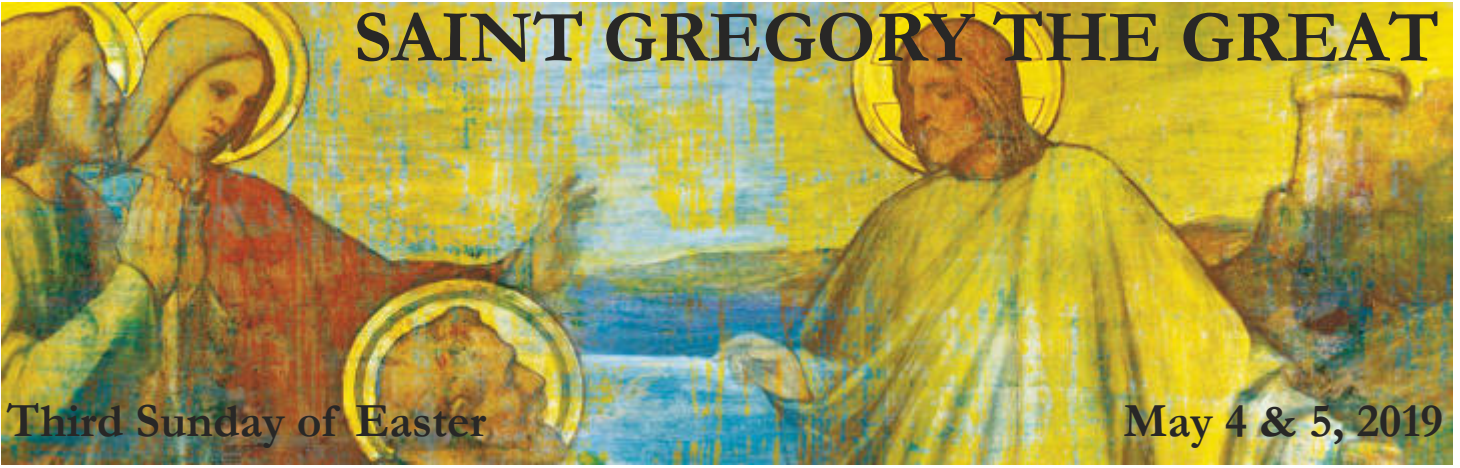


SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4 & 5, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, How enthusiastic are you? This is a great question to ponder. I rarely attend professional sporting events. Sadly, it has been over thirty years since I have been to a Bills game and a year since I attended a Sabers game. When I do attend, I am always amazed at how engaged and enthused the spectators are at the game. The thunderous cheers and shouts are not only deafening, but also seem to rock the stadium. I often sit back and marvel, and then question if I am that enthusiastic about my Faith and if that is where we are in our collective ability to live the Faith as the Body of Christ.

This past Monday, in the daily Mass readings, we heard the account of the Apostles in prayer to the point that the building shook. Is that where we are in our enthusiasm and engagement in prayer and Faith? I sometimes wonder if we have become benign in our practice of Faith. For many of us, the definition of a good “Catholic” or “Christian” means that we are supposed to be kind and warm hearted, as well as agreeable, sympathetic and compassionate. Of course we are to strive to live these qualities among many other good Christian qualities, but these qualities are not supposed to completely define our discipleship. Although some of the characteristics of being “benign” are admirable, our Faith is also to be bold. The life of discipleship is a combination of boldness and humility.

As we look at this weekend’s readings for Mass, we see that the Apostles are anything but benign. They exhibit both humility and boldness. In this Sunday’s first reading the Apostles clearly proclaimed to the Sanhedrin the importance to be obedient to God rather

than to any human power or concept. Obedience to God is most important regardless of the consequence. We often see that the Apostles will not back down when challenged by the religious authorities to stop proclaiming the name of Jesus. This Sunday’s Gospel also shows Peter expressing a boldness as he jumps into the water without any real doubt or hesitation upon hearing Jesus’ voice. The book of Revelation reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on the Kingdom of Heaven and the joy present there within. The Beatitudes reminds us clearly of our reward being great in Heaven. If we keep our eyes fixed on the great fullness of life in Heaven, we should derive the boldness to live the life of Faith here on Earth.

