

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

- ~ IN FAITH
- ~ IN WORSHIP
- ~ IN SERVICE



*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 17 & 18, 2018*

## From the desk of St. Vincent DePaul

Established in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a charitable organization dedicated to serving the poor. It is worldwide among parishes in 132 countries including here at St. Greg's. Many of you know us from our various clothing and food drives... we are very grateful for your donations. Your generosity enables us to provide much needed clothing, shoes and coats for many to endure another winter. Your food donations provide meals on the table to so many in the area who would otherwise go hungry. The need is great. But our work doesn't stop here. Our members serve in numerous facets of the organization to carry out the mission.

The Furniture Team loads our "big, yellow truck" with couches, dining sets, appliances and more from generous donors, delivering it downtown to the Main Street SVDP store. This not-for-profit store is an outlet for those seeking basic furnishings, sometimes as little as having a bed to sleep in tonight.

The Dispatch Team connects callers, whether those seeking help or those wanting to donate, with our Response Team. These teams work together to answer questions and provide information on available community resources, as well as delivering on those resources. Perhaps a bag or two of food is the caller's only need to get by for another week. Our Food Pantry, made possible through your donations at food drives, enables us to fill these requests. **(Continued on page 2)**

**The Catholic Store and Café will be closed Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving (11/21/18) and on Thanksgiving Day.**

## **CRAFT SHOW**

St. Gregory's annual Craft Show will take place on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Over 150 crafters and artisans will be in the Ministry Center and School Gym. Avoid the chaos of Black Friday shopping and get a jump start on your holiday gift list!

**The Craft Show will take place on:  
Friday, November 23, 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Saturday, November 24, 10:00am - 3:00pm.**

Admission is \$2.00 and children 12 & under are free.



## **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

All are welcome to join us for our only Mass on **Thursday, November 22, at 9:00am** as we celebrate the many blessings that we have received this year. There will be only one Mass on Friday, November 23, at 8:00am.

**All Parish Offices will be closed from noon on November 21 through November 25 for Thanksgiving.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Mon. Nov. 19:** Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
- Tues. Nov. 20:** Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
- Wed. Nov. 21:** Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
- Thurs. Nov. 22:** Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
- Fri. Nov. 23:** Revelation 10: 8-11; Luke 19:45-48
- Sat. Nov. 24:** Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
- Sun. Nov. 25:** Daniel 7:13-14 (161B); Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ready for the Lord**

- Reading I** Daniel 12:1-3 (Daniel’s conclusion to the apocalypse)
- Reading II** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (Christ’s eternal sacrifice)
- Gospel** Mark 13:24-32 (the second coming)
- Key Passage** Jesus said, “Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13:33)

*Adult:* What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?

*Child:* What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

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**VOCATION VIEW**

God has given us many opportunities to serve Him, but we do not know when our final opportunity will come. We only know that time continues to pass. Before any more time is wasted, ask God how He is calling you to serve Him. If you think God is calling you, 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!](http://www.buffalovocations.org!)

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!**

In October, we Baptized 2 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Ehimare Michaelyn Titobioluwa** and **Callie Elizabeth Tytka**. Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

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**“Do This In Remembrance of Me”**

Jesus said these words when He instituted the Eucharist. We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers). If you have ever considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Jo Pierino at the Parish Office 688-5678. Ext. 301.

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When more is needed, The Client Home Visits Team is put into action with a home visit to assess need, provide resource information to obtain that need, answer questions and offer prayer. This team has made it possible for many of those in need to secure furniture, appliances and beds for their children, locate a nearby soup kitchen, receive a holiday meal and so much more.

Need is found not only in our communities but also in our hospitals and prisons. The Hospital Visits Team can be found each Sunday visiting patients at Millard Fillmore Suburban with encouragement, a listening ear and prayer. The Kairos Prison Ministry, a Christian faith-based program, facilitates and attends to inmates’ spiritual needs at Wende Maximum Security Prison In Alden.

