

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

BAPTISMS

Baptism classes are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Gathering Room 1. The next class is set for Tuesday, January 5, 2021. We are scheduling Baptisms on Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass, one family per Baptism. Please call Jo Pierino @ 688-5678 Ext. 301 to register for class and to schedule the Baptism.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve: Thursday, December 31 - Daily Mass Schedule as normal - 7:00 am., 8:00 am and Noon Mass. **Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm only.**

New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God— Friday, January 1; 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and noon Mass.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are **back in the Church** on Saturdays from 2:30 - 3:45 pm. Please make sure you wear a face covering when attending.

COVID 19 UPDATES

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, daily Masses can be viewed on our website via livestream, weekend Masses via YouTube and livestream.

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

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

My Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas! As we joyfully celebrate this Sunday, we celebrate Christmas and within the Octave of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast reminds us of the central reality of God's plan for us. God wants us to be a family.

It is very easy to see God as "above" us, not only in the heavens, but above us in power, majesty, and glory. Certainly, God is above us. God is our Creator and as our Creator He desires a relationship with His created. We need to see our entire experience of God as "family." The Trinity is a unity, a family if you will, of three persons in one God. The Trinity is a unity of perfect intimacy. Today's Feast of the Holy Family is an opportunity to see the intimacy of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a family and to see the intimacy that each of them possessed with God the Father.

Pope Francis has called us to focus on St. Joseph. From December 8, 2020 thru December 8, 2021, we are celebrating the "Year of St. Joseph." This is the perfect time to begin a reflection on the vocation of Joseph as the Spiritual Father of Jesus and as an example for us as to how God the Father is our Spiritual Father. St. Joseph does not have one speaking line in the Gospels. We hear his thoughts and see the power of his humility in prayer. We also see his action, but we do not hear one direct quote of his spoken word. What do we learn from St. Joseph?

Joseph is intimate with God the Father. Joseph was always attentive to the messages God sent to him, usually through an angel. Joseph heard the words and trusted in them: "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife." Joseph was a faithful disciple of Jesus as he was intimate to know and understand the promptings of God the Father and courageous enough to live his discipleship.

What do we learn from our Blessed Mother this Season of Christmas? Mary, the first of the disciples of her Son, Jesus, also heard the words and trusted in them: "Do not be afraid, Mary you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a Son and name him Jesus." Mary was the first disciple of Jesus as she was intimate to know and understand God's will, and Mary "treasured" and "pondered" these messages. Mary was contemplative and certainly a woman of meditation. Jesus, part of the Trinity, we

know went often to pray alone or to be intimate with His Father. Jesus drew the apostles together in a brotherhood of intimacy and revealed His mission of salvation and identity as Savior and Messiah to them. The apostles, in turn, after Pentecost, formed the church as a family to be the intimate "Body of Christ" in the world today. Jesus and His Church established the Sacrament of Marriage to consecrate the love of husband and wife, and within the power of that bond of love to be intimate with each other and with God as co-creator in the power to create new life in intimacy and love. Marriage and family life are primary ways to understand the mind of God. To understand our Creator, we must understand and experience what God has created. The created reveal the mind of the creator.

Humility is the key to the spiritual life. I will be bold enough to state that if a person is not humble, in every fashion, they will not mature in the spiritual life. Jesus was humble. Jesus humbled Himself to become a man like us in every way but sin. Jesus was humble in His human life as He was obedient to Mary and Joseph. We see the humility of Joseph in that he does not even have one speaking line in the Gospels and is always changing his own mind and plans to conform to God's plan. Mary also practices humility. Her humility is seen in her words, "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation. Mary's humility is clear again at the Visitation when she, in her own need, goes to serve her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth's greeting of Mary, "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" prompts Mary's humility again with her beautiful Magnificat "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant." Mary is not filled with ego or pride as she is greeted by Elizabeth. Rather, Mary is filled with humility, pointing her call as God's great gift to her.



