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PARISH COMMUNITY

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28 & 29, 2018

From the Desk of Deacon Peter Donnelly

During the great seasons of the Church - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter - we're presented with an organized theme, and our Sunday readings all point in a specific direction. Ordinary Time is different. The readings can be more chaotic, and it's difficult to know what to expect from week to week. Mark's Gospel makes it even more challenging because it's the most abrupt, chaotic of the bunch. It's been called the "Gospel of Immediacy" by some because it doesn't pause to let us catch our breath - it just keeps on hitting us with the next story. It's a lot like life - sometimes it comes at us relentlessly despite our calls for a time-out.

If we step back, though, it's easier to see patterns. That's the case with the Gospel readings over the past three weeks, culminating with the feeding of the 5,000. We heard John's version today, but Mark shares a similar story.

"Encounter" is the theme that has been developing over the past three weeks. The first chapters of Mark's Gospel provide a living classroom for the disciples as they listen to Jesus teach. But in chapter 6, Jesus takes off the training wheels and sends the disciples out on their own to encounter his people. And they stumble - badly. But today they are given another chance. Jesus pushes them back into the game, back into that place of encounter as they feed the many thousands of people. Encounter is a strong word. It means to come face-to-face with something, but not in a peaceful way. There's a clear sense of confrontation in the word. This makes sense when we apply it to the Gospels. Jesus is forcing his disciples to confront hunger, injustice, sin, and many other evils in the world.

This is a difficult thing to do. An understandable reaction is to turn away, and we see the apostles do that on many occasions. But Jesus keeps turning them around and forcing them back into the encounter. Why? Because behind the sin, or pain, or weakness is another one of God's beloved children. And they are worth the trouble.

We see many of these same issues in our world today, and we are offered the same choices. Do we turn away? Or do we turn towards the person and enter into an encounter with them? Encounter is a messy business and it forces us to become intimately connected to the pain of the world. Are we willing to take that step? It's something to think about as we move through Ordinary Time.

Food for the Poor

Father Gus Gordon will be speaking at all the weekend Masses on behalf of Food for the Poor, Inc. With the help of caring families, hundreds of thousands of people are fed every day, primarily in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Parish Weekend Office Hours

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

Grilling at the Café!

Join us for lunch every Wednesday and Friday afternoon as we will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages. Also, come anytime for lunch and breakfast and enjoy our delicious breakfast sandwiches.

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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. July 30: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35
Tues. July 31: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43
Wed. Aug. 1: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46
Thurs. Aug. 2: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53
Fri. Aug. 3: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58
Sat. Aug. 4: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12
Sun. Aug. 5: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 (113-B); Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gifts of hope

Reading I 2 Kings 4:42-44 (Elisha: the multiplication of loaves)

Reading II Ephesians 4:1-6 (unity in the Mystical Body)

Gospel John 6:1-15 (multiplication of the loaves)

Key Passage When [the people] were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those that had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. (John 6:12-13)

Adult: *When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?*

Child: *What loving gift could you give to another person this week?*

VOCATION VIEW

From the little bit of bread and fish that a young boy had to offer Jesus fed a great multitude. From this we learn that even when what we have to offer seems insignificant Jesus augments our gift tremendously. What is your gift to offer? 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!

PRIEST RETIREMENT APPEAL

Please support our retired priests! Show your appreciation for the Diocesan priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to the second collection next weekend, **August 4 and 5**, to provide care for our retired priests.

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.

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.

DISABILITY PICNIC SPECIAL THANKS!

