

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

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~ IN SERVICE



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21 & 22, 2018

From The Desk of the Deacon Michael Bochiechio

My Brothers and Sisters of St. Greg's,

At the end of Mass, some parishioners have asked what else I do besides serve as a Deacon at Masses on the weekend. Well for starters, I have a Monday through Friday job at the Erie County Department of Social Services. Currently I work in the Community Medicaid Division of Public Health in the Rath Building at 95 Franklin Street.

Upon graduating from Christ the King Seminary in 2009 with a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry, and being ordained a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Kmiec, I was assigned to Gateway Longview as my "out of the parish" ministry. I have been volunteering in Spiritual Life at Gateway-Longview, offering youth who are there a "Spiritual" aspect to their stay. Gateway-Longview is a Methodist-based facility and has a spiritual component in addition to the other services offered. For the youth residents, participation in the programs that Spiritual Life provides is voluntary.

On any given Tuesday night, I am in the Robert Burns Lynde Memorial Chapel where you most likely will hear Rap-Worship music playing, and although this may be unconventional to some, the residents respond well. I lead a non-denominational chapel service starting with music followed by a Scripture reading, and most often a modern day film that incorporates the Gospel teachings of Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We conclude with a reflective spiritual discussion on how the teachings of Jesus are alive in today's world and how that theme is reflected in the movie.

Utilizing skills I learned at Christ the King Seminary, I use an open mind and door to meet these young men where they are at that moment in time, offering them a glimmer of hope to enable them to envision a way to change their lives for the better.

For me personally, it is like planting a flower garden from a handful of seeds. You are not sure what type of flowers the seeds will grow into and you may be surprised on how they blossom and grow. That is very rewarding to me!

Through the weekly services there is an opportunity for youth to explore their own spirituality, and I attempt to show them the stepping stones for them to grow spiritually. Life is a journey for all of us and we each need to be that stepping stone for each other. My prayer is that I am able to help these young men see that their time at Gateway-Longview can be the first stepping stone on their journey to a new start in their lives. Please keep me in your prayers as I spread the Gospel to the residents at this facility. Amen.

Disciple Camp Students will have a Car Wash to raise funds for the Nicaragua Mission this Sunday, July 22, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in front of the School. Thank you for your support!!



Parish Weekend Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. July 23: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
Tues. July 24: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wed. July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Thurs. July 26: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
Fri. July 27: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
Sat. July 28: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30
Sun. July 29: 2 Kings 4:42-44 (110-B); Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come away and rest

Reading I Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Messianic reign)
Reading II Ephesians 2:13-18 (all united in Christ)
Gospel Mark 6:30-34 (return of the disciples)
Key Passage The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."
(Mark 6:30-31a)

Adult: What do you do to rest so that you can return to work refreshed?

Child: When will you take time to stop and pray this week?

VOCATION VIEW

Even when Jesus was tired and burdened, His desire to care for those who sought Him was not diminished. Who is Jesus sending to you, and how should you care for them? 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!

Health Ministry

RESPIRE for Memory Care is now accepting Registrations for NEW CLIENTS. Do you have a loved one or know someone who would enjoy joining our Memory Care Group monthly for Socialization, Activities and Lunch? Our Volunteers offer a Respite Care Program the first Saturday of the month here at St. Greg's from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Gathering Rooms. If you know someone who would benefit from our program please call the Parish Nurse office for information. 688-5678 Ext.339. May the Lord bless all those who provide this beautiful ministry and all who will come to take part in it.

HOST OFFERING

In honor of Howard & Sally Hutton
for 50th Wedding Anniversary

Wedding Anniversary Mass

A special Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated by Bishop Malone for couples celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary for the year of 2018. Join Bishop Malone on Sunday, October 14, at 10:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral located in downtown Buffalo. Following the Mass, formal pictures of the couple with Bishop Malone will take place in the Lady Chapel located to the left of the main sanctuary. If you wish to attend, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678 by August 24.