Our dedicated members strive to help those in need, but need in our community is constant. If you feel God is calling you to help, join us at a meeting. Whether you serve in one facet or many facets, you will be making a difference to someone in need. We have a Youth Ministry for school-age children, with various opportunities to serve, too. **Check the Bulletin for meeting details or contact our President, Paul Scotto, at [pmmscotto@roadrunner.com](mailto:pmmscotto@roadrunner.com).**

*Matthew 25: 35, 40: For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. .. Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00pm in Room 702 in St. Gregory the Great School. All are welcome. For more information call Fr. Paul Cygan at [688-5678](tel:688-5678) x 336.

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## Family Faith Formation

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

**Thanksgiving Break ▪ Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**  
**NO FFF CLASSES November 21-25**

### December Dates for Generations of Faith:

**Session A** Sunday, December 2, after the 9:30 am Mass  
**Session B** Sunday, December 2, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.  
**Session C** Thursday, December 6, 6:15 - 7:45pm

**First Friday Club:** Grades 5-8 students are invited to the next meeting on December 7, from 7:00 - 9:00 m in the School Cafeteria.



The Gr 5 Church Tour included a visit to the Sacristy. Deacon Paul taught students about the sacramentals used during Mass and about the different vestments priests and deacons wear. Some students even tried vestments.



## BECOME AN "ANGEL"

### JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Please consider becoming an "Angel" and help make a difference in the life of a child in our parish community by making Catholic education a reality. Since 2006 the Angel Wings scholarship program has assisted students attending St. Gregory's School. Scholarships from parishioners or parish organizations benefit qualified students from the parish whose families have difficulty meeting tuition and related costs to attend our parish school but may not qualify for parish tuition assistance. **Your donation will directly offset tuition for a child or family at our school.** Scholarship award decisions will be made by a small committee. Confidentiality of donors and recipients will be maintained, although all recipients will anonymously send notes or cards to their "Angel" at least twice during the school year to let them know how their year is progressing. This is a wonderful way to support Catholic education and positively touch a child in our parish with your generosity. We welcome your donations in any amount starting at \$250. **"The notes from the recipients are true treasures: become an Angel, you'll love it!"** For more information please call Teri Donner at 632-1920. *This is the best investment you can make...that in the life of a child.*

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### Senior Citizens

**November 19—1:00 pm** - Monthly meeting at the Ministry Center featuring a Housing Fair. Refreshments will be served.

**December 29 - January 2, 2019, motor coach tour, featuring Swingin' New Year's Eve Celebration** in Savannah, GA. \$624/person double occupancy. 2 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, New Year's buffet, 2 dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise, New Year's Eve Show & Party at Savannah Theater. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313. **For future trips, payment is now required when making reservations and/or a deposit on overnight trips.**

### WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

If the school is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, then the Parish Office, Café and Catholic Store will be closed and all activities cancelled (including Adoration). If the faculty is asked to report when the school is closed, school and parish staff will report, but please check TV/radio listings for activity cancellation.

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### Follow St. Greg's on Social Media



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
- Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo



- Download the St. Greg's Mobile App. Search St. Gregory the Great and enjoy daily spiritual quotes.

## 2018 Christmas Gift Collection

Christmas Gift Tags will be hung on a Christmas Tree in the front vestibule (and placed in baskets near the exits of the Church).



This Christmas season, we ask you to open your hearts, take a gift tag from our tree or from the baskets found near the Church exits, and provide a **new** Christmas gift or gift card for the needy person listed. Socks, sweats, hats and mittens are always welcomed. Gift cards from WALMART, TARGET or TOPS Market are also greatly appreciated. **Please return the wrapped gift or gift card** (with the gift tag attached) **to the Gathering Rooms on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 3:30-7:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 9, from 7:30 am -12:00 noon (no later than 12:00 noon please, as the delivery of gifts begins promptly at 1:00 pm).**

**PLEASE DO NOT** leave gifts in the Church foyer!



**TIP:** Take picture of the gift tag so you have the information with you when you shop, but leave the tag on your refrigerator or bulletin board so it doesn't get lost.

*Of His Fullness we have all had a share - love following upon love.* John 1:14,16

### Marriage Moment.

The couple that shops together - may learn something. Many women enjoy shopping as an "experience" while many men shop with a "hunter" mentality (get what you need as quickly as you can). Although these are stereotypes and not always true, shopping together can often be frustrating. Just once try shopping as a date. Enter into your beloved's world and learn something new about them.