The Disability Family picnic on Saturday, July 12, was a very successful and over 200 people attended our annual event. A very special thank you to the following:

Fr. Paul and Fr. Tom

Clowns: Erin Strassburg and Chelsea Reed

Donations:

St. Gregory's Ladies of Charity
Wardynski Meats
Midstate Bakery

Our Grilling Chef:
Andy Untick

Organized the kitchen & foods: Kathy Cavagnaro

FFF Staff

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Paula Gilbert
Eric Corra
Andrew Corra

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Patti Hartigan
Lori Chilcott
Lillian Zelazny
Pat Santoro
Jennifer Moore

Maintenance

Ron Kress
James Matthews

Music by Homer Balea

Thank you to our Family Faith Formation High-School and Disciple Camp students who helped with set up, serve & clean up.



If anyone is interested in becoming a member of our **Disability Advocates Ministry**, please contact Joan Rischmiller 688-5760 Ext, 358 or email jrischmiller@stgregs.org

LADIES OF THE LORD PRAYER BLANKETS FOR SICK CHILDREN

Ladies of the Lord has blessed prayer blankets for babies and young children who are ill or in the hospital. The children are added to our Prayer Intention Book and are in the daily prayers of all the Ladies of the Lord. To request prayers call the Parish Office (688-5678), Mary (867-0347), or Linda (689-0447).



**20th 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.

Donuts & Deacons

Join us Sunday August 5, after the 9:30 Mass to meet some of the deacon candidates that we pray for at Mass every week. Paul Walter and Bob Warner will be available to talk with parishioners over coffee and donuts, to thank you for your prayers and support all these years and answer any questions regarding their experience of Deacon formation, and their upcoming Ordination on September 15, 2018.

SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our summer pickup date resumes on **Saturday, August 4**. 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.)

St. Gregory the Great

Sunday

September 23

12 noon-5:00 pm

in the

Ministry Center



Family Bills Day

CHIAVETTA'S
Barbeque Take-Out

Watch the
Buffalo Bills

vs.
Minnesota
Vikings

Admission is FREE!

LADIES OF THE LORD...

On August 9th, the Ladies of the Lord will begin their meeting in the Gathering Room at 7:00pm with song/ Hail Holy Queen, recitation of the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet and readings from the Catholic Catechism, Bible and St. Faustina's Diary, followed by a power point presentation on important sites in Poland by Fr. Matt Nycz from Blessed Sacrament Parish. Fr. Matt will share pictures of a recent Poland Pilgrimage and he will discuss possible up-coming pilgrimages as well as the importance of Divine Mercy for these times. Q & A time permitting, followed by fellowship. All are welcome.

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.

Family Faith Formation

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

Disciple Camp was a Great Success!!

A great big thank you to all catechists and the parents who helped during lunchtime! A very special thanks to the following: Stacey Durnford (our VBS music director), Paula Gilbert, Megan Looney, Kathy Tuffillaro, Norma Tetrault, Eric and Andrew Corra, Ryan and John Courtney, Ron Kress; we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you all so very much.



Disciple Camp Students brought in soup cans ("Meals in a Can") and other non-perishable food for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.



Vacation Bible School was a Great Success!!

A great big thank you to all the Vacation Bible School High School Student Volunteers who helped throughout the week-great job! Thank you to all of the parents who helped with crafts, games and refreshments! A very special thanks to the following: Stacey Durnford (our VBS music director) Paula Gilbert, Megan Looney, Kathy Tuffillaro, Norma Tetrault, Eric and Andrew Corra, Ryan and John Courtney, Ron Kress; we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you all so very much.



During Disciple Camp, the morning begins with prayer and music .



Hamming it up and having a good time during Music.



Matthew 28:19

"GO FORTH AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"

Catechist's Corner

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

FFF Catechists Needed for the 2018-2019 school year! Lesson plans and all materials needed to teach are provided. If you're not sure, try volunteering as a substitute-you'll find the time so rewarding! **The following FFF Weekly program run from September- April:**

Mondays (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm): We need a Catechist for Grade 2 and a Co-Teacher for Grade 3.

Wednesdays (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm): We need a Catechist for Grades 1, 3 and 4.

Saturdays (9:00 am - 10:30 am): We need a Full-time aide for Little Cherubs, a Co-Teacher for Grade 1 and a Catechist for the following grades: Grades 3,5 & 6.

