

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING

THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE

August 24 & 25, 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



STATE OF THE YOUTH ADDRESS

Greetings to you all from your Youth & Young Adult Ministry here at St. Greg's. I have started my eighth year here at the Parish and wanted to share how the ministry is coming along. The state of the youth is strong!

Our mission, "To lead people to Christ with authentic holiness and radical hospitality," is more relevant today than ever. With so much news and distraction from who we are as a Church, it has been imperative to create a culture where people come home to Jesus. We take this mindset into Youth & Young Adult Ministry by developing a faithful and fearless community that inspires word of mouth invitation. While challenges exist in the Church and world today, we are not embarrassed to be Catholic and work to make sure the beauty of the Faith shines bright. Saints are created and called in times like this.

Nicole and the Middle School Core Teams have been working hard on developing the youngest of our "tweens" from Grade 5 up through Grade 8. Introducing the new age group of 5th grade has proven to be challenging yet fruitful. Ignite (grades 5-6) and Edge (grades 7-8) have been growing vibrantly. The kids who came back from Camp Hidden Lake were passionately on fire for Christ. This year is going to continue to thrive and grow beyond where we've been with middle school, the most awkward but energetic years for our youth.

Richard and company have been working hard on our High-School front by growing Life Teen and expanding new offerings such as SWAT, a deeper night for teens, as well as Empowered in Christ, a girls community to develop Faith and virtue. I heard powerful witnesses from this summer's trip to Covecrest from teens who tore down obstacles that were in the way to a relationship with Christ. This past week, Richard and I teamed up to provide a retreat experience for our graduated seniors to help them transition to the next phase of life as adults. In addition, the music team has been leading excellent worship for our experiences and teaching the next generation of musicians what it means to lead with talent and prayer.

Young Adult Ministry has been growing beyond where I thought we would be now. Our team has been focused on building relationships and great nights with Amped. We are now attracting 40-50 participants an event. We've had two powerful retreats this year, Brave and Flourish, which has proven to be fertile ground in evangelization. Brave II is coming this November and looks to be our strongest event yet. We're already looking forward to our third run of Exodus 90, developing Faith and discipline in men to be better for the Lord and the world. For our ladies, a new Women's Community is taking root and promises a fresh take on the faithful, feminine heart.

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BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

As we begin the new school year, we invite ALL children from St. Greg's Parish to attend the 9:30 am Mass on September 8 for the "Blessing of the Backpacks". Bring your backpack and celebrate this special Mass with our Parish Community.



MC GYM CLOSED

August 22 through the 27 our Ministry Center Gym is schedule for floor cleaning. No one can enter the Gym and no events can be scheduled during this time.

LABOR DAY

All Parish Offices, the Catholic Store and Café will be closed Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. There will be only one Mass on Monday, September 2, at 8:00 am.

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This is only a taste of where we've been this year. Too many things go unmentioned here but are told through our ongoing social media presence and most importantly through the witnesses of the hundreds of youth and young adults we reach over the year. Through the gifts and work of the Holy Spirit, the efforts of over forty volunteers, and the investments from you, the Parish, into the program, we are able to grow rapidly and bring Christ into a dark world. We will continue to work hard and dream forward to test what's possible with the responsibility given to us. Please pray for us and our work. We'll continue to do the same for you and serve the Parish the best we can. Know your support is paying off and making a difference.

Thank you and God bless,
Adam Jarosz,

Director, St. Greg's Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Hidden Lake Summer 2019



"We had Mass every day. Adoration and small groups were very powerful."
~Austin Thein- Recent Grade 8 graduate home schooled



Covecrest Summer 2019



"It was a lot of fun! It helped me grow my relationship with God and try new things".
~Michael Otto- Grade 7, St. Gregory the Great School



"I loved getting to dive deeper into my Faith and growing in relationships with my peers and with God. It was truly a life changing experience."
~Lauren Biondo- Recent Williamsville East HS Graduate

"I loved growing in brotherhood and faith with the guys. One night we, all the guys on the trip, decided to come together and pray the Rosary, totally unprompted. This was a powerful experience for me."

~Imanol Colon- Recent Williamsville North HS Graduate

"I really loved Adoration and the whole trip helped me grow in my Faith."

