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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22 & 23, 2018

From the Desk of Lee Butler (Kof C)

Andrea Picciotti-Bayer of the Catholic Association Foundation wrote the following article about the Knights of Columbus:

"Faith and charity in action" is the best way to describe what the Knights of Columbus have been committed to since their inception more than 130 years ago. A look at their influence around the globe reveals that they are the Catholic Church's modern-day knights in shining armor. The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael Joseph McGivney, whose sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican. Originally established as a mutual benefit society for working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, the Knights has grown into the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 2 million members. But the impressive character of the group extends far beyond its size and longevity.

Pope John Paul II once referred to the order as the "strong right arm of the Church" for their support of the Church as well as their charitable work. The Knights have always promoted the teaching of the Catholic Church. For 70 years, the organization's Catholic Information Service (CIS) has produced booklets and sponsored courses about the beliefs and practices of the Church.

A natural extension of the group's work in support of the family is their defense of the sanctity of life. The Knights are bold and unafraid in their commitment to promoting a "Culture of Life" which, in their words, involves "opposing legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, euthanasia, unjust war, and the death penalty where there is an acceptable alternative." The Knights' "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program promotes local, parish-based initiatives encouraging members to direct their generosity toward their neighbors in need. Their "Food for Families" program helps ensure families have adequate access to nutritious food. The result? In 2016 alone, more than 3 million pounds of food and almost \$1.6 million was donated to soup kitchens and other food programs. **(Continued on page 2)**

**Deacon Robert Warner & Deacon Paul
Walter First Mass Celebration Sunday,
September 16**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Sept. 24: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tues. Sept. 25: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wed. Sept. 26: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thurs. Sept. 27: Ecclesiastics 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Fri. Sept. 28: Ecclesiastics 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Sat. Sept. 29: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
Sun. Sept. 30: Numbers 11:25-29 (137B); James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

True wisdom

Reading I Wisdom 2:1, 17-20 (the wicked speak)
Reading II James 3:16-4:3 (true wisdom and worldly desires)
Gospel Mark 9:30-37 (second teaching of the paschal event and words against ambition and envy)
Key Passage He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Adult: *What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching power and ambition?*

Child: *Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?*

VOCATION VIEW

Righteousness with God cannot be sought after with a sense of entitlement—only with humility and appreciation. What attitude accompanies your sense of vocation? 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!

GRIEF & LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is "Language of Grief/Stages of Grief & Loss." 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.

"Do This In Remembrance of Me"

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

(Lee Butler Continued from page 1)

Similarly, the "Coats for Kids" program, launched in 2009, has already provided almost 400,000 coats to needy children in the U.S. and Canada. Distribution events in the U.S. have occurred at military bases, in Native American communities, inner-city neighborhoods, and through partnerships with local police and fire departments.

The impact of the Knights reaches far beyond America's borders. Consistent with their tradition of defending religious liberty and diversity, the Knights are widely regarded for their recent work on behalf of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. In 2016, the Knights led a major advocacy and awareness campaign encouraging the U.S. State Department to formally declare as genocide the atrocities committed by ISIS. The Knights produced a 300-page report on the persecution against Middle Eastern Christians, which ultimately helped redirect U.S. government relief funds to communities targeted by ISIS. For their part, the Knights distributed more than \$16 million in food, clothing, shelter, education and medical care to those suffering persecution.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has provided strength and support to the Catholic Church in its mission to spread the Gospel and care for those in need. And their impact will only grow as they spread the Faith and live charity both at home and abroad.

Our local Knights of Columbus council participates in the national activities listed. We also conduct numerous activities supporting St. Gregory parish and the community. Here are some examples.

Our council supports youth through the "Coats for Kids" program. We also conduct annual soccer and basketball challenge contests, and it is the Knights that conduct the Advent Party each December for our parish youth. The Knights have also financially supported Boy Scout Eagle Rank service projects such as the Stations of the Cross at the parish Grotto, and the parish's new outdoor Nativity.

In support of our parish community, St. Gregory Knights lead one Stations of the Cross each Lent. The Knights stand watch at the Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration. Each October the Knights conduct a memorial Mass for deceased members of the Order.

Our charitable donations support a variety of worthy groups. Examples include: Gerard Place, veterans, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Gregory the Great school, and Harvest House. Our council has provided over \$15,000 in support of seminarians, and additional funds supporting the diocese's vocational efforts.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any practicing Catholic man 18 years of age and above. For more information about the Knights of Columbus you can reach us by email at KofCStGregory@gmail.com or visit the website: kofc.org/joinus. We are St. Gregory the Great council #14687.

MOMS: Calling all Catholic mothers...