If you feel that this is what God is calling you to do, or you just want more information, please contact Joan Rischmiller at the Family Faith Formation Office at **688-5760**.



EMERALD IRELAND TOUR

11 DAYS: November 6-16, 2018

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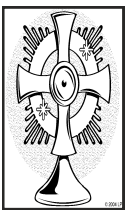
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"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. **Adorers are needed for all days and times. Please call for a convenient time for you.** *"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."

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 13-18; 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.**

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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.*

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.

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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"

From Father Francis

Do all the good you can. By all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can. [John Wesley]

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

As you're listening to your beloved explain a problem, ask yourself: "Why is this important to them?" One challenge in marital communication is not understanding the emotion and motive behind the message. Ask questions like: "What makes you feel that way?"

Parenting Perspective

"Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5) Some families ask this question every day. Hopefully you have enough healthy food to eat – but not everyone does. Ask your children to join you in feeding the hungry this week through a donation, giving food or service to a food pantry, etc.

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.

St. Greg's Parking Lot

Please be aware of where you are parking your vehicles during Mass. We ask you to only park in the designated spots. The police department has informed us that vehicles parked in the exits of the parking lot prevent access during emergency situations.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janecek: njanecek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Mass and Lunch: July 30

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

High-School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

KINGDOM BOUND- Tuesday, July 31st

We are going to Kingdom Bound for the day on July 31, to enjoy a day at Darien Lake as well as top-notch Christian music artists and speakers. If you are interested in joining us, contact Richard!

SWAT Team: August 7, 14, 21

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!

Mass and Lunch: August 1, 8, 15, 22

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

High-School Hangout: August 2, 6, 16, 23

Join us every Thursday starting at 7:00pm for fun and games outside, a bonfire, s'mores, snacks and a movie projected onto the wall of the Ministry Center! All are welcome!

Female Community Group: All high-school girls welcome! Meets **Wednesday August 22** at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center! Join for great discussion, prayer and much more!

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

Respect Life



Celebrating 50 Years of *Humanae Vitae*

"In *Humanae Vitae*, (HV) Blessed Pope Paul VI ... [reaffirmed] the orthodox teaching of the Catholic Church on married love, responsible parenthood and the continued rejection of unnatural forms of birth control and abortion. It affirmed traditional Church moral teaching on the sanctity of life and the procreative and unitive nature of conjugal relations.

Blessed Pope Paul VI prophesied in this encyclical about the consequences of dissenting from the Church's teachings on marital love:

Infidelity and moral decline: He predicted that the widespread use of contraception would "lead to conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality."

Loss of respect for women: Paul VI argued that "the man" will lose respect for "the woman" and "no longer (care) for her physical and psychological equilibrium" and will come to "the point of considering her a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer as his respected and beloved companion."

Abuse of power: The Holy Father saw that the widespread use of contraception would place a "dangerous weapon...in the hands of those public authorities who take no heed of moral exigencies."

Unlimited dominion: He warned that contraception would lead man to think he had unlimited dominion over his own body.

Blessed Pope Paul VI [stated] that marital relations are much more than a union of two people. They constitute a union of the loving couple with a loving God, in which a new person can be created, and upon which God completes the creation by adding the soul. For this reason, Blessed Pope Paul VI says right in the first sentence of HV that the transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator. (Full text at www.archspm.org)



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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.

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.

Concert with David Haas and Lori True

Join us on Saturday, September 8, for a one-time event and a day's worth of activities with world-renowned composers, musicians, artists, teachers and mentors, Mr. David Haas and Ms. Lori True, at Sacred Heart R. C. Church. 380 East Fairmount Ave. , Lakewood, NY 14750. It begins at 9:00am with a Workshop/Retreat. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. Later that day, join us for a concert by David & Lori featuring many of their spiritual compositions as well as some new ones. Doors open at 6:30pm; concert begins at 7:00pm. Concert tickets are \$20 if purchased online or after Mass at Sacred Heart and local parishes, or \$25/each at the door. After the concert, David & Lori's CD's, sheet music and books will be on sale. Ticket sales may close August 1. For tickets for your parish or more information, call Maria Perron at 716-490-4187.

