



July 20 & 21, 2019

16th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this Sunday we are reminded of the art of hospitality. I call it an “art” because I believe hospitality is not only a degree program in college, but an art. The question to ponder is if it is a lost art in your life or one that is active and alive?

This Sunday’s first reading tells us about Abraham welcoming three visitors. He prepares a big meal and cares for them in a grand style. Abraham does not go without a reward. Because of his hospitality to the three visitors he receives a son a year later. Today’s Gospel offers the familiar passage of Martha and Mary. This is the famous Gospel where Martha is seen as the busy one and tries to get her sister, Mary, into trouble with Jesus for just sitting at his feet and listening to him. Sometimes we paint a negative picture of Martha, and maybe I just did the same here, but we really see two different forms of hospitality. On one hand, Martha was like Abraham, trying to provide good hospitality for Jesus. I am sure she wanted to provide a wonderful meal for their good friend. Mary, on the other hand, is also exercising hospitality.

She is spending time with Jesus, in the position of a disciple, sitting at His feet, listening and learning from Him. Both are exercising the gift of hospitality in different ways. Mary, however, is choosing the better part, as Jesus states, because she is giving the gift of time and opening her own call of discipleship to be nourished. For Martha, welcoming Jesus meant cooking and cleaning. For Mary, welcoming Jesus meant spending time with Him. How do you welcome Jesus? Do you welcome Jesus into your heart in silence or do you busy yourself with good works, and a routine of prayer cards or rituals filled only with words, and no time to sit in silence and listen to Him?

I love visiting our Adoration Chapel, and I particularly enjoy being in our chapel in the rectory. Although I will spend time in the chapel, with my breviary for prayer, I enjoy most the time to simply sit in His presence. I have often commented on prayer with the following question: “when you pray, do you give God instructions or do you report for duty?” I think Martha was the type giving God instructions, concerned so much about physical things. “Martha, Martha, Martha, you are concerned about so many things. Only one thing is necessary and Mary has chosen the better part and she will not be deprived of it.”

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PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend, July 21, our Diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged victims of war, oppression and disaster. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Adoration Chapel entrance by the Grotto will be closed due to construction. You may access the Adoration Chapel by using the doors between the Parish Business Office and the School. The Adoration Chapel will be closing at 9:00 pm until the construction is completed. The chapel will reopen at 8:00 am daily.

(Pastor's Article Continued)

I suppose I could be guilty of judging right now, but I do observe people in our Chapel sometimes. I find some people reading the Scripture or praying the Rosary. I find others reading the Sunday Bulletin and/or the **Western New York Catholic** newspaper. Finally, I find some who are sitting in silent meditation. I suppose a healthy prayer life may include all of the above, but to what measure of each?

I have learned that the days I take the time to pray in silence in the midst of a very busy agenda are the same days I realize all the work did get done in addition to time for prayer. Also, I usually get my work done faster! The majority of us are extremely busy. Sometimes conversations develop into a sparring match to see who is more convincing that they are the busiest person with no time to spare. Often I have been told by people that they would pray if there was more time in the day. I suppose under that statement, if our Good Lord added a 25th hour to each day, we would all spend it in prayer? Maybe or maybe not?

This week consider spending just a half hour in prayer. Maybe go to your "God cave" (we know what a man cave is) in your house, or come to our Adoration Chapel to be "Mary." Whether you are a regular to the Adoration Chapel or to your favorite chair at home to sit and pray, this time, come completely alone to sit with Jesus. The Scripture reminds us that Jesus sent them out to teach, preach and heal, and told them not to take an extra tunic, nor a walking stick, nor money or extra sandals. Jesus wanted them to be unencumbered to serve the Gospel. My advice this week: for thirty minutes, go unencumbered – no Bulletin, no newspaper, no prayer book, no Rosary, or spiritual book or Bible, just go yourself with nothing else and sit with the Lord and listen.

This weekend we have the end of our week-long Mission. Thank you to the Mission team and the candidates who made it a priority to come, sit and listen and be with the Lord each night. It is always an amazing experience. Also this weekend we welcome back home our Missionaries who went to Jamaica for our parish's annual service Mission trip. I hope and pray you had a fruitful experience. Also, thank you to everyone who assisted with our annual picnic for people with disabilities last weekend. Finally, thank you to all who have assisted with our Summer Vacation Bible School a week ago as well as the many religious education programs offered through our Family Faith Department this summer.