~Hannah Ermer- Recent Williamsville East HS Graduate



"It was really fun and can strengthen the faith of any willing person"
~Quinn Rotella- Grade 10 Williamsville South HS

CHILDRENS ENVELOPES



Many years ago Msgr. Wright began a giving program for our Parish children. He believed it was important to instill in our young parishioners, the future of our Faith, with the importance of giving to their parish and their community. Since its inception, each year every child in our School and Family Faith Formation program receive contributions envelopes with the intent that half of what is given in these envelopes would stay in our Parish and half would go to charities directly helping children. Every week a small stack of the children's envelopes are placed in the collection basket with their parents' contributions. The children's are counted and tallied separately. Over the years the children of St. Gregory the Great Parish have donated over \$22,000 to charities including Children's Hospital, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Variety Club of Buffalo, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Catholic Charities, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Sisters Hospital, CF Foundation, Miracle League of Grand Island and WNY, and St. Jude's Research Hospital.

As the new school year begins and your children bring home their envelopes for the new year, please discuss with them their significance and how every little bit helps their Parish and their community.



FALL MUM SALE

St. Gregory's 8th Graders will be selling beautiful fall mums, assorted colors (10" pots) after Masses on September 21 and 22. The mums are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Beautify your yard and help the students raise money for their 8th Grade class trip. Questions: Contact Jessica Taft at (724) 992-8869.

PRE-ORDER

Please send this form and payment to school by **Wednesday, September 18th.**

(Payable to St. Gregory the Great School in an envelope labeled Mum Sale)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity of Mums Reserved _____

Color of Mums: (check all that apply)

White _____

Yellow _____

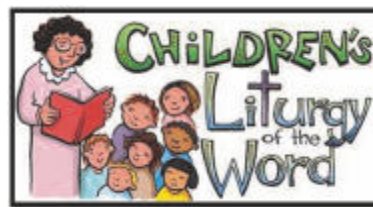
Rust/Orange _____

Red/Wine _____

Purple/Pink _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Will pick up in Gathering Room 1 following which Mass? _____



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at our 9:30 Sunday Mass where the children are dismissed to learn about Jesus on a level appropriate for children

in grades K-4. We are looking for a few volunteers (18 +) that would love to spread the word of Jesus to the children of St. Gregory the Great. Our next schedule goes out for September – November, 2019. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message for Paula Gilbert. God Bless you!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

The Northern Erie County Vicariate is sponsoring a training session for all those interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. St. Greg's is in great need for new Eucharistic Ministers. If you ever felt called to this ministry, please come to the training session. It will be held at St. Leo the Great Parish, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY on Saturday, September 21, at 9:30 am and concludes around noon. Please fill in the form below and drop it into the Sunday collection basket or call Jo Pierino (688-5678 extension 301) at the Parish Office to sign up.

Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 am

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Classes begin the week of September 8!!

Have you registered for FFF 2019-2020 yet?!
To register for religious education classes (Family Faith Formation) for Little Cherubs (PreK), Kindergarten, and Grades 1- 10, go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

CATECHIST'S CORNER

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

SAVE THE DATE: Catechist Orientation

is on Saturday, September 7 from 8:45 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria. RSVP 688.5760.

FFF Catechists Needed for the 2019-2020 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!

FFF Weekly programs run from September - April:

- **Mondays** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm) We need a Catechist for Kindergarten, Grade 2 and Grade 4.
- **Mondays** (7:00 - 8:30 pm) We need a Catechist for Grade 9.
- **Saturdays** (9:00 am - 10:30 am): We need Catechists for Little Cherubs (PreK), Kindergarten and Grade 8.

Monthly FFF program (aka Generations of Faith) runs from September - April and meets once a month:

- **Session A** (Sunday, 10:30 am - 12 noon): We need Catechists for Grade 2 and Grade 5.
- **Session B** (Sunday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm): We need Catechists for Grades 2, 4 and 6.
- **Session C** (Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm): We need Catechists for Grade 6, 9 and 10.

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 FFF Office at **688-5760**.

Flashback to 2018: Kathy Deacon, one of our catechists with her students during a Saints Fair. Students have fun presenting the story of their favorite saint!



WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT

A Ministry of St. Gregory the Great presents: A Day of Spiritual Renewal

"The Ordinary IS Extraordinary; Our God-Given Gifts"

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16



Featuring Special Guest Speaker

Kimberly Cook, M.A.T.S.

Writer, Podcaster, and Catholic Apologist and

Music by Nancy Erdman

DATE: Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm (9:45 arrival).

LOCATION: St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Ct. Williamsville, NY 14221

REGISTRATION COST: \$35*

*Includes catered buffet lunch, desserts, morning and afternoon refreshments .

Prior registration is required as seating is limited.