BECOME AN "ANGEL" IN A CHILD'S LIFE

We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. With tuition rising each year (for 2018-19 it is now over \$4,000 for one child) your help is needed more than ever. Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help to make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our Parish School. Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Donations under \$250 will be pooled together for a Scholarship. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. Parents of current St. Gregory's students do not serve on the committee. Strict confidentiality of donors and award recipients will be maintained. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic Education and positively touch the life of a child in our parish with your generosity. Please join us in this wonderful endeavor. For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In June we Baptized 11 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Felix John Biagiotti, Decker James Carr, Gianna Filippa D'Angelo, Annabelle Joan Durbin, Juliana Christine Fudella, Logan Ignatius Harris, Dylan Nello Hickey, Reed Frederick Morey, Hudson James Rademacher, Eliza Maureen Tomco and Dillon Joseph Wayo.**

Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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.



**19th Annual Great Dinner Auction
 "An Evening in Monte Carlo"
 Saturday, November 3, at 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 dinerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.

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.

Did You Know . . .

. . . that St. Greg's is no longer notified when a parishioner is admitted to a hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know where your loved ones are. Please call us at the Parish Office at 688-5678 so they can be remembered in our prayers and added to the Prayer Chain.

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).

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).

**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
 894-4550 or Lifeman88@roadrunner.com

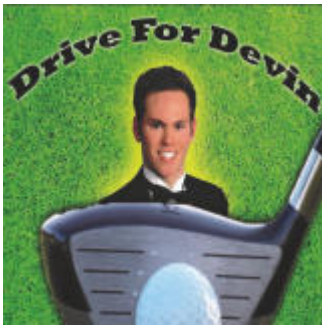
**All Proceeds Benefit the St. Gregory the Great
 Scholarship Fund**

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, August 1, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "*Healing Power of Meditation.*" 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.

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. **There are no evening hours on Wednesday in July and August.**



On December 16, 2017, our lives were forever changed. My heart was shattered. My family was devastated. That was the day my oldest son, Devin, took his own life, just three months after his 18th birthday. To say that I was blindsided would be an understatement. Devin was an incredibly gifted athlete. He was dedicated to keeping himself fit and planned on enlisting in the Marine Corps this June.

Devin's true gift, however, was his presence. He could walk into a room and not only light it up but control it with his mere being. Devin had a way about him that drew people in. He had more friends than one could imagine, and he loved every one of them. When I look at the faces of those kids and see the impact which Devin's death had on so many, I know that I must do something to try to spare another family from experiencing the same pain that we are living through.

Unfortunately, stories like my family's are far too common. Stories like Devin's happen more than anyone wants to talk about. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for kids aged 10-24. More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, COMBINED.

This is the reason we are hosting **Drive for Devin**. On Friday, July 27, 2018 a 9-hole golf tournament in Devin's memory will be played at Deerwood Golf Course in North Tonawanda, followed by a dinner at Classics V on Niagara Falls Blvd. The money raised from this tournament will go to support children, teens and adults in their time of crisis. Crisis Services provides treatment and assistance to people in emotional crisis through a variety of therapeutic services. I want people to know that help is always there if they find themselves in crisis. ***"You Are Never Alone."***

THE 1ST DRIVE FOR DEVIN **July 27, 2018**

Golf:

Deerwood Golf course (North Tonawanda)
Progressive Tee times beginning at 11:00 am
2-person scramble format
On-course Contests

Donation:

\$85 for Golf, Golf Cart, Dinner and Gift
\$50 for Dinner and Gift
\$20 for Children 12 & under
\$25 for Shirt

Dinner:

Classics Five Banquet Hall (2425 Niagara Falls Blvd.)
Cash Bar with Complimentary Draft Beer & Wine at 4:30pm
Dinner 6:00pm
Door prizes, raffles & more

Major Sponsor:

\$2500 plus Donation includes a foursome for the event. Special recognition at the golf course, dinner, and in the event program

Course Sponsor:

\$1000 plus donation includes a twosome for the event. Signage at golf course and clubhouse, and recognition in the event program.

Dinner Sponsor:

\$500 plus donation includes a twosome for the event. Signage on dinner tables and recognition in the event program.

Hole Sponsor:

\$200 Donation includes signage at a hole on the course and recognition in the event program.

Program Sponsor:

Includes recognition in the event program.