In all of the busyness of these beautiful programs and events, I hope and pray you also experienced the quiet of coming to the Lord. Thank you one and all for everything you do and participate in at St. Greg's to develop and truly be a faithful disciple of Christ in the world today.

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.



**DANIEL VICTOOR'S FAREWELL
MASS AND RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JULY 28 AFTER 12:30 PM MASS**

Please join us for a Farewell Chant Mass at 12:30 pm on Sunday, July 28, with reception to follow in the Gathering Room. Please fill out the reply below and either place it in the Sunday collection basket next weekend or mail or drop off at the Parish Office so we are prepared for his reception

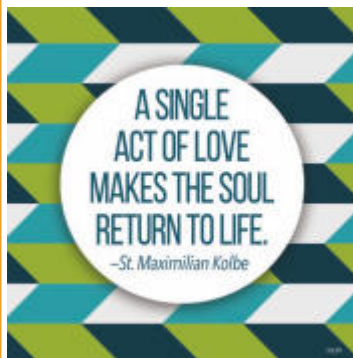
Reply card for Farewell to Daniel Victor

Name _____

Number attending the reception _____

Please return to the Parish Office by Monday, July 22, or place in the Sunday collection.

LIVE PERFORMANCE AT ST. GREG'S



Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz will be coming **August 16 at 7:00 pm** to St. Greg's, performed by St. Luke Productions.

"*Maximilian* perfectly captures the darkness and heroism of this troubling time in history, focusing on the Saint's transforming love of Mary Immaculate, leading us to her son. Sponsor this compelling live drama, and inspire Christian courage in your community."



St. Gregory the Great School

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BECOME AN “ANGEL”

With tuition rising each year your help is needed more than ever. We are still welcoming donations to the Angel Wings Scholarship program. Please consider becoming an “Angel” and help make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Scholarships will benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our parish school. Your entire donation will directly offset a year's tuition



for a child or family. Donations are welcome in any amount. Scholarship award decisions are made by a small committee. No parents of current St. Greg’s

students 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 a child in our parish with your generosity. Join us in this wonderful endeavor. Please drop your donation off at the Parish Office in an envelope marked “Angel Wings”.

For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920.

***This is the best investment you can
make in the life of a child.***

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

Chant Choir Rehearsal

July 23 and 25, 7:00 pm, GR 2

The Chant Mass will be Sunday, July 28, at 12:30 pm

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



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In June, we Baptized 9 new Christians. Welcome to our Parish Family and congratulations to the parents of: Eliana Marie Falzone, Audrey Kathleen Hartman, Maya Ann Moore, Joseph Angelo Marchewka, Mia Logan Schiano, Allison Marie Moran, Rhett Matthew Johnson, Adrian Clive Stetter, and Jacob Roy Peacock. Special thanks to Parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

HOST, WINE AND CANDLE REMEMBRANCE

We have openings to have a remembrance for your family members with our host, wine, and candle offerings. Host offering is \$55, wine offering is \$40 and candle offering is \$35 for the week. Please come to the Parish Office to reserve this special remembrance. The names of your loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin for the week.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

A special Mass and renewal of vows will be celebrated for couples celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversary in 2019. Please join Bishop Malone on Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral located in downtown Buffalo. If you wish to attend, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

EVENING PRAYER “VESPERS”

Join us for evening prayer every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. For information contact Jeff Criden at 207-4878.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



For their Outreach project, High School Summer Program students made tie dye tee shirts for Our Lady of Black Rock's Vacation Bible School kids.



Thank you to High School Summer Program Catechists! A special thank you to all those who stood by our teens as Catechists, especially Marie Armitage, Barbara Evans, Sheila Goldberg, Lee Zach, Kelly Tomasello, Rich Peers, Lori Chilcott, Deanne Schwartz, Denise Swiatek and Kevin Farris.



Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!

For information about our Weekly Programs (PreK and Grades K-10) go to

www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/ then select **Program Options**.

Registration began on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Register Online or In Person.



