

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 3 & 4, 2018*

**From the desk of Daniel Victoor**

This weekend, on Sunday morning, our *Knights of Columbus Council* is hosting the Ministry Fair and a Pancake Breakfast in the Ministry Center. Deacon Peter Donnelly recently mentioned in this Bulletin how becoming involved in the parish ministries gave him the opportunity to grow spiritually and to meet new friends in Christ.

Have you considered another step in your spiritual journey? Have you considered joining one of the parish ministries? We have Prayer Oriented Ministries such as *Ladies of the Lord* and *Men of God*. We also have Service Oriented Ministries such as *Ladies of Charity*, *St. Vincent de Paul Society*, Religious Education Teachers, and the Liturgical Ministries including Music Ministry. Within Music Ministry, we have vocal ensembles and instrumental ensembles, short term ensembles and regular ongoing ensembles, children ensembles and youth ensembles and adult ensembles, contemporary music ensembles and more traditional music ensembles. The Parish Handbook and the Parish Website list all the Ministries within this large parish. If you are not already involved in a parish ministry, consider joining one. If you are already involved in a parish ministry, consider joining another.

Our worship aid, *Breaking Bread*, prints the Entrance Antiphons and the Communion Antiphons for every Sunday Mass plus Holy Days of Obligation and other Masses such as Ash Wednesday and Thanksgiving Day. Also, there are Entrance Antiphons and Communion Antiphons printed in the Daily Mass Propers section of *Breaking Bread* for the Masses that occur every day. Have you considered why the publisher would choose to publish these antiphons? By highlighting these texts in our worship aid, the publisher (and the Church) are emphasizing the importance of singing/reading these texts during Mass.

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## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

St Greg's Knights of Columbus

**All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, November 4, 9:00am - 12:30pm  
in the Ministry Center**

Tickets \$7.00 ( 4 & under free ) Pay at the door

Pancakes, egg, sausages, juice, coffee

Breakfast is open to the public

Profits benefit our Seminarian tuition fund  
& other various charities

Contact Bob Moses at 908-4223 for more information.

**MINISTRY FAIR WILL ALSO BE HELD AT  
BREAKFAST**

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## **ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

Join us on **WEDNESDAY, November 7, at 6:30pm** in the Church for our annual Candlelight Mass in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. As you enter the Church we will ask for the names of your beloved deceased, and we will read those names aloud during our candlelight prayers after the homily. As part of this continued celebration of the Feast of All Souls, we will also lift in prayer all our beloved parishioners who have died during this past year.

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## **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION**

The collection for the Catholic University will be taken up the weekend of November 3 & 4. There will be one collection for both offerings.

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## **JOIN US FOR DAILY PRAYER**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily after the 7:00 am Mass as well as before the 8:00 am Mass. The Chaplet is also prayed after the 8:00 am Mass and Rosary. Please join us in this powerful prayer which brings many blessings.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. Nov. 5:** Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14  
**Tues. Nov. 6:** Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24  
**Wed. Nov. 7:** Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33  
**Thurs. Nov. 8:** Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10  
**Fri. Nov. 9:** Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22  
**Sat. Nov. 10:** Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15  
**Sun. Nov. 11:** 1 Kings 17:10-16 (155B); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:28-44

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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**The greatest commandment**

- Reading I** Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (the great commandment)
- Reading II** Hebrews 7:23-28 (Jesus, the eternal high priest)
- Gospel** Mark 12:28-34 (the greatest commandment)
- Key Passage** [The scribe] asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."  
(Mark 12:28-30)

**Adult:** *Why is love of neighbor as important as love of God?*

**Child:** *When do you show that you love God and your neighbor with your whole heart?*

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**VOCATION VIEW**

Of all that God commands us, loving Him and loving each other is paramount. How is God calling you to share your love? 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!](http://www.buffalovocations.org!)

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**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, November 7, 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 x 336.

**"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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We, however, are accustomed to singing hymns during the Entrance and Communion Processions – so, why publish these antiphons? According to Jason McFarland in his book 'Announcing the Feast: The Entrance Song in the Mass of the Roman Rite', there are five 'Models of the Entrance Song': (1) the Proper Antiphon and Verses of the *Graduale Romanum*, (2) the Proper or Seasonal Antiphon and Verses of the *Graduale Simplex*, (3) alternate musical settings of the Proper Antiphon and Verses, (4) musical settings of texts other than the Proper Antiphons and Verses (which is what we are accustomed to singing, i.e. hymns), and (5) the spoken Proper Antiphon of the Roman Missal (which is published in *Breaking Bread* as the Entrance and Communion Antiphons). Fr. Leon does recall when these antiphons were normally read during daily Mass.

