

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19 & 20, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, we have begun! The renovation project is off and running and seems to be progressing nicely at this one-week mark. I've included a photo from Tuesday of this past week. As you can see, by Tuesday a good deal of progress had already been made.

An additional renovation question that seems to be surfacing is in regards to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. The Adoration Chapel remains open 24/7 as always. Although we do not expect the Chapel to be affected by the renovation, we will do our best to notify you of any changes that may arise. We will minimally place a notification on the outside doors leading to the Chapel if there should be any disruption involving the Chapel.

This weekend we once again focus on the importance of human life. January 22nd will mark another anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling regarding abortion. The annual "March for Life" was held in Washington D.C. this past week. Also, our local New York State news includes the "Reproductive Health Care Act" being put forward by our Governor. It is mindboggling to consider that Governor Cuomo is staunchly putting forward **no limit** to when an abortion can be performed during the nine month pregnancy period up to and including the mother's due date. The New York State Catholic Conference has put out a statement regarding this matter. I advise you to pick up a copy of the statement which we have available at the doors of the Ministry Center. I urge you to act upon it as indicated by our Bishops.

Briefly, according to the Catholic Conference statement, this is the core of the issue:

"Sadly, New York State is the Abortion Capital of our nation, with a rate of 29.6 abortions for every 1,000 women of reproductive age. That's more than twice the national average.

New York legalized abortion in 1970, three years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Roe vs. Wade*.
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"UNIQUE FROM DAY ONE"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, IS THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ROE VS WADE

The Holy Father has urged Catholics in the United States to observe a day of penance in solemn remembrance of this anniversary. [Please see inside the Bulletin for further details.](#)

"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God." --Pope Francis

17th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

On Sunday, January 27, at 12:30 pm Mass, we will be celebrating the 17th anniversary of the opening of the Adoration Chapel. A reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms.

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

A general blessing will take place after all Masses on Sunday, February 3. For those who would like a personal blessing a Priest, Deacon, or Eucharistic Minister will be available after the Masses on Sunday, February 3.

The Catholic Relief (American BPS Overseas Relief) collection will be taken up next weekend. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

All Parish Offices, including the School, FFF and Youth Ministry will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Please note there will be only one Mass, that day, at 8:00 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jan 21: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
Tues. Jan. 22: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
Wed. Jan. 23 : Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6
Thurs. Jan. 24: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
Fri. Jan. 25: Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Sat. Jan 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:20-21
Sun. Jan. 27: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69C); 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thinking of others

Reading I Isaiah 62:1-5 (Jerusalem the Lord's bride)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (variety and unity)
Gospel John 2:1-12 (the wedding at Cana)
Key Passage When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
(John 2:3)

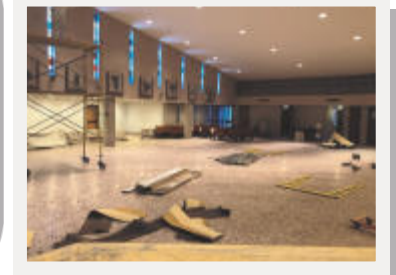
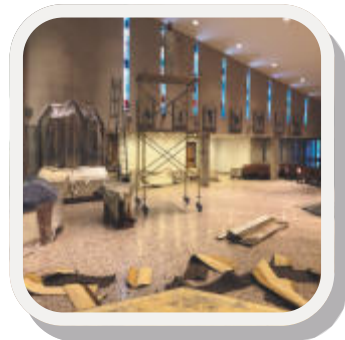
Adult: *When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?*

Child: *What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?*

VOCATION VIEW

The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist Him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If so, 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!

Church Renovation Project Begins



(From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

Abortion is legal here for any reason up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, and any time after that if the mother's life is at risk. So even if *Roe* were to be overruled the vast majority of abortions in our state would continue to be legal and available.

The Governor and the Democratic leadership in the New York State Legislature want to go even further, and make abortion less safe and more expansive than it is now. They've promised to enact the so-called "Reproductive Health Act" early in 2019. This bill would:

Allow non-doctors to perform abortions.

Allow abortions for any reason in the third trimester of pregnancy right up to a mother's due date.

Remove all criminal penalties for abortion, even if it was contrary to the mother's choice, such as the intentional targeting of an unborn child in an act of violence.

Remove our state's protections for infants accidentally born alive in the course of an abortion."

The Roman Catholic Church is a pro-life church. We firmly believe that God is the author of all life and God alone determines when life begins and ends. This is the basic foundation for our belief in protecting all life from natural conception until natural death.

I have stated many times, and repeat here again, as long as we have violence allowed and legalized within the womb we will always have violence outside of the womb. It is illogical to believe that a society can tolerate the murder of innocent lives before they are born and at the same time fight against violence and murder outside of the womb. These are not independent actions, but are philosophically connected. Either our society is pro-life or pro-death. There is no middle ground. The so called "pro-choice" movement is really a choice for selfishness and death. Those who propose the termination of life within the womb are directly causing the lack of respect which leads to bullying, violence and murder outside of the womb. In other words, they are proposing a culture of death and not consistently supporting a culture of life.

