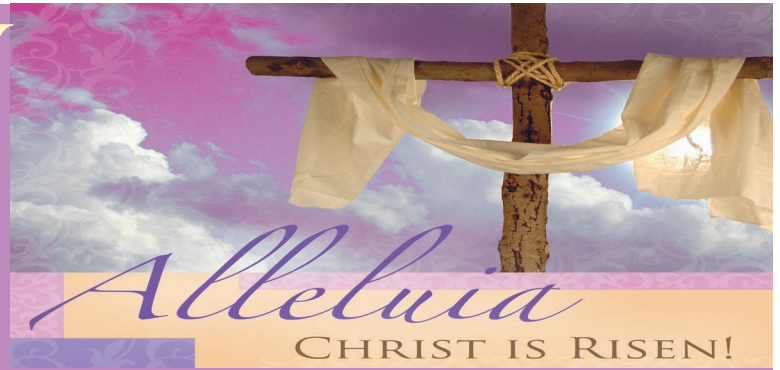


SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12 & 13, 2018*



From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, as we celebrate this weekend, we honor and especially pray for all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers, living and deceased. I hope and pray this day, and every day, that all of you ladies know the deep love and appreciation of your family. I also hope and pray that you are aware of the profound love of Jesus Christ and God our Father in your life, and the gratitude that our Lord has for you and your role as Mother. Finally, it is also my hope and prayer that each of us has a loving and joyful experience and/or memory of our own Mom, Grandma and Godmother. We love you, our Mothers!

We are also blessed to have Holy Mother Church in our lives. We often refer to our Church as "Mother Church." Just as a Mother is loving and nurturing and the source and fountain of life, so too, Holy Mother Church is loving and nurturing and the source and fountain of life. Just as any great Mother of faith desires to see her children not only progress in this world but ultimately to be one day in Heaven for all eternity, so too Mother Church desires us to experience true joy and success in this world in preparation for the fullness of life in the world to come.

Last week I briefly reflected in this article on what a "good Catholic" means. I also promised to reflect further on that this weekend. We are reminded in the Who is the "good" Catholic? The good Catholic is one who loves Mother Church. Just as a good family has a love for their Mom as a strong foundation; so too, a good Catholic family has their Church as a strong foundation. Just as when we are little children we try to learn from our Moms and try to please them by living as they call us to live; so too, as children of God we try to learn from our Mother Church and try to please God by living as Mother Church calls us to live. Gospel of Matthew 5:48 that we are to be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is perfect. To be a good Catholic means that we strive to always be perfected in the life of Jesus Christ. I try to daily remember that I have areas in my life that need to be perfected to become more like Christ. I attribute that knowledge to my regular experience of the life of the sacraments. The sacraments are the life blood of the church and we are called to abide within them. Just as a good mother knows it is her responsibility to keep her family close and together, so too Mother Church knows it is her responsibility to keep her family close together. Just as a good Mother knows that food, key moments to celebrate and shared experiences of life help the family to grow and be close; so too, Mother Church knows that the Eucharist (food), key moments to celebrate (sacramental moments like Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, etc...) and shared experiences more like MOMS ministry, Edge and Life Teen, Altar Serving, MOG (men's prayer group), MISSION, summer vacation bible school, Catholic School and Family Faith Formation and Young Adult ministry and more.... keep the family close together.

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Respect Life Diaper Drive

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center. You can drop off disposable diapers and wipes, lotions and bath products, baby formula, and/or new or gently used infant clothing items inside the main entrance to the Church all weekend.

COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA

The combined collection this weekend, May 12 & 13, includes the Church in Latin America. Your generosity is invaluable to fund catechesis, youth ministry programs and education for seminarians, religious and lay leaders. Thank you!

STILL AVAILABLE

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Mother's Day Novena Mass Cards are available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering and return it to the Parish Office by MONDAY, MAY 14. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week of May 13 through May 20.

Closed For Mother's Day

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. May 14: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Tues. May 15: Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

Wed. May 16: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

Thurs. May 17: Acts of the Apostles 20:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Fri. May 18: Acts of the Apostles 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Sat. May 19: Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sun. May 20: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 (63B); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Praying for others

Reading I Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 (Matthias chosen)

Reading II 1 John 4:11-16 (love for one another)

Gospel John 17:11-19 (Jesus' prayer for the disciples)

Passage [Jesus prayed to his Father,] I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. (John 17:9)

Adult: *Who needs you to pray for them this week, as Jesus prayed for his disciples?*

Child: *Who will you pray for this week*

VOCATION VIEW

With each having a unique role. What is your unique role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org!

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From the Desk of the Pastor (cont'd from pg. 1)

Ultimately our Moms teach us how to make tough decisions and how to live in a way that will lead us to ultimate success and happiness even if we experience hard work and some short term challenges. So too, Mother Church teaches us how to make tough decisions and how to live in a way that will lead us to the ultimate reward of eternal life and joy, even if we experience hard work and some suffering along the way.