### Parenting Perspective

Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the "P" word - Practice! (Mt. 25:14-30).

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### St. Greg's Café

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!  
DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?**

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

### Forgot Your Lunch ?

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

### PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.



**Download the St. Gregory the Great Mobile App!!!**



Take St. Gregory's wherever you go. The mobile app provides you with daily readings, the weekly Bulletin and over 40 different prayers! We will also send you inspirational thoughts and messages every day.

To download the app follow these simple steps:

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

### Catechist Corner

**Adult Volunteer needed** to be a Classroom Aide for Grade 3 classes that meet on Mondays from 4:30 - 5:45 pm. Please email [jrischmiller@stgregs.org](mailto:jrischmiller@stgregs.org) if you are able to help out.





## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org)  
~ 688-3578

**Middle School:** Visit [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org) for more information!

### **Ignite– November 27, December 11**

Our brand-new 5th and 6th Grade group meets from **6:00-7:30pm on Tuesdays**. Join us for fun, games, faith, and food! Don't miss it!

### **EDGE– November 29, and December 6, 13, 20**

Our amazing 7th and 8th Grade group is back and better than ever! Join us every **Thursday at 6:30pm** for a night full of crazy games, engaging talks, great music and more! Come and bring a friend!

### **Middle School Mayhem December 7-8**

All middle schoolers are invited to an entire night of awesomeness! Great games, ice cream party, and midnight mass are just a few of the things that will be happening! You don't want to miss this incredible event! Come and bring a friend! Permission slips can be found in the youth office or at [stgregsym.org](http://stgregsym.org)!

If you have any questions about Middle School Ministry, feel free to contact Nicole!

### **Life Teen– November 18 and December 2, 9, 16**

Every **Sunday after the 4:30pm Mass**, join our amazing high-school community for a night of food, friends, and fun! Life Teen offers an engaging way to learn about the Catholic faith, while managing to have fun at the same time! All high-schoolers are welcome!

### **SWAT Team– November 21, 28 and December 5, 19**

Are you looking to delve deeper into your Faith? Do you want to learn more about prayer and Scripture? Then this group is for you! **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** join us for prayer, discussion and snacks!

### **High School Hangout– November 9 and December 21**

Once a month on **Friday at 7:00pm**, high-schoolers get to take over the ministry center for a night of food and fun! Come and bring a friend!

### **Empowered In Christ–December 12**

Empowered in Christ is our girls prayer and community group. We meet once a month at 7:00 pm; this group offers opportunities for young women to share and learn about their faith together. All high-school girls welcome!

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## Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

### **Camp Covecrest- July 21-28**

We are now collecting deposits for Camp Covecrest! Covecrest is an unforgettable week in the summer with a high ropes course, whitewater rafting, fantastic music, great speakers and more! Spots are limited so bring your deposit to the Youth Office today to save your spot! More information can be found on the website!

Any questions about High School Ministry, feel free to contact Richard!

### **Open Young Adult Lineup**

**Oasis Magazine:** Monthly email refresher with good content to keep you going!

**Amped: \*NEW\*** is an ongoing program which builds community and develops faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay; bring a friend. We'll gather in the Café 7:00-8:30pm, **check the website for dates**.

**St. Luke's Service:** We're heading to St Luke's, a faithful city mission, on Saturday, November 17, to continue a house project. We'll be getting our hands dirty so wear working clothes. Please contact Adam to be a part of this service day.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study:** Gathering Thursday's, ongoing to December 6, at 7:00pm. Please join us for this series on "The Fruits of the Spirit". Come for community and Scripture over a cup of coffee. Need to miss one? No problem, come when you can!

**Mass and Lunch:** #YoungAdultWednesdays continue! Take a break from the school or workday and join for daily Mass at noon and break bread with us in the Café with some lunch. If you see a pew of young adults, come sit with us!

### **College Lineup**

**College Life:** College Life helps fuel college students through the semester. College Life will gather 7:00-8:30pm every other Monday in the Café. Come grab something to eat and seek answers to the biggest questions you'll have being a student on campus. Check website for dates.

