

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

PARISH COMMUNITY LIVING  
THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

September 7 & 8, 2019  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Pastor's Article

My Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate this weekend we are in the beginning of a new church ministry year. As you probably know, the parish's fiscal year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>.

We have an exciting new year of ministry ahead of us. We are blessed that our school is off to a great start. Our many programs under Family Faith Formation are about to begin as well. This Sunday kicks off our new youth ministry year. We have our Life Teen kick-off social immediately after this Sunday's 4:30 pm Mass. All high-school teens are welcome!! We are also excited to begin our new Evangelization ministry. Our parishioners are already going to visit our "new neighbors" who have purchased homes in our area, to welcome them and invite them to join us at St. Greg's. These visits have been well received and our parishioners involved with this ministry have found it to be very rewarding. Similarly we are close to launching our outreach to our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from actively celebrating with us at St. Greg's.

We are also gearing up for this year's Great Dinner Auction. This is our parish's single largest fund raiser each year. We invite everyone in our parish to participate in some way. Please consider donating an item, small or large, to the Auction. We are looking for all kinds of gift baskets and gift cards as well as some of the "larger" items for the Live Auction. If you own a summer cottage or a condo in Florida or ski country, I humbly ask you to consider donating a week or two as a live auction item. Also, we need many other types of larger items for the Live Auction such as furniture, sports equipment, tickets to Bill's or Sabres' games, jewelry and more. Perhaps you can consider taking one of the ornaments off of the Auction Tree in the church vestibule which provides a very specific item to contribute. Please consider coming to the event or volunteering to work it.

As you know we will be honoring both Ro Spano and Joe Couche with the St. Gregory the Great Cornerstone Award. Please consider buying a program ad to congratulate and thank Ro for her decades of service coordinating all of our parish receptions and to thank Joe for his great work in coordinating our recent church renovation project. *(Continued on Page 2)*

## NEW APP FOR ST. GREG'S

We are always looking for ways to enhance the way we communicate with Parishioners. We are excited to announce a re-launch of our old Parish App. The new app is called WeConnect Parish App. Updates include:

- ⇒ **Bulletin** - View our most recent Bulletin the moment it is available online.
- ⇒ **Daily Readings** - Follow the daily readings at home or during Mass.
- ⇒ **Online Giving** - Manage your online giving account.
- ⇒ **Calendar** - View upcoming events. **School** - Quick access to the school website.

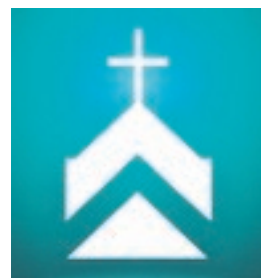
One of the best features is the ability to sign up for Parish Notifications. This allows us to send notifications in case of emergency closings, updates and so much more!

### To download:

IPHONE USERS TEXT: ParishApp1 to 555888

ANDROID USERS TEXT: ParishApp2 to 555888

VISIT YOUR APP STORE: Search WeConnect, Parish App, look for the blue icon above and follow the prompts. Contact Marisa Piazza at the Parish Business Office at [mpiazza@stgregs.org](mailto:mpiazza@stgregs.org) with questions.



### (Pastor's Article Continued)

There are many ways to be a part of the Auction and we invite one and all to become involved. Can you begin to imagine the great success our Auction would have if every person or family contributed, in just one way, to this awesome event! Thank you to all those who step up every year to help lead our Auction, and thank you in advance to all who will participate this year.

I share these thoughts to invite and encourage you to see the life, ministry and activity of our parish family, and to remind you that the work of our parish must continue despite the challenges facing our Diocese.

We live in a time which requires courage to live our Faith. I am sure you will agree that we never would have imagined living through such a difficult chapter in our Church. It takes courage to continue to publically live our Catholic Faith and courage to continue to support and participate in the work of the Church. This is not a time of despair or hopelessness. Rather, it is a time that Saints emerge to give guidance and light during a time of darkness. I am thankful to all who continue to come to celebrate with us at St. Greg's and who continue to support the ministries of our parish family. I firmly believe that we have a great opportunity in our midst to let our Faith shine. It is easy to be Catholic when times are plentiful and peaceful; it is the real test of our Faith in Jesus, the truth of His Church and our Sacraments, when it is challenging to believe.

My hope and prayer is that you continue to believe and to celebrate our Faith. Our true pride rests in being a disciple of Jesus Christ as our Gospel this Sunday reminds us. Our Discipleship must always be first and foremost in our lives. We have the test and challenge now to let that Discipleship shine in the continued growth and excellence in ministry of St. Greg's!