Basically, this Mother's Day, as we reflect on all of who our Moms are for us, take those qualities and relate them to Mother Church. Our Mothers call us to live a life within the life of our personal family. Holy Mother Church ultimately calls us to live a life within the life of our Church.

I have heard it said many times that "When I was young I couldn't believe how much my parents didn't know, and now that I am getting older I am amazed at how much wisdom my parents had." Sometimes when we are "young" we do not always recognize or appreciate the wisdom, guidance and direction from our parents and those who are "older." Often, as we get older and reflect back or need to make decisions, we turn to the wisdom and words of our parents and older generation. I suppose the same is true with our life of faith. We live in a time and culture, especially when we are young, that calls us to a false happiness apart from Mother Church. As we mature, we learn the real wisdom we are blessed to possess in a Mother that has some 2000 years of experience and tradition.

Who is a good Catholic? A good Catholic is one who loves his/her Mother, Mother Church. A good Catholic is one who allows Mother Church to keep her close in the family of Baptism. A good Catholic is one who strives to live a life within the life of the family and rely on the wisdom of Mom.

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always. Happy Mother's Day!!

Women's Enrichment News

Women's Enrichment has taken a hiatus from our annual spring Women's Day of Spiritual Renewal. We will miss seeing you, but mark your calendars for Saturday, September 22, when we return with a day filled with the Holy Spirit as presented to us by our very special guest speaker Trish Short, Grammy award winner and singer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. You won't want to miss this inspiring speaker and the awesome event we have planned. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

REQUESTS FOR 2019 MASSES...

... are being accepted beginning May 15. Please **mail** all requests to the Parish Office, Attention: 2019 Masses. Requests will not be accepted over the phone. Please mail your donation (\$15 per Mass) with your requests. Weekly offerings of Host (\$55), Wine (\$40) and Sanctuary Candle (\$35) are also available for 2018 and 2019. Thank you.

St. Greg's Great Race

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

Stream Sprouts Young Scientists Club

Monday, July 30-Thursdays, August 2, from 8:30 –11:30 led by Mrs. Andzik. Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are eligible. Explore the wonderful world of science with this hands-on, inquiry based, and engaging after-school club. Students will conduct experiments to explore basic scientific principles. Please register as soon as possible, as there is a maximum number of 14 students. The \$100 class dues includes supplies. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

Kindergarten Readiness Camp

St. Gregory the Great is offering a Kindergarten Readiness Camp for Children ages 4-6. This camp will focus on academic, social, emotional and motor skills. Two sessions will be offered: Monday Aug 13-Thursdays August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursdays, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 –11:30. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).

Ladies of Charity

There will be no monthly meeting in May. Members are reminded to fulfill their time commitments to the Household Goods Collection on May 21. Our next day of service is Monday, June 4. Call Marge at 688-5954, if interested.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

"ADORERS NEEDED!!!" You are invited to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass, please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678.

MEN OF GOD

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, May 16, from 7:00-9:00 pm in Gathering Room 2.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information, contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

Senior Citizens

May 28, Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required. **June 18**, Our *All American City Tour*, \$73 per person, 3 hour Buffalo Creek Casino with \$15 free slot play, lunch at Pearl Street Grill, menu choice of CharGrilled Chicken, Fish & Chips or Pot Roast. 90 minute double-deck bus tour of Canalside, Outer Harbor, Erie Canal, Erie Basin Marina and more. Bus departs Ministry Center at 9:30 am returning at 5:30 pm.

July 11, *Southern Tier Treasures*, Tour to Olean, \$77 per person, tour of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, lunch at The Old Library Inn and visit Cutco's Visitor Center. Bus departs Ministry Center 10:00 am, returning at 7:00 pm. If interested, let us know to secure reservations. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE: \$581,897.37 COLLECTED, 84% OF OUR GOAL

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

Vacation Bible School

For Pre K- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

(child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2017)

Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22.

To Register, go to www.stgregs.org/register-now/

The fee is \$30.00 per student, \$90.00 family rate (for 3 or more).

Deadline: Registration and payment must be received by 12:00 noon on **Friday, June 22. No classroom changes or refunds after June 22.** All classroom changes must be requested in writing.

For more program details, go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/ or call Joan Rischmiller at 688-5760.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for Fifth Grade and up

Calling all those interested in altar serving

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

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



Celebrate your Faith **Answer His call**



Respect Life

Happy Mother's Day!! "Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Certainly, a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth... Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world." Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, Section 174)

This weekend, the Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive to benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Care Outreach Center. They need:

- ***Disposable Diapers (All Sizes) and Wipes**
- ***Lotions and Bath Products**
- ***Baby Formula**
- ***New or Gently Used Infant Clothing Items**

Items should be placed in the container inside the main entrance to the Church.