This weekend as we continue to celebrate Easter, we can reflect on our own experience of Faith. Have we become benign in our Faith and/or expect others, especially our Church leaders, to be benign as well? Have we fallen to a benign attentiveness in our Faith? Even though we are living in difficult times in our Church, and suffering through the effects of humiliation, disappointment and, in many senses, the fall from grace of some of our leaders; can we still live a humble boldness to profess our faith in Christ and the truth of His teaching? We need to love Jesus. **(Continued on Page 2)**

“ST. GREGORY TWELVE” NOMINATIONS

Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our Parish life and ministries. If you know of Parishioners whose voluntary efforts have enhanced our Parish Community, please nominate them for this award, which will be acknowledged at Mass on May 20. We look forward to having the opportunity to honor many in our Parish who unselfishly donate their time/abilities to fulfill our Parish Mission. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office, due to Jo Pierino by Friday, May 17.

COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICAN & AFRICAN MISSIONS

This collection will be taken up next weekend, May 11 and 12: please place your envelopes in the regular collection basket.

(From the desk of the Pastor, Continued)

This Gospel is one of those Gospels that we lose something in the English translation. Does Jesus ask Peter three times “Do you love me?” The answer: yes and no. There are two different words for love being used here. The first two times Jesus asks Peter: “Do you *agape* me?” This translates “Peter, do you love me completely?” The third time Jesus asks Peter “do you *philia* me?” This translates “Peter, do you friend me?” On one hand I suppose we could say Jesus lowered the standard for Peter in the end, but on the other hand we can interpret this to mean that Jesus knew Peter truly loved (*agape*) him so Jesus is inviting Peter to an ongoing friendship (*philia*) as well. Peter’s love for Jesus and Jesus’ love for Peter was first and foremost the foundation of the friendship. Do you establish your relationship with Jesus as a friendship (*philia*) or as a love (*agape*) first, and allow love to be the very foundation for everything including friendship with Christ and others in the name of Christ? Does anything hold you back from the love and friendship bond with Christ?

This coming weekend, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with our children. It is always an awesome experience to see their joy and excitement, to see their enthusiasm and engagement in the Eucharist. Please pray for our children and their families this coming week as they look forward to Saturday, May 11, for their First Holy Communion. Also, please pray for all of our teenagers who are preparing to be Confirmed next week on May 14 and May 16. Please pray that these young men and women will shake the church as did the Apostles in their prayer. Please pray for a renewal of the Holy Spirit of engagement in Faith and boldness to live the Faith for our teens to be Confirmed and their families. Please consider coming to celebrate either or both First Holy Communion or Confirmation as a Parish Family even if you do not personally know those to receive these sacraments. First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Confirmation will be on Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm with Bishop Malone conferring the Sacrament. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

LADIES OF THE LORD

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Rooms, for prayers and a talk given by Dr. Stan Bukowski on the issue of assisted suicide, with a Q&A session afterwards.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. May 6: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tues. May 7: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1-a; John 6:30-35
Wed. May 8: Acts of the Apostles 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thurs. May 9: Acts of the Apostles 8:11; 26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri. May 10: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat.. May 11: Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
Sun. May 12: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 (51C); Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30



CATHOLIC STORE SALE

Time to spruce up your yard? Have you planted your garden yet? Come to The Catholic Store from May 4 through May 25 for **5% off all of our outdoor statues**. These statues are a perfect gift for Mother’s Day! Come check out the selection before they are gone!

LECTORS NEEDED

The Lector Ministry needs new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks through seven weekend 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 716-432-5312.

MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Novena Cards are at all entrances of the Church. Please take a card. You may place your offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office before Mother’s Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week of May 12 - 20.

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION

Collegiate Summer—4 week program for students entering Grade 8. July 1-26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Experience the community of excellence and develop useful skills to prepare for high school. To request a brochure and application, call 874-4953.

9 Summer Camps—Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Strength & Speed, Volleyball, and Wrestling camps. Open to a variety of age groups and skill level. To register, visit www.sjci.com/sportscamp or call 874-4953.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

2019-20 FFF REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/ then select **Program Options** for more information, including Little Cherubs (Pre School) and the Weekly Program.