Connect with other Catholic moms at St. Greg's and feel supported and inspired! Join MOMS this year as we meet other inspiring Spiritually Catholic Mothers! Register today by phone/email/text: Contact Dawn Iacono at stgregsmoms@gmail.com, Lorianne McNamara about free babysitting 507-2026 and Mary Sendlack about Playgroup 982-5120. First meeting is Friday, September 28, with Catholic doula and author Mary Hazeltine in Gathering Rooms (1-2) from 9:00 to 11:00 am!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Hazeltine is a theology graduate and a certified birth doula and childbirth educator. With a passion for building a culture of life through the teachings of the Theology of the Body, she works to bring an awareness and practice of the teachings of the Church into the realm of childbirth, mothering, and pregnancy loss. She lives in Western New York with her husband and five sons. You can find more of her writing at www.betterthaneden.com.

Altar Server Training will be held in the Church for children in Grade 4 and up. There will be two sessions to choose from: Monday, September 24, at 6:30 pm and Saturday, September 29, at noon. There will be a parent meeting during the training. Contact Nora Weil at momtojcrew@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Food for the Poor

This past July, Father Gus Gordon came to St. Greg's making an appeal for Food for the Poor. He has been involved in this appeal for over 30 years, going to a variety of parishes all over the United States. Father contacted Sister Shawn informing her that our parish has given the largest donation in THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THIS APPEAL. What an honor for the Parish! Father assured us of his continued prayers! Thank you all for your generosity!

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" From Father Francis

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [Hebrews 11:1]

Senior Citizens

Monday, October 15; Day of Reflection with Mass in the Church at 12:00 pm followed by lunch (\$5 at the door) and guest speaker Father Paul in Gathering 1 & 2.

In October we will attend "Mama Mia" at the Shea Theater. Reservations required by September 30. Details to follow when available.

December 29 - January 2, 2019, motor coach tour, featuring Swingin' New Year's Eve Celebration, \$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.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Sessions of Inquiry (your questions) have begun: next meeting this Wednesday, September 26, 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.

Ladies of Charity

Our next meeting is Monday, September 24, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, Oct. 1. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

Mission Team Reunion and Gift Gathering Party

For all those who have made Mission! Friday, September 28, 6:30 - 9:00 pm in the Gathering Rooms. Pizza dinner will be provided; please bring a gift for the Parish Auction. Call Rick and Nora Weil at 632-2271 to RSVP or to donate if you can't make the party.

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 - 8:00pm.

Family Faith Formation

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

September FFF Outreach: We are collecting school supplies for children in need. Please send in donations throughout the month of September!

Saturday, September 29

9:00 am Grade 1 Family Celebration (Classroom)

Generations of Faith:

Session C meets on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:15 - 7:45 pm

Session A meets on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10:30 am - 12 noon

Session B meets on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Disciple Camp First Friday Club: All Disciple Camp students and their friends are invited to our First Friday Club on Friday, October 5, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the School Gym/Cafeteria.



First Graders will be having their Family Celebrations on September 24, 26 and 29 during classes. (Photo is from last year's Family Celebration)

Children's Catechumenate:

All children are welcome here at St. Gregory's Parish community! In addition to our weekly Faith Formation classes, we offer alternative opportunities in our Parish for our youth, including integrated and individualized faith formation programs and sacramental preparation for those children with special needs, physical disabilities or serious health issues. We offer **Children's Catechumenate** also for older children who have not been Baptized or those who have missed the Sacraments of First Penance or Eucharist. For more information, please contact us at the FFF Office and ask for Joan Rischmiller at jrischmiller@stgregs.org or 688-5760.

Entertainment Books For Sale

The St. Gregory the Great HSA is selling the 2018-2019 Entertainment Books in the School Office for \$25 from now through October 1. Buy five books, get one FREE. These make wonderful holiday gifts, and pay for themselves with the discounts. Out-of-town-editions are also available for purchase online. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Connie Miner at 632-2397. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to create a new school cafeteria model.

Ministry Help Needed!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Have you considered giving a prayer shawl to someone you know who is going through difficult or challenging circumstances in life? Our shawls, made by hand with love and prayer, can be given to anyone who is going through physical pain from surgery, rehab after surgery, acute and chronic illnesses, especially cancer with surgery and subsequent chemotherapy. Those suffering from emotional pain from the loss of a loved one, divorce, dementia, depression or family conflict can also benefit from the warmth, consolation and connection with God's love that a blessed shawl can often provide. The elderly, the very ill and depressed are often cold, even on the hottest day.

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! Donations to purchase yarn are greatly appreciated.

