a great time making Rosaries on Mondays from 6:30 -7:00/7:30 pm in the School Cafeteria. If you haven't made one before –this is your chance to try! Rosaries made are given to the home-bound new parishioners and are made available in the Adoration Chapel. In addition, 1,000 Rosaries are handed out during the services on Ash Wednesday. Don't forget that Rosary Club counts towards Disciple Camp service hours. What a great way to start the year off!



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, January 16, 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.

Senior Citizens

The January & February, 2019 Meetings have been cancelled due to Church construction.

SAVE THE DATE

March 11 - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm
Details to follow.

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 - 7:30 pm.

Catechist Corner

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a Catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth. May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Amen.

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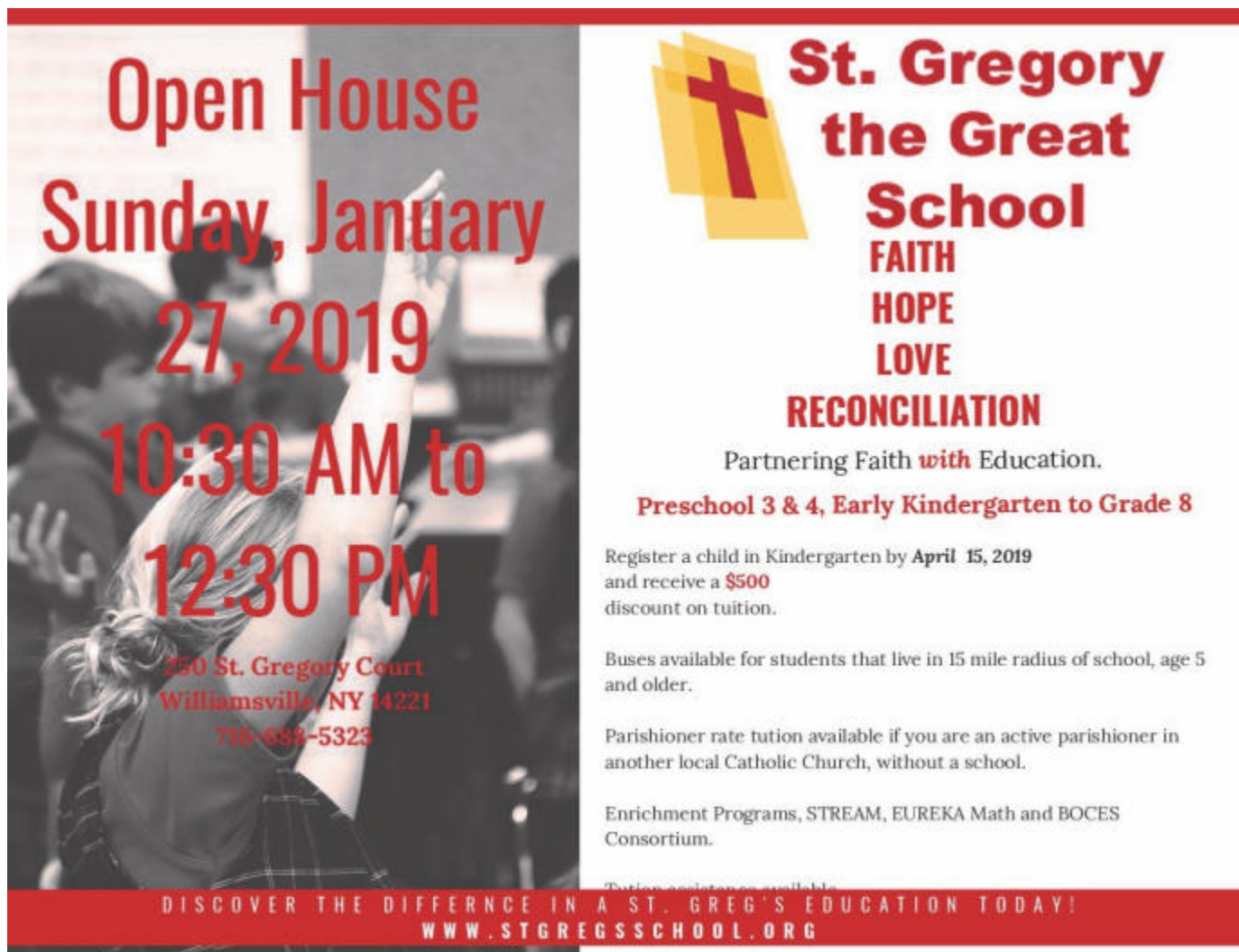
St. Gregory the Great School

St. Gregory the Great School...Partnering Faith *with* Education!