- **High School Summer Program** (Gr 9 and 10)
Class dates: June 26 - 28, July 1 and 2 (9:00 am- 4:00 pm)
Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:
 - **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)
Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
 - **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)
Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
- **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Program, Gr K-Gr 10)
Classes are once a month, September 2019 – April 2020
Registration for All GOF Sessions (A, B and C) is on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration ONLY.** Act fast; each session will close at 50 Families.
- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)
Class Dates: July 15-19, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Registration begins on Saturday, June 1, and ends on June 21. Register Online or In Person.



FFF Grade 7 students went on a field trip to tour St. Louis RC Church in downtown Buffalo.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 7, in GR2
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 12.

Adult Choir for the 11:00 Sunday Mass

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, May 7, in GR2

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

MISSION RETREAT

A Parish Mission is a time in a Parish when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a Faith filled life. It is a time for graces and renewal of the Parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

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 in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$444,606.77 collected, 64.16%. Our Parish goal is **\$692,988.74**. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.ccwny.org. Thank you for your support!

CATECHIST CORNER

Come sow the seeds
of **FAITH**



Teaching religion classes is a special calling.
For more information on how to become a Catechist call the FFF Office at 688-5760.



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION
“AN EVENING OF STARS”
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:30 pm
Salvatore’s Italian Gardens

Planning has begun for the 2019 Great Auction Dinner. If you have ideas on décor, dinner menu, beverage stations, raffles, online bidding for special items, kids’ school auction, or anything else....or if you would like to help out, and/or donate an item, please contact Cindy Reitebach in the Auction Office at 688-5678 x337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com

You’re All Invited to A St. Gregory the Great Dinner Auction Fundraiser at



Sunday, June 2, 4-8 pm

Transit Road Location Only
 9430 Transit Road, East Amherst, NY 14051

Show this bulletin or mention St. Greg’s at checkout and Pie-o-Mine & Greens will donate 20% of your purchase to this fundraiser. (If you order online just put “fundraiser” in the notes section.)
DINE –IN or TAKE-OUT

ST. GREG’S CAFÉ

Don’t have Time for Breakfast?

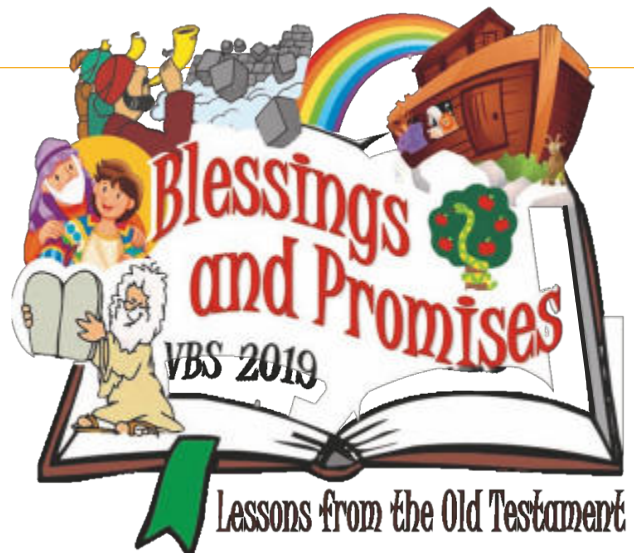
Stop in the St. Greg’s Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

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.



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*. “One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world.” *St. Dominic*. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country, in good weather in the Grotto or in the Church in inclement weather.

Vacation Bible School (Pre K*- Gr 4)

*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

Camp Dates: July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon.
Registration begins on Monday, May 1, and ends on Friday, June 21. This year’s theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament. For details go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ Register Online or In Person.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



YA Retreat: Flourish, June 14-15: Set in the time of the year where life is awakening, this retreat will focus on our relationship with Christ and how to grow your life in Him. You don't want to miss out on this retreat along the shores of beautiful Lake Erie at Camp Pioneer. Registration is now open on the YM website. \$85 if registered and paid by May 31, \$95 after.

YA Women's Community: All this Exodus 90 talk has rekindled the desire for a YA women's group. We have a group of women meeting soon to brainstorm over doughnuts and coffee. Interested in being a part of the conversation? Talk to Adam.

