

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30 & July 1, 2018

From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, as you know, this will be the last weekend that I will be with you until December 1st as I begin my sabbatical this Sunday after celebrating Masses and Baptism. I have several thoughts and updates to share with you as we all prepare for these five months.

On the practical side of things, I wish to clarify and update you on a few matters of importance. First, and most important, I am glad to announce that the long awaited St. Gregory the Great Cornerstone "Wall of Fame" was installed last week in the Ministry Center. As you recall, Richard "Rick" Vivacqua and Tom and Angela Vacanti were the first inductees last year at the annual Parish Auction. This year, I am very pleased and honored to announce that both Allegra Perna and Cheryl Bertovich will be inducted as the 2018 Cornerstone honorees at the Parish Auction on Saturday, November 3, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Among the many contributions of both Allegra and Cheryl to St. Greg's, they have worked to chair our Great Race for more than twenty years. Congratulations and thank you for all you have done. I hope and pray we all reserve the date to come to honor and thank Allegra and Cheryl for their many contributions to St. Gregory the Great.

At the same time I wish to thank both Allegra and Cheryl and all of our parishioners and friends who assisted to make this year's Great Race another Great event! As always, the weather was awesome as well as the actual race and party afterwards. The Great Race is certainly the "kick off to summer" event for us and I believe a great time was had by all! Thank you to our runners, to all of our workers, our sponsors and all who attended!

It has come to my attention that some do not understand the project of our pews being replaced. I have written about this project in the past and will try to give a brief summary here. One of the projects from the parish's share of **Upon this Rock** was the refinishing of the church pews. As our monies have been coming in, and we are required to spend them, as outlined in the Upon This Rock Campaign. The pews and refinishing of the church floor are being bid out by the Buildings and Grounds committee. Their initial work has shown that replacing the pews will save the parish anywhere from \$10,000 to \$20,000, as replacement costs less than refinishing. The pews are cracked in many spots and were refitted nearly 20 years ago to fit the "in the round" look rather than the original all-straight-facing-forward benches. The kneelers were also retrofitted to work with the new church configuration. The kneelers are really at the complete end of their service life. New church benches and kneelers will actually save the parish money, allow us to have benches that actually fit an "in the round" configuration and be able to be completed in a fraction of the time (about 1 ½ months all at once rather than 6 months or more of a section-by-section approach). This is a project that hopefully will be completed next year. I am awaiting the final recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee as well as the Finance Council. I hope this clarifies any misconceptions.

Along with misconceptions, there appears to be a falsity that I have cancelled Mission this summer and requested it be moved to Lent. Our annual summer Mission in fact is postponed and being moved to Lent. This recommendation was from the leadership of Mission itself and not engineered by me as the pastor. Given some changes in Mission's lay leadership, Sr. Shawn now becoming the Spiritual Director of Mission, and other factors, the Mission leadership team felt it best to wait until Lent. They also felt that more people will take advantage of Mission in Lent. Lent is a natural time that many think of more spiritual growth opportunities. I am thankful to Deacon Peter for his leadership of Mission last year and I am thankful to Sr. Shawn for her willingness to pick up the role of Spiritual Director for Mission. (continued on pg. 2)

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. July 2: Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Matthew 8:18-22
Tues. July 3: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Wed. July 4: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
Thurs. July 5: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
Fri. July 6: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13
Sat. July 7: Amos 9:11-15 Matthew 9:14-17
Sun. July 8: Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B); 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rich in love

Reading I Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (God's justice and its rejection by the wicked)
Reading II 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:13-15 (liberal giving)
Gospel Mark 5:21-43 (the daughter of Jairus; the woman with a hemorrhage)
Key Passage For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
(2 Corinthians 8:9)

Adult: *When have you felt enriched by a sacrifice you made for another?*

Child: *Whom could you help by your acts of kindness this week?*

MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, July 7 and 8, our Diocese will take up a second collection to support the missions. Bishop Renatas Leonard Niwande from Tanzania will speak at the Masses. There will be one collection for the two offerings.

Summer Hours

In July and August, the Catholic Store and Café will be closing at 2:00 pm during the week. Our Saturday and Sunday hours will remain the same. Have no fear, we will still be open on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00 pm for pizza nights.

PARISH SOCIAL/NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners and new families are invited to join us for refreshments next Sunday, July 8, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms. If you have questions about our Faith or would like to register with the Parish, please join us.