St. Gregory the Great offers children, the opportunity to grow, develop and prepare for high school and beyond using faith, service and a strong curriculum, with support services in place for those in need of extra resources or enrichment.


Our school community provides a safe, family atmosphere where students attend Mass on a weekly basis, have daily Religion classes and frequent opportunities to join in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students participate in service opportunities through visits to nearby nursing homes, by holding charity events, and other religious service projects throughout the year. We encourage family involvement through our Home School Association (HSA), open-door policy and volunteer opportunities.

STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math) continues to be the foundation of our educational philosophy. We offer a variety of enrichment programs, clubs and athletics for students to enhance their creativity and leadership skills. We have full-time counselors working with our Middle-School and Junior-High students as they navigate the changes and challenges of the early teenage years. LE3 is our partner in after-school programming and they offer a variety of additional program options when school is not in session.



Open House
Sunday, January
27, 2019
10:30 AM to
12:30 PM

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite- January 15, 22, 29

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

EDGE- 17, 24, 31

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!

Ultimate- January 25

Ultimate is open everyone in 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!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- January 27

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- January 16, 23, 30

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- February 6

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- February 15

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!

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* is an ongoing program which builds community and develops 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**.

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: College Life helps 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. **Check website for dates**.

Exodus 90: Gentlemen! Our next session of Exodus 90 is beginning January 21 and runs through Easter. Exodus 90 was a powerful exercise of faith and discipline for those of us who went through it together last year. While difficult, there is a ton of value in building relationships with the guys around you as we uncover the book of Exodus. The disciplines are designed to reset your focus, shed the junk, and build better men for the Lord, family, and organizations. We have over a dozen men going through the rigorous spiritual exercise this time around. Please pray for us! You can see more about it at Exodus90.com!"

Summer Experience for Youth

Camp Covecrest- July 21-28

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

LIVING NATIVITY THANK YOU & PICTURES

Rejoice!

We had 300 weary travelers go through St. Gregory the Great's 11th annual Live Living Nativity this past December 26 & 27. It is a pleasure and honor to do this each each for our parish community. I'd like to thank so much our team of volunteers this year who are part of our team ministry. Our shepherds-Rick Weil, Ray Geska, Rich Neri, Angelica Criden, Meghan Held & Anthony Lazzaro. Dancing shepherds under the direction of Alisa Franasiak-Jared & Kurt Scmitt, Julianne Kurzdorfer, Jonathan & Nakayla Becker. Children of Bethlehem/gate keeper & tax collector- Joshua Weil, Darion Becker, Jonathan Welsh, Victor Peterson, Sarah & Kari Mroziak, Lauren & Helna Kuligowski, Sheeyla Marrero & Soledad DiLuigi-Marrero. Singers in the church- James & Jack Weil and Summer Derwald. Gathering room leaders- Mary Criden, Lynne Pawlicki, Nora Weil & Kathy Klowen. Sound & lighting in church, school & Living Nativity scene- Rosanne Franasiak, Lauren & Jim Pawlicki. Hospitality-Roe Spano and crew. Blessed Mother & Angel Gabriel scene-Kristin Klementowski, James Oliver & Debby Marsharell. Sleeping Joseph-Daniel Franasiak. Grumpy In-Keeper- Greg Tobin. King Herod & the Wise Men scene- Timothy Fletch, David Courtney, Jack Marsharell, Michael, John & Tom Pesarchick. Kindly In-Keeper family- Tom & Janet Ahearn and Jacob Weil. Holy Family December 26- Adam, Ani & Wyatt Jarosz. Holy Family, December 27-Tony, Maria & Enzo Vitiello. Patty Frazier & Angela Mangione for making everyone look great with their costumes. Wegmans Sheridan for Kindly Inn-Keeper food. Forno Napoli for pre-show food and especially to Cindy & the Shenandoah Acres Farm animals. God is great-always.

