

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

June 29 & 30, 2019

13th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

We are finally in the heart of Ordinary time. Even though Ordinary Time began in the Church after Pentecost, our Sundays have been focused on very key parts of our Faith, like the Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ. This Sunday we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are called to "not look back."

I recall a 1976 movie, **The Gumball Rally**, a film featuring an eclectic group of people taking part in a secret and illegal, cross country road race. I recall in the beginning of the race one of the drivers tore off the rear view mirror from the windshield and threw it out the window. The other person in the car asked him why he did that and he replied, "What is behind us is not important." That is a great image and question for us to ponder. Do you spend more time looking in the rear view mirror at past mistakes, missed opportunities, sins or even great moments of success, rather than looking through the windshield of life at what is yet to come? I fear many spend far too much time in the rear view mirror which keeps us from moving forward.

The rear view mirror can be one large reason we do not move forward in the life of Faith or generally in life. Similarly, we may be more consumed with things that we need to take care of first before we follow Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus may appear harsh telling the man who wishes to bury his Father first, "Let the dead bury their dead." I do not believe that the man was in the middle of a wake or funeral when Jesus spoke these words.

There will be **NO LIVE VIDEO FEED** until further notice while we perform an audio update.

Thank you for your patience.

We do not know from the passage if the man's Father had even passed away. Jesus was calling him to the immediacy of the Gospel and the immediacy of addressing the Kingdom of God. All too often we get absorbed in the other things, that we place the Gospel and the Kingdom of God in the back seat of the car. These things may be good and necessary, like caring for a loved one who is ill, raising a family, or getting a degree from school and more. The message today is a simple one: have you allowed something or someone to become more important than the Gospel or the Kingdom of God? If so, you need to take time to reflect on your Discipleship.

Jesus' call is to place Him first. Do not look in the rear view mirror, be in the now! I believe that Jesus wants us to be like Elisha in 1 Kings:19. This Sunday's first reading reminds us not to be immediate. Elisha leaves everything behind immediately. Not only does he leave it behind, he takes it apart as he dismantles his old life of farming. Elisha has nothing in his rear view mirror. Elisha leaves nothing behind to even tempt him to go back to an old way of life.

(Continued on Page 2)



All Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day. We will resume regular hours on Friday, July 5. Please note there will be only one Mass on July 4, at 8:00 am. Friday, July 5, will be a normal Mass schedule.

CATHOLIC STORE & CAFÉ

The Store and Café will be closed from Thursday, July 4 through Monday, July 8. The Store and Café will reopen on Tuesday, July 9.

(PASTOR'S ARTICLE CONT.)

Why must we leave our old ways behind? Why should we let go of the rear view mirror? **FREEDOM** – that is why! St. Paul tells the Galatians in the second reading to be free. This week we celebrate Independence Day – Freedom. We remember the framers of our Constitution and those who signed the Declaration of Independence as well as those who fought not only the Revolutionary War, but all those who have fought for our freedom since 1776. The meaning of true freedom is a constant question for our Nation and our Faith. We are often reminded by great patriots of our nation that “Freedom isn’t free.” We are reminded by great saints of our Church that “Freedom isn’t free.” May great men and women have died for our wonderful Nation and many great men and women, saints, have died a martyr’s death for living our Faith.

Today, in our culture, there are different understandings of freedom. Some would say freedom means I can do anything I wish while others believe that freedom has parameters and isn’t reckless behavior. What does freedom mean to you both civically and spiritually? Maybe take today’s reading from Paul’s letter to the Galatians and re-read it and pray over it to understand freedom. Does your definition of freedom equate to God’s or is it different?

Finally, next weekend, July 6th & 7th, we welcome, His Excellency, Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Titular Archbishop of Acquaviva and the Apostolic Nuncio of the Antilles Episcopal Conference. He was first ordained a priest on June 17, 1984 and served in the Diocese of Aba (Nigeria). He has served in Holy See Embassies in Ghana, Paraguay, Algeria, at the UN offices and Specialized Institutions in Geneva, and at the Secretariat of State at the Vatican. Between 2007 and 2012 he was the Chief of Protocol of the Secretariat of State (Vatican). His first assignment as Head of Mission was on November 12, 2012 as Apostolic Nuncio in Nicaragua. His Excellency will preach at all of the Masses on the work of the Missions. We will also take our annual mission appeal collection next weekend at all of the Masses to support the Church’s missionary work. We welcome Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu to St. Gregory the Great. It is an honor for us to welcome an esteemed leader of our universal church.