DRIVE FOR DEVIN

The 2nd Annual Drive for Devin Golf Tournament, a nine-hole golf tournament and dinner, will be held on Friday, July 26. Progressive tee times begin at 11:00 am at Deerwood Golf Course in North Tonawanda, dinner following at Classics V Banquet Center in Amherst. Proceeds from the event will be given to Crisis Services of WNY, along with scholarship funds for St. Gregory the Great School and Canisius High School. For more information visit www.Drive4Devin.com or email at Drive4Devin@gmail.com.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Parish Business Office is searching for a Business Manager. This position is responsible for the management of resources to ensure the Parish is fulfilling the church's mission and purpose. The position plays an integral part in coordinating and managing the church's finances, human resources, and office management efforts. Additionally, this role is responsible for any added duties as required by and in support of the Pastor. The Business Manager will collaborate with the Pastor and his advisory boards under his supervision, and with other members of the Parish Staff, to assist in strategic planning for the Parish. This role also works closely with the various Diocesan offices, such as Legal Services, Insurance/Employee Benefits, Property Planning and Development, Financial Services and Stewardship and Development. Please send your resume to **Fr. Leon Biernat, Pastor, lbiernat@stgregs.org**, or mail to **Parish Office at 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221**.

CALLING ALUMNI FROM ST. GREG'S SCHOOL

St. Gregory the Great School is searching for alumni to begin coordinating an event for Summer 2020 as the school will be celebrating 60 years! Help us celebrate this momentous occasion and contact schoolboard@stgregs.org to learn more.



THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

Reconciliation: The Tribunal of Mercy

To help us prepare to receive within us the actual Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our merciful Savior in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, Our Lord left us with another “miracle of mercy,” the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament not only obtains for us God’s forgiveness but also heals the soul of the wounds of sin. Jesus told St. Faustina, **Come with faith to the feet of My representative (1448). I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest... I Myself act in your soul (1602). The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God’s mercy! (Diary 1448).**

The focus on spiritual healing is clearly emphasized in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “Indeed the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about a true ‘spiritual resurrection,’ restoring the dignity and blessings of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God” (1468).

BISHOP MALONE TO HOST 2019 LISTENING SESSIONS

Bishop Richard Malone, in conjunction with the Presbyteral Council, Vicars Forane, and the Movement to Restore Trust, will host a series of Listening Sessions across the Diocese of Buffalo during the next few months. The Sessions will include Bishop Malone praying with the faithful, hearing their thoughts and comments, inviting discussion, and offering summary remarks regarding the mission of the Diocese and its parishes, schools, and other organizations.

Listening Session Schedule: Saturday’s from 9:30-11:30 am

- August 3, Ascension Parish, Batavia
- August 10, Nativity of Our Lord, Orchard Park
- August 17, Holy Trinity Parish, Dunkirk

Contact: Kathy Spangler, Director of Communications, kspangler@buffalodiocese.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

ATTENTION CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS:

Online Confirmation Registration began on July 1. If you have a child entering Grade 9 and 10 this September, and plan to have them confirmed at St. Gregory Parish, please be sure to register to ensure that you receive all Confirmation-related notifications. Go to

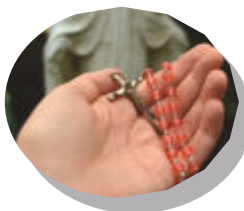
www.stgregs.org/confirmation/

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

Sacrament
of CONFIRMATION



Thank you to all who came to the New Parishioner Social on July 14th to welcome Fr. Moses and our new Parishioners. Best of luck to Fr. Moses as he continues his journey at St. Gregory the Great Parish.



YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in 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. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

MINISTRY UPDATES



LOOKING FOR EUCHARIST AT MASS?

Our Parish is in need of new Eucharistic Ministers to fill in for those who can not make Mass or who travel during the year. You can sign up for one Mass a weekend, a month or as many as your schedule permits. Please contact Tom Ahearn at 512-0567 or Jo Pierino at 688-5678 to learn more.

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for our next meeting on August 7 at 6:30 pm in the School Library. The topic is *The Journey of Healing* including a speaker panel. You don't need to be a parishioner. All are welcome!

SEARCHING FOR MINISTERS TO HELP THE HOMEBOUND

The Ministry of the Sick and Homebound is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to become part of their team. There are many Catholics in our Parish Community who are homebound and in need of Communion once or twice a month. Any Eucharistic Ministers who could spare an hour or two a week or month, please contact Sister Shawn Czyzycki, 688-5678, and learn how you can make a positive impact on our homebound Parishioners today!