JOIN OUR USHERS TEAM!

How about volunteering to be an Usher? We can use help with the collection. You could usher weekly, or you could be a substitute. Please consider and give a call to Russell at 636-8283. Thank you!

OUR GREETERS NEED YOU!

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We especially need volunteers for the Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses and 12:30 and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please call Arlene at 688-5051.

HELP NEEDED AT THE CAFÉ!

Enrich Your Life. Join our "family" of volunteers at the Café. By serving in this ministry for as little as three hours a week, you will enjoy camaraderie and have a real sense of fulfillment. Contact Margaret at 688-5678, ext. 322.

FOOD SHUTTLE

The *Food Shuttle* helps feed the hungry by transporting excess food from supermarkets and other food-related businesses to soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. **There is a need for more drivers.** You can select your own "shuttle runs" and sign up one month at a time for the number of times you are available to drive. For more information or to volunteer, call Louise Seereiter at 839-1797 or the Food Shuttle Hot Line at 688-2527.



Respect Life

"40 Days for Life:" Your help is needed! The campaign begins **September 26 and continues through November 4.** This nation-wide, ecumenical effort is designed to raise awareness and bring a strong, positive pro-life message across America. Join us at a peaceful prayer vigil outside the Buffalo WomenServices clinic at 2500 Main St. from 7:00am to 7:00pm each day. For more information or to sign up for an hour, go to www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo or contact Debbie at (716) 912-2323.

Life Chain 2018- Save the Date! On Sunday, October 7, the annual Life Chain will be held from 2:00 - 3:00 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. Fr. Leon and the Respect Life Committee invite you to join hundreds of others in a silent, prayerful, peaceful demonstration expressing our Catholic commitment to the dignity of all human life, especially the unborn. **Our group will gather at the corner of Maple and Niagara Falls Boulevard, both in front of and across from the Boulevard Mall.**

****You may drive yourself or take advantage of round-trip bus transportation leaving from St. Gregory's Church at 1:30 pm. Following the Life Chain, we will have some light refreshments in the Ministry Center for those who participate. To sign up for the reception and/or reserve a seat on the bus, PLEASE return the form below in the week-end collection or to Jo Pierino in the Business Office (688-5678) by Monday, October 1.**

LIFE CHAIN 2018

Name (s): _____
Phone: _____
Number of people riding on the bus: _____
Number of people attending the pizza reception: _____

The first meeting of the Respect Life Committee is on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center Room #1. All are welcome!!

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 Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, September 23

12:00 pm Buffalo Bills Family Day (MC Gym/Foyer/ Kitchen & Outside Barbecue)

Monday, September 24

8:00 am Book Fair (School Library)
12:30 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC Café)
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
7:00 pm Queen of Heaven Bible Study (GR 1 & 2)
7:00 pm Little Rock Bible Study (MC 2)
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 3)

Tuesday, September 25

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite (MC Gym)
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)
6:30 pm Bible Study Class (School Foreign Language Room)
6:30 pm Mystery of the Eucharist (GR 1&2)
6:45 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (School Caf/Gym)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (MC Gym)

Wednesday, September 26

8:00 am Book Fair (School Library)
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge (MC Gym)
6:30 pm All Hearts Afire One Thing is Three (MC 2)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

Thursday, September 27

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge (MC Gym)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout (MC Front Lawn)

Friday, September 28

9:00 am MOM's Meeting (GR 1&2)
4:00 pm Boy Scouts Camp Out (MC Café/Field)
6:30 pm Mission Team Reunion (GR 1&2)
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Gym)

Saturday, September 29

12:00 am Boy Scout Troop 440 Camp Out (MC Gym/Café/Field)

Sunday, September 30

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



Music Ministry Rehearsals



Adult Choir for 11:00 Mass
7:30 pm Tuesday, September 25, in GR 2

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)
4:30 pm Tuesday, September 25, in GR 2
The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 30.

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.



SAVE THE DATE
20th Annual Great Dinner Auction
An Evening in Monte Carlo
Saturday, November 3, 2018
Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Always wanted to donate an item to the Auction but did not know how or what? In the back foyer of the Church there is a wish tree with donation gift card wishes on it. Take one and drop off your donation at the Parish Office. We appreciate any donations. **OR Join our Virtual Gift- Gathering Party Go to Amazon.com and under bridal registry search for St. Gregory the Great.** See all the great items you can donate to the auction and they will be delivered right to the Church.

Car Raffle tickets will be available after selected Masses in September and October and are available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20. Win \$10,000 towards the car of your choice from our select family of dealerships or \$8,000 cash!

Volunteers Needed!