St. Luke's Service: St. Luke's Service: Stay tuned for the next date. We'll be working on a house off site, if you're interested, message Adam at 716-435-0432.

Amped: Running every other Tuesday is Amped, an ongoing night to build community and develop faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign-up or pay, bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7-8:30pm. The next one is this Tuesday!

YA Retreat: Brave II, November 8-10: Oh yea. It's coming and it's better than the first. You can even sign up now if you want right here. Our. First. Full. Weekend.

High School Retreat



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation Rehearsal: There will be only ONE rehearsal, held on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:45 pm in the Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal** should be attended by the candidate and their sponsor. A parent can stand in for out of town sponsors so that they can provide direction for the sponsor prior to Confirmation night.

Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

CONFIRMATION 2020 AND 2021

ALL Catholic and Public School Parents who currently have a student in Grade 8 and 9: For your child to be Confirmed at St. Gregory's, they need to be registered for Confirmation in Grades 9 and 10. Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meeting** (see below) to register for Confirmation.

The **Parent Meetings** are for both Catholic and Public school students. Registration is necessary so that parents receive all communication about Confirmation preparation which takes place when your child is in Grades 9 and 10.

- **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students) Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
- **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students) Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

SAVE THE DATE: Be PUREly You

Young Women's Conference: Be Purely You

All girls Grades 8-12 are welcome to join us for a faith-and fun-filled day of inspiring talks and activities! Take a journey through key life areas and discover ways to develop great relationships, live with intentionality and create healthy habits. Walk away with your unique "travel itinerary."

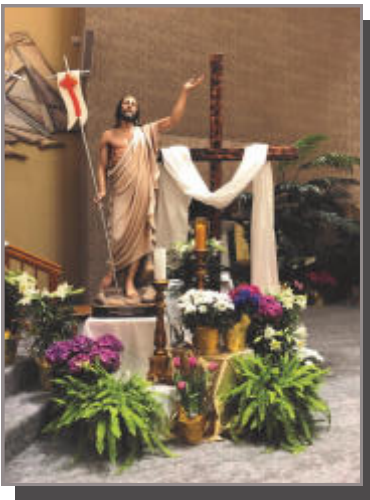
Saturday, June 1, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at

St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center Register online by May 28, at www.stgregs.org \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes lunch provided by Buffalo Strive Markets. **Visit the table in the back of Church May 4 and 5 to learn more and sign up!**

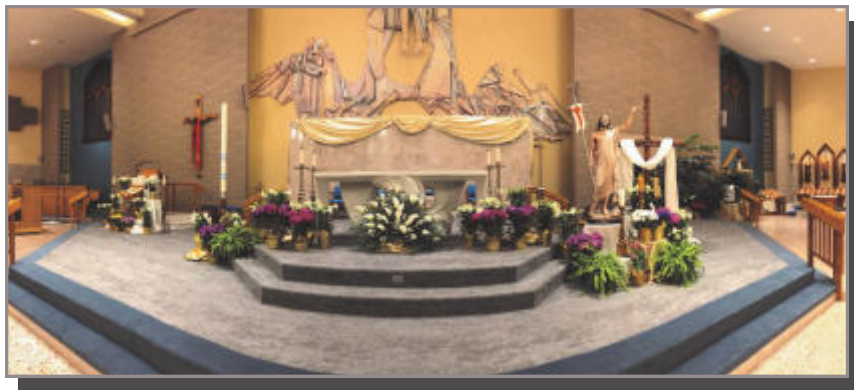
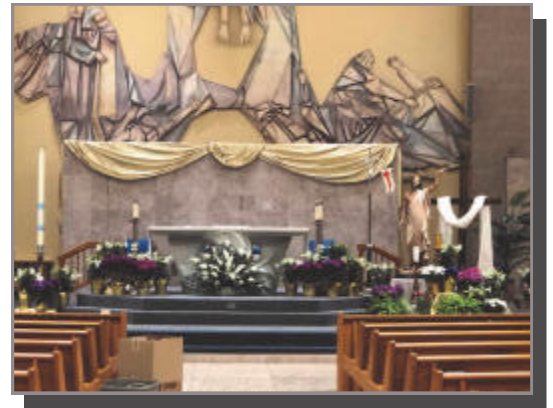
For more information, call Lori at 866-2373.