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This Feast of the Holy Family is our opportunity to examine our own experience of family life. I believe this year afforded families the opportunity to spend a lot more quality time together at home and hopefully to grow in the meaning of family life. This is the time to reflect on our own call of intimacy. Husbands and wives are called to the greatest intimacy.

If you are married, are you allowing your spouse to truly know every facet of who you are as a person? Are you able, as a married couple, to pray with each other and be intimate with God in conjugal (marital) prayer? In order to truly discover and take joy in the gift of marriage, married couples must pray with each other and for each other daily. This prayer will unlock the door to a deep level of intimacy with the Father and each other. It is in the power of that intimacy that not only is human life created, but it is also within that power that parents derive the wisdom, knowledge and energy to truly be intimate with their children and help their children discover the mystery of who they are as a “son” or “daughter” of God. Today we define ourselves in many ways but often neglect to define ourselves in the most important manner; that being, as a son or daughter of Christ forming part of the Body of Christ. Parents in their intimacy with their children are to lead their children to discover that they are God’s son or daughter and called to live fully as His disciple. Children are to trust and be intimate with their parents to reveal all of what they question or wish to understand so that their parents will be best able to help them. If you are a child or teenager or young adult, do you trust your parents with your life and questions in a bond of intimacy? Like Mary, ponder these questions in your heart.

Finally, on behalf of Fathers Thomas, Paul and Moses and on behalf of Deacons Michael and Paul and on behalf of Sister Shawn and our entire Ministry Team at St. Greg’s please accept our sincere thank you for all of your greeting cards, cookies, treats and gifts this Christmas. Please know of our prayer for you and your family as we prepare to enter 2021! May this be a blessed year!

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

COVID 19 UPDATE

PARISH SCHEDULE AS OF

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

- You **must** sign up for weekend Masses. Due to our capacity limitations, we ask everyone to sign up for weekend Masses so we may plan accordingly. Call the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or visit our website www.stgregs.org, “select Sign Up for Weekend Masses” and follow the prompts.
- Only the front doors of the Church will be used to enter and exit for weekend Masses. Hand sanitizer is available at the front Church doors and must be used upon entering.
- While the Church is appropriately sanitized, please be aware there is an assumed risk when attending Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The Church will be open for in-person Adoration on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please enter the Church through the main vestibule doors, be mindful of physically distancing yourself from others, and wear a face covering at all times.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is open to visitors, but we kindly ask you to please call ahead. Due to current restrictions, we can only allow 2 visitors in the Office at a time. We can assist in many ways over the phone.

CATHOLIC STORE: The Catholic Store is open with limited capacity.

CAFÉ: The Café is closed until further notice.

PROGRAMS: Meetings/Events/Gatherings are limited in size. Please contact the Ministry Leader for the most up to date information.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION: FFF continues with online classes. Contact the FFF office with any questions.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL: See the School website for the most up-to-date information.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Check out their website for the most up-to-date information.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Sign up for great movies, audios, eBooks and Bible studies! Free! Go to www.FORMED.org. Click 'Sign Up' then click 'I belong to a parish or organization'. Type in 'St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville NY' and away you go... Did you know we have a Catholic Radio station right here in Buffalo? Tune into WLOF. FM 101.7 or go to www.thestationofthecross.com and give a listen to learn more about our Faith. Do you have a question about our Faith or curious about how to best explain our Faith to someone? Check out Catholic Answers at www.catholic.com Maybe watching TV programs is more your preference? Check your local listings for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). Perhaps you're looking for a good book or thoughtful gift for a friend? Browse through our bookstore located at the Parish Ministry Center across the parking lot from the Church. If you would like to learn more about Catholic resources in our parish, please look us up at www.stgregs.org or call us at 688 - 5678.

MASS APPEAL

Your mission, this year, should you choose to accept it, is to start attending or watching daily Mass. Start off with one or two days during the week and slowly increase the number of days as the year progresses.