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

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Reitebach, St. Gregory's Auction Coordinator at 688-5678 x 337 or dinnerauction@gmail.com.

You are cordially invited to
Coffee Breaks with God



Join us every first Saturday of the month, through March
from 9:15 - 10:15 am in the School Cafeteria.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Oct. 5	Christie Thein	Pray On It
Nov. 3	Carrie Duquin	Coping Skills; giving your children the tools to help them when life disappoints
Dec. 1	Gina Cutrona	Making Gingerbread Houses
Jan. 5	Eileen Warner	Keeping Faith
Feb. 2	Lori Chilcott	Family Time on the Run
Mar. 2	Dawn Iacono	Refilling your Spiritual Cup

Baby sitting is available upon request.

Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) **by 12noon** on the **Thursdays** prior to the Coffee Breaks you will attend.



Relax, unwind and fill your cup!

PRAYER BLANKETS FOR SICK CHILDREN

The Ladies of the Lord ministry has blessed prayer blankets for babies & young children who are ill or in the hospital. The children are added to our Prayer Intention book and are in the daily prayers of all the Ladies of the Lord. To request prayers call the Parish Office (688-5678), Mary (867-0347).

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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, which includes praying for those in the Military, especially those in harm's way. It is also prayed after the 8:00 am Mass and Rosary. Please join us in this powerful prayer which brings many blessings.



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

Parenting Perspective

The fourth Monday of September is National Eat Dinner Together Day. Maybe you always (or mostly) eat dinner together. Good. If so, talk about something like favorites (food, dessert, place, toy, vacation...). If not, eat together today or as often as possible this week.

Marriage Moment

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?” (James 4:1) Couples fight about many different things – money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard?

SONJA CORBITT'S BIBLE STUDY

For Young Adult Women

Fruits of the Spirit
Series

**Walk in the Spirit, and you will not
fulfill the desires of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:16

Free to Attend

Starts Thursday, October 4 – December 6
7:00 pm, Ministry Center Café

Come and join other adult women (18 to 30-something) in community to grow in faith through this Bible study. Welcome to come any of the nights. Any questions, contact Pam Distefano at (716) 946-8970.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network September Meeting will be held at St. Gregory the Great Parish on Wednesday, September 26, in the Gathering Room from 7:00 –8:30 pm. Our meeting agenda will include the latest update on PurpleStride 2019, the November Awareness campaign, and news from this summer's national Summit Conference in San Diego. To RSVP please contact Lynne Jakubowski at ljakubowski@pancanvolunteer.org.

OUT OF PARISH

SCREENAGERS! Growing up in the digital age, are you watching kids scroll through life with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six second attention span? Please join us for a special showing of the highly acclaimed documentary SCREENAGERS on **Sunday, September 30th at 7:00pm** in the lower church, **Christ the King, 30 Lamarck, Snyder, NY**. This film reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and probes into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction, and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. **Tickets are \$10 and available by going to this link: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-church-of-christ-the-king-9149>** Or contacting the Rectory. For more information please contact Rebecca Cambria 839-0946

Christ the King Seminary

A fall retreat will be offered at the Seminary. The retreat, entitled "*Finding Our Center in God*", will be held from October 3 to October 6. Please contact Gayle at 805-1438 or visit cks.edu for more info.

Saint Therese Novena– The Novena in honor of St. Therese will begin on Sunday, September 23, and close on the feast day, October 1. Rev. Terrence Brennan will be conducting the Novena. Services each evening of the Novena will begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass.

CARDINAL O'HARA OPEN HOUSE: "You Belong Here" is the theme of Cardinal O'Hara High School's annual Open House for sixth through eighth grade students and their families from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 and 9:00 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 30 at the co-educational school, 39 O'Hara Road, Town of Tonawanda. For more information, contact Doug Buczak, admissions director, at 695-2600 ext. 307 or visit www.cardinalohara.com.

Summit Life Outreach Center's 13th Annual Fundraiser Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 11, at Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center Located in the Quality Inn Hotel, 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd. The cost is \$50.00 per person and the dinner and program is from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Seating begins at 6:00 pm. For tickets call: Anne 716-297-6687 or the Center 716-298-8600.

MEAT RAFFLE: The Home School Association at Cardinal O'Hara High School will host a Meat and Basket Raffle on Friday, Oct. 12 at Cardinal O'Hara. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. with the first spin. Admission is \$5: that includes beer, wine and soda. For tickets or information, call Renee Orr at 716-695-2600, ext. 312 or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Middle School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Ignite- September 25

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- September 27

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- September 28

Ultimate is open 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!

High School: Visit stgregsym.org for more information!

Life Teen- September 23

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- September 26

Are you looking to dive 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!