NEWLY DESIGNATED PEWS

In an effort to assist our parishioners with special needs, we now have newly designated seating in the Church which is labeled. Please sit in the labeled pews and you will be able to receive Communion from a Priest or Eucharistic Minister who will come to you.

From the Desk of the Pastor (cont'd from pg. 1)

Thank you to all who make Mission an awesome experience every year. I hope and pray our team will persevere and plan Mission for Lent as they propose, and I give them my full support as I have every year at St. Greg's. I look forward to Mission every year myself and actually have been present almost every night of the seven nights of Mission since 2014 when I arrived as Pastor.

Finally, as a priest for 26 years and a pastor for 13 years, I have learned many things about my call, duty, role and responsibility as a priest and pastor. I hope and pray to learn more as I take this sabbatical to pray, rest, study, write, read and travel. The core responsibility of a priest and pastor is to re-orientate our reality to God's Truth. This is a complicated task in this age of relativism where many desire their own reality to be "truth" without regard to how their "reality" interacts with God's Truth. If we live in the Truth of God, then we live in the freedom of God's sons and daughters. If we live the lies of the secular world, then we usually live in anger towards those who espouse a life of faith.

Over our four plus years together, I have called our parish family to the Truth of God and to reject whatever does not speak of the Gospel. At times this has evoked a greater sense of unity among those who desire fully to be part of the Body of Christ and at other times it has caused division as we are confronted with cold facts that many things we wish to accept as "ok" or "it's your choice" are in opposition to the Gospel. As a pastor, I will not put the Gospel second to anything. Please know that I love everyone in our parish family. I love those who are striving to live a holy life in full compliance with the Gospel and I love those who have challenged the Gospel and my right to preach it. I do love you all. This love includes the fact that my ultimate goal is for each of us to be in Heaven. The path to Heaven is quite clear in our Catholic Catechism and Scripture. The road to Hell is also quite clear. My role, responsibility, privilege and right is to keep our family on the path towards Heaven. As the "Father" of this family, I cannot create a new normal that is not of God.

As I move into the gift of these five months of prayer, reflection, study, travel and rest, I will pray daily for you as I ask you pray for me. Together may we emerge in December as more open to embracing the Truth of God into our lives and more committed to working together to abiding within the Church and Body of Christ. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always!

Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass, please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678.

For adults & children with disabilities and special needs
and their families

LUAU DISABILITY PICNIC

Aloha

You are cordially invited to the
Annual Disability Picnic on
Saturday, July 14
12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm
in the Parish Ministry Center

Add to our summertime
banquet table and bring
your favorite casserole,
salad or dessert to share
(8-12 servings).
Hot dogs and
beverages
are provided!



Music & Dancing



Free Admission

To Register, please email jrischmiller@stgregs.org
or call 688-5760 if you plan to attend.

Our air-conditioned facility is completely accessible, including bathrooms.

Sponsored by St. Gregory Parish Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities Co-Sponsored by the Inclusion Team of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo

K of C Soccer Challenge Champions!

St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus Council held a Soccer Challenge June 15 at the Great Race. Boys & girls ages 9-14 years old were allowed 15 penalty kicks into a score zoned goal. (Age on Sept. 1, 2018)

The Boys' Champions from this competition are:

- Carter Petri – age 9
(tie-breaker shoot off against Kye Petri)
- Niko Magaris – age 12
- Stephen Zelazny – age 14

The Girls' Champions from this competition are:

- Jeana Piwko – age 12
- Giana Longwell – age 13
- Madeline Moslow – age 14

Each of these winners will compete in the District competition to be held in Oct., tentatively at St. Gregory's. Congratulations to all those who participated!



GREAT RACE 2018



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The Great Race was once again a wonderful evening. Our sincere thanks to our Presenting Sponsor **Elderwood at Williamsville**, our Major Sponsor **William E. & Ann L. Swan Foundation**, our Race Sponsor **EnergyMark**, as well as Trophy Sponsors **Dave Smith Ford** and **Smolen Bonghi Fleischmann**. Other major sponsors **Mike Smith Buick** and **Transit Lanes**. A special thank you is extended to all of the individual sponsors whose combined contributions of time and monetary support of the T-shirts, Stage, Beer, Wine, Ice cream, Refreshments, Runner's table, Activities, Race Course, Water Stop, Mile Markers and Promo Tables made the GREAT RACE an outstanding success. We hope everyone enjoyed the music provided by Hit n Run and the atmosphere of community that surrounded all who attended. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year to make GREAT RACE 2019 another great event. **A very special thank you to the 50+ people who volunteered their time the day of the race. You made it a wonderful event.** We hope we have not overlooked anyone who helped support our Great Race. If we did please accept our apologies as it was not intentional. Again, THANK YOU

Allegra Perna & Cheryl Bertovich
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Respect Life

Preserving Religious Freedom Religious (from USCCB.org): Although Americans generally do not face the kind of violent persecution endured by many people of faith around the world, Pope Francis [spoke] of a "polite persecution" that many people face, as "when someone is persecuted not for confessing Christ's name, but for wanting to demonstrate the values of the Son of God".