What is common in the first three 'Models of the Entrance Song' is the inclusion of a Doxology text (Trinitarian text) which was a result of the Council of Nicaea in 325. The inclusion of Doxology Verses on the inside cover of *Breaking Bread* allows us to use a Trinitarian text with hymns that do not already have this text included. The music used for the two Chant Masses we recently had this past year at St. Greg's would fall under the second model - a more simple chant form, which is in contrast to the more complex chant form found in the first model. There are cathedrals and parishes throughout the world that normally use the first model. There are a number of cathedral musicians that are intrigued with the third model and are now composing/commissioning new compositions with this model in mind.

**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.

**PARISH SOCIAL/  
NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME**

All parishioners, including new families, are invited on November 11. Join us for coffee, juice and donuts, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.



## Family Faith Formation

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

**The November FFF Outreach** is the St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive so please remind your child to bring nonperishable food donations to class. Thank you for your generosity!

### Tuesday, November 6

7:00 pm Required Group Session; Respect Life Talk for ALL Grade 10 FFF Students :Weekly and Monthly (GOF) Programs (Music Room). Christmas gift card donations can be turned in.

### Thursday, November 8,

6:15 pm Generations of Faith: Session C

### Saturday, November 10

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC, Room 1)

### Monday, November 12

NO FFF CLASSES Veterans Day Observed.

### Tuesday, November 13

7:00 pm Required Group Session: Morality Talk for ALL FFF Grade 9 Students; Weekly and Monthly (GOF) Programs (Music Room) Christmas gift card donations can be turned in.

**Thanksgiving Break ▪ Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**

NO FFF CLASSES November 21-25



## LADIES OF THE LORD

Thursday, November 8, at 7:00pm is our Ladies of the Lord meeting in Gathering Rooms 1&2. We will pray for all our petitions with special attention and intentions for our priests and religious and for the crisis in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

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## Ladies of Charity

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 1, at 12:00 noon at Russell's Steaks, Chops & More. ALL ladies are invited for a fun and festive start to the holidays! Please call Patty Vitanza @ 834-0885 for information. Reservations are required by November 14.

## SVDP Food Drive Success!!!

A big "Thank You" to all of the St. Gregory parishioners who donated food and helped the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Drive become a great success. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity we were able to fully fill our food pantry and donate food to the food pantry at St. Timothy's.

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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, Savannah, GA, 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.**

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## Youth Ministry M&M Fundraiser

Next weekend, November 10 and 11, Youth Ministry will be handing out M & M tubes after all the masses! Youth Ministry has an opportunity to travel to Georgia this summer for a week of camp for both middle-school and high-school youth. This is a trip that the youth look forward to and is a life-changing experience for many of them. Please consider returning the M & M tube the following week, with a financial donation, to help our youth pay for this amazing experience. Any donation is greatly appreciated, and thank you for continued support of St. Gregory's Youth Ministry!

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## 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

Students from St. Gregory the Great School attended the Character Council of WNY's 10th Annual Champions for Change Youth Leadership seminar, directed by Desiree Weppner and Michelle Frawley, Board members for the Character Council of WNY. Over 200 Middle-school students from WNY attended the event to learn character development and bring their knowledge back to implement in their schools. Attendees were entertained by award-winning singer/songwriter Jared Campbell who shares a message of spreading kindness, respect, how we are all valuable, and "practice makes progress." Entertainer Nels Ross and quizmaster Dennis George also supported the character building activities of the day. The conference was held at Michael's Banquet Facility in Hamburg on Friday, October 26, 2018.



Pictured - Erin McMaster, Helena Whissel, Brianna Bonvissuto, Giuliana Falletta, Singer Jared Campbell, Michael Otto, and Dane Buckmaster.



Students participating in focus activity by Nels Ross. Students are Helena Whissel, Michael Otto, and Dane Buckmaster.



## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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~ 688-3578

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

### **Ignite– November 6, 13, 27**

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 8, 15, 29**

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!

### **Ultimate– November 16**

Ultimate is open to everyone 5-8 Grade! Join us at **7:00pm** as middle-schoolers take over the Ministry Center for a night full of awesome games, great food, and more! Don't miss it!

### **Life Teen– November 4, 11, 18**

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 7, 21, 28**

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**

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– November 14**

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!

### **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!

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry (continued)

### Open Young Adult Lineup

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

**Amped:** \*NEW\* Runs every other Tuesday, an ongoing night to build community and develop 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.

**Fall Retreat:** November 9-10 will be our first Young Adult retreat! We'll be getting away to Camp Turner in Allegheny State park for this overnight experience to grow in faith and build community. Take a breather from your busy life and recharge. The theme for this is "Brave" and we're re-equipping you to brave the storm of life. You can find more details on [stgregsYM.org](http://stgregsYM.org) and message Adam about registering. \$70 per person includes food and lodging.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study:** Gathering Thursdays, 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 for 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.