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Easter Flower Memorial. In memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Humbert Armao. . . Dr. Jack E. Armitage. . . Violet Bartholomew. . . Frank & Mildred Bartscheck. . . Evelyn Basinski. . . Peter X. Bellanti. . . Ann Bene. . . Gregory Bielinski. . . Marie Bisone. . . Franklin Boehler. . . Dec. Mbrs. of Bogdan & Daigler. . . Dec. Mbrs. of Bucki & Bruch Families. . . Burgio & Sorci Families. . . Ruth G. Burke. . . Sister Sheila Anne Burke. . . Patricia Burtis. . . Christopher Buscaglia. . . Mr. & Mrs. George Bush. . . Caluori & Lazzaro Family. . . Paul J. Cannamela. . . Cal Champlin. . . Mary & Joseph Chaya. . . Isabelle C. Cicatella. . . Daniel J. Collins II. . . Rose Creed. . . Juan-Carlos Cruz. . . Richard & Margaret Daniels. . . Deakin & Gallagher Families . . . Gerri De Lac. . . Robert A. Devean. . . Albert & Elizabeth DeRouche. . . John J. DiPasquale. . . Charlie Donner. . . Falsone & Lenoci Families. . . Robert Farrington. . . A. James & Eileen Felli. . . Mildred & Anthony Fix. . . Al, Luann & Lisa Gangi . . . Bernice Gantress. . . Stanley George. . . Anthony & Della Geraci. . . Ben Gilbert. . . Jerry Gilbert. . . Mary Morgan Glenn. . . Gregory Griffin. . . Joan Gugliuzza. . . Heine & Young Families. . . Donald G. Held . . . Hertel Family. . . Leon & Josephine Hopcia. . . Marie Horton & Patricia Ahearn. . . Anna & Nick Hrebik. . . James Huffnagle. . . Patricia Hylkema. . . David E. Jones. . . Judith Kaczmarek. . . Charles Kendziora & James Kendziora. . . Mom & Dad Kisailus. . . Joseph Klawon. . . Daniel Kowalski. . . Joseph Kray. . . Richard, Patricia, Gail & Mark Kocsis. . . Joseph & Adele Kloch. . . Karen Kress . . . Ronald Kress, Sr. . . Mary Larned . . . Joseph, Katherine & Joey Latona . . Richard Laux. . . Lembo & Mason Families. . . Ruth Mahoney. . . Mary Mancuso. . . John & Mary Maurer. . . Fred McNair. . . Guy Paul Michaud. . . Paul & Patrick Moran. . . George & Roselle Nauagh. . . Aldo E. Narduzzo. . . Newman-Luchowski & Kazmierczak Families. . . Leonard L. Nirelli. . . Betty O'Brien. . . Francis O'Brien. . . Shirley O'Brien. . . Richard Panepinto. . . Christine Ann Parisi. . . Teresa Pascuzzi. . . Anthony J. Pelosi. . . Fred Postolese. . . Price & O'Day Family. . . Florence & Frank Puglisi. . . Marie, Catherine & Carl Puglisi. . . Ann & John Pulisi. . . Mary L. O'Brien. . . Rosalie & Raymond Pfeiffer. . . Catherine Regan. . . Thomas Ruthven. . . Rowekamp Family. . . Arthur Sacilowski. . . Sadowski Family. . . Florence Savattieri. . . Robert & Vivienne Schifferli. . . Tim Shay. . . James, Doris & Chris Sexstone. . . Stanley & Alice Smyczynski. . . Albert & Amelia Sodaro. . . David Sorci. . . Chester Stuben. . . Frank & Alice Tonco. . . Mr. & Mrs. James Traves. . . William & Anna Taylor. . . John Santina & Nicholas Tronolone. . . Tronolone/Grace Shick. . . Blasé & Veta Thurston. . . Mom & Dad Trubilla. . . Virginia Tyczynski. . . Jerome D. and Lillian A. Van de Water. . . Michael & Andrew Varbanov. . . Cecilia & Michael Wagner. . . Helen Weber. . . Wienckowski & Yezzi Families. . . Frederick Wilbur. . . Robert Wilda & Son, James. . . Mr. & Mrs. Percy Wilson. . . Elsie & Chet Yauchzy. . . Dolores Ziemandi



Thank you to Michael Hensler and his team for all of their hard work. The Church looked beautiful!