You may register one of three ways: mail the slip below, or place the slip in the basket at Mass, or register online www.tinyurl.com/WEjoy

Register NO LATER THAN September 30!!!

Make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great. Write "Women's Enrichment Day" in the memo.

For more information contact Joycelyn (Joy) Bila 834-0128 or jbila@hotmail.com

_____ I will attend the Women's Enrichment Day of Spiritual Renewal on October 5.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Check # _____



NEW GREETERS WELCOME!!!

We invite men, women, children, and especially families to consider joining us for this very rewarding ministry. Greeters are invited to spend 15 minutes before Mass on the weekends, offering a warm smile and a friendly 'Hello' to people arriving at Church. We are offering a brief orientation Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Even if you are unable to make this meeting, please call Brian Ruh to express your interest at 688 – 5678 ext 313 or e-mail at bruh@stgregs.org. Our hope is to one day grow this ministry to serve all entrances at all our Masses.

TELEMARKETERS WANTED

In an effort to reach out to our Parishioners we have not seen in a while, we plan to eventually call them on the phone. We are looking for free, professional advice with creating a phone script and helpful hints as to how to handle certain situations. If you are able to help us, please call Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext 313. Your expertise will be greatly appreciated.

SENIOR CO-ED BOWLING LEAGUE

The senior co-ed bowling meeting and bowling 2 games, will take place at Transit Lanes on Thursday, August 29, at 12:30 pm. We welcome new bowlers. The season starts Thursday, September 5, at 12:15 pm for practice and 12:30 pm start. For more information, please attend the meeting and/or contact Beverly at 634-7616. Any bowler planning not to return this year, please call Beverly before the meeting.



Have you made Mission, either here at St. Greg's or another parish? Join us for our "8th Night" Reunion on September 13! Please email Missionretreat@stgregs.org for more information and to RSVP!

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



SAVE THE DATE 21ST Annual Great Dinner Auction An Evening of Stars Saturday, November 2, 2019 Salvatore's Italian Gardens

GENERAL AUCTION MEETING on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 9am, in the Gathering Room next to the Church.

Car Raffle tickets will be sold starting in September and October after some select weekend Masses and available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships or \$8,000 cash! Ticket drawn at the Great Dinner Auction. St. Gregory's family of Dealerships includes: Joe Basil Chevrolet, Mike Smith GMC, Dave Smith Ford, Northtown, Mike Basil Toyota, and Transi-towne.

Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or what? In the back foyer of the church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation to the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR**

Join our Virtual Gift-Gathering Party

Go to Amazon.com and under wish lists search for Great Dinner Auction. See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to the Parish.

Volunteers Needed!

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or at the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at mckm6174@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator at 688-5678 x 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com.

—SAVE THE DATE—

St. Gregory the Great

Sunday,

September 15

12 noon-4:00 pm

in the

Ministry Center



Bills Game Day Party

Bring your family to watch the

Buffalo Bills vs. the NY Giants

Beer, water, soda and pizza
will be available for purchase.



Admission is FREE!

Join the Party or
get Take out!



Chivetta Dinners will be available
on game day for purchase for \$12.

Pre-Sale Chivetta Dinner Tickets are \$10

(available at the FFF Office beginning August 12)

Stop in during our summer hours:

Mon – Thurs from 8:00 am - 12 noon.

Join in the FUN • 50/50 and Basket Raffles

Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Gregory's Great Dinner Auction.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



St. Greg's Parish is excited to announce the Adult Faith Formation opportunities that are available for fall 2019! See the information below.

Bible Study: *Wisdom*, An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins. "*Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes.*" – Pope Francis. This program will run 2 times a week for 8 weeks, Thursday nights at 7:00 pm and Friday mornings at 9:00 am. To learn more and register.

1. Register online via the St. Greg's website and select Donate Now at the top right. **OR**
2. Type in <https://tinyurl.com/y35uvjr6> to your web browser and you will be redirected to the registration page **OR**
3. By phone or e-mail to Arlene Meyerhofer 430-5575 or ameyerhofer@verizon.net

Brown Bag Lunches: *A Biblical Work through the Mass* by Fr. Paul Cygan, running for 6 weeks, starting Friday, Sept 13 at 1:00 PM. To learn more and register contact Fr. Paul at pcygan@stgregs.org or 688-5678.



NEW PARISHIONER GREAT AUCTION DINNER PARTNER UP!!!

