

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

*The Most Holy Trinity
May 26 & 27, 2018*



From The Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, first and foremost this weekend we give thanks to God for our men and women who have served in the various branches of the military over the entire history of our great country, who paid the ultimate price of their lives. This Memorial Day weekend please pray for the repose of all who have died in the line of duty. Also, please pray for our current men and women who serve our nation in various military branches and pray for our Veterans, living and deceased. It is wonderful for families and friends to gather and share a barbeque or other parties this weekend, but please remember why we get a "day off" ---- because someone else gave their lives for our freedom and defense. Please consider coming to Mass on Memorial Day, or visit loved ones who have served our country and are still with us and thank them for all they did. Consider visiting the cemetery, or joining in one of the many tributes offered in different locations for those who we remember and honor on Memorial Day. May our bravest who have given their lives rest in peace...

Amen.

This weekend I would like to congratulate three young men who have earned and received the rank of Eagle Scout from our Troop 440 at St. Greg's. This coming Tuesday, May 29th, a Court of Honor will be held to honor **Ryan Fitzpatrick, Dylan Sass and Parker Swiatek**. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor and rank in Boy Scouts and is a long and involved process of preparation and service. The rank is not achieved by many who enter Scouting. These young men spent hundreds of hours of service and coordinating various service projects in order to even be considered for review. Ryan refurbished the children's room at St. Timothy's parish in Tonawanda. Dylan refurbished our Marian grotto landscaping here at St. Greg's, and Parker's service benefited the children at Golisano Children's Hospital. Congratulations to all, thank you for your dedication and may God bless you in your future endeavors!

I would like to acknowledge the arrival of our new Baptismal Font. Several years ago, during the pastorate of Father Joe Gatto, the Baptismal Font needed to be removed for various reasons. From that point until now we have been using a glass punch bowl on a wooden cart to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Every sacrament requires the proper materials to reverently and properly celebrate.



St. Gregory 12— May 20, 2018 **(not all honoree's pictured)**

Andrew Thein
Tim Spellman
Morgan & Anthony Arcuri
Lee Bulter
Beverly Farry
John & Tracy Fitzpatrick
James R. Handley
Patti Hartigan
Mark Higgins
Matt & Vanessa Mesler
Tom & Dorothea Obst
Dennis Pulisi

Memorial Day

This weekend we pray for all the men and women who selflessly paid the ultimate price for our freedom and liberties. We will never forget you and may you have a choice seat in the Kingdom of God.

All Parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. There will be only one Mass that day, at 8:00 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. May 28: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
Tues. May 29: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
Wed. May 30: 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45
Thurs. May 31: Zephaniah 14:18a; Luke 1:39-56
Fri. June 1: 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26
Sat. June 2: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33
Sun. June 3: Exodus 24:3-8 (168B); Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

TRINITY SUNDAY Signs of God's love

Reading I Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 (proof of God's love)
Reading II Romans 8:14-17 (sons of God through adoption)
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 (commission of the Apostles)
Passage Moses said to the people, "For ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created human being on the earth, ask from one end of heaven to the other; has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of?" (Deuteronomy 4:32)

Adult: *What signs of God's love have you witnessed in our life?*

Child: *How can you be a sign of God's love to others this week?*

VOCATION VIEW

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Listen to what Jesus says: "The Spirit of Truth will come to you." What is the 'truth' of your life? How can you best serve God? 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!

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Father's Day Novena Mass Cards are now available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office before Father's Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week beginning June 17 through June 25.

Café Volunteer's Needed

We are in need of volunteers for our Parish Café. Grillers and Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. Hours are flexible. Please Contact Margy at 445-2510.

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

I am very grateful that we finally have a new Baptismal Font which was custom built for our church. I am also very grateful for the individual who came forward to donate this font for the parish. It is important to note that the Baptismal Font, originally to be part of the Upon this Rock campaign proceeds, was paid for by a private donor who came forward to make this gift during the time of the Upon this Rock campaign. I am most thankful that our parish once again has a proper font to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and to welcome all of our newly initiated. May God bless you for your goodness to us!

Finally, a word about Catholic Charities: This year's goal for St. Gregory's is \$692,989. We are at \$628,916 of that goal. We have \$64,073 to go. First, I thank everyone who has already given their gift this year. May God truly bless you as you look after the poorest among us who are served by Catholic Charities. Next, I humbly ask everyone who has not given to please consider doing so. There are many of our "regular" donors who we have not yet heard from. If you are like me, the mail can stack up and it becomes nothing more than oversight. I urge you to please consider making your donation again this year.