Par:\$25 Birdie:\$50 Eagle:\$ 100

To Register :

Visit our website: www.Drive4devin.com/Driv4devin

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DRIVE FOR DEVIN



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)

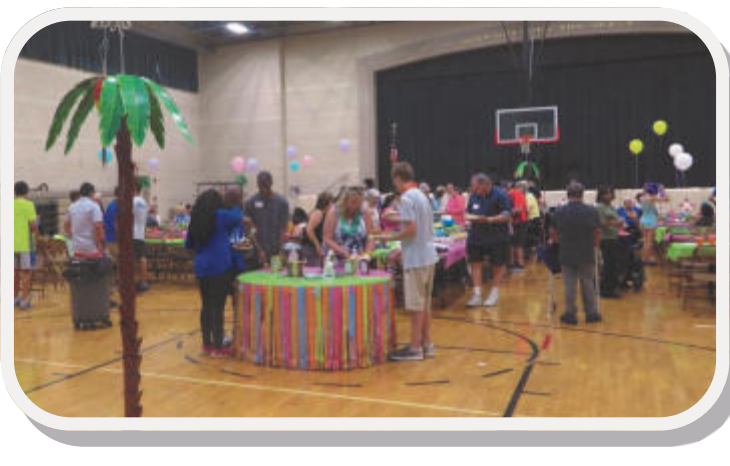
"ADORERS NEEDED!!!" You are invited to

join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you.

We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. ***"There is a great need for Midnight-6:00 am adorers, especially Wednesday 3:00-4:00 am.***

If you are a student or teacher off for the summer, please consider an early morning spot. Thank you."

Disability Picnic- July 14, 2018



Senior Citizens

Monday, August 13 Monthly meeting, **2:00-4:00 pm** in the Ministry Center with a White Elephant sale and ice cream social, as well as election of officers.

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.**

Family Faith Formation

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

Thank you to all of the Parent and High-School Volunteers who helped to make Vacation Bible School a wonderful success! We couldn't have done it without you!

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/

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 & 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 at the Grotto or in the Church in inclement weather.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING CONCERN/IMPORANT REMINDER: Please observe the parking lot Handicap signs, and do not park in the striped area between the parking spaces. This prevents our parishioners with Special Needs from being able to enter/exit their vehicles.

Leaving Religious Items in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Every item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

Do not turn to prayer hoping to enjoy spiritual delights; rather come to prayer totally content to receive nothing or to receive great blessing from God's hand, whichever should be your Heavenly Father's will for you at that time. [Jeanne Guyan, 1648-1717]

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the parish office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. "*Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!*" (Mark 11:24)

Marriage Moment

Summer is a time of rest – sort of. Maybe you take a vacation or ease up on your work schedule. But you may still feel busy. Consider, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31) Can you take some quiet, restful couple time this week?

Parenting Perspective

July 22 is Parents' Day in the USA. Sure, we already have Mother's Day and Father's Day, but why not make this a day that doesn't involve cards or gifts but rather do something fun as a family this weekend. Honor yourselves, even if it just means taking a nap.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Mass and Lunch: July 23, 30

Join for noon Mass, followed by food, fun, and friends afterwards!

Rooted: July 27

This brand-new Bible study meets at 5:30pm and is open to everyone entering 8th grade or 9th grade this fall! If you want to explore the Catholic Faith even further, this is for you!

Movie Nights: July 27

Join us at 7:00 pm on the front lawn of the Ministry Center for food, games, and a bonfire! When the sun goes down, enjoy a giant screening of our featured movie! If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

High School Summer Schedule is starting! Open to all graduated 8th graders through graduated 12th graders!

SWAT Team: July 24, 31

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 7:00 pm for discussion or simply adoration time! Food and fun is included!

Mass and Lunch: July 25

Join us for noon Mass, followed by food and fun afterwards. Every Wednesday at 12:00pm!

High-School Hangout: July 26

Join us every Thursday starting at 7:00 pm for fun and games outside, a bonfire, s'mores, snacks and a movie projected onto the wall of the Ministry Center! All are welcome. If you have any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

Young Adult Ministry

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

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 [@stgregsyounadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyounadults) for events and gatherings.