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Completely Trust in Jesus

Our Lord wants us to know that the graces of His mercy can only be received if we trust. Jesus repeatedly reminded St. Faustina of this: **The graces of My mercy are**

drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (Diary, 1578). **Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul** (1777).

There is more to trust than just believing that God is trustworthy. Trust is a living faith. By trusting we agree to not dwell on the past or fear the future. We entrust our entire existence to the providence of God. This means that we agree that God can write the script of our lives instead of insisting on our own script. We agree with the pledge we make in the Our Father: “Your will (not mine) be done” (DMM 31.)

When we ask with complete trust Jesus fills us with grace so we can be merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful. **When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls** (1074).

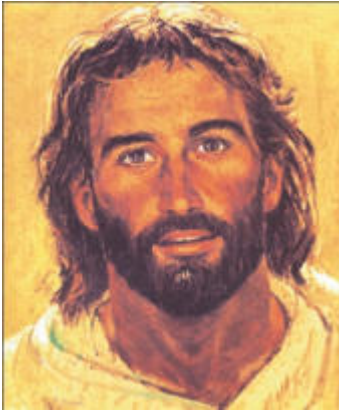
Thank you Daniel Victor for your service and inspiration to the 11:00 am Adult Choir!
Best of luck in your new adventure!



MISSION COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 6 & 7

There will be a collection for the Mission Appeal this weekend. Our speaker will be Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Titular Archbishop of Acquaviva and the Apostolic Nuncio of the Antilles Episcopal Conference. Please mark your calendars.

MISSION RETREAT



What does Mission mean to me?

Mission. What does that mean? What does it mean to make it? What does it mean to me as a Catholic and struggling disciple of Christ? I was asking myself all these questions two years ago as I was longing to

find greater faith and spiritual meaning in my life. The answer of course is to Go and Find out. Christ had put that thought into my heart. I knew to have grace flow that I also needed to take some concrete action. The Holy Spirit ended up pulling me to that Mission - kicking and screaming. I thought of every excuse not to go, but when my calendar somehow opened up, I received an invite, and the window presented myself, I went for what I thought would be just one night to see what it was all about. After that, there was no looking back. From the warm welcome coming in, to fellow parishioners and travelers sharing their faith, I decided then and there to STAY for the week. I can honestly say that one of the MOST important religious experiences I have ever had, was during that Mission week. If you'd like to know what that was, come and see me July 14 -19 and continue on your own faith Journey.

Dan, Mission 36

The **2019 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place **July 14-20**. Please consider joining us to deepen your relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in your hearts. Contact Jo Pierino in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today	<i>Thirteenth Sunday/Ordinary Time</i> First Reading– 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Second Reading– Galatians 5:1,13-18 Gospel– Luke 9: 51-62
Next Sunday	<i>Fourteenth Sunday/Ordinary Time</i> First Reading– Isaiah 66:10-14c Second Reading– Galatians 6: 14-18 Gospel– Luke 10:1-20 or 10: 1-9



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION “AN EVENING OF STARS”

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 2, at
5:30 pm
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Gift-Gathering Party Time

Everyone loves an excuse to party. Host a gift-gathering party to support St. Greg's annual dinner auction and have fun while supporting the parish's largest fund raising effort. Contrary to popular belief, a gift-gathering party does not have to be a lavish large catered affair to be a success. The best parties are simple and easy.

How about coffee and donuts with friends, a kids pool party, wine and cheese with the neighbors. The possibilities are endless.

For more information on how to host or plan your own party, please contact Auction Coordinator Cindy Reitebach at dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASSIST DISTRIBUTING EUCHARIST AT MASS?

Our Parish is in need of new Eucharistic Ministers to fill in for those that can not make Mass or who travel during the year. You can sign up for one Mass a weekend, a month or as many as your schedule permits.

Please contact Tom Ahearn at 512-0567 or Jo Pierino at 688-5678 to learn more.

Already a Eucharistic Minister? For those of you without email, the new schedule for July, August and September is available in the Sacristy. Kindly stop back and pick one up. Thank You!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

For information about Disciple Camp or our Weekly Programs (PreK and Grades K-10) go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/ then select **Program Options**.