For those of us who have been in Buffalo for many years, we know that Catholic Charities was dubbed "The drive that never fails." For decades that was true. In recent years the campaign has struggled to meet its goal. The goal was usually achieved by Palm Sunday, and now it is a photo finish to make the goal by June 30th. The recent issue involving the inappropriate behavior of priests over the last half century has definitely taken its toll on Catholic Charities this year. I assure you, as Bishop Malone has already assured us: no money from Catholic Charities is going to the Independent Compensation Fund for Victims of Abuse. *Please do not allow this crisis of our diocese to negatively affect the neediest among us.*

Finally, about two-thirds of our parish does not contribute to Catholic Charities. I humbly ask you to consider becoming part of the Catholic Charities family. If we all work together our goal will be met. The real goal is not just the \$692,989. The real goal is giving as best as we can to help our brothers and sisters in need. The real goal is simply living our call to charity as a disciple of Christ. Thank you for all you have done and will do for Catholic Charities this year. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

JOIN THE PARISH

If you are recently married and live in our area, we invite you to join our parish. Contact the Parish Office at (716) 688-5678 to register.

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/greTRACE. 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-Thursday August 2, from 8:30 –11:30am 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-Thursday August 16; and Monday, August 20-Thursday, Aug 23. The hours are 8:30 –11:30am. The cost of the camp is \$100 for one week and \$180 for two weeks. Please contact Emily Andzik (eandzik@stgregs.org).



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.

Volunteers Needed

The Parish Office is in need of volunteers Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm, to assist with general office duties. If you are interested, please contact JoJo at 716-688-678, Ext. 304.

Senior Citizens

May 28, Seneca Niagara Casino. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

June 11 - Monthly meeting in the **Gathering Rooms** at 1:00pm, after 12:00 Mass. We will celebrate Fathers and Veterans. Subs will be served with music entertainment.

June 15, Great Race **"Baked Goods Sale."** The Seniors will again sponsor the "Baked Goods Sale" at the Great Race. If you would like to help us, please call Dolores Mason at 574-6405. Baked goods can be dropped off at 4:00 pm in front of the Church that day.

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.



Happy Birthday and Many Blessings to Fr. Leon on May 26, 2018

Vacation Bible School

For Pre K- Gr 4 in Sept 2018

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

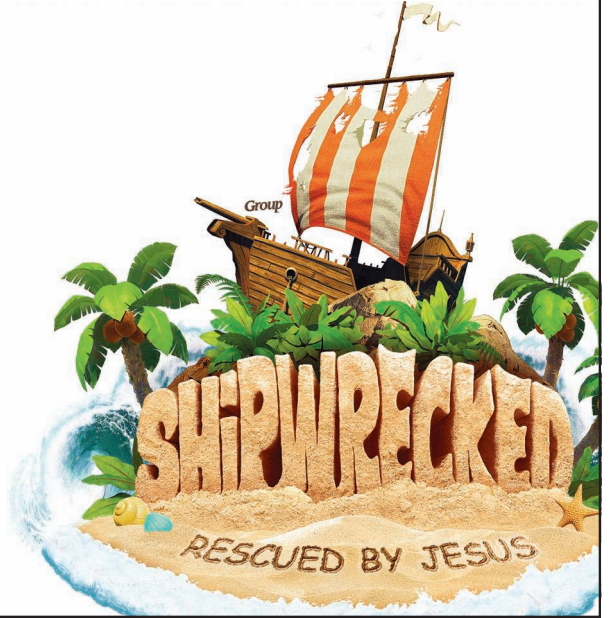
Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22.

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.



Eight Grade Class Trip—Yankee Fans Invade Fenway Park May 13-17





Respect Life

Many thanks to all who donated to the Diaper and New Infant Clothing drive on May 12-13. Your generosity will go a long way to helping mothers and children in need. For those who missed it and want to donate, go to the Diocesan pro-life website, buffalodiocese.org/pro-life, or call 716-842-2229.

California's Assisted Suicide Law Suspended: On May 15, Judge Daniel Ottolia of the Riverside County Superior Court ruled that California lawmakers had unconstitutionally legalized physician-assisted suicide in 2015. The legislature violated the state constitution when it passed the law during a special session supposedly convened to discussing health care funding only.

The initial legislative effort to pass an assisted suicide bill failed in committee during the 2015 regular session.

"The act itself was rushed through the special session of the legislature, and it does not have any of the safeguards one would expect to see in a law like this," said Stephen G. Larson, head counsel for a group of doctors challenging the law. They claim the bill lacked an adequate definition of terminal illness and a provision exempting from legal liability the doctors who prescribe the drugs.

In January 2018, the California Catholic Conference reiterated its opposition to assisted suicide and criticized the lack of data collected and the lack of transparency of the law's implementation.