Join us on Sunday, September 8, after the 9:30 family Mass, for Donuts and Donations in the Gathering Room. We will be serving Paula's Donuts and committee members will be available to discuss how you can get involved with the Great Auction and/or become a New Parishioner. Please feel free to just stop by for a donut, and you are most welcome to bring any cash or gift card donation. New Parishioners are encouraged to come and learn about the Parish and the Great Auction!!!

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Join us as we discuss "5 Simple Habits" that will bring out the best in your marriage!

Catholic Psychotherapist Dan Lawson has worked to combine cutting edge relationship science with the genius of Catholicism to provide you with practical solutions for the issues impacting our marriages today. If you are looking for a way to transform your marriage into the one you always hoped for, this workshop is for you.

SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH AND GATHERING ROOMS





ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGALIZED

IN NJ: As of August 1, "The Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill

Act" became law in New Jersey. The new law allows mentally competent New Jersey residents with a terminal diagnosis and six months to live to request medication to end their lives.

New Jersey becomes the ninth state to allow assisted suicide, joining California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and District of Columbia.

Bishop James E. Checchio of Metuchen, New Jersey, Issued a statement renewing condemnation of assisted suicide, describing it as "a grievous affront to the dignity of human life" that "can never be morally justified."

"Passage of this law points to the utter failure of government, and indeed all society, to care truly, authentically and humanely for the suffering and vulnerable in our midst, especially those living with an incurable disease,...the ...elderly, the infirm and those ...with disabilities."

Checchio ...warned that assisted suicide was a particular threat to the elderly who could "feel ...pressure to view this as an option to prevent being a burden to others."

The bishop also warned that younger generations would come to [accept] the elderly, sick, and disabled killing themselves as normal. "With this law there will be a further desensitization of the value of human life," said Checchio.

Catholics "are called to show a different approach to death and the dying; one which accompanies every person as they are dying and allows them to love and to be loved to the very end."

"Let us strive to help the sick and incapacitated find meaning in their lives, even and especially in the midst of their suffering," said the bishop. "Let us, as a society and as individuals, choose to walk with them in their suffering, not contribute to eliminating the gift of life." (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com)

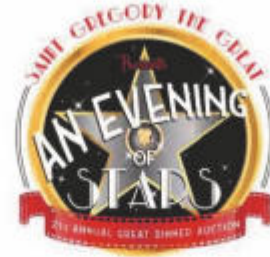
EVENING PRAYER "VESPERS"

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.

St. Gregory the Great 21st Annual Great Dinner Auction Saturday November 2nd, 2019

Honoring recipients of the
Cornerstone Award

*Joseph Couche
Rosemary Spano*



Dinner Auction Sponsorship Opportunities

Table Sponsorships

includes seating for 10

The Producer \$3,500

The Director \$2,500

The Spotlight \$1,500

Please see website for description of sponsorship tables

More Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

Bid Sheets \$1,200

Favors \$1,200

Valet Parking \$1,100

Wine/Gift Pull \$ 600

Gym Banner \$ 600

Golden Raffle \$ 600

Photo Booth \$ 600

Catalog Advertising

Inside Front Cover 4/C \$ 750

Inside Back Cover 4/C \$750

Full Page B/W \$400

Half Page B/W \$250

¼ Page B/W \$150

Business Card AD \$ 95

\$25 Shout Out to Cornerstone Honorees
Acknowledge these honorees in the dinner program
(3-4 short lines of appreciation)

If you are intersted please contact
Cindy Reitebach in the auction office at
688-5678 ext 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com



MINISTRY UPDATES

LADIES OF THE LORD

On Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 pm, LOL will be celebrating our 20th anniversary! Our evening begins in GR 1 with the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in the presence of our traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will proceed to Church for Mass at 7:30 pm, celebrated by Fr. Jim Ciupek. Fr. Jim was a Parochial Vicar here at St. Greg's. He accompanied Dawn Curazotto on a visit to Little Audrey Santo of Worcester, MA, who interceded for the healing of Dawn's granddaughter, Katelin. Audrey is in the process of being considered for sainthood. After Mass there will be a reception in the Gathering Room. All are welcome!

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, August 26, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Yearly dues will be collected. New members are always welcome.

ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL HOSPITALITY MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. Please bring your calendar and your Auction donation as this is our only meeting. For more information please call Ro at 688-6224 or Marguerite at 688-5834.

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO TRIP THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, \$26 PER PERSON

Travel to Seneca Niagara Casino RECEIVE \$30 IN SENECA Slot Dollars and Lunch Buffet. Remember to bring your players card or you can apply for one upon arrival and a valid state or federally issued ID (PASSPORT OR DRIVER'S LICENCE). Must arrive on Motor Coach to receive incentive. NO EXCEPTIONS.