Please Note: Donations are limited to the items on this list. Due to federal and state safety regulations, we CAN NOT accept used baby furniture, car seats, or toys. Those wishing to make a monetary donation may do so online at buffalodiocese.org/pro-life or by mail to the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, 14203. Make checks payable to "Diocese of Buffalo Office of Pro-Life Activities."

Thank you for your generosity!

MEETING CHANGED: The final Respect Life Committee meeting before the summer break scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, **has been moved to Tuesday, May 22, at 7:00 pm** in the Ministry Center Room #1. All are welcome!

Parish Mission

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

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

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

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

The Family Means: "live faithfully" by keeping your marriage vows, caring for ill parents, standing by adult children or raising children as a single parent.

The Family Means: "give life", by welcoming children through birth or adoption, recycle goods, doing good works for the hungry or homeless. Work to improve schools, and help those treated unjustly.

The Family Means: "mutual growth", by sharing feelings as well as household duties. Fathers, take care of your wife and children, love them and spend time with them. Be with them. Mothers, continue to nourish and nurture your family. Be with one another.

Follow the way of love! Amen.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION

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

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

WITH GRATITUDE

Dear friends,

My family and I are deeply grateful for your kind expressions of sympathy following the sudden and tragic death of my nephew Charles Drumm. Your support in our time of mourning is very much appreciated.

At four of the Masses last weekend, I concluded my homily by quoting an anonymous poem. Several have asked for a copy. Here it is:

For every pain we must bear; for every
burden, every care, there is a reason.
For every grief that bows the head, for every
teardrop that is shed, there is a reason.
For every hurt, for every plight, for every
lonely, pain-racked night, there is a reason.
And if we trust God, as we should,
it will turn out for our good.
He knows the reason.

Sincerely, Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:

2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:

High-School Summer Program (formerly SPLASH)

Class dates: June 25 - 29, 9:00 am- 4:00pm. For program details, go to www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/

Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:

- **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)
Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am, in the School Cafeteria.
- **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)
Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am, in the School Cafeteria.

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

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

Monday, May 21, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration Only.**

Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/

For FFF Program Registration, go to

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



FFF Seventh graders went on a field trip to the Church of St. Louis.

Parenting Perspective

Mother's Day is May 13. What does it mean to be a mother? Does it mean to give birth? That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does. Think of the mothers who preceded you. What were their motherly qualities?

St. Greg's School

OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

Sacramental Information

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

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

- **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)
Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am, in the School Cafeteria.
- **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)
Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am, in the School Cafeteria.

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

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

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

Clean Water Project for South Sudan

Millions of people across the lands of Africa have no access to clean water, including children. They spend hours walking miles, in temperatures over 110 degrees Fahrenheit. It is a very difficult, life-sustaining journey, and one that no human should have to endure. As a result, the hardships to access water, along with the bacteria and contamination within water, has led to disease, sickness, or even death. As a part of the sixth grade curriculum, the book, [A Long Walk to Water](#), by Linda Sue Park, inspired us to start our own mission. It enlightened us to share, acknowledge, and show empathy by raising funds for wells and filtration systems for this region.

We want to make the fresh water supply become a reality for those without. We need your help! Our core goal is to collect \$5000 to empower the Sudanese people through fresh water.

Please contact the School Office for forms at 688-5323.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

High School

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

Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30something)

Oasis Magazine and website: Sign up for the online magazine for young adults both home and away for original content to keep you fresh. Take a look at the website (stgregsYM.org) or follow us on Instagram [@stgregsyounadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyounadults) for events and gatherings.

Exodus 90: Our Exodus 90 test group is nearing our 90th day on Pentecost. What a fulfilling journey with our group of men who have been building spiritual and physical discipline since the start of Lent. Please pray for us as we come to the end of our experience. Already looking at running the next one in Lent; get ready, men!

College Summer Lineup:

Summer Kick Off – June 1, 7:00pm-9:00pm:

Get ready for an awesome start to summer! We're shoring up the details, but save the date for this summer blast as we celebrate classes being done and over!

Summer Nights - Monday's in June, 7:00pm in the Cafe:

Come and show up for outdoor fun here on campus; we'll be eating hot dogs and marshmallows around a bonfire, throwing a Frisbee.

Summer Closeout Party: Aug 4, 7:00-9:00pm:

Let's end summer right and send you back to college with goodies! Food, give- aways, and a send -off blessing!

College Life returns this fall: We'll be back to break open the faith and build community in a big way. We're revamping College Life for this fall and will be open to all college students nearby. Stay tuned for dates!

Young Adult Summer Lineup:

Trivia Night: May 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Not to worry if you missed out on our first Trivia Night, our follow-up is on its way. Come and meet someone new over wings and trivia at the Anchor Bar on Maple! Bring a friend!