"There is far too much still not known about how this law is put into practice – especially as it pertains to disabled, elderly and other populations," the conference said Jan. 24. "California is failing to properly investigate ...whether patients were coerced into the procedure, or ...whether they had the option of good, effective palliative care."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra voiced strong disagreement with the ruling and said he plans to appeal it. (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE: 624,425 COLLECTED, 90% 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.ccwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the 2018 Appeal!

DIAPER DRIVE -THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Jamaica Mission Trip Team, we would like to offer a very heartfelt thank you to our St. Gregory's faith community for generously donating over \$4000 to our Diaper Drive this Lent. With your help, we are able to ship over 150,000 diapers to the residents of Mustard Seed Communities. We are so very grateful for all your support! Please keep us all in prayer as we prepare to serve the residents of Mustard Seed Communities July 14 -21.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

Teacher: What parable in the Bible do you like best? Student: The one about the fellow that loafs and fishes. [Ibid.]

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.

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.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Please join us in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Paul Cygan at St. Gregory the Great on Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 Mass. Reception will follow in the Gathering Rooms. Deacon Paul served with us for a year as a seminarian and we continue to pray for him. His ordination to the priesthood is on Saturday, June 2, at 9:30 am at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

RSVP for Fr. Paul Cygan's Reception

Join us on Sunday, June 10, after the 12:30pm Mass. Please RSVP to Jo Pierino in the Parish Office with the number of individuals attending. You may also drop this slip in the collection basket. Any questions, please call the office at 688-5678.

Name: _____

_____ # of people attending the reception for
Father Cygan in the Gathering Rooms.

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:

Disciple Camp (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)
Register **In Person Only** (parent and student must attend) in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2, at 9:00 am **OR** on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes. For program details and Registration form go to www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/

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.

Parenting Perspective

May 27 is Trinity Sunday. Does your child know what the Trinity means? How can God be 3 in 1? Each of us is one person but we have different personalities, gifts, and jobs to do. Which person of the Trinity do you relate to most- Creator, Redeemer, Spirit ?

Marriage Moment

“A married woman must, when called upon, quit her devotions to God at the altar to find God in her household affairs.” (St. Frances of Rome) One can spin this quote and substitute “a married man.” It’s still true. The vocation of marriage and parenthood is holy. It’s one way of knowing and serving God..

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE

We request prayers for all in the Military Service, especially from our Parish families whose names are posted on the website (www.stgregs.org/parish). To add your loved one’s name (with summary details of service and location), please submit them to the Parish Office in person or by phone at 688-5678.

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.

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. Forms are located by the Bulletins at all Church entrances. Please contact the School Office for any questions at 688-5323.

SPRING STUDENT SHOWCASE

All are welcome to our Spring Student Showcase on Sunday, June 3 at 1:00pm in the school gym. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will wow you with their talents and the hard work they’ve put into lessons this year. Our program includes classical, pop, musical theater and more! Admission is free with a reception to follow. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Information Night

Join us for an informal informational meeting about the Knights of Columbus on: **Tuesday, May 29, 7:00-8:00 pm.**

See how the knights:

- Lead with Faith
- Serve Others
- Defend Catholic Values

Check our website: **KofC.org/JoinUs**

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 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 [@stgregsyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyoungadults) for events and gatherings.

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 - Mondays in June, 7:00pm in the Café.

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:

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Have you considered giving a prayer shawl to someone you know who is going through difficult or challenging circumstances in life? We have many beautiful blessed shawls on hand. Prayer shawls are free and can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, 10:00am -12:00 noon in the Ministry Center Gym. All are invited to join us!



Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

Tuesday, May 29, 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 29, 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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- 1) Visit the App Store or Play Store;
- 2) Search "St. Gregory the Great";
- 3) Download the mobile app!;

St. Gregory the Great Cub Pack 440/ Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Make any purchases at Barnes & Noble in Clarence between June 9-17, 2018 using your **Bookfair ID #12370805** or mention St. Greg's when checking out at any register and a percentage of your purchase goes back to St. Gregory the Great Cub Pack 440. Thank you for your support!

Catechist's Corner

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




"...for every Christian: faith contains our own memory of God's history with us - the memory of our encountering God who always takes the first step, who creates, saves and transforms us... a Catechist is a Christian who put this remembrance of the service of proclamation, not to seem important, not to talk about himself or herself, but to talk about God, about his love and fidelity." - Pope Francis

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**.