College

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

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!



Respect Life

National NFP Awareness Week: From July 23 to July 29, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops is holding its annual education campaign to promote awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP). **This year's theme is, "Generations of Love: *Humanae Vitae* (1968-2018) Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love!"**

The dates of NFP Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For more information, contact nfp@usccb.org.


From *Married Life and the Gift of Love* (USCCB, 2006): "Natural methods of family planning involve fertility education that enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it.

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is this ability in and through their love to cooperate with God's creative power. Therefore, the mutual gift of... [t]hat power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other. Suppressing fertility by using contraception denies part of the inherent meaning of married sexuality and does harm to the couple's unity. The total giving of oneself, body and soul, to one's beloved is no time to say: 'I give you everything I am— except...' The Church's teaching is not only about observing a rule, but about preserving that total, mutual gift of two persons in its integrity." (From usccb.org)

"Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."



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Take St. Gregory's wherever you go.  The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store;
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great";
- 3) Download the mobile app!

Out of Parish

ATTENTION RUNNERS AND WALKERS:

Lace up your sneakers and register for the 11th annual St. Christopher's Summerfest 5K Run or 1 mile fun walk, Saturday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. at 2660 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda. Held during St. Christopher's annual Summerfest; 5K run on flat, fast and scenic course or 1 mile fun walk for non-runners. Trophies to overall, masters, senior masters winners and medals to top 3 in each age group. Commemorative technical shirt for first 175, beer and food included with registration. Live music after race with rides and other attractions! Online registration available at <http://score-this.com>. Come for the run, stay for the fun!!!

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

will be at Our Lady of Pompeii church for Veneration on Tuesday, August 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. a vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated followed by the Rosary and presentation by Mr. Bill Sockey, who is the custodian of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and travels with the Statue throughout the United States. Stockey will present the Message of Our Lady of Fatima, that will include the five reasons for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the promise by Our Lady of Fatima that was confided to Sr. Lucia, one of the three children who witnessed the Marian apparitions at Fatima.

Triduum to St. Anne at St. John Kanty, Broadway at Brownell, Buffalo on Thursday, July 26, at 8:30 am, Friday, July 27 at 8:30 am, and Saturday, July 28 at 4 pm. St. Anne is considered a saint because of her role as the mother of Mary, grandmother of Jesus Christ, and as a devout and pious servant to the Lord God.

Lawn Fete at Good Shepherd RC Parish, July 29, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, 5442 Tonawanda Creek Road North. Join us on the parish property where Saint John Neumann and Venerable Nelson Baker both walked! Chicken chowder, Chicken dinners by Krolicks, car show, children's games, flea market rooms, music, beer tent, food and drinks, raffles of cash and more! Handicap accessible. RAIN OR SHINE.

For information, 716-625-8594.

Summerfest 2018 at Fourteen Holy Helpers Parish,

1345 Indian Church Rd., West Seneca from August 2-5. Kicking off with a Meat Raffle on Thursday, August 2, at 7:00 pm in the hall. Join us each day for delicious dinners, raffles, Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, and much more. Prepare to be entertained with great live music including Nerds Gone Wild, Hit N' Run, and The Buffalo Touch Polka Band. Don't miss our Polka Mass on Sunday, August 5, at 12:00 noon, followed by our Polish Dinner. For more information, visit <http://www.14hh.org> or call 716-674-2374.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, July 22

9:00 am Disciple Camp Car Wash (in Front of School)

Monday, July 23

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)

12:00 pm Youth Ministry Mass, Lunch & Games
(MC Gym/Foyer)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Business Meeting (MC 3)

Tuesday, July 24

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

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

Wednesday, July 25

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)

10:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Foyer)

Thursday, July 26

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout
(MC Gym, Basement, Front Lawn)

Friday, July 27

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Prayer Group
(MC Basement)

7:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Movie Night
(MC Gym/Lawn)

Saturday, July 28 - Visiting Priest from Food for the Poor Ministries

Sunday, July 29—Visiting Priest from Food for the Poor Ministries

Out of Parish (continued)

Lutherans and Catholics Together: An Evening Conversation

on Wednesday, August 15, at 7:00 pm at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora. Fr. Peter Drilling and Lutheran Pastors Tim Madsen and Daniel Hoffman will discuss and share about the 500th Commemoration of the Reformation and the ongoing Lutheran-Roman Catholic cooperative efforts. Everyone is welcome; no charge. We would appreciate RSVPs by August 1 and also welcome any questions submitted by that date to stpauls1827@juno.com. Please join us for this *Table Talk* as we share our common Christian faith, and stay for Evening Prayer at 9:00 pm if you can.

