

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5 & 6, 2018



From the Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, this weekend I wish to extend a few words of congratulations. I also wish to address a matter of concern for our parish family with you.

First, I wish to congratulate four of our Boy Scouts from Troop 440 who were honored by Bishop Malone on Saturday, April 21. Benjamin Grande, Stephen Wesolowski, Cameron Yergeau and Stephen Zelazny each received the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem in Scouting after completing a rather time consuming and rigorous course of preparation, study and reflection. This program allows our boys to develop a fuller Christian life by studying the seven sacraments. Congratulations guys!

I also wish to congratulate Gregory Dolan who was honored by the "Amherst Bee" as their All-Bee Basketball Team Most Valuable Player. Greg is a senior at Williamsville South and a star basketball player. Greg is also a member of St. Gregory's and is part of our teen guys' apologetics group called "Rodzinka." Congrats Greg!

Next, I wish to congratulate all of our recently Confirmed members of the faith. Two weeks ago 139 of our teenagers were confirmed by Bishop Malone. We had two wonderful Masses where the Bishop celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am grateful to know these 139 teens. As Pastor, I have found one of my most important duties is to lead the Confirmation Retreats. This is my fifth Confirmation at St. Gregory's and each year the majority of the teens Confirmed have pointed to their retreat as the key part of their preparation and in particular the time of Eucharistic Adoration. During that time of prayer I lead our youth in a meditation to discover our Lord speaking to them in the depth of their heart. After our time of meditation I invite our youth to come, if they wish, to kneel beside me in front of the Altar with the Eucharist and to share with me their prayer intentions. It is awesome that the vast majority of our teens come for that moment of prayer. It is a humbling time for them to bear their inner prayer intentions with me and together we kneel in prayer. I look forward to a similar time with our youth in preparation for next year's Confirmation. Congratulations!

Finally, I wish to thank Greg Smith who has served as the Director of Communications at St. Gregory's for more than three years. He succeeded Liz Astridge in that position. Greg is moving on to a career in the Finance world. Greg, we thank you for getting the bulletin ready each week, as well as our quarterly newsletters, seeing to all of the computer, internet, website, live streaming, phone apps and all of the technology of our parish and more. Thank you for all you have done and know of our love and prayers for you as you move on to this new and exciting chapter of life! (continued on page 2)

Scouting Religious Awards Ceremony

On April 21, at the Buffalo Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting's 44th Annual Religious Awards Ceremony, Troop 440 Boy Scouts Stephen Wesolowski, Stephen Zelazny, Cameron Yergeau and Ben Grande received the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem from Bishop Richard Malone and Committee Chaplain Father Leon Biernat. Father Barry Allaire also received the Bronze Pelican Award for his outstanding service to the spiritual development of Boy Scouts.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. April 30: Acts of the Apostles 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

Tues. May 1: Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wed. May 2: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thurs. May 3: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Fri. May 4: Acts of the Apostles 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

Sat. May 5: Acts of the Apostles 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sun. May 6: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B); 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Strengthening your faith

Reading I Acts 9:26-31 (Saul visits Jerusalem)
Reading II 1 John 3:18-24 (the actions of believers)
Gospel John 15:1-8 (the vine and the branches)
Passage [the vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)

Adult: *When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?*

Child: *When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?*

VOCATION VIEW

Faithful discipleship of Christ has tremendous rewards both in this life and in eternal life. How is Christ calling you to inspire discipleship among His children? 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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE:

\$563,024.37 COLLECTED, 80% OF OUR GOAL

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is **\$693,000**. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.cwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**

PARISH SOCIAL/

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us for coffee, juice and donuts next Sunday, May 6, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms.

GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is *Good Grief: The price of Loving*. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner - as this presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

From the Desk of the Pastor

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As you know, the last two weekends, and this weekend as well, each parish in the Diocese has the attendance being counted and recorded at the request of Bishop Malone. I do not know of a parish in the Diocese that has not seen a decline in Mass attendance in the last couple years. St. Gregory's is not an exception. We too have seen a decline in the number of people attending Mass. Bishop Malone has established a task force to look at the hard numbers of people regularly attending Mass on the weekends. This task force will make recommendations to all of the parishes of the Diocese to adjust their Mass schedules. A Sunday Mass is to be regularly filled to allow for a spirited and vibrant celebration of the Eucharist. Our Bishop is also concerned over the declining number of priests and the much smaller number of priests virtually doing all the work (Masses, all sacraments and many ministries) that was once accomplished by many more priests. Bishop Malone is concerned over the long term health and welfare of his priests. I will keep you informed of any changes proposed by this task force as this process unfolds.