— PLEASE JOIN US FOR —

DONUTS and donations

Enjoy Paula's Donuts for All and Crafts & Games for Kids
as we Kick Off the 2018 Great Dinner Auction



AN EVENING IN
Monte Carlo

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 Decker and Steve & Maria Gleason

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, Sunday, May 27

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29

1:00 pm Counters Luncheon (GR 1&2)

5:00 pm Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony
(MC Gym)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

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

Wednesday, May 30

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

Thursday, May 31

Friday, June 1—School Walk-a-thon

7:00 am - 3:00 pm (GR 1&2, MC Gym, MC 1, 2 & 3, All
School Rooms & Parking Lot)

Saturday, June 2

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

10:30 am Vacation Bible Training (School Gym/Caf)

Sunday, June 3

1:00 pm School Band Recital (School Gym)

Out of Parish

MISSION HELP: Enjoy a wine and cheese adult gathering from 7:00 to 10:00 pm Friday, June 15, to celebrate the ongoing Nicaragua Mission Project. The event will take place at the Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Road, Amherst. Proceeds will be donated to Ann Marie Zon and the Nicaragua Mission for projects including digging wells, purchasing cows and pigs for poor families and sending children to school. The event is free, with cash and check donations accepted throughout the evening. For more information, call Sue at 716-572-9109.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, presents a morning of prayer and praise! Join Magnificat on June 16 at 9:15 am at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Meet Marangely Gonzalez whose heart is filled with love and zeal. She is a dynamic witness to the beauty of our Catholic faith and will speak about how to stand up and live your life more fully in the spirit! This event includes breakfast, testimony, prayer, praise and worship. For more information, call Ellie at 716-632-0646.

Annual Children's Memorial Prayer Service on Monday, June 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Christopher Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda. Anyone who has lost a child, regardless of how old the child was or how long ago the loss, is invited to attend "I Light a Candle for You." This special service includes prayers and readings, poems, music, and a candle-lighting remembrance. For more information, contact the parish office at 716-692-2660 or Deacon Tom Healey at 716-812-7609.

Holy Face Ministry will be presenting a one day retreat at the Mother of Mercy House, 6131 Newton Road, Orchard Park. The title of the retreat is **Contemplating the Face of Christ Through Self Denial** Thursday, June 14th 9 a.m. to 3p.m. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch.. Please register by calling 662-6025.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 26

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Carmelina Salandra (birth) by Husband, Al Reno Ellero by Family
- 5:30 pm **Veterans Gold Star Mothers Mass**
Franklin Boehler by Margaret Boehler

Sunday, May 27 – Trinity Sunday

- 8:00 am Harold, Anne & Bob Curtin
by Frank & Judy Jarmusz
- 9:30 am Patricia Lobue Becht (birth) by Sister,
Rosemary Spano
Bill Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
Al & Gertrude Huber by Huber Family
- 11:00 am Arlene Mruk (anniv) by Husband, Norbert
Marjorie M. Kramer by Mei Chen Kramer
Carl Cammilleri (birth) by Mom, Dad
& Family
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Gloria Lynch by Rose Hoelscher

Monday, May 28

- 8:00 am Gregory Bielinski by Wife, Anne Bielinski
Marcia Rajewski by Edwin & Daughters

Tuesday, May 29

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am John Cusack by Wife, Patricia & Family
Micah & Joshua Roetzer
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family
- 12:00 pm David Hayes by Wife & Family
Michele A. Dieckman
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, May 30

- 7:00 am Rev. Msgr. Paul R. Juenker
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Ava Bartfay-Szabo
by Bob & Barbara Klocke
Nicholas Potenzo by Mildred DiTusa
- 12:00 pm Fr. Leon Biernat (living)
Anniversary of Ordination
by St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus
Council #14687
Bertha Brachmann
by Barbara & Fred Morgan

Thursday, May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am Gloria Lynch by Friends & Family
- 8:00 am Hazel Ellis by Drs. Michael & Helen
(School Mass) Nazareth
Santo, Luigina & Campanella Family
by Maria Campanella
- 12:00 pm Martin C. Schaus by Jim & Judy Huber
Rose Hoelscher by Sharing the Joy
Faith Group

Friday, June 1

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
James Mahoney by Fr. Tom Mahoney
- 8:00 am John Tronolone by Family
- 12:00 pm Florence Maes (anniv)
by Michael Anastasia
Darryl Patterson by Friends

Saturday, June 2

- 8:00 am Patricia M. Kreppel by Lea Billiteri
Cornelius A. O'Donnell II
by Barbara Pelosi

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Francis X & Hilda Trauffer
by Bill & Kathy Schramack
- 5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
Jack Smith by Family

Sunday, June 3 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

- 8:00 am Faley & McQuaid Families
by Curazzato Family
- 9:30 am Michael & Dawn Britt by Family
Matthew J. Duggan
by Don & Renee Fleming
- 11:00 am Adele Jablonski by Mary Ann Held
Loraine Sherman by Husband & Family
- 12:30 pm Gloria Lynch by Richard & Donna Suchan
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GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION

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

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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

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CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 - 7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

Sacraments

BAPTISM

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

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

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

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

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

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

PRAYER

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

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St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

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