DEPART: 11:00 am from St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Court.

CASINO: 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

RETURN: 6:00 pm

For booking or more information call Nancy Harkins at 631-5313.



NEXT SENIOR MEETING

Please join us on September 9 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Rooms if you are 55 or older. We will celebrate the installation of new officers. Refreshments will be served.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, August 26

12:30 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (Café)

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Leadership Mtg. (MC2)

Tuesday, August 27

Wednesday, August 28

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

Thursday, August 29

9:30 am Great Auction Meeting (MC3)

Friday, August 30

4:00 pm High School Event (MC, Church)

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

1:30 pm Baptisms

3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)



RCIA AT ST. GREGORY: OPEN SEASON FOR ALL QUESTIONS

So, why be Catholic? Aren't there so many rules? In the end, aren't all Christian faiths the same? Don't all religions approach the same end? Sessions of Inquiry for these and unlimited other questions start September 11. For more information, call the Parish Office or e-mail Jerry at gpeer@verizon.net.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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. **Please obtain a substitute if you are not able to attend adoration at your scheduled hour. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. Thank 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 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 24

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm J. R. McKenna by Mother & Family
William Smereka by Sharyn & Bill Miller
- 5:30 pm Rose Ricigliano by Julicher Family

Sunday, August 25– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Alma Geib by Julicher Family
- 9:30 am Louis C. Nati by Jim & Mary Jo Contino
Sally Steele by Jomarie Buscarion
- 11:00 am Marion C. Ettipio
by Carol & Russell Monafio
- 12:30 pm Msgr. Dino Lorenzetti (Living)
by Vince & Pat Ricotta
Charles J. Price by Marita Hass & Family
& Braunscheidel Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Bernice Gantress by Hallac Family

Monday, August 26

- 7:00 am Nicola & Cologera Melazzo
by Maria Campanella
- 8:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 12:00 pm Jeremiah F. Hickey & Margaret Simmons
By Mary Pat Ruthven & Family
Frank Scarcella by Phyllis Saviola

Tuesday, August 27– St. Monica

- 7:00 am Josephine DiCristofaro
by Di Bacco Family
- 8:00 am Thomas J. Mahoney (Anniversary)
by Pat & Sharon Mahoney
- 12:00 pm Joseph Di Maggio by Eleanor Thurston
Thomas Maher by Diane Maher

Wednesday, August 28– St. Augustine

- 7:00 am Dottie Hoffman by Dad, Julie, Alan, AJ,
& Stephen
- 8:00 am Russell Frank Battaglia by Sam Mancuso
- 12:00 pm Bob Besant by Family
Rev. David Richards (Living) by Friend

DECEASED

Michael J. Reilly
Phylis A. Robert
John T. Whitte
Geraldine L. Verdi

USHERS

Until further notice, please contact Dennis with questions or concerns. Home number is 688-2380 and cell is 206-9911 (text or call).

Thursday, August 29– Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 7:00 am William Bender by Jim & Lois Helferty
- 8:00 am Alfred & Josephine Caldiero by Children
- 12:00 pm F. Robert Danni by Kathy & Family
Valerie Garrison by Mom

Friday, August 30

- 7:00 am John Kissane by Passafiume Family
- 8:00 am Donna Spellman by Rick & Beth Gerrish
- 12:00 pm Rosario Cantella by Richard Bene
Anthony Misercola by Misercola Family

Saturday, August 31

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 2:00 pm **WEDDING:**
Katelyn M. Mawk & Domenico D'Angelo

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Richard Hertel II by Jeanne Hertel
Jack Littlefield by Wife
- 5:30 pm Anna Debergalis by Dave & Meg King

Sunday, September 1– 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jim & Louise Mc Partlan by Family
- 9:30 am Kenneth Kryzstof
by Anthony & Rosemary Priore
Francisco & Victoria Sicurella
By Casola Family
- 11:00 am John & Victoria Mruk (Anniversary)
By Norbert Mruk Family
- 12:30 pm Frank Deni by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Skretny
Patricia Murphy by Julicher Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Donald Collins II
by Aunt Fran & Billy Gabler

HOST OFFERING

Cupolo Family by Cupolo Family

CANDLE OFFERING

Edward Maciejewski by David Roberts Family

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. If you wish to attend, please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678.

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HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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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.

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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

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