Concert with the Middleport Community Choir, Belltones (a handbell choir), and the Choir and Brass Ensemble of St. Andreas Church, Lubbecke, Germany

on Saturday, August 4, at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. A good-will offering will be taken. Following the concert, there will be a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ on the Cathedral Green. Tickets available pre-sale and at the door. Hot dogs, chips and pop will also be available. Call the Cathedral office for dinner reservations, 716-854-5855.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 21

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Tom & Janet Ahearn
40th Wedding Anniversary
Carolyn Kalinka by Linda, Dan & Peggy
- 5:30 pm Mary O'Brien (birth)
by Charles & Eileen Lestition

Sunday, July 22 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Carol Reid by Joyce Knoll
- 9:30 am Rose Hoelscher
by St. Gregory's Prayer Chain
David Mahoney by Brian & Christi Carroll
- 11:00 am Donald C. Huwer MD
by Doug & Mary Bolton
Joseph Barrett
by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett
- 12:30 pm Michael & Mary Ann Kozakiewicz
by Granddaughter, Christine
Piecuch Family
by Frank & Maureen Frohnapple
- 4:30 pm Devin J. Waring by Jewula Family

Monday, July 23

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Andrew Varbanov by Edith Varbanov
- 8:00 am John J. Wojnar by Nicole, Madison
& Sue Baird
- 12:00 pm Michael J. Tedesco by Friends
Charles Duerr by Karen Mansell

Tuesday, July 24

- 7:00 am Tom Delaney (anniv) by Delaney Family
- 8:00 am Gerri De Lac by Sons & Grandchildren
Daniel Kirst by Edward & Helen Clohessy
- 12:00 pm Amanda Wood by Mike & Amy DiMartino
Sandra Snider by Peg & Marilyn Boehler

Wednesday, July 25 – St. James

- 7:00 am Carolyn Zachara
by Mike & Tammy Bender
- 8:00 am David Nelligan by Tom & Kate Casey
Fr. Tom Mahoney (living)
by Devin Waring Family
- 12:00 pm Rosemary Terranova
by Lucille Christopher
Alfreda Amend
by Howard & Nancy Kielar

Thursday, July 26 – Sts. Joachim & Anne – Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am Anthony Cardone by Family
- 8:00 am Helen Wurm (anniv) by Family
David Kirst by Patricia Cusack
- 12:00 pm Edward Chiavetta by Family
Intention of Schober Family (living)
by Friend

Friday, July 27

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Howard Rodas by Dave, Maria, Gregory
& Natalie Rodas
Anthony D. Vetrano
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel
- 12:00 pm Dennis Reed by Family
Florence Anastasia (birth)
by Michael Anastasia

Saturday, July 28

- 8:00 am Christopher Gatto (birth) by Mom
Frances Varallo
by Joe & Cindy McEachon

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm James V. & Eleanor Gumina
by Thurston Family
Charles Amabile by Amabile Family
- 5:30 pm Cecelia Seliga by Rick & Beth Gerrish

Sunday, July 29 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Wally Brewer by Rudolf & May Devich
Margaret Svarczkopf by Movie Club
- 9:30 am Joseph Lojacono by Lojacono Family
Rose Hoelscher by Louise Vivacqua
- 11:00 am Deceased Members of Rauh Family
by Robert Rauh Family
Jeffrey Mruk (anniv)
by Norbert Mruk Family
- 12:30 pm Mark V. Conley
by Nancy & Christine Conley
- 1:30 pm Baptism
- 4:30 pm Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfratz
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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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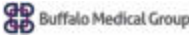
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