Love, peace & blessings,
Jeff Criden
producer/director



Living Nativity Cast and Crew





Respect Life

New York State Abortion Expansion Bill:

Governor Cuomo is pledging to pass his Abortion Expansion Bill (formerly known as the Reproductive Health Act) within the first 30 days of the 2019 legislative session. Unfortunately, since the 2018 mid-term elections created a new Democrat majority in the State Senate, it is likely that this time Cuomo will have the votes to pass the legislation. This law would have devastating consequences for the unborn and remove some existing safeguards protecting women's health.

According to the NYS Catholic Conference, the Governor's bill is a radical proposal that would give New York the most liberal abortion laws in the world -- in fact, it would remove any limitations on abortion from NYS law. It would:

Encourage more late-term abortions – by removing the current law's limit on abortions after 24 weeks and allow abortion up to nine months' gestation.

Permit non-doctors to do abortions.

Eliminate all criminal penalties for abortions – so even if an abortion was involuntary or coerced, it could not be prosecuted.

Endanger children after birth by eliminating a law that requires that a baby born alive after an abortion be given adequate health care. *Instead, this bill would allow abortionists to leave those children to die of neglect and starvation.*

The NYS Catholic Conference urges all voters to strongly oppose Cuomo's plan. **PLEASE** join the Catholic Action Network at www.nyscatholic.org and sign up for e-mail notifications under the "Take Action" tab to keep you informed about this very important issue. Let your Catholic voice be heard on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

March for Life Pilgrimage

March for Life Pilgrimage will be held in Washington, DC on January 17-18. Registration is open. Breakfast and Mass at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Buses will depart on the morning of Thursday, January 17 from various locations. For Washington Plaza Hotel reservation, call 202-842-1300 or 800-424-1140 by December 17 and mention: Diocese of Buffalo. For prices and bus locations, check out our website, under Events, at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events> or register at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/marchforlife>

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, January 13

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Gym, Café, Basement)

Monday, January 14

- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 6:30 pm WNY Pancreatic Cancer Network Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

Tuesday, January 15

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)
- 5:45 pm Webelos Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag (MC Basement/Café)
- 6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, January 16

- 7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)
- 6:30 pm Hearts Afire (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement/Café)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 20)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)

Thursday, January 17

- 12:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Brownies (GR 2)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge/Zag (MC Basement/Café)

Friday, January 18

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)

Saturday, January 19

- 8:00 am Family Faith Formation Board Meeting (MC 1)
- 12:30 pm Knights Free Throw Championship (School Gym)
- 4:00 pm 5:30 Music Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

Sunday, January 20

- 3:15 pm 4:30 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Gym, Café, Basement)

THANK YOU FROM ART AND ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate for the Christmas season.

Thank you for all those who made flower memorial donations that helped make the church beautiful.

Thank you to all who have helped decorate over the last eleven years. Your gifts and talents are appreciated very much. I will be passing the torch along to someone else willing to share their creative ideas with St. Gregory's and will help with the transition into this ministry.

Please let me know if you are interested in directing the Art and Environment committee. Gina Cutrona 868-6296

Marriage Moment

It's New Year's resolution time. Even if you have already broken other resolutions, recommit to putting your beloved first— in words, in acts of caring and in attention.

Parenting Perspective

On January 18, people across the USA will March for Life on Washington to remember that life is sacred from the moment of conception. This year's theme is "Unique from Day One." How is your child unique?

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Western New York Affiliate

Participate in our January Meeting!

Affiliate meetings are a chance for us to come together in the fight against pancreatic cancer. Make a difference for those affected by this disease by getting involved. Monday, January 14, from 7:00 -8:30 pm, at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Court, Gathering Room #1- Use entrance to church between the church and the school parking lot. We will be starting the planning process for Pan-CAN's signature fundraiser, the PurpleStride 5K walk/run to be held in September 2019. Please come and bring a friend. All are welcome! **To RSVP please contact: Lynne Jakubowski at ljakubowski@pancanvolunteer.org.**

OUT OF PARISH

THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE

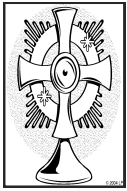
The Knights of Columbus is hosting THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 8, at Madonna Council Hall in North Tonawanda. Ten dollars at the door or \$7 pre-sale available after all Masses, at St. Greg's, January 12/13 includes admission, beer and pop (must be 21 to attend). Side raffles, 50-50 and \$1 Pizza slices available. Bring your own snacks, a cooler for your winnings and dollar bills for the drawings. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Madonna Council Hall is located at 755 Erie Avenue (near Division) in North Tonawanda. For further information or pre-sale tickets email: kofcmeataffle@gmail.com or call Tom at 716-570-0964.