**SEEK 2019:** January 3-7, Indianapolis. Open for college students, this amazing few days will transform your life as a Catholic leader! Join thousands of other college students looking for a spark on the soul with live music, amazing speakers, and an opportunity to grow in faith.

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## Respect Life

### **2019 March for Life --“Unique From Day One:”**

The Diocesan Office of Pro-life Activities is sponsoring busses for the March for Life in Washington DC taking place on Thursday, January 17—Friday, January 18, 2019.

**Reservations for the bus trip are being accepted with payment due by December 28.** Cost is \$185.00 (incl. round-trip bus, breakfast, & speaker); \$135.00 (for bus only) or \$50.00 (for breakfast & speaker). Bus registration is available by calling the Pro-Life Office at 716-847-2205 or online at [www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events#marchforlife](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife-events#marchforlife)

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel registrations. Hotel reservations at the Washington Plaza Hotel can be made by calling (202) 842-1300 or 800-424-1140 or book online directly at [www.washingtonplazahotel.com](http://www.washingtonplazahotel.com). Single room rate: \$179.00; Double room rate: \$199.00. Subject to 14.5% DC sales tax per person. **(Please note: To get the special Diocesan room rates, make reservations by December 17. Mention Diocese of Buffalo 2019.)**

Can't attend and want to help? Consider being a sponsor. For more details and information, visit [www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/prolife) or call (716) 847-2205.

**“This defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right... Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems... Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be.” – Pope Francis, “The Joy of the Gospel”**

## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, November 18**

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/  
Basement)

### **Monday, November 19**

1:00 pm Senior Citizens Meeting (MC Gym)  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)  
7:00 pm Food Shuttle General Meeting (GR 1)  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 1)

### **Tuesday, November 20**

2:30 pm Swim Team Banquet (Shool Gym)  
3:30 pm Children’s RCIA (MC 2)  
6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)  
6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)  
6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign  
Language Room)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

### **Wednesday, November 21**

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)  
6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)  
6:30 pm Book Club Meeting (MC Foyer)  
7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)  
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

### **Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving**

### **Friday, November 23**

10:00 am-4:00 pm Craft Show (MC Gym & School Gym)

### **Saturday, November 24**

10:00 am-3:00 pm Craft Show (MC Gym & School Gym)

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## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Did you know that St. Gregory’s has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the prayer chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days. *“Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and you will!”* (Mark 11:24)

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## Music Ministry

### **Rehearsals**

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)  
4:30-5:30 pm Tuesday, November 20,  
in GR 2

The children will be singing at the  
9:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 25.

### Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass

8:00 pm Tuesday, November 20, in GR 2

### Choir for Thanksgiving Day

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, November 20, in GR 2

### Choir for Christmas Midnight Mass

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, December 4, in GR 2  
7:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, December 12, in GR 2  
7:00-9:00 pm Tuesday, December 18, in Church

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.



## **FORMED**

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## Out of Parish

**Camp Turner's WinterCamp '18.** Boys and girls, ages 7-15, are invited to sign up for Camp Turner's WinterCamp. This 3-day overnight camp runs Friday, December 28, at 10 :00 am through Sunday, December 30, at 6:00 pm. An optional round trip bus is available from Williamsville and Hamburg. The cabins are toasty, the food is delicious, and our experienced staff is excited to make this a great experience for everyone. An RN is on-site at all times. Visit [www.CampTurner.com](http://www.CampTurner.com) for activity descriptions and online registration. If you have any questions, e-mail [Camp-Turner@gmail.com](mailto:Camp-Turner@gmail.com) or call 716-354-4555.

**"Advent Anticipation"** with Sister Lucette Kinecki on Monday, November 26, at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Learn about this special time where "Emmanuel" God-with-us calls us to come and be refreshed in spirit with God's warming grace and peace. During this sacred time, learn how to relax, reflect, and celebrate the season of Advent anticipation. For more information, call the church office at 716-683-6522.