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

### CHRIST THE KING COLLECTION

This weekend is the annual collection for Christ the King Seminary. This is your opportunity to **help support the education of our future priests, deacons and lay leaders.** Please invest in the future of the church in our area by helping our seminary continue its important work of ensuring that all who answer God's call to ministry will be well educated and well prepared to serve. Please give generously so more can serve, and pray for the success of our seminary's mission. For more information on Christ the King Seminary or to give online go to [cks.edu](http://cks.edu).

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CELL PHONES

September 1, began our new fiscal year. In the effort to balance our Parish budget for this new fiscal year we have eliminated all reimbursements for cell phones that were used for Parish purposes. If you were accustomed to contacting our Parish Clergy or staff members by cell phone, we ask that you begin to use the Parish and School land lines. Please see the back of the Bulletin for a full list of direct lines. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are no longer able to provide cell phones for parish use. Thank you for your understanding.



### 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](mailto:gpeer@verizon.net).



**RSVP by September 9 to  
Marisa Piazza at  
[mpiazza@stgresg.org](mailto:mpiazza@stgresg.org)**

### 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**



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
5:00 – 8:30

Join School Families, Students, Teachers & Parishioners for Fun Night at St. Greg's School! Used Uniform Sale, Bake Sale, Face Painting and Games!

### Dinner from Chick-fil-A!

**\*must pre-order your meal!\***

**ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich Meals

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Chick-fil-A 6ct Chicken Nugget Meals  
(all meals include chips and water)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Meals X \$10 per Meal

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

*(make checks payable to St. Gregory the Great School)*  
RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

### MUSIC MINISTRY— Youth Choir

Inviting all youth of our parish in grades 1-8 to share your musical talent with our Youth Choir! Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 17, from 4:30 pm—5:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. Our first Mass will be Sunday, September 29, at 9:30 am! See you then! Bring a friend!!

Nancy Erdman [nerdman@stgregs.org](mailto:nerdman@stgregs.org) Ext. 308

Michael Cygan [mcygan@stgregs.org](mailto:mcygan@stgregs.org) Ext. 340

### AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS MEETING

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered character development program where girls participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Girls ages 5-18 are invited to learn more about the Troop. Please join AHG Troop NY3129 for an informational meeting at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 6th, in St. Gregory the Great's school/gym/cafeteria. Please contact Cathy McMaster at 430-7347 to RSVP or with any questions.

### THE MISSION OF MY LIFE

*PRAYER FROM BRIAN RUH MESSAGE 8/31 AND 9/1*  
God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. *John Henry Cardinal Newman [1801-1890], to be canonized Oct 13, 2019*



Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at 9:30 Sunday Mass. 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+) who would love to spread the word of Jesus to the children of St. Greg's. Our next schedule goes out for September – November. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message for Paula Gilbert. God Bless you!

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

### First Day of FFF Classes:

Classes begin on the dates below for the **Monthly FFF Program** aka **Generations of Faith** (in the School Gym, Cafeteria and Classrooms):

**GOF Session A:** September 8 (9:30 am - 12 noon)

**GOF Session B:** September 8 (12:30 pm - 2:00 pm)

**GOF Session C:** September 12 (6:15 pm - 7:45 pm)

### Classes begin on the dates below for the Weekly FFF Program:

(All programs are in School Classrooms)

**Monday Kindergarten, Gr 1-4:** Sept. 9

(4:30 pm - 5:45 pm)

**Monday Gr 5-10:** Sept. 9 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

**Saturday Kindergarten, Gr 1-8:** Sept. 14

(9:00 am - 10:30 am)

**Little Cherubs (PreK):** Sept.14 (9:00 am - 10:30 am)



Family Faith Formation classes begin this week!  
[www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

## CATECHIST CORNER

### Substitute Catechists Needed for the 2019-2020

school year. Help us teach our youth about their faith! 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! Please contact Joan Rischmiller at the Family Faith Formation Office at **688-5760** for more information.

“On the lips of the Catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: **Jesus Christ loves you**; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.... nothing is more solid, profound, secure, meaningful and wisdom-filled than that initial proclamation.” Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### EUCCHARISTIC 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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

GENERAL AUCTION MEETING

Thursday, September 12, at 9:00 am, in the Gathering Room next to the Church



Join Us Sunday, September 8, after the family Mass at 9:30 for Donuts and Donations in the Gathering Room. We will be serving Paula's

Donuts and committee members will be around to discuss how you can get involved. Please feel free to just stop by for a donut, and you are most welcome to bring any cash or gift card donation.

**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 [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20F1XK7J97G95?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20F1XK7J97G95?ref=wl_share) or send an email to [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com) and we will send you the link.** See all the great items you can donate to the Auction and they will be delivered right to St. Greg's.