Softball League: We're in the midst of starting our softball team to represent our parish. We have a full roster already but we'll be keeping you up-to-date on how the season goes.

Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm

Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat.



Music Ministry

Rehearsals



Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

Tuesday, May 15, at 4:30pm

The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 17.

Adult Choir for the 11:00am Sunday Mass

Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30pm in GR 2

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

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



Join us for
MOMS TEA
featuring
the gifted & blessed
**Gretchen
Harris**
Catholic wife,
Mother and
National
singer/songwriter
recording artist
&
Pro-Life speaker
Free
childcare
by
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SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd
following the 9:30am mass

IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

Please feel most welcome to bring any
gift card or cash donation.

Hosted By Auction Chair Couples
Matt & Kelly Dobler and Steve & Maria Glesuzian

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, May 13

St. Gianna Molla Baby Item Collection

Monday, May 14

1:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon
(MC Gym)

7:00 pm Food Shuttle Board Meeting (GR 2)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Committee Meeting
(MC 1)

Tuesday, May 15

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

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

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

Wednesday, May 16

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)

Thursday, May 17

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)

Friday, May 18

9:00 pm MOMS Meeting (GR 1&2)

Saturday, May 19

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (M 1)

10:00 am Women's Enrichment Coordinators
Meeting (MC 2)

1:00 pm Altar Server Training (Church)

Sunday, May 20

8:00 am Household Goods Collection
(St. Vincent de Paul House)

11:00 am St. Gregory's Twelve Ceremony (Church)

12:00 am St. Gregory's Twelve Reception (GR 1&2)

Marriage Moment

Complaining can poison your marriage. Sure, there are times when your spouse does something you don't like, and you should honestly share that. Other times you may just want to vent. Occasional complaining is okay, but repetitive or more than once a day makes you a sourpuss. It's hard to love a sourpuss

Catechist's Corner

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



“You might think you're just a drop in the ocean but look at the ripple effect one drop can make- *Unknown*”

From a Junior high student:

“Mrs. Perry, I love when you give us a life lesson.”

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS: A Catholic Community Workshop for teens and their parents

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 12

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Anthony & Mary Cosentino
by Pam Pantano
- 5:30 pm Eleanore Lis by Family
Richard Parnell by Parnell & Pilecki
Families

Sunday, May 13 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Sophie Biernat by Son, Fr. Leon Biernat
- 9:30 am Gertrud Diakun by Rose, Kevin
& Anne Yagi
Thomas Shanahan by Wife & Family
- 11:00 am Paul Cannamela by Lucille Cannamela
Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters
- 12:30 pm Sophie & Bernard Balcerek by Daughter,
Christine
Mothers' Day Novena
for All Mothers, Living & Deceased
Baptisms
- 1:30 pm
- 4:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Sons & Grandchildren

Monday, May 14

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased
- 8:00 am Michele Ann Dieckman by Carol Gress
- 12:00 pm Mary Flynn (birth) by Daughter,
Mary Kate Vivacqua
Veta Thurston (anniv) by Family

Tuesday, May 15

- 7:00 am Charles Voigt by Barbara Voigt
- 8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased
George & Janet Collins by Children
- 12:00 pm Florence Ryszka (anniv)
by Kosowski Family
Lana Giallella (anniv) by Kosowski Family

Wednesday, May 16

- 7:00 am Margaret S. Burns by Burns Family
Tom Comer by Pat & Peter Ryan
- 8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased
- 12:00 pm Joseph Prazmark by Daughter
Priests of St. Gregory the Great

Thursday, May 17

- 7:00 am Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased
Albert & Yvonne Hodson
by Jerry & Eileen Hodson
- 8:00 am James J. Daly by Bob & Judi Moses
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Suzanne M. Dulski by Mary Lou Daigler
& Family
Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate

Friday, May 18

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
John Tommaro by Ann Lambiase
- 8:00 am Charlie Donner (birth) by Florence Nizioi
Judith Kaczmarek (birth)
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
- 12:00 pm Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased

Saturday, May 19

- 8:00 am Patrick Waldron by Joe & Carol Starck
Russ & Hartwanger Families
by Robert Rauh Family

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Jane Esposito by Abeyounis Family
Janet Collins by Janet & Bob Shanahan
- 5:30 pm Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
for All Mothers Living & Deceased
Richard & Margaret Daniels by Daughter,
Anne Bielinski
- 9:30 am William Wopperer
by Susan & Paul Schneeberger
Grace Nosal by Carmen Vella
- 11:00 am Ellen Grunthaner by Marie Brewer
Lynn Hino by Marie Brewer
- 12:30 pm Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
- 4:30 pm Mary Carroll by Richard & Donna Suchan

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SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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