## **"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"** **From Father Francis**

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. [Helen Keller]



## Respect Life

**Election Day—Tuesday, November 6:** The Diocesan Pro-life Office encourages everyone to listen to a 30-minute audio presentation on Catholic voter responsibility recorded by Kathy Gallagher from the NY Catholic Conference and Tom Threlkeld, president of WOPG radio. Here is the link: <https://pax-et-bonum-radio.org/wopg/2018-voting-issues>.

In addition to the recording on the WOPG webpage there are links to the New York Catholic Conference and USCCB's voter guides. Please educate yourself and others on the importance of voting in compliance with Catholic teaching. Let your Catholic voice be heard on Tuesday!!  
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**40 Days for Life Victory Dinner:** Please join us for the closing celebration of this life-saving campaign on **Sunday, November 4, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm** (following the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Our shared meal will be held at St. Greg's School Cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share: Last names: A -H: appetizer or dessert... I-O: salad: green, potato, macaroni, etc... P-Z: main dish (hot or cold). Team members please bring drinks: cider, water or soda. For more information or questions, call Debbie at (716)-912-2323.

Everyone is welcome!!!

## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, November 4**

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

### **Monday, November 5**

10:30 am Seniors Board Meeting (MC 1)

5:00 pm Gathering for Youth Ministers of Diocese (MC Café)

5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC Gym)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1&2)

7:00 pm Athletic Association Board Meeting (MC 3)

### **Tuesday, November 6**

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Brownie Meeting (GR 1)

3:30 pm Children's RCIA (MC 2)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Basement)

7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

6:30 pm Bible Study Eucharist Class (School Foreign Language Room)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church Crying Room)

6:30 pm Boy Scouts Planning Meeting (MC 1)

7:00 pm Executive Council Meeting (MC Café)

7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)

### **Wednesday, November 7**

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Foyer)

6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus First Degree Ceremony (GR 1&2)

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

### **Thursday, November 8**

2:15 pm Joint Meeting with Junior Troop (GR 1&2)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Women's Bible Study (MC 1)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School EDGE (MC Basement)

7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

### **Friday, November 9**

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

5:30 pm AHG Troop Meeting ((School caf/gym/library)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Gym/Café/Basement)

### **Saturday, November 10**

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC 1)

12:00 pm Rosary (Church)

### **Sunday, November 11**

10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)

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

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## Leaving Religious Articles & Pamphlets in the Church

Please do not leave items or religious novena pamphlets in the Church. Any item left out for parishioners needs to be approved by the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Items left without permission are recycled. **We have recently had an issue with pamphlets being left by the entrances of the Church.**



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30pm Tuesday, November 6,  
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 6, in GR 2

Choir for Thanksgiving Day

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, November 13, in GR 2

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

Choir for Christmas Midnight Mass

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays, November 6 & 27, in GR 2

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.

## Marriage Moment

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:31) Yes, this is true. In addition to wholehearted love of God, can you also say this about your beloved spouse, since God lives in him or her also?

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## Parenting Perspective

How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember and perhaps reminisce about their best qualities.



### **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)

**OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great. **Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.** Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with

### **Please Join us for the Rosary**

The Rosary is one of the most important, meritorious and powerful prayers one can pray. Many of the saints attest to this: “The Rosary is the weapon for these times.” *St. Pio*; “The Rosary is the Bible on a string!” *Fr. Ronan Murphy* “The Rosary is a storehouse of countless blessings.” *Blessed Alan de la Roche*; “One day through the Rosary and Scapular Our Lady will save the world.” *St. Dominic*. 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.

### **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.

## Catechist Corner

Christianity spreads through the joy of disciples who know that they are loved and saved. - *Pope Francis*

Thank you to our Catechists who give their times and talents to teach our children more about their Faith.



**Parent 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..



### **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 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!

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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, pannis 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.

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## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2018

Dear St. Gregory's Families,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we take time to reflect upon our blessings from God. While we do so, we keep in mind some less fortunate families of the greater-Buffalo community. We hope that this 'family' project of giving will bring the meaning of Christmas to life for our parish family here at St. Greg's. **"Family-to-Family Christmas"** is a Christmas project that sponsors nearly 200 needy families each year from Blessed Trinity, Holy Angels, Assumption, Gerard Place, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and various Catholic Charities agencies. Our children help to keep *our* spirit of Christmas alive, so hopefully their participation in giving to a needy family will, in turn, make this a meaningful project for your family.