**Downsizing before the holidays?** If you will be clearing out closets and drawers ahead of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 am-2:30 pm weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10:00 am -1:30 pm on the first Saturday of the month (excluding holiday weekends). For more information, call 716-895-4001.

**Have you experienced a loss in your family that your children are having a hard time with?** Death and grief are inescapable and it can be hard to discuss them with a child when you are going through these times too. The Office of Family Life Ministries can send you a packet of unique resources that can help you talk about death with children ages pre-school through teens. Let us know the ages of the children that you are communicating with when you ask for the packet. Call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 716-847-2210 or email [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org)

**Holy Hour of Prayer** on Thursday, November 29, from 7:00-8:00 pm at Nativity of Our Lord, 26 Thorn Ave., Orchard Park. We will come together to ask the Lord to grant healing for victims of sexual abuse, and to guide and strengthen us as a Catholic community of faith in light of the troubling news that has been plaguing our local church. This Holy Hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for quiet prayer, and benediction.

## Out of Parish (Continued)

**Project HOPE.** Do you have an older adult loved one who has been diagnosed with a mental illness and is now at risk for out-of-home placement? Consider Project HOPE (Helping Older People Excel) in Erie County. The program provides services to keep an older adult with a mental health diagnosis independent in their home environment through linkage, referral, advocacy and intervention with formal and informal supports. . To connect with the program, call 716-362-2388.

**Canisius College Chorale concert** on Monday, December 3, at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 3148 Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. The 120-voice Chorale, under the direction of Bradley Wingert, performs throughout the region in numerous concerts before school, church, and community audiences. This free-of-charge performance is open to the public; all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit [www.olshop.org](http://www.olshop.org) or call 716-824-2935.

**Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women** welcomes one of our young adult members, Amanda Torrelli, to the upcoming Magnificat Breakfast on Saturday, December 8. Amanda will share how God has shown her the beauty and benefits of "Kingdom Living" through the power of the Holy Spirit. The breakfast will take place at the Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Registration opens at 9:15 am; program from 9:45 am-12:15 pm. For more information or reservations, call Chris at 716-759-8135.

**Ignatian Volunteer Corps.** Maybe you are looking for a spiritual experience? Ignatian Volunteer Corps has both. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their time and skills to help others. IVC volunteers commit 1 or 2 days per week to work directly with organizations that address the issues that affect the poor. IVC volunteers are actively supported through monthly gatherings, in a micro community, to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning of their service. Many volunteer assignments are available. Contact: Minnie Wyse, Director, at 716-854-6726 or [mwyse@ivcusa.org](mailto:mwyse@ivcusa.org). Visit our website at [www.IVCUSA.org](http://www.IVCUSA.org).





## Litany of Thanksgiving

For the Gift of Life.....we thank You, O God.  
 For Work and for Rest.....we thank You, O God.  
 For Family and Friends.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Warmth of the Sun.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Cooling Rain.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Moon and the Stars.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Beauty of the Trees.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Loveliness of Flowers.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Joy of Music.....we thank You, O God.  
 For the Comfort of our Faith.....we thank You, O God.  
 For all Your Gifts .....we thank You, O God.  
 For all Our Sorrows.....we thank You, O God.  
 For Your Abundant, Unconditional Love.....we thank  
 You, O God.

Almighty and eternal God, grant that we may never forget to love You, to adore You and to praise You in joy and in sorrow, all the days of our lives. For You are our God, forever and ever. Amen.

### VISIT OUR CATHOLIC STORE FOR...

...Advent Wreaths and Candles, Manger Sets, Art-work, Statues.

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## “SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS” From Father Francis

### Diversity

I believe that diversity is part of the essence of God’s creation – it is as natural as the trillion shapes and shades of the flowers of spring or the leaves of autumn.

I believe that diversity brings new solutions to an ever-changing world, and that sameness is not only monotonous but also limiting.

To deny diversity is to deny life – with all its richness and manifold opportunities. Thus, I affirm my status as a child of God in His world of diversity and with it the responsibility to...

Be tolerant. To understand that those who cause no harm should not be feared, ridiculed or harmed – even if they are different. All of God’s creatures deserve the right to live.

Look for the best in others.