For those who do attend daily Mass, your mission should you choose to accept it, is to better prepare yourself for Mass by reading the daily readings ahead of time. Perhaps daily Mass has become a little too routine? Open up the Word of God with your own Bible (See below) or go to usccb.org and click on the 'Daily Readings' tab at the top of the page.

Mon Dec 28 - 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18; **Tue Dec 29** - 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35; **Wed Dec 30** - 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40; **Thu Dec 31**- 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18; **Fri Jan 1** - Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21; **Sat Jan 2** - 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28; **Sun Jan 3** - Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

WEATHER-RELATED PARISH SCHEDULE

If the School is closed due to inclement weather and the faculty and students do not report, the Parish Offices are not immediately closed. It will be up to the discretion of the Pastor if the Parish will close and all activities will be cancelled (including Adoration). Please check our website, subscribe to notifications on our app or tune in to local TV stations for cancellations.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will close early on New Year's Eve and will not be open on Friday, January 1. The office will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 4. For the Mass schedule see the front of the bulletin. The normal Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, January 3.

ST. GREG'S PARKING LOT

Please park only in the designated spots. The police department has informed us that vehicles parked in the exits of the parking lot prevent access during emergency situations.

THANK YOU ALL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

Matthew 25:37: *Then the righteous will answer Him and say,*

“LORD, when did we see you hungry and feed you or, thirsty and give you drink . . .

- When you donated for the **Heart to Heart Food Drive** that benefited our St. Vincent de Paul Society delivered to various area food pantries last February.

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you . . .

- When you participated in a **Disciple Camp Car Wash** to raise \$718 for the Doktor Family mission. The Doktor family from St. Gregory’s Parish is currently ministering in Taiwan.

- When you donated \$5540 in gift cards and \$10830 in check donations for the **Christmas Giving Tree** for with persons whose faces you will never see from agencies like Holy Cross, Strengthening Families, St. John Kanty, Our Lady of Black Rock, Seneca Babcock, Community Center, St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy, St. Patrick’s Food Pantry, Response to Love Center, Gerard Place, Try House, Jericho Road, St. Vincent de Paul, and SS. Brigid and Columba.

- When you made hundreds of rosaries and donated them to other children and parishes like Our Lady of Black Rock School so that they, too, can pray for an increase in priesthood vocations.

- When you made greeting cards and placemats for area nursing home for Valentines Day and St. Patrick’s Day.

and naked and clothe you . . .

- When you made blankets for Harvest House and Gerard Place.

- When you gave us hundreds of pairs of mittens, socks and hats for needy children the city at the Seneca Babcock Center and Our Lady of Black Rock School.

- When you generously gave gift cards to share with the needy .

- When you gave First Communion and Sunday best clothing for children at Our Lady of Black Rock Parish.

When did we see you ill and visit you or, in prison and visit you . . .

- When you sent gift cards and donations for children at the WNY Children’s Psychiatric Center and PEACEPRINTS.

- When you made Rosaries for parish families to pray during this pandemic.

- When you made and sent hundreds of Christmas cards and angel ornaments retired priests and nuns.

- When you gave us hundreds of gift cards for children of families affected by violence and incarceration at Bissonette House, H.O.P.E., Peaceprints and Cephus.

- When you made placemats for our elderly in area nursing homes.



And the King will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for me.”

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- SUN 1/3** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



New
Year's
Blessings

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Have you been Catholic all your life but haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation completes full initiation into the Catholic Church and imparts graces of the Holy Spirit that strengthen Faith and discipleship. During the season of Lent St. Greg's will have four Adult Confirmation Classes, dates and times to be determined. If you desire to receive Confirmation at this Easter Vigil, as an adult, contact Deacon Paul Walter at pwalter@stgregs.org.