Registration for the following programs began on Saturday, June 1. Register Online or In Person:

- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K- Gr 10) Weekly Classes from September 2019 - April 2020
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4) Weekly classes, Saturdays 9:00 - 10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020



Help Needed: We need Catechists for **Disciple Camp** which is held **July 15 -19 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** in the School, Gym and Cafeteria. Catechists can take morning shifts (8:45 am - 12 noon) and/or afternoon sessions (12:45 - 4:00 pm). All lesson plans, materials and support are provided. Call the **FFF Office at 688.5760** to sign up!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



We embarked on our second Young Adult retreat, June 14-15 along the shores of Lake Erie at Camp Pioneer. Using the theme of "Flourish", we invited thirty-two young adults to leave what they are retreating from behind as they move forward to a "flourishing" life in relationship with Jesus. We had a beautiful evening of fellowship and Adoration to start things off. The second day we had an excellent witness, laying the example of how to overcome the suffering and obstacles that impede our faith. After a wonderful Mass with Fr. Paul Cygan, our very own Catherine Wadhams delivered the challenge to move forward from retreat by living boldly. We look forward to our next retreat, "Brave II", November 8-10 in Allegany."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Chant Choir Rehearsal

July 11, 7:00 pm, in GR 2

July 23 and 25, 7:00 pm, GR 2

The Chant Mass will be Sunday, July 28, at 12:30 pm

For more information about the various ensembles, contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308. Refer to the website for more information.



SEARCHING FOR MINISTERS TO HELP THE HOMEBOUND

The Ministry of the Sick and Homebound is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to become part of their team. There are many Catholics in our Parish Community who are homebound and in need of Communion once or twice a month. Any Eucharistic Ministers who could spare an hour or two a week or month, please contact Sister Shawn Czyzycki, 688-5678, and learn how you can make a positive impact on our homebound Parishioners today!

HOST, WINE AND CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

We have openings for you to have a remembrance for your family members with our host, wine, and candle offerings. Host offering is \$55, wine offering is \$40 and candle offering is \$35 for the week. Please come into the Parish Office to reserve this special remembrance. The names of your loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin for the week.

UPCOMING YM EVENTS:

BRAVE II – Young Adult Retreat – Save the date – November 8-10

MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, July 5, at 7:00 pm on the MC Front Lawn

ST. LUKE'S SERVICE – Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Luke's, please contact Adam Jarosz at 688-3578, ext. 316

MINISTRY UPDATES

LECTORS NEEDED


The Lector Ministry needs new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks through seven week-end Masses, on a rotating schedule. An email system is available to contact all Lectors to arrange for a substitute when an assigned Lector has a scheduling conflict. If you are interested in the Lector Ministry, please contact Earl Leising 432-5312.

EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For more information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, July 3, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Topic: Memorialization and special dates.



SENIOR CITIZENS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC—CHIAVETTA'S BBQ

Monday, July 8
Location: To Be Determined
1:00 PM (following Noon Mass)
Cost: Members \$10 per person
Non Members \$15 per person

Checks payable to: St. Greg's Senior Organization
RSVP by Monday, July 1
Bring to Parish Office or mail to: 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221
Please write "summer picnic" in check memo line.

Number of Tickets: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____
Member Name: _____
Non Member Name: _____



For persons with disabilities and their families

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF BUFFALO cordially invites you to the **Annual Disability Picnic** on **Saturday, July 13** from 12 noon - 2:30 pm at St. Gregory Parish 100 St. Gregory Ct, Williamsville in the Ministry Center

To register, call **688-5760** or e-mail jrischmiller@stgregs.org

Bring your favorite dish to share (8-12 servings)
Hot Dogs & Drinks are provided!

Co-Sponsored by the Disability Inclusion Team of the Catholic Diocese

In an air-conditioned facility, located off of Maple Road between Hopkins and Young, next to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Saturday, July 6. If you have eligible items, contact 688-5678, ext. 423, and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and items must be located in a garage or covered porch.

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.)



RESPECT LIFE

“Male and Female He Created Them”: On June 10, the Congregation for Catholic Education issued an extensive document denouncing so-called gender theory, and affirmed the principles of human dignity, difference, and complementarity. The document titled, “Male and Female He Created Them,” is written for Catholic schools as well as Christians working in other educational settings, for parents and students, and for the clergy.

The document states that the Church teaches an essential difference between men and woman, ordered in the natural law and essential to the family and human flourishing. “There is a need to refute attempts to negate the male-female duality of human nature, from which the family is generated ... The denial of this duality not only erases the vision of human beings as the fruit of an act of creation but creates the idea of the human person as a sort of abstraction who ‘chooses for himself what his nature is to be.’”