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in September and October and are 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!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Youth and Adults Volunteers: If you would like to help out selling car raffle tickets in September or October after weekend Masses or at the Auction, please contact Katie Hufnagel at [mckm6174@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com).

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses. 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. Bring a folding chair, sing Ava Maria, Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America, after reciting a powerful prayer for our Country.



# —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.

Join the Party or  
get Take out!

**Admission is FREE!**



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

Pre-Sale Chiavetta Dinner Tickets are \$10  
Available at the FFF Office

Monday—Friday (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

**Join in the FUN • 50/50 and Basket Raffles**

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



## 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. 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 more information call Nancy Harkins at 631-5313.

## 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](mailto:ameyerhofer@verizon.net)

Brown Bag Lunches: *A Biblical Walk 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](mailto:pcygan@stgregs.org) or 688-5678.

# BRAVE II

## Fall Young Adult Retreat

*Allegany State Park  
Camp Turner*

NOVEMBER 8-10

18-30somethings invited for  
this overnight experience and  
recharge to **BRAVE** the world

Details & Registration  
[stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii](http://stgregsym.org/events/ya-retreat-brave-ii)



Questions Contact Adam Jarosz  
[ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org) - 688-3578



**STAND UP FOR LIFE!!** The legalization of radical abortion expansion in New York means that now, more than ever,

Catholics must act and be a voice for the voiceless. There are several opportunities for you to do just that in the coming weeks.

**“40 Days for Life”** begins September 25 and continues through November 3. This nation-wide, ecumenical movement is designed to raise awareness and bring a strong, positive pro-life message across America. It is a grassroots effort to end abortion through prayer and fasting, silent witnessing outside abortion clinics, and community outreach. Buffalo's 40 Days for Life group holds a peaceful prayer vigil at the Buffalo Women Services clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day during the campaign. Since Buffalo became a part of 40 Days for Life in 2007, hundreds of babies' lives have been saved and their parents spared from the grief and guilt of abortion.

Won't you help?

**For more information or to sign up for an hour, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo) or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.**

**Life Chain 2019- Save the Date!** On Sunday, October 6, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall. More information on how you can participate in this very important demonstration will be detailed in upcoming Bulletins.

**The first meeting of the Respect Life Committee is Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center Room 1. All are welcome!!**

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**ATTN CATHOLIC-SCHOOL AND PUBLIC-SCHOOL PARENTS:** Online **Confirmation Registration** began on July 1. **Permission slips for the September 28 Confirmation Retreat is due on September 9.** 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-1/](http://www.stgregs.org/confirmation-1/)

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

### MOMS 2019-2020

THE YEAR OF HEALING WITH MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Spiritual Motherhood continues into the Year of Healing

MOMS Mass Mobs

MOMS Meals

Free Babysitting

[www.stgregsmoms.org](http://www.stgregsmoms.org)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Childcare

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$25.00 CASH \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: St. Gregory the Great, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

### MOMS ASSISI/ROME RETREAT MAY 2020

You are invited to participate in a women's spiritual retreat to Assisi and Rome May 13-21, 2020. This retreat offers you an opportunity to deepen your personal relationship with God through visits to the major sanctuaries associated with SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi. Your life is enriched and transformed through participation in rituals, prayers, Eucharistic celebrations, historical visits and lectures. By journeying through their life stories, these two saints help us to “fix our gaze on God.” The retreat will be led by Monsignor Zapfel and Fr. John Cella OFM.

INFORMATION MEETING Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. Please contact Nadine Bargnes with any questions 830-8530 or [ngbargnes@aol.com](mailto:ngbargnes@aol.com)



## MINISTRY UPDATES

### LADIES OF THE LORD

On Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 pm, Ladies of the Lord 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!

### 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. Family Medical Pharmacy will be onsite for Flu Shots for this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, DIOCESE OF BUFFALO



Est. 1847

#### FRIENDS of the POOR WALK

Saturday, September 28, at Goat Island, Niagara Falls State Park (enter Prospect & Old Falls Sts. Niagara Falls NY 14203). A one and one-quarter (1.25) mile walk held to raise awareness and funds for the Society's mission, to assist the poor and needy in Western New York. Picnic and fellowship to follow the walk with proceeds to assist the Society's central and parish-based conferences in the region. On-site registration starts at 8:30 am, walk at 10:00 am. Questions: Contact Tim Spellman (688-3597) On line registration: <http://svdpwny.org/2019-friends-of-the-poor-walk/>

#### SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next pick up date is on Saturday, September 21. Call 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message.