Bowling Night- October 7

Life Teen is going bowling at Transit Lanes on **Sunday, October 7, at 6:00pm**. Pick up a permission slip in the Youth Office or find it online at stgregsym.org! Food is included!

If you have 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* Starting October 23 and running every other Tuesday is Amped, 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 serving the poor Sept 22, 9:00am-12:00 noon. We'll be working in the donation center, sorting goods for distribution. We'll follow up our time with lunch and fellowship!

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 and message Adam about registering. \$70 per person includes food and lodging.

Young Adult Women's Bible Study: Gathering Thursday's, October 4-December 6, at 7:00pm for a 10 week 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: Starting October 29, College Life returns to help 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.

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Youth Ministry Needs Your Help

Our Youth Ministry Department has placed a donation board in the back of the Church. All the proceeds we receive will be used for funding the many needs of our growing department, such as supplies, events, and travel. The board has numbers labeled 1- 200: please take an envelope and put the amount listed in the envelope. For example, if you choose the envelope with the number 48 on it, then 48 dollars will go into that envelope. You can mail the envelopes or bring the envelopes back to St. Greg's. Thank you so much for your support !

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 22

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Josephine Caldiero by Children
Vivienne Schifferli (anniv)
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
- 5:30 pm Donald Guerra (birth) by Wife & Children

Sunday, September 23 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Pauline Hrycib by Marianne Boccabella
Margaret Svarczkopf by Movie Club
James & Anna Sucy
by Joe & Jennifer Ferraro
- 11:00 am Deceased Members of Pelosi & Brevorka
Families by Barbara Pelosi
Margaret & David King (living)
by Michael D. King Family
- 12:30 pm Carl Cammilleri by Mom, Dad & Family
Timothy Grace
by Christopher & Caroline Alterio
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Aldo Narduzzo (anniv) by Irma & Family

Monday, September 24

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Jennie V. Pegnia by Son, Tony Pegnia, Sr.
& Family
Rita Gallagher by Mike & Kathy Deaki
- 12:00 pm Anthony Vetrano by Dolores Mason
Joyce M. Mecca by Nancy Ciccarelli

Tuesday, September 25

- 7:00 am Dr. Edmund Gicewicz
by Joe & Noreen Shifflet
Anne Dennis by Stella & William Gillick
- 8:00 am Bruce Finn by St. Gregory's Men's
Golf League
Phyllis Haberer by Andrew Davis
- 12:00 pm Donald G. Held by Mary Ann Held
& Family
Vittoria Disalvo
by Gaetena & Carmela Campanella

Wednesday, September 26 – Sts. Cosmas & Damian

- 7:00 am Margaret Daniels (birth) by Daughter,
Anne Bielinski
- 8:00 am Jennifer Uhl by Rosary Ministry
Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi
- 12:00 pm Marie & Frank Holland
by Sandra & Jim Holland
Anthony D. Vetrano
by Dr. & Mrs. Felix Labaki

Thursday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul

- 7:00 am Nicholas M. Iannarelli by Family Faith
Formation Staff
- 8:00 am Kathleen Hillebrand by Spira Family
(School Mass) Father Corcoran (living) by Devin Waring
Family
- 12:00 pm Joshua Roetzer
by Anthony & Morgan Arcuri
Edward Wisniewski, Sr. by Deck Family

Friday, September 28

- 7:00 am Deceased Members of Cleary & Goergen
Families by Goergen Family
John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Lillian Smoter (birth) by Family
Russell Vilardo (birth) by Family
- 12:00 pm Alice Grzechowiak (birth)
by Daughter, Carolyn

Saturday, September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 8:00 am Santina Algera by Family
Lucille Kronebusch by Priests
of St. Gregory's

Vigil Masses

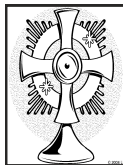
- 4:00 pm Nancy Dillon by Dillon Family
John Thomas by Stephanie Gambacorta
- 5:30 pm Francis Balkin by Grabenstatter
& Roeder Families

Sunday, September 30 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eugene & Diantha Fiegl
by Richard & Victoria Leavens
- 9:30 am Daniel T. Kirst
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel
- 11:00 am Richard Parnell by Parnell & Pilecki
Families
Ava Bartfay-Szabo by Carol Retzer
- 12:30 pm Helen Kilinskas by Bill Kalinskas
Carol Boyle by Joyce Knoll
- 4:30 pm Ardine & Joseph Hojnowski by Sister,
Linda & Family
Deacon Peter Donnelly (living)

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Carmelo Amato
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Mass Schedule

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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

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday 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

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PRAYER

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

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