**If your family chooses to participate, please mail the form below, call, or send a request via email to a committee member listed below by Thursday, November 8.** You will receive details & information on your sponsored family by Thanksgiving. Each sponsor gives on a personal comfort level; that is what makes this program so special! Some suggestions that have worked in the past are each member of the sponsored family receiving a new gift(s) to unwrap and open on Christmas morning, and if desired, including non-perishable food, baked goods, or homemade treats from your family.

**This year's drop-off day for "Family to Family Christmas" is Tuesday, December 11, from 6:30-10:30AM at the St. Greg's Ministry Center Gym. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!**

Karyn McMahon (861-1107) [kcmcmahon1224@gmail.com](mailto:kcmcmahon1224@gmail.com)  
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Meegan Stamm (867-4431) [meegstamm@msn.com](mailto:meegstamm@msn.com)

**If sending by mail, detach lower section & mail to:**

Karyn McMahon  
8260 Lisa Lane  
East Amherst, NY 14051

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## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2018

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (cell/home) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AGES/SEX OF YOUR CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We can sponsor a family not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ members

\_\_\_\_\_ We can sponsor a child / children

\_\_\_\_\_ We can donate Tops/Target/Walmart gift cards/check payable to St. Gregory The Great Parish (please mail to Karyn McMahon-see address above, or drop off at School Office: ATTN-Michelle Burns/Family-to-Family Christmas).

### 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.

### 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 3

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Mario & Santo Campanella  
by Maria Campanella  
Mark Czarnecki by Elizabeth Czarnecki

5:30 pm Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family

### Sunday, November 4 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Richard Leavens  
by Richard & Victoria Leavens  
Catherine Coniglio by Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Michaels & Mr. & Mrs. Paul Andrews

9:30 am Alice Smyczynski  
by Mr. & Mrs. James Smyczynski

11:00 am Boniface Pope by Wife, Mary & Daughters  
Carmelita Santos by Sheedy Family

12:30 pm Mario & Santo Campanella  
by Maria Campanella

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Sheila Bogulski by Diane Daly,  
Sandy Postolese & Joanne Zaccaria  
Don Miller by Joseph Guercio & Family

### Monday, November 5

7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's

8:00 am Helena & Ambrose Weber  
by Walt & Mary Ann Weber  
Martin J. Mazza  
by Marilyn & Joe DiVincenzo

12:00 pm Edward Curto (anniv) by Daughter & Family  
Burt Kraus by Family

### Tuesday, November 6

7:00 am Rose Ryan by Ryan Family  
Ann Connelie by Paul & Gretchen Waas

8:00 am Nicholas Iannarelli by Hamburger Family

12:00 pm Jane Deakin Ray by Pat Fortunato & Family  
Rose Hoelscher by Rick & Beth Gerrish

### Wednesday, November 7

7:00 am John Antonucci by Voelkl Family

8:00 am Norbert E. Golebiewski  
by Mary Lou Daigler  
Anthony J. Swiatowy by Patricia Wisniewski

12:00 pm Mary Flynn (anniv) by Mary Kate Vivacqua  
Jennifer Uhl by Jeff & Nancy Reed

6:30 pm Mass of Remembrance for our Deceased  
Loved Ones

### Thursday, November 8

7:00 am Joseph Imiolo by Sharon & Michael Sans

8:00 am Rose Hoelscher by Weil Family  
Jerry L. Toneck by Kathy Klawon  
**(School Mass)**

12:00 pm Raymond Vigneron  
by John & Shirley Allen  
Living & Deceased Members of Ladies  
of the Lord by Donna Oleszek

### Friday, November 9

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Gregory Bielinski by Wife, Anne Bielinski

8:00 am Christopher McPartlan by Guppenberger  
Family

12:00 pm Anthony J. DiPasquale  
by Frank & Dauria Cardarella  
Margaret Berens by Craig & Kathleen Bucki

### Saturday, November 10

8:00 am Eugene Ryan (living) by Ryan Family  
Donald Wania by Anthony & Judy Picone

#### Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Michael & Mary Cirelli  
by Family & Friends  
Eva Bassanello by Family & Friends

5:30 pm Verna Welsch by Son

### Sunday, November 11 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Dr. Edward E. Haley (anniv) by Family

9:30 am Joseph Militello by Militello & Mazza  
Families  
Dolores Turano by Gary & Annette Kajtoch

11:00 am Richard Siedlikowski by Marty Turkiewicz  
Thomas Comer by Bartels Family

12:30 pm Mary Jane Stafford  
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Deni & Family  
Annette L. Seiler  
by Cole & Francine McCarthy

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Deceased Members of Kolaga & Grable  
Families by Chrisse & Jim Grable

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Jerry Petraglia  
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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.

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*Sacraments*

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**PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)**

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

**WEDDINGS**

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

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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**PRAYER**

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
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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](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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