RCIA: MORE THAN CATECHETICS

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

If you know someone who could be interested in our Church, suggest an Email to Jerry at gpeer@verizon.net or call the Parish Office at 688-5678.

SAVE THE DATE

READY TO TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE?

Dan Lawson, lifelong Catholic and licensed therapist, will be holding a marriage session open to the St. Greg's Parish Community on Wednesday, Sept 11. More information to come in the next couple of weeks. Save the date to learn more about ways to transform your marriage.



WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT

The annual Women's Enrichment program will be Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Arrival time is 9:45 am. This year the conference is called "The Ordinary is Extraordinary- Our God-given Gifts." Look for registration information within the next couple of weeks in the Bulletin and available on our website.



21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION "AN EVENING OF STARS"

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 2, at
5:30 pm
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 dinnerauction@gmail.com or 688-5678 x337.



USCCB and the Death Penalty:

On June 13, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) overwhelmingly approved a revised passage on the death penalty for the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA).

In 2018, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released Pope Francis' revision to the teaching on the death penalty in the universal Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2267) as follows:

“Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes, and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

“Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

“Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that ‘the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,’ and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.”

In response, the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB prepared a new section on the death penalty for the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA), based extensively on this new language.

The USCCB's revised statement would replace the current text in the USCCA (pp. 394-395) pending formal approval from the Holy See. (usccb.org)

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

1:30 pm Baptisms
3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, July 22

12:00 pm Youth Ministry-Middle School Mass,
Lunch & Games (MC Gym, Foyer, Front Lawn)

Tuesday, July 23

12:00 pm Youth Ministry -High School
Mass & Lunch (MC Basement)
5:00 pm AMPED (MC Caf )
7:00 pm Chant Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

Wednesday, July 24

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Caf )

Thursday, July 25

7:00 pm Chant Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

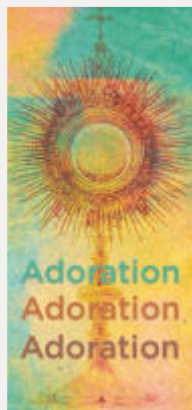
Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

Sunday, July 28

1:30 pm Baptisms
1:30 pm Reception for Chant Choir (GR 1 and 2)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Adoration Chapel is the place to find comfort and peace, especially at this time. Offer a Holy Hour before our Lord for our Catholic Church. Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ WEDNESDAYS 10:00– 11:00 am
- ◆ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ FRIDAYS 1:00 - 2:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm



The Catholic Store will close at **2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, for July and August.** Also, there will not be **Wednesday evening hours** during the months of **July & August for the Store or the Caf .** Weekend hours remain the same.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Senior Citizens ministry provides any adult 55 years of age or older with activities to help enjoy a fuller life in our Church community. There are many activities and projects for spiritual growth, travel and entertainment. Monthly meetings feature a short business meeting, followed by a speaker on a topic of interest, or a form of entertainment. Refreshments and social time end the day's activities. The ministry also hosts special parties, a Christmas Luncheon, a summer picnic, and a bowling league. At the heart of our social activities is our Travel Club, which offers day trips to a variety of events. The best benefit of being a member is the opportunity to meet new people and broaden your social community.

Our monthly meeting will be held on August 5, and we will start the Election of Officers process. Also in August, we will start our Membership Drive. Come learn more about this group and everything we do!



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAFE

We're firing up the grill!!!

Every Wednesday and Friday at Lunch

ON THE MENU

Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.60
Hotdog	\$3.50
Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions	\$3.75
Combo (item above with chips or potato salad)	Add \$1.50

www.stgregs.org/cafe 100 St. Gregory Court 278-6915

FORGOT YOUR LUNCH ?
Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

UPCOMING YM EVENTS:

BRAVE II – Young Adult Retreat – Save the date – November 8-10

ST. LUKE'S SERVICE – Anyone interested in volunteering at St. Luke's, please contact Adam Jarosz at 688-3578, ext. 316

KINGDOM BOUND– We are going to Kingdom Bound on Tuesday, July 30. Join us at Darien Lake for speakers & Christian music. Contact Richard ext 338.

SENIOR RETREAT DAY - Friday, August, 16. Retreat focuses on what to expect on entering College and how to thrive in this new and exciting chapter of life.