“[The focus of] gender theory has expanded... to the possibility of ... individuals determining [their] own sexual tendencies without having to take account of the reciprocity and complementarity of male-female relationships, nor of the procreative end of sexuality. [This results in] a ‘radical separation between gender and sex, with the former having priority over the later’ and [consequently the] ... undermining of the family. “[In gender theory] the only thing that matters in personal relationships is the affection between the individuals involved, irrespective of sexual difference or procreation which would be seen as irrelevant in the formation of families.”

For Christians working in schools, both religious and secular, *the radical individualism of gender theory should be avoided* in favor of teaching children “to overcome their individualism and discover, in the light of faith, their specific vocation to live responsibly in a community.” (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com)

.... **A Reminder:** Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces when there is a Handicap van parked there. This prevents our Parishioners from being able to enter/exit their vehicles. In addition, please park only in marked parking spot.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 30

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*Church*)

Monday, July 1

10:30 am Senior Citizens Board Meeting (*MC 1*)

Tuesday, July 2

7:00 pm Pastor’s Executive Council (*MC / Café*)

Wednesday, July 3

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (*MC Café*)

6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry (*GR 1*)

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day—Parish Offices Closed

Friday, July 5

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Movie Night
(MC Front Lawn)

Saturday, July 6

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (*GR 2*)

Sunday, July 7

1:30 Baptisms

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION: CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS

Online Confirmation Registration begins on July 1.

If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that they receive all Confirmation related notifications.

Go to www.stgregs.org/confirmation/

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

RCIA: MORE THAN CATECHETICS



We welcome inquiries from people of any background wishing to know more about the Catholic Faith. Ours is a ministry of teaching, encouragement, assessment, guidance and prayer. We also welcome participation of parish members looking for a way to further serve the Lord and His Church.

If you know an inquirer who needs an invitation to our Church, invite them! And if they want to know more, call the Parish Office or Jerry Peer at 861-5497.



**St. Gregory
the Great
School**



Kindergarten Graduation Class of 2019

They have a bright future ahead of them!



Early Kindergarten Class of 2019



Class of 2019

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Evelyn Ackerman | Conner Luzon-Sax |
| Amanda Allen | Brandon Marchese |
| Michael Anain | Mary Margaret |
| Martin | |
| Phillip Basile | Caroline May |
| Alexandra Brannen | Payton McFarlane |
| Catarina Cercone | Annabelle Mercure |
| Edward Cotter | Evan Mundie |
| Mia DenHaese | Jacob Murphy |
| Gabriel Domino | Natalie Myszka |
| Michael Eberhard | Haley Nitsche |
| Kelechi Ezenwa | Morgan O'Donnell |
| William Fay | Daniel Peyser |
| Kristin Filk | Carly Ratchuk |
| Maeve Gallagher | Jonah Reichenberg |
| Mia Gallagher | Maxine Richardson |
| Peter Garcia | Michael Rosenecker |
| John Grable | Andrew Rubino |
| Samuel Greco | Mary Scimia |
| Jack Gruttadauria | Jack Smith |
| Jocelyn James | Summer Smith |
| Ashton Joseph | Molly Stamm |
| Luke Judge | Caleb Streack |
| Katherine Kraus | Elizabeth Taft |
| Janina Kurzdorfer | Ruth Tefera |
| Evan Langl | Vanessa Vaccaro |
| Emily Ledesma | Mercedes Wehr |
| Christian Lee | Daniel Welsh |
| Briege Lennon | Stephen Wesolowski |
| Nathaniel Leonard | Maria Wheeler |
| Gianna Leone | Sophia Whissel |
| Isabella Lupas | Ashley Wood |

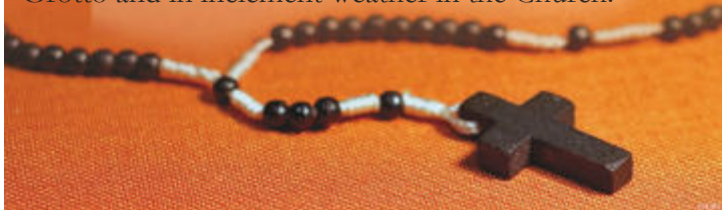
DRIVE FOR DEVIN

The 2 Annual Drive for Devin Golf Tournament, a nine hole golf tournament and dinner will be held on Friday, July 26. Progressive tee times begin at 11:00 am, at Deerwood Golf Course in North Tonawanda, dinner following at Classics V Banquet Center in Amherst. Proceeds from the event will be given to Crisis Services of WNY, along with scholarship funds for St. Gregory the Great School and Canisius High-School. For more information visit www.Drive4Devin.com or email at Drive4Devin@gmail.com.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." *St. Pio*; "The Rosary is the Bible on a string!" *Fr. Ronan Murphy* "The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings." *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; "One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world." *St. Dominic*. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and these prayers "transform" our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country, in good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church.