Religious freedom continues to be threatened in the U.S., drastically limiting the Church's ability to help those in need. Three examples:

Catholic foster care and adoption services. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois forced local Catholic Charities out of adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, ending government contracts, or both—because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

Immigration laws and policies. Several states have passed laws that forbid what they call "harboring" undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to immigrants. After urging a ban on Muslim migrants and refugees during the campaign, the new Administration has imposed special restrictions on entry into the United States from several Muslim-majority countries.

Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its grant specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

Pope Francis has asked American Catholics to protect religious freedom, both in the U.S. and throughout the world.

"[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. [The] U.S. Bishops have reminded us ...all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, July 11, from 7:00-9:00 pm in Gathering Room 2.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information, contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

Ladies of The Lord . . .

Our next meeting/picnic will be held at Spaulding Lake on Thursday, July 12, at 2:30-7:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm.

Senior Citizens

Monday, July 9, 1:00 pm, Summer picnic by Chivetta's BBQ prepared on site, Clarence Town Park, 10405 Main St Members: \$17, Guests: \$20. Door prizes and live music for listening & dancing by Tom & Diane. Reservations to Dolores Mason at 574-6405 no later than July 2.

Monday, August 20, Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person. \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

Tuesday, August 28, Seneca Allegany Casino Customer Appreciation Day, \$30 per person, \$30/Slot Dollars and free buffet lunch. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 9:00 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

September 17-22, Nashville, Tennessee, motorcoach, featuring the Grand Ole Opry, \$745/person double occupancy. 5 nights lodging and breakfasts, 3 dinners including Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre, performances at Grand Ole Opry and Texas Troubadour Theater and much more. Reservations/deposit due by August 15.

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. **For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

SVDP FURNITURE/APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next furniture pickup date resumes on **Saturday, July 7.** If you have any of the following items, we ask that you contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message with your contact information. We will call you to make arrangements. We can only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area and all furniture and appliances must be located in the garage or covered porch. Please refer to the list of what we are able to accept and note all appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs).

Appliances: Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

MEMORIALIZATION & SPECIAL DATES

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, July 11, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is *Memorialization & Special Dates*. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office Summer hours: Monday - Thursday
from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Parents Needed for 2018 Vacation Bible School! Be a Game Captain, Drama Coach, Crafts Leader or a Refreshments Captain! VBS runs from July 9 –13, parent volunteers come from 8:45 am-12 noon. VBS kids are 3 years old by December 31, 2017 - through Grade 4. Please call 688-5760 for more information.

2018-2019 FFF Program Registration:

Go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

Weekly FFF Program (Gr 1-10) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information go to www.stgregs.org/program-options/ then select your child's grade level.

Little Cherubs (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5) Register Online or In Person. Classes run once a week, September 2018 through April 2019. For program information, go to www.stgregs.org/pre-school/

Help Support St. Gregory the Great Scholarship Fund

FCSLA– First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association presents:

Annual Golf Outing

Tuesday, July 24
Chestnut Hill Country Club

Golf, Cart, Food, and Drinks — \$85.00
Just come for the Steak Dinner — \$40.00
Become A “Hole Sponsor” — \$25.00

Mini Golf Tournament

Wednesday, July 25
Broadway Driving Range in
Depew

\$8.00 for mini golf and a soft serve ice cream

For more information, Please contact John Gonsiorek
894-4220 or Lifeman88@roadrunner.com

All Proceeds Benefit the St. Gregory the Great
Scholarship Fund

JOIN THE PARISH

If you are recently married and live in our area, we invite you to join our parish. Contact the Parish Office at (716) 688-5678 to register.

St. Gregory the Great Ladies of Charity 25th Anniversary Tea

The St. Gregory the Great Parish Ladies of Charity (LOC) held a Tea for current and future members to celebrate their 25 Anniversary. The first meeting of the St. Gregory the Great LOC was held on June 21, 1993. It was started by Margaret Gleason and Eileen Nowak, Director of Parish Outreach and Advocacy, who forged a partnership to start the association in response to an article Margaret had read in the parish newsletter about the diocesan Ladies of Charity.