Parish Activity Calendar

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

Monday, July 30

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 31

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, August 1

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)
10:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Foyer)

Thursday, August 2

9:30 am Theater Camp (MC Gym)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Gym, Basement, Front Lawn)

Friday, August 3

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Prayer Group (MC Basement)
7:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Movie Night (MC Gym/Lawn)

Saturday, August 4 -

10:00 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)

Sunday, August 5 -

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 28

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
by Drs. Ellen & Thomas Pieklo

Monday, July 30

- 7:00 am Connie Reppucci by Mark, Silvana
& Adriane Stumpff
Marion Role McCarthy Lorenzi
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Fr. James Van Dyke (living)
by Devin Waring Family
- 12:00 pm Mary Ann Hertel by Ronald & Joanne Zini
Kenneth Lauricella
by Nick & Rose Marie George

Tuesday, July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

- 7:00 am Grace Cleary by Goergen Family
Raymond Dry by Rick & Beth Gerrish
- 8:00 am Billy Hartigan by Friends
- 12:00 pm Carmelina Salandra by Husband, Al
Thomas Amabile (anniv) by Wife, Linda

Wednesday, August 1

- 7:00 am Edwin C. Donohue by Family Medical
Pharmacy
- 8:00 am Dr. Anthony Lorenzetti
by Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Beltrami
Domenic & Lena Ruggirello by Family
- 12:00 pm Anthony & Concetta Pantano
by Pam Pantano
Eric Zagskorn, Jr. by Family

Thursday, August 2

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Paul Moran by Betty Moran
Donald Broadt by Wife, Mary & Family
- 12:00 pm Mary Charley by Family
Marianne Attardo by Rose Campione

Friday, August 3

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Rita Haley (anniv) by Family
Anthony D. Vetrano
by Charles & Clorese Gordon
- 12:00 pm Katie Bamrick by Zozzie
Michele Dieckman by Dieckman
& Tufillaro Families

Saturday, August 4 – St. John Vianney

- 8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Barbara Pelosi
Pat Dzierzewski
by Tina & David Robertson

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Joseph Dale Messmer by Family
Dr. Thomas A. Hassenfratz
by Lee & Hank Merletti
- 5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

Sunday, August 5 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Juanita Schober by Mike & Kathy Deakin
- 9:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Anastasia
Family by Michelle Bertola
Joseph Setlock by Luciella Lydon
- 11:00 am Marion Rauh by Rauh Family
Peter Hartmann by Widmer Family
- 12:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Christine Balcerek
Tina Mendola by Christi, Brian
& Jake Carroll
- 4:30 pm Juanita Schober by Tom & Karen Murrer

DECEASED

Jane Haslinger
Rita M. Hughes
Betty J. Mathien
Chester Stuben

JOIN US FOR DAILY PRAYER

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily after the 7:00 am Mass as well as before the 8:00 am Mass, which includes praying for those in the Military, especially those in harm's way. It is also prayed after the 8:00 am Mass and Rosary. Please join us in this powerful prayer which brings many blessings.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

Every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm, a Respect Life Rosary is said at the Grotto. Perhaps you can leave a few minutes early for your 7:00 pm meeting - just 1/2 hour of your time. In case of rain, the Rosary is said in the Crying Room.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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

Catholic Store & Café

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday. No evening hours on Wednesday in July and August.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; **Wednesday no evening hours in July and August.** Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

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.

Our Mission

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

- *Spiritual focus*
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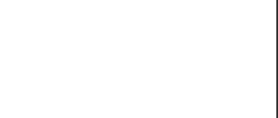
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