I urge you strongly to write and call your elected State officials in the Assembly and Senate as well as our Governor and voice the truth of a stand for human life. On behalf of the unborn, I thank you for your time and prayer and physical action on this matter. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

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 (Art Room).

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

NO FFF Classes for All Grades.



Junior-High students enjoyed First Friday Club on Jan 4. The next meeting is on Feb. 1, from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. Students Grades 5-8 are welcome !!



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In December, we Baptized 7 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Anthony Joseph Balea, Daniel John Bucki, Clare Margaret O'Brien, Emma Isabel Ortiz-Torres, Ivan Emmanuel Ortiz-Torres, Lauren Jane Pattison and Ruby Lynn Renkas.** Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 3, with Mass at 12:30pm and a reception in the Gathering Rooms immediately following. All current and past Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders are welcome to participate.

Ladies of Charity

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, January 28, at 1:00 pm in the Cafe. Our charitable focus will be Our Lady of Hope Home School on Walden Avenue. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, February 4. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

Catechist Corner

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, each Catechist must engage in eight hours of training per year. To that end, you can register for the following workshops:

From Classroom Teacher to Group Facilitator: Is Anyone Learning Anything? *Effective strategies to properly balance discussion, sharing, and learning about the Catholic faith. In this interactive session discover how to make the most of the time you have with a group – whether adults or youth.*

- February 13, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, Ascension, Batavia
- April 25, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa, Depew

Catechist as Missionary Disciple: *Guides the Catechist in personal reflection on importance of being a faith witness.*

- February 7, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, Sacred Heart, Lakewood

Cultivating Faith in the Home: *This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families in Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.*

- March 15, 6:30pm-8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY. Free but requires registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for more information. **Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome**

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

250 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221
716-688-5323

St. Gregory the Great School
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RECONCILIATION

Partnering Faith *with* Education.

Preschool 3 & 4, Early Kindergarten to Grade 8

Register a child in Kindergarten by **April 15, 2019** and receive a **\$500** discount on tuition.

Buses available for students that live in 15 mile radius of school, age 5 and older.

Parishioner rate tuition available if you are an active parishioner in another local Catholic Church, without a school.

Enrichment Programs, STREAM, EUREKA Math and BOCES Consortium.

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE IN A ST. GREG'S EDUCATION TODAY!
WWW.STGREGSSCHOOL.ORG

School Office Hours

The School is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00pm and is closed on all major Holidays. Contact us at www.stgregsschool.org or Email: StGregsFrontOffice@stgregs.org Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter

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- January 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- 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 to 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 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 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)

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"



Music Ministry



Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, January 22 in GR2

The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 17

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Sunday Mass

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, January 22 in GR2

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.

Let's raise some dough!!



HELP SUPPORT
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



WHERE 8200 Transit Road, Amherst, NY 14221

WHEN Thurs, Jan 24th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Take a picture of this ad and show it to the cashier on Jan. 24 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the 8200 Transit Road location (please do not use the kiosk) and Panera will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?

Enter "PRFUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to St. Greg's!

*Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count towards the event. Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only when available.

Parenting Perspective

"Where there is forgiveness..." (Hebrews 20:18) Where, indeed, is there forgiveness today? Is there anyone you or your child need to forgive to make peace in the family or with your neighbor (or your enemy) before the season of peace can begin?

Marriage Moment

"Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:18) A common complaint among couples is, "You are not listening to me." When is listening hard for you? If you're busy or tired, ask for a better time. Is there a conversation you've been avoiding?

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.

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.

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.



The Catholic Store is having a 20% OFF SALE on Christmas and Advent items now through January 31, 2019.

Senior Citizens

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

Tuesday, February 26; Seneca Niagara Casino, Customer Appreciation Event, \$26 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

SAVE THE DATE

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

SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" FROM FR. FRANCIS

Some people complain that God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses on thorns.
{Anon.}



Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee invites you to remember January 22 in any of the following ways:

***Get involved!!** Governor Cuomo's "Reproductive Health Act" (A.21/S.240) is a radical proposal that would give New York the most liberal abortion laws *in the world*. It will encourage more late-term abortions by allowing abortion for ANY reason **up to nine months' gestation**. It also **eliminates all criminal penalties for abortions**, removing the legal safeguards for women in the event of an involuntary or coerced abortion, *or if the woman is harmed during the procedure*.

PLEASE stop by the information table at the entrance to the Ministry Center and learn more about this devastating legislation and what you can do to oppose it. Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

***Observe Tuesday, January 22 as a day of penance.**

Perform some act of self-denial (e.g. fast between meals, give up TV for the day). Recite a Rosary or special prayers during the day at your home.

***Make a donation** to a pregnancy care center such as the Mother Teresa Home, St. Gianna's or St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Go to the Diocesan Pro-life webpage buffalodiocese.org/pro-life.

***Please make time to pray** for the end of abortion and respect for all life. We especially encourage you to pray before the Eucharist in the Adoration Chapel sometime during this week.

***On Tuesday evening, please "Light a Candle for Life"** and place it in your front window. This is a reminder of the **60 million** unborn and almost-born babies who have been aborted since the Roe Vs Wade decision.