### 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.

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 8

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR1)
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 3:15 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC)

### Monday, September 9

- 1:00 pm Senior Citizens General Mtg. (GR2)
- 6:00 pm KOC Mtg. (MC Gym)
- 6:00 pm YM Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 6:30 pm Pan Can Mtg. (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop Cmty. Mtg. (MC 3)

### Tuesday, September 10

- 6:00 pm IGNITE (MC Gym, Foyer, Basement)
- 6:30 pm Evangelization Greeter's Mtg. (GR 1)
- 7:30 pm BSA Troop 444 Mtg. (MC Gym)
- 7:30 pm 11:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal (GR 2)

### Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm SWAT (MC Basement)
- 6:30 pm All Hearts Afire Book Study (MC 2)

### Thursday, September 12

- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord 20th Anniversary Mass & Meeting (Church, GR 1 and GR 2)

### Friday, September 13

- 9:00 am Bible Timeline Class (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm American Heritage Girls Troop Mtg. (School Caf. School Gym and School Library)
- 6:00 pm Mission Reunion (GR 2)
- 6:00 pm Scouts Mtg. (MC 2)

### Saturday, September 14

- 3:30 pm Full of Grace Music Ministry (GR 2)

### Sunday, September 15

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



### EUCCHARISTIC 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:

- ♦ MONDAYS 8:00- 9:00 am, 2:00 - 3:00 am
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- ♦ THURSDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ♦ SATURDAYS 2:00 -3:00 pm
- ♦ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 7

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary & Michael Cirelli  
by Family & Friends  
Daniel Arent  
by Rodney & Cynthia Krysztof
- 5:30 pm Edward Kramer  
by St. Greg's Home School Association

### Sunday, September 8– 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am George R. Sentz  
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis La Gree
- 9:30 am Robert J. Daigler  
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family  
Diane Becht Lo (Birthday) by Aunt Ro
- 11:00 am Vincent Boanno by Daughters  
Robert Rauh by St. Greg's Ushers
- 12:30 pm Dr. Nick Bona by Montagna Family  
Sherrel Krueger by Lazarony Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Bernice Gantress by Gantress Family

### Monday, September 9– St. Peter Claver

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory the Great
- 8:00 am John Tammaro by Anne Lambiose  
Marlene Kopczynski by D'Souza Family
- 12:00 pm Joseph & Virginia Ferraro  
by Melody Tronolone  
Leon T. Dulski  
by Mary & Anthony Dulski

### Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 am Dottie Hoffman  
by Dad, Julie, Alan, AJ & Stephen
- 8:00 am Marion Rauh(Anniversary)  
by Rauh Family
- 12:00 pm Paz Plavan  
by Parents Fanony & Marshall Plavan  
Susan Collard Fanning by Carroll Family

### Wednesday, September 11

- 7:00 am Bernie Anibaldi by Marie Anibaldi
- 8:00 am Elmer Rowekamp  
by wife Marie & Family  
William J. Cleary Sr. by Goergen Family
- 12:00 pm Donald Davis by Ellie Lorenzo

### Thursday, September 12 –Most Holy Name of Mary

- 7:00 am Judy Reifsteck (Living) & Family  
by Sharon Sans
- 8:00 am Margaret & M. Raymond Guastaferro  
by Estate  
Nancy & Roger Arndt by Brother  
**(School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Natalie & Henry Noworyta  
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski  
Sixto R. Macedo III, MD  
by wife Lilia Macedo, MD

### Friday, September 13– St. John Chrysostom

- 7:00 am Leona Costanzo (Birthday) by Family
- 8:00 am Carmelo Amato by Amato Family  
Father Jim Ciupek(Living)  
by Ladies of the Lord
- 12:00 pm Frank Scarcella by Janet Gallo  
Frank Deni by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Skretny

### Saturday, September 14– Exaltation of the Cross

- 8:00 am Alfred Caldiero by Children  
Kathleen Dake by Maureen Cassidy

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Daniel T. Kirst by Family  
Giuseppe Saieva by Family
- 5:30 pm Joseph & Victoria Wyzkowski by Family

### Sunday, September 15 -24th Sunday Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Deacon Paul Walter (Living) by KOC  
Council 14687  
Elizabeth J. Megger  
by Terry & Jim Gumulak
- 9:30 am Mollie Verdi by Family  
Bob Rose by Rose & Becker Families
- 11:00 am John Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family  
Richard R. Olejniczak by Olejniczak  
Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Dr. Nick Bona by Montagna Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm John J. Zaleski by Respite Health Ministry

### DECEASED

Margaret M. Casey  
Joseph Janson  
Patrick W. Marks  
Joseph V. Murphy Jr.  
Joan A. Parisi  
Anne M. Porter  
Carol L. Weber-Thrush

### WEDDING

### ANNIVERSARY MASS



Mass is at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 am with the renewal of vows for couples celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th Anniversary in 2019. Please call Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.

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**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.**

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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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**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)
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