CONFIRMATION 2021

For all Grade 10 Catholic and Public School Students: If you are scheduled to be confirmed spring 2021, please make sure you are registered with us so that you receive important information and access to necessary forms. You will receive log-in information once you have registered. To find the link to register for Confirmation go to:

<https://www.stgregs.org/confirmation-1/>

Attention: Grade 10 Public and Catholic School Students who are registered for Confirmation: please make sure you log in to your Google Classroom for Confirmation. **There are several forms that were due on December 15; if you have not turned in your forms** (Confirmation Sponsor Form, Confirmation Name form), **please go online and submit these forms ASAP.**

FIRST COMMUNION 2021


- **FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION** for all Grade 3 Public AND Catholic School Students will be available on the Family Faith Formation website from January 5 - 25.
- **First Communion Book Pick Up** is scheduled for January 30 from 8:30 am - 11:00 am in the School foyer for students registered for First Communion.

FIRST PENANCE 2021


- **FIRST PENANCE REGISTRATION** (for all Grade 2 Public AND Catholic School Students) is available on the Family Faith Formation website. **Deadline to register is on January 9.** If you have not registered, please do so ASAP. To register, go to www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/
- **First Penance Book Pick Up** will be on January 9, from 8:30 am - 11:00 am in the school foyer for students registered for First Penance.

CATECHIST'S CORNER

It will soon be Christmas Day.
Bibles, paper and pencils
have all been packed away.

It's time to pause from our busy lives
to take stock of all God's blessings,
to give thanks and pray...

Lord, bless the teachers who give their heart
to teaching our children.

Thank you for the grace and kindness
of spirit you have given them.

May they know and feel the deep gratitude
of all of us at Family Faith Formation and
of those whom they teach.

Fill their hearts with joy and bless them
at Christmas time and always. Amen.

MEMORIALIZE A KNEELER

As you may have noticed, our current kneelers by the candles for lighting by our Saints' statues, are falling apart. It is a good sign to see a well-used kneeler. They have been repaired but are now at the point of replacement. We have two kneelers remaining for memorialization. A memorial name plate will be placed on each kneeler. The donation is \$2500 per kneeler. **Please contact Marisa Piazza if you would like to memorialize a kneeler.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS! “And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born and she gave birth to her child, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:6-7

The Diocese of Buffalo reaches out to expectant mothers via:

- **THE ST. GIANNA MOLLA PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER:** The center follows the example of St. Gianna Molla in respecting, protecting, and cherishing all human life as a precious gift from God. The center serves life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to single mothers and young families in need, from pregnancy through the first years of life. Donations of diapers, new/gently used baby items, and monetary gifts are always needed and much appreciated. Volunteer opportunities are also available.
- **THE MOTHER TERESA HOME:** The pastoral mission of the Mother Teresa Home is to promote safety, stability and well-being for people who have experienced or been exposed to pressure related to their pregnancy. The Mother Teresa Home will achieve this through providing programs that provide shelter, community service, and education referral services for all mothers in need. If you would like to help either effort, call 847-2205 or go to www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life

Dear Lord Jesus...inspire us to see You in EVERY unborn child.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
CANDLES FOR SALE**

The St. Greg’s American Heritage Girls (AHG) troop is selling candles a little differently this year. Check out this website abbycandles.com to learn more. When you check out, enter ID #65847 or you can search by AHG NY 3129 to make sure the troop gets credit. Thank you in advance for your support!



NUGGETS OF FAITH

Q. What role does man play in God’s providence? **A.** The completion of creation through divine providence is not something that happens above and beyond us. God invites us to collaborate in the completion of creation [Catechism articles 307-308]. We can reject God’s will. He does better, though, to become an instrument of God’s love. Mother Teresa strove to think in this way, “I am only a little pencil in the hand of our Lord. He may cut or sharpen the pencil. He may write or draw whatever and whenever He wants. If the writing or drawing is good, we do not honor the pencil or the material that is used, but rather the one who used it.”