"My thoughts turn to all those children today who are killed and ill-treated, [the] infants killed in the womb, deprived of that generous love of their parents and then buried in the egoism of a culture that does not love life..."— Pope Francis

EVENING PRAYER

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30pm in MC3. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1). Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, January 20

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

Monday, January 21

Tuesday, January 22

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

5:00 pm Amped (MC Café)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle Edge/Zag
(MC Basement/Café)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, January 23

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Café)

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team 6:30 pm
(MC Basement)

Thursday, January 24

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge/Zag (MC Basement/Café)

Friday, January 25

9:00 pm MOM's Meeting (GR 1 & 2)

6:00 pm Diocese Northtown Snowball Dance (Sch.Gym)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Basement/Café)

Saturday, January 26

5:30 Worship Music Ensemble Rehearsal (GR 2)

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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential; pre-registration is required.

Catholic Charities 2019

Help your neighbor find hope is the theme for the **2019 Appeal in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith**. Last year, thanks to the generous support of donors like you throughout Western New York, Catholic Charities was able to positively impact the lives of more than 150,000 children, families and seniors across our eight counties with everything from basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to counseling and parent education and support. Appeal Chairs, John and Ruthanne Daly, announced our goal of \$11 million and the patron of the 2019 Appeal, St. Faustina, who was known for her vision of the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and deep devotion of spreading His message of mercy and trust. Through your donation, you, too, can show great mercy and help others find hope. We look forward to working with you now through Appeal Week or until our goal is reached. Find out more at www.ccwny.org or call 716-218-1400.

THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th at 7PM

MADONNA Knights of Columbus Hall

755 Erie Ave (near Division) N. Tonawanda

CALL: TOM 716-570-2964/ kofcmeataffle@gmail.com

**ADVANCED PURCHASE RECOMMENDED
\$7 PER PERSON PRE-SALE (MUST BE 21)
\$10 AT THE DOOR - DOORS OPEN 6PM**

**INCLUDES BEER & POP
BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS
\$1 PIZZA SLICES**



THE GREAT MEAT RAFFLE – ORDER TICKETS

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

PHONE: ____ - ____ - ____ EMAIL: _____

TICKETS REQUESTED _____ RESERVE TABLE?

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHECK # _____

RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK made out to "St Gregs Knights of Columbus"

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH, 200 ST. GREGORY COURT
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221 ATTN: Knights of Columbus**

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 19

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 Naylon
by Gary & Annette Kojtoch
- 11:00 am Paul Coleman by Jerry & Diane Canzonbri
Mildred Bowers by Jerry Mosey
- 12:30 pm Brewster & Ackerman Family
by Dawn & Sam Curazzato
Chester Stuben by Montemurno Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Sharon Hamister by Susan Dahn & Family

Monday, January 21 – St. Agnes

- 8:00 am Ann Marie Bene by Richard Bene
Dorothy Bogdan (anniv)
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family

Tuesday, January 22

- 7:00 am Frances Gatto (living)
by Michael & Julianna Bochiecho
John Pawlowski by Koch Family
- 8:00 am John Berger, Sr. by James & Kelly Rehak
- 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Marinoff, Sr.
by Mrs. Virginia Scarcella
Emily H. Crawford
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, January 23 – St. Vincent

- 7:00 am Charles J. Price, Jr. by St. Vincent de Paul Society
Nickie Failoa by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Michael Barnes, Sr. by Kate Hahn
- 12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Rose Caito by Daughter and Family

Thursday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Brian Keller by Mom
- (School Mass) Rev. Msgr. Francis Skupien by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 12:00 pm Cyril & Sylvia Odien by Craig & Pamela
Peter E. Tuyn by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Friday, January 25

- 7:00 am Vivienne Schifferli (birth)
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
Michael G. Moore by Ann & Bob Ludwig
- 8:00 am Charles J. Price, Jr. by Joan & Bob Lazarus
- 12:00 pm Edward & Ernestine Jedrzejewski
by Mary & Anthony Dulski
Thomas A. Fortunato by Patricia Fortunato & Family

Saturday, January 26

- 8:00 am Dorothy Franchini by Barbara Pelosi
William Frawley by Catherine Bailey

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Chester Stuben by Sharon, Carol & Kathy
Jennie & Harold Brand, Sr.
by Brand & Hice Families
- 5:30 pm Herbert Hice by Wife, Mickey Hice

Sunday, January 27 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Thomas H. Crowley by Ruth Ann Crowley
John K. Moldoch
by Bernadine & Michael Moldoch
- 9:30 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
Nancy Forman by Christi & Brian Carroll
- 11:00 am Geranda Basile
by Bruno & Josephine DeChristifero
Santina Budik by Tina & David Reynolds
- 12:30 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Staskiewicz
& Donius Families
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Lois Shanahan by Rose Hartmann

DECEASED

Chester J. Pawenska
Helen M. Swier



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.

**Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled adorers:
SUNDAYS 6-7 PM and 8-9 PM
MONDAYS 6-7 PM**

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

“Do This In Remembrance of Me”

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). Please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

St. Gregory the Great
www.stgregs.org

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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

Catholic Store & Café

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

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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.

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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