BISHOP MALONE TO HOST 2019 LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Richard Malone, in conjunction with the Presbyteral Council, Vicars Forane, and the Movement to Restore Trust, will host a series of Listening Sessions across the Diocese of Buffalo during the next few months. The Sessions will include Bishop Malone praying with the faithful, hearing their thoughts and comments, inviting discussion, and offering summary remarks regarding the mission of the Diocese and its parishes, schools, and other organizations.

Listening Session Schedule:

Saturday's from 9:30-11:30 am

- July 27, Archbishop Walsh High School, Olean
- August 3, Ascension Parish, Batavia
- August 10, Nativity of Our Lord, Orchard Park
- August 17, Holy Trinity Parish, Dunkirk

Contact: *Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications,*
kspangler@buffalodiocese.org



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAFE

We're firing up the grill!!!

Every Wednesday and Friday at Lunch

ON THE MENU

Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.60
Hotdog	\$3.50
Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions	\$3.75
Combo (item above with chips or potato salad)	Add \$1.50

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 29

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Elmer Rowekamp by wife, Marie & Family
Mark V. Conley Jr. by Nancy
& Christine Conley
5:30 pm Edda Tiburzi (Anniversary) by Jola & Family

Sunday, June 30

8:00 am Robert Buttles by Dick & Betty McAvoy
9:30 am Dorothy M. Olejniczak
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
Clemens & Mildred Braunsheidl
by Joseph & Susan Braunsheidl
11:00 am Dolores Maurer by Family
Frank Deni by Giovanna Vaccaro
12:30 pm Robert Honour by Linda & Tom Rosetti
Florence Sodus by Carol Pujolas
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Ed & Sylvia Stachura (Living)
(57th Wedding Anniversary) by Family
Sherry Zifchock by Falkides Family

Monday, July 1

7:00 am Charles R. Foy Jr. by Bill & Anna Foy
Jane Kenna by Tom & Mary Jo Kenna
8:00 am Dorothy Kristich by Ron & Kathy Benson
12:00 pm Rita McGorry by Seniors of St. Gregory
Paul Spinley by Mary & Don Burns

Tuesday, July 2

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
8:00 am Francis M. Murphy (Birthday) by Family
John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
12:00 pm Robert Rauh by Dean & Nancy Millar
Marguerite San Marcos (Living)
by Edith Varbanov

Wednesday, July 3—St. Thomas

7:00 am Rev. Msgr. Rupert H. Wright by Priests of St.
Gregory the Great
8:00 am Richard F. Wagner by John & Kathy
Roseti & Family
Christine Rogenthein by Hartigan Family
12:00 pm Paul Scandarito & Sam Rizzo by wife Margo

Thursday, July 4—Independence Day

8:00 am Matilda Prazmark by daughter
Thomas A. Fortunato (Anniversary)
by Patricia Fortunato & Family

Friday, July 5

7:00 am Dr. Richard Romanowski by Estate
8:00 am Dorothy Flynn by Family
Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
12:00 pm Edmond Deakin by Mike & Kathy Deakin
Deceased Members of Hertel Family
by Jeanne Hertel

Saturday, July 6

8:00 am Rose Cammilleri by Farruggia Families

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Robert Doran by wife Nina
Thomas Amabile (Birthday) by Bob & Mary
Brown
5:30 pm Rita Fefolt by Anthony & Judy Picone

Sunday, July 7

8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
9:30 am Dorothy M. Olejniczak by Olejniczak
Family & Friends
Thomas Gangloff by Naples Family
11:00 am Patrick J. Pujolas by Carol Pujolas & Family
Leonard Nirelli
by Daughter Theresa Choppolla
12:30 pm Sydney Lee Sidote by Sandra Bach
Charles J. Price by Jay & Amy Roeder
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Mary & Mathew Wyzykowski by Family

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled Adorers:

- ◆ SUNDAYS 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm



DECEASED

Dennis Sodus

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$584,025.60 collected, **84.1%**. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccwny.org.