The Ladies were honored to have as their guests Father Leon Biernat, Father Francis Lombardo, Father Tom Mahoney, Father Paul Cygan and Sister Shawn Czyzycki. Father Leon re-committed our officers Susan Ward, President, Mary Ann Held, VP, Katie Ola, Secretary and Susan Ognibene, Treasurer.

Our current president Susan Ward shared a short history of the original members and the various ladies who have served as officers for the parish LOC and on the diocesan board. Eileen Nowak presented the association a plaque from Catholic Charities in recognition of the time and treasure the Parish Ladies of Charity have contributed to the Buffalo Association over the past 25 years.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of sandwiches and desserts, freshly brewed tea and iced tea. The event was co-chaired by Mary Joan Fix and Marilyn Leslie.



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 our summer schedule! If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole at 688-5678 Ext 341.

High School

Visit stgregsym.org for our summer schedule!

SWAT Team: July 3

SWAT (Spiritual Weapons and Tactics) is our high-school prayer group designed for those who want to dive deeper into the Bible and explore the Catholic faith. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm for discussion or simply adoration time! Food and fun is included!

High-School Hangouts: July 12, 19, 26

Help us take over the entire Ministry Center for a night of fun and games! Nothing fancy, just show up enjoy some snacks and have a good time. Starts at 7:00 pm!
If you have any questions about High-School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

College

College Summer Lineup: Open for recent High-School Grads to recent College Grads.

Summer Nights - Mondays in June, 7:00pm in the Café. Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus. We'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, and throwing a Frisbee.

Summer Closeout Party - Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm: Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give-aways, and a send-off blessing!

College Life returns this fall - We'll be back to break open the faith and build community in a big way. We're revamping College Life for this fall and will be open to all college students nearby. Stay tuned for dates!

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Summer Lineup: Open for all 18-30 some-things.

Mass and BBQ – July 14, 4:00pm Mass with a BBQ following for young adults in the Café! It's easy, you fill up your spirit, then you fill up your stomach. Swing by, meet other young adults, and grab a hot dog or burger!

Mass and Lunch - Wednesdays at 12:00pm Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after Mass, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat with us.

Oasis Magazine and website: Sign up for the online magazine for young adults both home and away for original content to keep you fresh. Take a look at the website (stgregsYM.org) or follow us on Instagram [@stgregsyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyoungadults) for events and gatherings.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in this world is for good people to do nothing! [Edmund Burke]

VOCATION VIEW

Great things, even miracles, can happen to those who call upon and put their trust in Jesus. How are you called to remind those in despair of the great and unmatched hope that they have in Jesus? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org!

Marriage Moment

"Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. You depend on your spouse to keep their word, to be there when you're feeling hurt, to watch the kids so you can have a break.

Parenting Perspective

In reflecting back on parenting your children, remember that you are responsible for the process in raising your children, not the outcome. Your success or failure does not depend on theirs. Don't beat yourself up or take undue pride because of what your child does.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to help out the future church? Do you enjoy working with middle schooler or high schoolers? Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Greg's? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd love to have you join the St. Greg's Youth Ministry team! With a constantly expanding ministry, we at SGYM, are always in need of any help that we can get from fantastic people like you! You can contact us anytime via phone or email. Please consider using your gifts and talents to help out the youth of this parish!

Follow St. Greg's on Social Media



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
- Follow us on Twitter [@StGregsBuffalo](https://twitter.com/StGregsBuffalo)
- Download the St. Greg's Mobile App. Search St. Gregory the Great and enjoy daily spiritual quotes.



Catechist's Corner

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

Catechists Needed for Disciple Camp! You can help children (Grades 5-8) learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Family Faith Formation! We provide you with training, materials, and support. **If you're interested** in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.

Dates and times you can help teach for Disciple Camp (Grades 5 - 8) July 16 - 20:

All Day: 8:45 am - 4:15 pm
Mornings only: 8:45 - 12 noon
Afternoons only: 12 noon - 4:15 pm



Disciple Camp students have a lesson by the Grotto.