Be just in my dealings with the poor and the rich, the weak and the strong, to stand and defend the young, the old, the frail, the defenseless and the voiceless.

Be kind. Remember the human spirit is fragile as well as holy.

Live the examined life, subjecting my motives and actions to the scrutiny of mind and heart and so to rise above prejudice and hatred.

Care. No further comment about that is necessary.

### Praying the Rosary at St. Gregory

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Before going to breakfast or lunch please consider praying the Rosary after the 8:00 am & 12:00 pm Masses. It is 20 minutes well spent and these prayers “transform” our families, our community, our country and the world in a positive way! Also, on every Saturday, at 12:00 noon, the Rosary is recited for our country at the Grotto, or in the Church in inclement weather. Prayer is our strongest weapon in the many concerns we are experiencing today as a Church.

### School/ Faith Formation Office Hours

The School office hours are 7:00am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday. The Family Faith Formation office hours are 9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday and when classes are in session.

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### Parish Weekend Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.



## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, November 17

8:00 am Martin Mazzara by Bruno Family  
Rosemary Shields by Tom Dudziak

### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Julie Hahn by Kate Hahn  
Judy DeGolier (anniv) by Linda, Deb, Bev,  
Karen & Joyce

5:30 pm Zoltan Wurm by Family

### Sunday, November 18 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Marie Spong by George Egger  
9:30 am Richard C. Vivacqua (anniv)  
by Louise & Family  
Rose Hoelscher by Kathleen Cullen

11:00 am Mildred Held by Mary Ann Held & Family  
Joseph Giardino by Saturnino Family  
Norman Kreuz by Marty & Tess Cicatello

12:30 pm Baptisms  
1:30 pm Nicholas W. McGivney (birth)  
by Kate & Dave Gordon  
4:30 pm Devin J. Waring by Tom, Tracy & Owen

### Monday, November 19

7:00 am Edna Fechter & Tixier Family  
by Bill & Lee Grunnert  
John Tronolone by Family

8:00 am Henry L. Bogdan (anniv)  
by Mary Lou Daigler

12:00 pm Deceased Members of Hertel Family  
by Jeanne Hertel  
Dennis Reed by Family

### Tuesday, November 20

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate

8:00 am Patrick Moran by Betty Moran  
Mary Ann Cecchini  
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis LaGree

12:00 pm Margaret Sasse (birth) by Daughter

### Wednesday, November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Frank Scarcella by Wife & Daughter  
8:00 am Patricia Boland by Diane & Don Luce  
Living & Deceased Members of Ronca  
Family by Sam & Dawn Curazzato

12:00 pm Thomas Ruthven and Irving F. Simmons  
by Mary Pat Ruthven  
David Hayes by Wife & Family

### Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Charlie Donner by Wife, Teri & Family  
Josephine Bochiechio by Christine Balzerek  
Geraldine R. Davis by Chris Malinowski

### Friday, November 23

8:00 am Gladys Villardo (birth) by Family  
Sr. Helen Marie Schumacher OSF (living)  
by Bob & Barb Klocke

### Saturday, November 24

8:00 am Phyllis DiGiore by Judy Kroese  
Charles T. Kane (anniv) by Wife & Family

2:00 pm Wedding: Annalise P. Manna  
and Gregory J. Horton

### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Nicolo & Cologera Milazzo  
by Maria Campanella  
Lorraie I. McGivney (anniv)  
by Kate & Dave Gordon

5:30 pm Bill Liscavage by Wife, Bianca

### Sunday, November 25 – Christ the King

8:00 am All Priests & Religious  
by Ladies of the Lord

9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Clemens Braunscheidel  
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel  
Joan Gugliuzza by Family

11:00 am Richard Siedlikowski  
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Mary Stafford by Judy Giambrone & Family

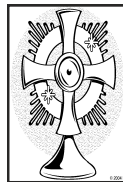
12:30 pm Michael Perry by Christina Nochajski  
& Elisa Carlino  
Dominic Casola by Caterina Casola  
and Joe & Jenny

1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate  
Sheila Bogulski  
by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Bracco

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*Mass Schedule*

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*Sacraments*

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

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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