PARISH OFFICE

200 St. Gregory Court; 688-5678 Fax: 688-2315

PASTOR

Fr. Leon J. Biernat; lbiernat@stgregs.org

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Msgr. Thomas Maloney (305);

FatherThomas@stgregs.org

Fr. Paul S. Cygan (336);pcygan@stgregs.org

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Michael G. Bochiechio

Deacon Paul Walter; PWalter@stgregs.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Shawn Czyzycki (335); sczyzycki@stgregs.org

BUSINESS MANAGER

Tina Evers (306); tevers@stgregs.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Daniel A. Victoor (308); dvictoor@stgregs.org

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Marisa Piazza (303); mpiazza@stgregs.org

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adam Jarosz - College & Young Adult (316);

ajarosz@stgregs.org

Nicole Janecek - Middle School (341);

njanecek@stgregs.org

Richard Patti - High School (338);

rpatti@stgregs.org

PARISH NURSE

Lee Zack - (339); lzack@stgregs.org

TRUSTEES

Christie Thein, Thomas Vacanti

SCHOOL OFFICE

250 St. Gregory Court 688-5323 Fax: 688-6629

PRINCIPAL

Julie Gajewski (350); jgajewski@stgregs.org

SCHOOL BOARD - schoolboard@stgregs.org

Fr. Leon J. Biernat, Chairman; lbiernat@stgregs.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

250 St. Gregory Court 688-5760 Fax: 639-8251

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

DIRECTOR

Joan M. Rischmiller (358); jrischmiller@stgregs.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY - CLOSED

FORMED

The best Catholic Content. All in one place. St. Gregory the Great Parish code: **D7B6CQ**

FORMED now has a mobile app! You can sign up for a free subscription to FORMED.org with great movies, audios, ebooks, and Bible studies. Go to www.FORMED.org. Enter parish access code **D7B6CQ** in the box and enjoy!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 and 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am; 12:30 and 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 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—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, 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. 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.

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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER

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

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:

- ◇ *Spiritual focus*
- ◇ *Knowledge and understanding of our Faith and our Church*
- ◇ *Spirit of welcome and reconciliation*
- ◇ *Compassion and concern for those in need*
- ◇ *Generous sharing of our God-given talents and resources*

FOLLOW ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- ◇ Receive daily spiritual quotes, learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation or Youth Ministry.
- ◇ Download the St. Gregory the Great Parish Mobile App. (St. Gregory)
- ◇ Follow St. Gregory the Great Parish, School, Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry on Facebook!
- ◇ Download the St. Gregory the Great School App!
- ◇ Follow the Parish on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- ◇ Follow Youth Ministry on Twitter and Instagram @stgregsyouth @stgregsyounadults





AMIGONE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

2600 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda 836-6500
5200 Sheridan Drive, Amherst 631-9000

Why Pre-Plan?

Call us today for a free consultation.



B&C UNITED HOME CARE
6400 Sheridan Dr., Ste 116
Williamsville, NY 14221
716-633-7400
Our goal is to give personalized care for each family

HUNT HUNT Real Estate ERA
5570 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
Beverly Costanzo
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
cell: (716) 868-9304 • ofc: (716) 633-0300
beverly.costanzo@huntrealestate.com
HUNTREALESTATE.COM

Call me today for a FREE in-home consultation!
Frank Vito
Sales Representative
716-341-7393
fvito@pellabuffalo.com

Town & Village PEDIATRICS Pediatric care for children and young adults
New Patients Welcome
6044 Main St., Suite 100, Williamsville
Office Hours by appointment 633-6988

MOORE Family Dental PC
Michael G. Moore, DDS
Amherst, NY 716.835.1670
moorefamilydentist.com

LB Orthodontics
Braces and Invisalign
Call for a FREE Consult
Dr. Bevilacqua, Parishioner & School Parent
East Amherst • 716-689-0313

This Space is Available

UPGRADE TO A **VIBRANT ad**
Contact us for details • 800-477-4574

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL
- Early Childhood Programs -
PK 3 & 4, Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten
Partnering Faith with Education. Faith-filled, Joyful Learning.
200 St. Gregory Court • Williamsville, NY
716-688-5323

RIGHT PLACE. RIGHT CARE.
Rehab • Skilled Nursing
689-6681
www.elderwood.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR **BUSINESS HERE**
Contact Chris Reeves to place an ad today!
creeves@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6206

Elderwood at WILLIAMSVILLE
www.elderwood.com

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE
(716) 674-3344
3019 Union Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Serving Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

JOE BASIL CHEVROLET
\$1,000 more for your TRADE
683-6800
JOEBASILCHEVROLET.COM

Shell Fab
Countertops & Casework
"Clearly The Top Choice"
Custom manufacturing and installation for 30 years!
716-827-3003 www.shellfab.com
3260 Clinton St., West Seneca, NY 14224