A VOCATION VIEW

The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - always supported each other in doing God’s will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God’s children, we must help each other follow God’s will. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

**ATTENTION ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
PARISHIONERS:**

If you have a need for top-notch Retirement Planning, Long Term Care Insurance, or Life/ Disability Insurance, then maybe the Knights of Columbus can help. A FREE virtual review of Fraternal Benefits for members, non-members, and families, will be held free of charge or obligation on **Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 pm.** Hosted by **St. Gregory the Great** Council Knights of Columbus, and presented by Field Agent Michael Gruszewski. For more information or to sign up, please contact Michael Gruszewski at 579-4312, or at Michael.Gruszewski@kofc.org.

The Catholic store is open! Stop by the store for great gift ideas and a beautiful selection of religious jewelry, statues, cards, books and so much more!

HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*



SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

AUCTIONS - HOME VIDEOS - AWARDS - AND MUCH MORE!

*Join us for a fun-filled evening of fundraising,
Funniest Videos of St. Greg's Awards and more ...*

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL EVENT?

A virtual gala is where we can all come together on the internet from our own homes to help celebrate St. Greg's.

DINNERS, SPONSORS AND MORE ...

We can't gather in large groups, but you can put together small parties with sponsored gourmet dinners and pizza parties in your home and enjoy our award show and fundraising to benefit St. Greg's.



Giancarlo's
RESTAURANT & BAR



OUTLAW
POPCORN

ST. GREG'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS

Kids ages 3-14 of the Parish and School community can submit videos for our Funniest Videos contest. Categories will be: best school spirit, best use of a pet, best use of family, best teacher/staff, best use of a priest, best sports and best dance.

*Watch our Parish and School websites in
January for more information.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 26 St. Stephen First Martyr

8:00 am Norbert Drzewicki & Aurea Leonard
By Dr. Robert Leonard

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Dr. Michael Holden by Hejna & Garrity
Families
Eva Bassanello by Her Children
5:30 pm Dr. Robert & Joan Powalski by Cosgriff
Family

Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family

8:00 am Stanley Rogala by Kim & Joe Couche
Paul Morgan by Wife, Betty
9:30 am Billy Hartigan (anniv) by Hartigan
Family
11:00 am Dr. Roger J. Goergen by Goergen
Family
12:30 pm Anthony Modicamore (birth) by Family
4:30 pm Andrew Staebell by Bill & Nancy
Montani

Monday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:00 am Clifford Conover by Family
8:00 am Donald Henry by Henry Family
12:00 pm Michael J. Wrobel (birth) by Mom &
Sisters

Tuesday, December 29

7:00 am Alice Golebiewski by Mary Lou Daigler
8:00 am The People of St. Gregory the Great
Parish
12:00 pm James Cosgriff by Wife & Family

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 am Patrick Moran by Betty Moran
8:00 am Sophia Sudyn by Mary Lou Daigler &
Family
12:00 pm Driscoll & Kunka Families by Driscoll &
Kunka Families

Thursday, December 31 St. Sylvester

7:00 am Vincent Di Ciccio by Jay & Amy Roeder
8:00 am Kathleen A. Haley (anniv) by Family
Patrick W. Marks by Caoline & Chris
Alterio
12:00 pm Arvella Schrameck by Bill & Kathy
Schrameck

Vigil Mass

5:30 pm Dorothy Leone by John Leone

Friday, January 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 am For the People of St. Gregory the Great
Parish
10:00 am Dominic & Helen Pascale by Daughter,
Donna Cronin
12:00 pm Anthony Vlicki (birth) by Edward &
Sylvia Stachura

Saturday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 am Frank Fechter & Family by Bill & Lee
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Vigil Masses

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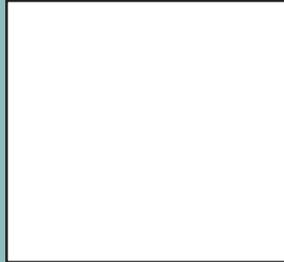
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