RESPECT LIFE

Save the Date! During Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12, the Respect Life Committee will sponsor a Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center. You can drop off disposable diapers and wipes, lotions and bath products, baby formula, and/or new or gently used infant clothing items inside the main entrance to the Church all weekend.

****Please Note:** Due to federal and state safety regulations, we CANNOT accept used baby furniture or toys.

Those wishing to make a monetary donation may do so online at buffalodiocese.org/pro-life or by mail to the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, 14203. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Activities."

Your contributions do so much to give others hope and promote a culture of life. Thank you for your generosity!

"Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don't ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work." --Archbishop Charles Chaput

The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee will be **Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center Room #1.** All are welcome!!

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.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5

Monday, May 6

- 10:30 am Seniors Board Meeting (MC 1)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Caf )
- 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Assn. Board Meeting (MC 3)
- 7:00 pm Food Shuttle Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Tuesday, May 7

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Brownies) (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

Wednesday, May 8

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Caf )
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (School Room 702)

Thursday, May 9

- 2:15 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Brownies) (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

Friday, May 10

- 2:30 pm DOB Annual Maintenance Training (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Am. Heritage Girls Troop Meeting
(School Cafeteria/Gym/Library)

Saturday, May 11

- 9:30 am First Communion
- 11:30 am First Communion

Sunday, May 12

- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (Caf /Gym/Basement)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On May 12, we are asked to give special attention to the vocations of priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. We pray for all those ministering in those vocations, as well as for those who are called to them. Please remember that Deacon Tim Chriswell can be contacted for information regarding the Permanent Diaconate at 652-4308 or tchriswell@cks.edu, and Fr. Andrew Lauricella can be contacted for information regarding the vocation of priesthood at 847-5535 or alauricella@buffalodiocese.org.

HOP ON THE WELCOME WAGON!

Consider becoming part of St. Greg's "Welcome Wagon", calling on new residents in our neighborhood, and providing a welcome packet of information on our Parish Family. Our Evangelization Committee is looking for a few more volunteers. For information, contact Father Thomas at tfm210@hotmail.com, or 688 - 5678 ext 305.



St. Gregory the Great School

UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

- ⇒ Going Bald for Bucks and Canvas for Cancer, May 17
- ⇒ 1500 Club Drawing, May 18
- ⇒ Poetry and Art Show, May 19
- ⇒ Book Fair, June 5 – 14
- ⇒ Walk-A-Thon, June 7



READINESS CAMP

Kindergarten Readiness program for children ages 4-6. The camp will focus on academic, social, emotional, and motor skills. Children will develop necessary skills through fun games, activities and play.

- August 12-15 and/or
- August 19-22

Time: 8:30-11:30 am

Maximum of 20 Students

To reserve a spot please contact
 Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org) or
 Terri Strassel (tstrassel@stgregs.org)

DISCOVER THE ST. GREG'S DIFFERENCE TODAY!

"I LOVE ST. GREG'S BECAUSE THE TEACHERS ARE SO NICE AND HELPFUL. MY FRIENDS ARE KINDS AND ALWAYS THERE FOR ME."

~ST. GREG'S STUDENT

"I LOVE ST. GREG'S BECAUSE OF ALL THE AMAZING FRIENDS I HAVE MADE. I ALSO LOVE THAT WE GO TO CHURCH WEEKLY AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY"

~ST. GREG'S STUDENT

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Visit www.stgregsschool.org to register or call 688-5323 for more information.

Help us raise money for Roswell to fight Cancer. You can donate money to someone participating in Bald for Bucks at the school or participate yourself. <http://buffalo.baldforbucks.org/>



Go online to register yourself for the St. Gregory the Great Team or donate to someone listed. Mr. Gennaro and Mrs. Leshney are the first to join! Join us for the event---Friday, May 17, at 8:00am in the gym.

Hairdresser Parents- Volunteer to do the cutting/shaving for the event. Contact Ms. Weppner with questions.