Shell Fab
Countertops & Casework
"Clearly The Top Choice"
Custom manufacturing and installation for 30 years!
716-827-3003 www.shellfab.com
3260 Clinton St., West Seneca, NY 14224

Greg Straus
WNY Real Estate Expert!
Call today for a FREE Consultation
716-266-6692
www.716RealtyGroup.com
Gregory Straus Real Estate Broker/Owner - Locally Owned & Operated

Tonawanda Pediatrics
3950 E. Robinson Rd. • West Amherst
691-3400

JOE BASIL CHEVROLET
\$1,000 more for your TRADE
683-6800
JOEBASILCHEVROLET.COM

DAVE SMITH Ford
4045 Transit Rd., Williamsville
(716) 634-2000 • davesmithford.net
Parishioner Owned

catholicmatch New York
CatholicMatch.com/NY

Legarreta Eye Center
Medical-Surgical-Optical
Eye Exams/Cataracts/Glaucoma/Dry Eye
Contacts/Visit our ultimate eyewear shop
Cheektowaga • 668-3030 Lockport • 433-0091
Williamsville • 633-2203 • www.legarretaececenter.com

Transit Meadow Pediatrics
6049 Transit Rd, Suite 101 • E. Amherst
691-4311
Pediatrician on call 24/7/365
www.tonawandapediatrics.com

NETH & SON, INC.
Celebrating Over 45 years in Business
• Roofing • Windows
685-3539
Licensed & Insured
www.nethandson.com

HARBORTOWN FINANCIAL GROUP
Patrick DeNisco • 716-276-7605
Retirement Planning • Asset Management Platforms
Life Insurance • Estate Transfer Strategies

Made Clean
THE QUEEN OF CLEAN
639-7775
www.made-clean.com

Timothy J. Lukasiewicz
716-698-3680 • tj.lukasiewicz@kofc.org
Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance
Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

Knights of Columbus INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Sean Patrick's
Banquets • Private Parties
3480 Millersport • 636-1709
Sean & Kim Lillis - Parishioners

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Anthony M. Laforana DDS FAGD
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Sleep Apnea & Snoring treatment provided
Personalized care in a professional environment
1660 Hopkins Rd., Getzville, NY
716-689-7713

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES
• Full Time Position with Benefits
• Sales Experience Preferred
• Paid Training
• Overnight Travel Required
• Expense Reimbursement
CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

Gloria Roetzer, M.D.
2730 Union Rd., Cheektowaga
(716) 332-7377 • www.trinitypedsbuffalo.com
Expanded Hours! Accepting New Patients!

TRINITY PEDIATRICS
BABIES • CHILDREN • ADOLESCENTS

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

SPREAD THE WORD
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501
AUTHORIZED DEALER HOME SECURITY TEAM

DANDELION'S RESTAURANT
Gregory T. Maghran - Owner
1340 North Forest
at Corvette Plaza, Williamsville
(716) 688-0203

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Compassionate Care. Proven Results.
Venous Institute of Buffalo
Dr. Michael Vasquez, MD, Parishioner
Advanced Treatment of Legs, Veins & Venous Disease
4927 Main St., Amherst
716-877-7000

FREDDIE'S PLUMBING SERVICE INC.
Residential Installations and Repairs
Back Up Sump Pump Specialist
Serving WNY Since 1909
FRED CLABO 631-5513 or 895-3614
freddiesplumbing.com

TESMER (716) 689-8440
8898 Transit Rd. E. Amherst, NY
Lower Your Real Estate Taxes
Build your New Home in Spaulding Green
www.tesmer.com • info@tesmer.com

Heathwood ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE
care without compromise
www.heathwoodassistedliving.com
716-688-0111 Gary Henry, Parishioner



Honoring Over 129 Years of Faith, Family and Friends Pre-Planning • Medicaid Needs • Cremation A Million Questions? One Answer.

THE DIETRICH FUNERAL HOME, INC.

2480 Kensington Ave., Amherst, NY 14226 • 839-2818 • www.TheDietrichFuneralHome.com



SALVATORE'S
Events & Catering

We want to help you make beautiful memories with wonderful events!