Along with the decline in attendance, virtually every parish in the Diocese is also seeing a decline in the Sunday collection. At recent Vicariate meetings, we have discussed this issue as pastors. It appears the decline in regular Mass attendance, the death of many of our long-time and generous parishioners, the effect of a five year commitment of some to Upon This Rock and most recently the ongoing clergy abuse crisis have all taken their effect on the Sunday offertory. We have also seen this decline at St. Gregory's. I am appealing to you to prayerfully consider your current situation and your ability to increase your weekly offering. We are making changes to our spending at St. Gregory's especially as we prepare the budget beginning on September 1st for the new fiscal year. Both our parish and school budgets have gaps that need to be closed due to a decline in school enrollment, Sunday collections and fundraising efforts. With our Director of Communications leaving, we will not be filling that full-time position. We are also eliminating our parish's sponsorship of some Diocesan events and programs. Effective immediately we are eliminating the gifts of a book or CD given at Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Mother's and Father's Day. Believe it or not, just that line on our budget is about \$20,000. I am thankful to our parish Finance Committee and our parish business office staff for their diligent work on this matter. Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to do to allow St. Gregory's to continue to afford the many wonderful ministries it now enjoys.



Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council #14687

9th Annual Spring Mulch Sale

Black Mulch

Brown Mulch



Red Mulch

Free Delivery for 10 Or More Bags Ordered!!

Saturday, May 5, 2018

St. Gregory the Great, Ministry Center Parking Lot
Mulch Pick Up and Delivery from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Free Bag Mulch Delivery with Orders of 10 or More!

Advance orders (please specify black, brown or red) can be placed for \$5.00 per bag (2 cubic foot size) by returning the form below to the Parish Office, dropping it off after Masses on April 21/22, or by sending a check with the below order form to Knights of Columbus Annual Mulch Sale, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Checks made payable to St. Gregory Knights of Columbus Council 14687.

Any Questions, please call George Tirabassi CP 572-7772.

Orders can be taken up through Thursday, May 3rd

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Name: _____

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I will Pick Up _____ *I would like Delivery _____

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* If ordering 10 or more bags do you have a specific location to place the bags upon delivery?

Great Dinner Auction General Meeting

Thursday, May 10, at 9:00am *after the 8am Children's mass*
Ministry Center Conference Room MC3
Please join us to learn how you can get involved with our largest event of the year!

Closed For Mother's Day

The St. Greg's Café will be closed Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. The Catholic Store will be closed Sunday, May 13 in observance of Mother's Day.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Church foyer. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

Ladies of The Lord...

... will meet Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm, in the Gathering Rooms to say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and see how the Holy Spirit directs us in our lives. All are welcome.

Senior Citizens

May 14, Meeting and Mother's Day Luncheon, 12:00 noon Mass, 1:00 pm lunch catered by "Johnny C's" at Ministry Center, \$16 per person. Reservations to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's no later than May 7.
May 28, 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.
June 18, *Our All American City Tour*, \$73 per person, 3 hour Buffalo Creek Casino with \$15 free slot play, lunch at Pearl Street Grill, menu choice of CharGrilled Chicken, Fish & Chips or Pot Roast. 90 minute double-deck bus tour of Canalside, Outer Harbor, Erie Canal, Erie Basin Marina and more. Bus departs Ministry Center at 9:30 am returning at 5:30 pm. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for 5th grade and up

Calling all those interested in altar serving

Training for new altar servers with Fr. Tom will be held in the Church on **Saturday, May 19, from 1:00 - 1:30 pm.**

For Parents: There is a brief meeting for parents (same date and time) with Nora Weil (coordinator) to review expectations, dress code and other important information about Altar Server Ministry. Any questions, please email Nora Weil at momtojcrew@gmail.com.