Kindergarten Readiness Camp

St. Gregory the Great is offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp for Children ages 4-6. This camp will focus on academic, social, emotional and motor skills. Two sessions will be offered: Monday Aug 13-Thursday August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursday, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 -11:30am. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

Stream Sprouts Young Scientists Club

Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2, from 8:30 -11:30am led by Mrs. Andzik. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are eligible. Explore the wonderful world of science with this hands-on, inquiry-based, and engaging after-school club. Students will conduct experiments to explore basic scientific principles. Register as soon as possible, as there is a maximum number of 14 students. The \$100 class dues includes supplies. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, July 1

Monday, July 2

10:30 am Senior Citizens Board Mtg. (MC 1)

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Mtg. (GR 1&2)

Tuesday, July 3

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

7:00 pm S.W.A.T.(MC Basement)

7:00 pm Executive Council (MC Café)

7:30 pm Baptism Class MC (MC 2)

Wednesday, July 4

Parish Closed- Independence Day

Thursday, July 5

6:30 pm SVDP Meeting (GR 1)

Friday, July 6

8:00 am VBS Set Up (School gym, Cafeteria, & Classrooms)

Saturday, July 7

8:00 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)

5:30 pm Mission Trip Commissioning Mass (Church)

Sunday, July 8

St. Greg's School

OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

Out of Parish

Summer Driver Education Program: sponsored by Cardinal O'Hara High School from July 16 to Aug. 6. Participants may choose from several class times. Drivers who complete the course with a passing grade of 65 or above will receive a DMV Certificate of Completion and will be eligible for insurance reduction certificate. The cost is \$490 with a \$100 deposit required and the balance due the first day of class. A student's permit or license is due prior to the start of class. For more information or to receive a registration form, email at bknot@cardinalohara.com or go to the O'Hara web site, www.cardinalohara.com.

O'HARAFEST: Cardinal O'Hara High School invites all alumni, current students and incoming students and their families to O'Harafest 2018, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the school's backyard sports complex. Live music from The Jim Levinthal Band, also food and beverages. Tickets for adults are \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door (children are free). For reservations/information, call the school at 695-2600, ext. 312 or 311 or email rorr@cardinalohara.com. All are welcome.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 30

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Joshua Roetzer by Tina & JoJo
Edwin Egan by Bud & Gail Beck
5:30 pm Dolores Maurer by Family

Sunday, July 1 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Milo & Virginia Faley
by Curazzato Family
9:30 am Jane Kenna by Tom & Mary Jo Kenna
Robert & Mary Ann Cecchini
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis LaGree
11:00 am Marion Rauh by Rauh Family
Norman Winkler
by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Todaro
12:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Liz Czarnecki
4:30 pm Donald J. Collins II by Mary Pope
Devin J. Waring by Burns Family

Monday, July 2

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Margaret S. Burns by Karen Dobos
8:00 am Josephine T. Bochiechio by Meena
& OM Rustagi & Family
Francis M. Murphy (birth) by Family
12:00 pm James Eugene Burns
by Marco & Laura Benedetti

Tuesday, July 3 – St. Thomas

- 7:00 am Genevieve D. O'Connell by Estate
Edward J. & Natalie F. Mach by Estate
8:00 am John & Rose Mary (living) DiPasquale
by Son, Jay
12:00 pm Carmelina Salandra by Husband, Al
Rev. Msgr. Rupert Wright
by Ron & Kathy Benson

Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day

- 8:00 am Helen Rowley (Birth) by Michelle Bertola
Constanza B. Maindal by Edith Varbanov

Thursday, July 5

- 7:00 am John Tronolone by Family
Richard Romanowski by Estate
8:00 am Joseph Palka by John & Amy Persons
12:00 pm Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel
Matilda A. Prazmark by Daughter

Friday, July 6

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am Joseph Palka by Family
Lucille Cullen by Mary Lou Daigler
12:00 pm Thomas A. Fortunato (birth)
by Pat Fortunato & Family
Gaetano Amabile by Amabile Sisters

Saturday, July 7

- 8:00 am Patrick Pujolas by Carol Pujolas
Alice Ciresi by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gallo

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary Lou Dillman by Rose Ann Lokaj
5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
Thomas J. Shanahan by Wife & Family

Sunday, July 8 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki
Devin Waring by Allegra Perna
& Dawne Vullo
9:30 am Josephine Caldiero by Children
11:00 am Stefania Kubus
by Nicholas & Jessica Ann Urbanski
Rose Hoelscher by Irma Narduzzo
12:30 pm John & Irene Tammaro
by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
4:30 pm Mary Jane Vetrano
by Felix & Yvonne Labaki
Juanita Schober by Chris' Tennis Friends

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

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

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

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

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

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

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

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