HIGH SCHOOL

MASS & LUNCH- Monday, July 30, August 6, 13 and 20 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over with us to the MC for food.

SWAT– July 31, August 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NIGHTS– August 1, 8, 15 and 22.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MASS, LUNCH & GAMES– Monday August 5 and 12 from 12:00-2:00 pm. Meet in Church for noon Mass then walk over to the MC for food and games.

ROOTED- Fridays, August 2, 9 and 16 only for graduated 7 and 8 Graders. Meet in the MC Basement at 5:30 pm then we will end around 7:00 pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT – Friday August 2, 9 and 16 at 7:30 pm. Movie is done around 11:00 pm. Meet at the front field(unless it's raining, meet in the MC) to hang out and when the sun goes down watch a movie with us!

DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?
Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you.
Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 20

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Timothy Burke by Gretchen Simon
Sue Wagle (Living) by Joe & Ann Deck
- 5:30 pm Virginia Wendel by Klocke Family
Rose Bakowski by daughter, Dorothy

Sunday July, 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Sam Kassab by Judy Huber
- 9:30 am Frank Deni by John Curtin
Donald Moleski by Julicher Family
- 11:00 am Rosalie Pfeiffer by Ron & Kathy Benson
Jean Nolan by Patricia Little
- 12:30 pm Chester Stuben by Jane Swain
Marie Torchia by Frank & Joan Lipomi
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Sharon Hamister by Rossi Family
Ugolino Ugolini by Rosemarie Hartmann

Monday, July 22

- 7:00 am Carol Reid by Joyce Knoll
- 8:00 am Victor Podgorny by Ron & Kathy Benson
- 12:00 pm Paul A. Spinley by Angie LiPuma
Frank Scarcella by J. Gallo & A. Milone

Tuesday, July 23

- 7:00 am Christine Shifflet by Noreen & Joe Shifflet
- 8:00 am Helen Wurm by Family
Christine T. Nash by Connie Vicari
- 12:00 pm Marian Morreale by Ron & Kathy Benson
Patricia Cusack by Ladies of Charity

Wednesday, July 24

- 7:00 am Tom Delaney (Anniversary)
by Delaney Family
- 8:00 am Deceased Members of Rauh Family
by Robert Rauh Family
Amanda Wood by DiMartino Family
- 12:00 pm Gerri DeLac (Birthday) by husband, William

Thursday, July 25

- 7:00 am Martha Johns by Marie Nazareth
- 8:00 am Rose Candino by Joyce Knoll
- 12:00 pm Ginger Kothen by Christine Balcerek
Mary Ann Rizzo
by Bill & Mary Lou Fleming

Friday, July 26

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 8:00 am Frank & Della Guzenski (Anniversary)
by daughters, Marcia & Margie
Irene Sobczyk by son, Chester & Family
Robert DeLuca
by Chester & Margaret DeLuca
- 12:00 pm

Saturday, July 27

- 8:00 am John F. Persons by John & Amy Persons
Michael Brown by Joan Maddigan

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Dennis Reed (Birthday) by Bob Demerath
Erich Zagsborn Jr. by Family
- 5:30 pm Rose Biasillo
by Kathy Meghan & Ed Warnke

Sunday, July 28—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Allyson Powlus by Barb & Bill Collins
- 9:30 am Christopher Gatto (Birthday) by Mom
Peter Varbanov by wife, Edith Varbnov
- 11:00 am Jeffrey Mruk (Anniversary)
by Norbert Mruk Family
Anna Bonanno by Daughters
- 12:30 pm Michael & Maryanne Kozakiewicz
by Granddaughter Christine
Ed Driscoll by Eileen Collins
- 4:30 pm James V. & Eleanor Thurston by Family
Charles Amabile (Anniversary)
By Bob & Mary Brown

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. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 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, in good weather in the Grotto and in inclement weather in the Church.



HOST OFFERING

Bauda Family by Gene and Diane Vogel

DECEASED

Jarlyn Schembri
Dorothy R. Hoffman
George M. Meyerhofer
Nancy Taborda
Dr. Rocco C. Venuto

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY - CLOSED

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

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

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

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER

- The Rosary is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule

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*
- ◇ *Knowledge and understanding of our Faith and our Church*
- ◇ *Spirit of welcome and reconciliation*
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- ◇ *Generous sharing of our God-given talents and resources*

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