Celebrate your Faith Answer His call

Respect Life



Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in NY: On April 23, opponents of legalizing physician-assisted suicide, including a group from the Diocese of Buffalo, went to Albany to participate in an Assembly Health Committee Hearing. They spoke out against the proposed "Medical Aid-In-Dying" Act (A.2383-A/S.3151-A) which is currently under legislative review. According to the NYS Catholic Conference, the bill has many flaws which put vulnerable patients at risk for abuse.

Problems with the bill include:

- **The definition of "terminal illness or condition" increases the risk of errors in diagnosis.** To qualify, a patient must have "an incurable and irreversible illness or condition that has been medically confirmed and will, ... produce death within six months." The standards for making this determination are "significantly weaker" than is used in other parts of NYS law. Consequently, "virtually anything could qualify under this definition."

- **No psychological screening, counseling, diagnosis or treatment [of the patient] is required.** There is no mandatory referral of the patient to a psychiatrist to determine if they are suffering from a treatable mental illness (e.g., clinical depression). Also, there is no requirement that the patient's family be notified.

- **There are no protections for the patient after the drugs are dispensed.** There is no oversight as to when, where, with whom, etc. the patient takes the lethal dosage of medication. There is no way to ensure that the patient isn't being coerced into committing suicide. No physician...is required to be present [when] the patient takes the lethal pills, so the patient may suffer unnecessarily.

- **There is inadequate conscience protection for individuals.** The terms [in the bill] are not broad enough to encompass all religious or moral objections to participating in assisted suicide (counseling, referring, etc.). [The bill] also does not... protect those who provide indirect assistance, such as the pharmacist. For more information, go to nyscatholic.org

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS:

A Catholic Community Workshop for teens and their parents

For those interested in effective ways to improve their lives at home, school, and work. If you want optimal mental health for yourself, family, or child, this workshop is for you! We are partnering up with Dan Lawson LMHC and other parishes to put on this event June 6 at Nativity BVM in the school cafeteria from 7:00-8:30pm. Free to attend but space is limited, please RSVP to Adam at 688-5678.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Meeting

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00pm at St. Gregory the Great in the Gathering Rooms. Please RSVP to Lynne Jakubowski at LJakubowski@pancanvolnteer.org.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

An elderly woman was weeping as she bade good-bye to the man who had been pastor of her church for several years. "My dear lady, Consoled the departing pastor, "don't get so upset. The bishop surely will send a much better pastor to replace me here." She replied, "That's what they told us the last time." [Bob Phillips, [Heavenly Humor](#).]

HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION

Sunday, May 20, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Urgently needed are lamps, drapes, curtains of all sizes, towels, blankets, bedding, NEW pillows, dishes, pots and pans, cooking and eating utensils, small working appliances such as coffee makers, toasters, hot plates, electric fry pans, microwaves, etc. All household items will be donated to needy families as identified by Catholic Charities and distributed by Ladies of Charity Diocesan "Fresh Start program." The collection is being held at the St. Vincent de Paul white house (behind the school). Tax receipts will be available. Thank you for your support. Any questions please call Judy Huber at 688-8170.

Parish Mission

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

This past year, several people have asked if it would be possible to have a Lenten Mission instead of Summer Mission. So after some thought and discussion with the mission committee and also realizing that Father Leon will be on sabbatical this summer, it was agreed upon that we would forgo the Summer Mission 2018 and move the Mission to Lent 2019.

The mission committee is very excited to have the time to coordinate an outstanding mission for Lent 2019. As we moved forward more information will be printed in the bulletin.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. Contact Catie Wagner at 688-5678 or cwagner@stgregs.org

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Mother's Day Novena Mass Cards are now available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering, and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office before Mother's Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week of May 13 - 20.

Family Faith Formation

Open Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00 pm and during classes.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:

2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:

High -School Summer Program (formerly SPLASH)

Class dates: June 25 - 29, 9 - 4 . For program details, go to www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/

Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:

- Incoming Gr 10 (Current Gr 9 students)

Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am in the School Cafeteria.

- Incoming Gr 9 (Current Gr 8 students)

Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17 ,at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am in the School Cafeteria.