Bonus- Grade 3 students will sell their artwork at this event for "Canvases Against Cancer" Led by student Sydney Lynn.

Final Days to get your tickets!!! Drawing is May 18!!!!

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE TODAY AT <https://stgregs.weshareonline.org/>

DRAWING: MAY 18, 2019

Do you have your 1500 Club ticket yet? If not, don't miss your chance to win one of 245 cash prizes totaling \$32,500, including the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$50 and each ticket admits two adults to the party to be held in the Ministry Center. You do not have to attend to win.

To purchase a ticket, go to the website above, or complete the form below and send your \$50 check payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: 1500 Club, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket. Questions?

Contact 1500club@stgregs.org.

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip : _____

Phone Number _____

Number of tickets requested @ \$50/each: _____

What would you do with \$10,000?
Buy a chance and find out!



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 4

Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Michael Doran by Mother & Family
John & Florence Oleszek by Donna Oleszek
- 5:30 pm Rita McGorry by Rick & Peter Parisi

Sunday, May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Rev. David P. Kirsch
by Priests of St. Gregory's
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
- 9:30 am Robert J. Daigler (birth) by Mary Lou Daigler
& Family
- 11:00 am Leonard & Adele Jablonski by Daughter,
Mary Ann Held
Anthony J. Guzziotti by Jamie Abraham
- 12:30 pm Florence Gajewski by Daughter,
Maryann Sobczyk
George Sasse (anniv) by Daughter
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Staskiewicz & Donius
Families
Marian Cannon by Estate

Monday, May 6

- 7:00 am Cosimo Baglio by Ronald & Joanne Zini
- 8:00 am Patricia Vigneron by Robert & Barbara Klocke
Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family
- 12:00 pm Dominic Zigross by Anne Marie
& Thomas Rozek
Edith Moore by Sharon Doerr & Family

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Peter Tracy by Daniel Golden
- 8:00 am Isaac Loo & Peter Pou
by Shirley & Arthur Chen
- 12:00 pm Helen Tarby by Ron & Jeannie Kreavy
Margaret Zalitack by Marie Maggio

Wednesday, May 8

- 7:00 pm Mary Ellen (May) Cleary by Goergen Family
- 8:00 am Deceased Members of Hertel Family
by Jeanne Hertel
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Mendola & Santora
Families by Ladies of the Lord
- 12:00 pm Della Guzenski (birth) by Daughters,
Marcia & Margie
Elsie Mueller by Nephew

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David Crapsi ...Robert Farley...Phyllis C. Rush...
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Thursday, May 9

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Matt & Stacy Brass & Family (living)
by Kirk & Karen Stubbendeck
- 8:00 am Dr. Irineo Z. Gutierrez by Wife,
Florentina Gutierrez & Family
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Sadie, Joe & Barbara Saletta
by Margo Doughty
Frank Deni by Carmella Deni & Family

Friday, May 10

- 7:00 am Stella Sovinski by Nigam Family
Michael & Andrew Varbanov by Mother
Mary & Louise Carcelli
by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
- 8:00 am Sandra Carden by Louis Rothenbueger
Dolly Sciandra by Margaret Estes

Saturday, May 11

- 8:00 am Eleanor Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney
Peter Varbanov by Wife
- 9:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 11:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Anthony & Mary Cosentino by Pam Pantano
Mary Wyzykowski by Family
Linda Grandits by Grandits Family
- 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Sophie Biernat by Son, Father Leon Bienat
Edward Bieda by Eloise & Paul Donovan
- 9:30 am Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
- 11:00 am Sophie & Bernard Balcerek by Daughter,
Christine
Erich Zagskorn, Jr. by Family
Teresa Pileri & Nancy Cammilleri
by Josephine & Angelo Cammilleri
Mother's Day Novena
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Sons, Eric & Brian

SENIOR CITIZENS

Meeting and Mother's Day Luncheon, May 13, after 12:00 noon Mass, 1:15 pm lunch catered by "Johnny C's" at Ministry Center \$15 per member/\$20 per guest. Reservations to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's no later than May 6. (No cancellations after May 6.)

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

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SACRAMENTS

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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.

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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)
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