Baptisms, First Communion, Weddings, Celebrations of Life and more!

www.salvatores.net
716-635-9000

SCHAEFER ELECTRIC, INC.
Commercial & Residential
Licensed - Fully Insured
Service Changes Our Specialty
Brian Schaefer (Parishioner)

689-3839

POPE
LAW FIRM, PLLC

17 Beresford Ct., Ste. 5
Williamsville, NY
716-634-3320

When buying or selling Real Estate, Call

Joe Sorrentino

The Name You Know and Trust? 716-568-0355

716-998-5637 Cell Phone
Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker
St. Greg's Parishioner since 1991

Premier Realtor
Call Today!
SUSAN ALLEN
Licensed Real Estate Agent
435-7100

Parishioner susan.allen.realtor@gmail.com

FAMILY MEDICAL PHARMACY

"Where We Treat You Like Family"

Adjacent to Dash's at Hopkins & Klein
Ph: 568-0800
Michael Rossi, R.Ph - Parishioner
Dennis Galluzzo, R.Ph

PERNA, DENGLER, ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME
Honoring Memories, Celebrating Lives

1671 Maple Rd, Williamsville NY | 632.8200 | DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com

MIKE "SARGE" SHOWALTER WELCOMES YOU TO LIA HONDA WILLIAMSVILLE 4891 TRANSIT RD

NEW HONDA'S - USED CARS
MSHOWALTER@LIACARS.COM
716-622-0607
MARINE CORPS VETERAN PARISHIONER

www.wizardgoesgreen.com
716-694-8524
Heating, Plumbing, & Air Conditioning

Serving All of WNY

\$39 For All Heating, Cooling & Plumbing Service
Calls for All St. Greg's Parishioners Day or Night

JOSEPH CATUZZA, Usher/Parishioner

Catholic Health

Our Mission:
To reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.
Join our team!

chsbuffalo.org/careers

Register Now!
Before & After School Programs

- Homework Help
- Academic Programming
- Art, Science, Sports, Snacks
- Day Camp & Summer Camp Programs

www.LE3-Inc.Org • Ellie- 716-430-9322

FirstLight HOME CARE
www.eastbuffalo.firstlighthomecare.com

Why not live at home?
634-CARE (2273)

Stovroff & Taylor Realtors

Ask For **Linda Dohn**
For All Your Real Estate Needs.
716-432-1130
Will donate 20% of my commission to the Parish.
Original Parishioner/ Licensed Sales Agent

TRESMOND & TRESMOND, LLP

Elder Law and Estate Planning
(716) 858-3115 | law@tresmondllaw.com
Where there is help, there is hope.

424 Main Street, Suite 1908, Buffalo, NY 14202

Clarence Eye Care

Tiffany & Co. • Giorgio Armani • Prada
Coach • Ray Ban • Vera Bradley
8560 Main St. • Williamsville, NY 668-2020
~ Parishioners ~

Pediatric & Adolescent Urgent Care of WNY
Kathleen A. Grisanti, M.D. Parishioner

10am-10pm
7 days a week
KIDS URGENT CARE
636-5437 (KIDS)

Park Creek Senior Living Community

Assisted Living • Affordable Memory Care
Park-like setting: Amherst State Park
Beautiful full-sized chapel with daily services
410 Mill Street • Williamsville, NY
Jane Nogowski 716-632-3000

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Chris Reeves** to place an ad today!
creeves@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6206

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

Pediatric & Adolescent Urgent Care of WNY
Kathleen A. Grisanti, M.D. Parishioner

10am-10pm
7 days a week
KIDS URGENT CARE
636-5437 (KIDS)

Buffalo Medical Group
JoAnne L. Cobler, M.D.
Cardiologist & Parishioner

Certain Advice for Uncertain Times

- Personal Financial Planning
- Tax Planning Strategies • IRAs/Mutual Funds

Mark C. Massaro, MBA, CRPC
— Parishioner —
17 Limestone, Suite 8 • Williamsville, NY 14221
Office: 626-6750

The Personal Advisors of **Ameriprise Financial**

greenviewteam.com

8600 Roll Rd. Clarence Center, NY 14032 (716) 741-8468
Call today for a free estimate!

Spring Services Include...

- Weekly Lawn Cutting
- 5 - Step Fertilizer Treatment
- Spring Landscape Clean-up
- Monthly Landscape Maintenance
- Irrigation System Maintenance
- Exterior Home Detailing

Family owned and operated for over 30 years!

Follow the team!

New customers save 5% on our services. Just mention this ad!

Church of St. Gregory the Great
https://stgregs.weshareonline.org

ONLINE GIVING By WeShare

55+ Apartments | 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments

Turtle Creek APARTMENTS

716.247.6906
2730 N. Forest Rd., Getzville, NY
www.benchmarkturtlecreek.com

BRING IN THIS AD FOR A WAIVED APPLICATION FEE

See What's in Store!
JEWELRY • ROSARIES • BOOKS AND MORE

www.parishstore.com