Generations of Faith (Monthly FFF Program, Gr 1-10)

Registration for All Sessions (A, B and C) is on

Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration Only.** Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to

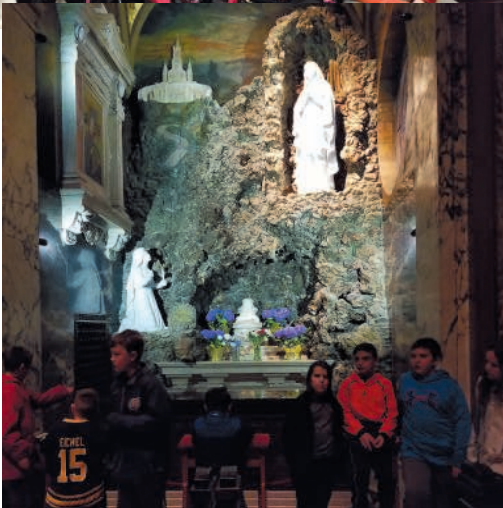
www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/

For FFF Program Registration, go to

www.stgregs.org/register-now/ Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.



FFF Fifth Graders went on a field trip to tour Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica



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.



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Sacramental Information

ATTENTION ALL Catholic and Public School Parents who currently have a student in Grade 8 and 9:

Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meetings to Register for Confirmation 2019 and 2020:**

▪ Incoming Gr 10 (Current Gr 9 students)

Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am in the School Cafeteria.

▪ Incoming Gr 9 (Current Gr 8 students)

Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am in the School Cafeteria.

Catholic School students: Faith Formation is completed at a Catholic High School during Grade 9. However, **students MUST register with our program** to ensure they will receive all Confirmation related notifications including information required for service hours and Confirmation retreats.

Public School Students: In addition to registering your child for Confirmation, this meeting will also cover important information for High School students (in the Weekly Program, Monthly (GOF) and the HS Summer Programs).

Registration for the HS Summer Program will be available during the Parent Meeting, so please be prepared to make a registration payment. See FFF section in the bulletin for full Registration Schedule for other high school FFF programs.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Middle School

Middle-School Retreat, May 4-6

We are returning to Camp Turner for our second-ever Middle-School Retreat! Join us for an unforgettable weekend of fun, friends and faith! Spots are limited so contact Nicole ASAP to reserve your spot for the Middle-School event of the year!

High School

Life Teen: May 6; 5:30 - 7:30pm

SWAT Team: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7:00 - 8:30pm

Spiritual Weapons And Tactics team is our new prayer group that will meet every Tuesday in the Ministry Center Basement. This group is open to all high-schoolers. If you are looking for something that will help you dive deeper into your faith this is for you! Snacks will be provided.

Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30something)

College Oasis Magazine:

Sign up for the online magazine for college students both home and away for original content to keep you fresh throughout the semester. If you have any questions about College Ministry, contact Adam!

New Website and Social Media:

Check out the new website, complete with a fantastic section for young adults. Includes upcoming events, great recommendations for media and ways to serve at stgregsYM.org! Plus, follow us on our new Instagram account just for this age group for fresh content!

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, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Our groundbreaking new Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in Sr. Maureen's Room (upstairs) in the Ministry Center. If you are looking for a dynamic community of Catholic women living the Faith, this is the place for you!

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Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

Tuesday, May 1 at 4:30pm
The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 13.

Adult Choir for the 11:00am Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30pm in GR 2

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308



Catechist's Corner

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



"It takes a big heart to shape little minds" - Unknown

From a Junior high student:

"Mrs. Centino is nice and accepting of everyone."

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.

MOMS 16th Annual Personal- "Tea" **Friday, May 18th 9:00am-11:00am**



Join us for
MOMS TEA
featuring
the gifted & blessed
Gretchen Harris
Catholic wife,
Mother and
National
singer/songwriter
recording artist
&
Pro-Life speaker
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by
reservation

St. Greg's Gathering Room
This event is free
by reservation at
stgregsmoms@gmail.com ltmacnamara@gmail.com

St. Gregory the Great 200 St. Gregory Court Williamsville, NY 14221 Phone: 688-5678
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SVDP FURNITURE/APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next furniture pickup date resumes on **Saturday, May 5**. 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. Greg's Great Race

St. Gregory's 23rd Annual Great Race will be held Friday, June 15 at 7:00pm. Register online at www.stgregs.org/greatrace. There are no paper registrations; online registration only. An after-race party will be held in the parking lot next to the Ministry Center and Hit-n-Run will be the featured entertainment. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kevin Ryan kpryan21@yahoo.com. If you have any problems registering please contact Cheryl Bertovich at cbertovich1@gmail.com.