"The Eucharistic Miracles: The Suffering Heart of Jesus" presented by Jeffery Skurka at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster on Monday, January 28, at 7:00 pm.

Brothers of Mercy Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinic

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, January 16 from 3:00-5:00pm. Join us to learn about how conditions like chronic pain, dizziness, vertigo or memory issues can be helped by our exclusive therapy programs! Now offering Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapy to the entire WNY community in an outpatient setting! Our address is, 10570 Bergtold Rd., Clarence, NY (716) 759-7680.

Stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The next weekend is February 15-17. For details or to register, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential; pre-



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. . Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away during the upcoming Christmas holidays. 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. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.



Music Ministry



Rehearsal for the Childrens Choir for Sunday Mass is from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, January 15 in GR2
The Childrens Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 20

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

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- Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
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Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 12

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Judith Meer by Family
Jane Danahy Deakin by Patricia Fortunato & Family
- 5:30 pm Marjorie R. Schott by Judy & Tony Picone

Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
- 9:30 am Richard Panepinto by Marianne Boccabella
Adele Kloch
by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski
- 11:00 am Frances Zoffron
by Dr. Albert & Frances Menno
Rita Brodniak by Bob & Alice & Family
- 12:30 pm Edda Tiburzi by Jola & Family
Jerry Fasolino III by Cole
& Francine McCarthy
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm James K. Stewart & Alan C. Stewart
by Plavan Family

Monday, January 14

- 7:00 am Grace Cleary by Goergen Family
Isabel C. Burkard by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Jim & Kathy Andruschat (50th Anniversary)
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel
- 12:00 pm Sophie Biernat by Son, Father Leon Biernat
Anthony Vetrano by Marie Vetrano

Tuesday, January 15

- 7:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Marie Kaminski by Rena Peck
- 12:00 pm Frank Grgurich by Alice Zamrok
Blasé Thurston (anniv) by Family

Wednesday, January 16

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Jeanne M. Goergen by Goergen Family
- 8:00 am Virginia Wendel by Rick & Beth Gerrish
- 12:00 pm Roy & Joanne Sautter by Craig & Pam
Sautter
Eileen Patterson by James & Kelly Rehak

Thursday, January 17 – St. Anthony

- 7:00 am Eileen Patterson
by Mark & Catherine Higgins
- 8:00 am Thomas Hull Brown, Sr.
by Kevin & Danielle Hanley
Samuel R. Giansante
by Nick & Rose Marie George
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Joseph Prazmark by Daughter
Edda Tiburzi by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Friday, January 18

- 7:00 am Joan Robinson by Nigam Family
- 8:00 am Henry Gajewski by Daughter,
Maryann Sobczyk & Family
Emiliani Ndyatabura by Priests
of St. Gregory's
- 12:00 pm Michael Braun by DiStefano Family
Virginia Wendel
by Mr. & Mrs. James McMartin

Saturday, January 19

- 8:00 am Betty Sperrazza by Mason Family
Mary Margaret Podlowski
by Janet Martin & Marilyn Mahiques

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Leonard Sikora by Family Medical
Pharmacy
- 5:30 pm Raymond Valtin by John & Linda Karl
Ruth Ann Jacob by Sister, Mary Louise
& Family

Sunday, January 20 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jill Manias by Mary Margaret O'Hara
- 9:30 am Arthur Lorenzo by Beverly & Jerry Cicero
Richard Naylor
by Gary & Annette Kojtoch
- 11:00 am Paul Coleman by Jerry & Diane Canzoneri
Mildred Bowers by Jerry Mosey
- 12:30 pm Brewster & Ackerman Family
by Dawn & Sam Curazzato
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- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Sharon Hamister by Susan Dahn & 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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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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