April Outreach: We are collecting **Children's Sunday Best/First Communion Clothes** throughout the month of April. Please bring donations to the Family Faith Formation Office during normal business hours (M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm), and when classes are in session. We are requesting all sizes but we also have a special need for size 10 and 12 dresses. Last day of the collection is this Monday, April 30. Thank you as always, for your generosity!



Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, April, 29

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church)

Monday, April 30

6:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting (GR1&2)

Tuesday, May 1

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

7:00 pm Executive Council Meeting (MC Cafe)

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

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)

Wednesday, May 2

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

6:30 pm Bereavement Meeting (GR 2)

7:00 pm RCIA Closing Mass/Potluck Dinner Dinner (Room 702)

Thursday, May 3

6:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisy Troop Meeting (GR 2)

4:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting (GR 2)

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 2)

Friday, May 4

9:00 am Mothers' Day Tea (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Retreat (Off Campus)

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church)

10:30 am Parishioner Social (GR 1)

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Youth Room)

Marriage Moment

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18) Saying "I love you" is good. Doing an act of kindness is an even stronger testament of love. Use both "love languages" once today.

Parenting Perspective

Do you really listen to your child? Of course you do. Now be honest. Do you sometimes "listen with your answer running?" Today, just for today, pay attention to a request your child makes and look for the reason behind the request before automatically saying, "No."

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 28

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Irene Bene by Richard Bene
Michael Doran by Mother, Nina
- 5:30 pm Josephine Bochiechio
by Marguerite Parelli

Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Paul Perna by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 9:30 am Daniel Swiatek
by Noreen, Jennifer & Christofer
- 11:00 am Mary G. Manaher by Margo Doughty
Francis J. Sukiennik, Jr. by Pujolas Family
- 12:30 pm Thomas Burke by Carl & Debbie Bucki
James Daly by Connie DiSimone
- 4:30 pm Jeanne M. Goergen by Goergen Family
Charles R. Foy, Jr. by Bill & Anne Foy

Monday, April 30

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Michael Varbanov by Alice Muscarella
Martha M. Peake by Donna Bailey
- 12:00 pm Darryl Patterson by Alison Sastry
Mr. Huang by Shirley & Arthur Chen

Tuesday, May 1

- 7:00 am Mary Guadagna (living)
by Maureen & Kathy
- 8:00 am Michael Smith by Family
Florence Anastasia (anniv)
by Michael Anastasia
- 12:00 pm Daniel Szymanski by Parents & Sister
Juanita Schober
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, May 2

- 7:00 am Judy DeGolier (birth)
by Linda & Bill Dohn
- 8:00 am Joseph Palka by Family
Therese McCrone
by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ricotta
- 12:00 pm Martin Schaus by Betty & Dick McAvoy
Darlene Lacey by Joe & Ann Deck

Thursday, May 3 – Sts. Philip and James

- 7:00 am Sue Sneck by Dave & Gloria Scott
- 8:00 am Charles & Violet Malkasian by Daughter,
Barbara
Rita May by John Schuler
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Suzanne Dulski by Mary & Anthony Dulski
Gordan Yager by Cole & Allen Families

Friday, May 4

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Cecilia Seliga by Ken & Deb Kistner
Connie Reppucci by St. Gregory's Senior
Citizens
- 12:00 pm Michael Doran by Mother, Nina
Michael Hnat by Dolores Mackroki

Saturday, May 5

- 8:00 am Rev. David P. Kirsch by Priests
of St. Gregory's
Donald Carpenter by Barbara Pelosi

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm George Sasse (anniv) by Daughter
Robert J. Daigler (birth)
by Mary Lou Daigler
- 5:30 pm Mary Joan Christ by Mary Kate Vivacqua
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

Sunday, May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

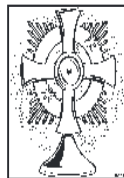
- 8:00 am Margaret Christopher by Mary Christopher
- 9:30 am Vittorio Reppucci by Family
Francis Balkin by Richard & Donna Suchan
- 11:00 am Lucille Cullen by Betsy & Jim O'Brien
Patricia & Frank Palczak
by Alfasso Family
- 12:30 pm Vittorio DiSalvo & Dominic Casola
by Casola Family
- 4:30 pm Donald J. Collins II
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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.

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:

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