

COVID UPDATES

AS OF PRINT DATE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Per the Diocese of Buffalo, face coverings are required to enter and exit Church. You may take your face covering off while seated. Your face covering must be worn at Communion and if you choose to sing. We are still operating at 50% capacity and need to continue 6 feet of separation from those not in your household.

All youth, 18 or younger, are required to wear a face covering and should maintain three feet of physical distance from one another, while adults should remain 6 feet from children.

You are still required to wear a face mask entering and exiting the Parish Office, Café and Catholic Store. Your face covering may be lowered while eating in the Café or while seated in the Parish Office. Face covering must be kept when there is movement or closeness to others.

TEMPORARY ENVELOPES

“Oh No! I forgot my envelope again.” Has this happened to you? For your convenience we have blue temporary envelopes available on tables in the Vestibule as well as at the back of Section “B” and Section “G” in the Church.

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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): 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.*

ADORATION CHAPEL: The chapel is open 24 hours.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:45 pm in the Church.

My Dear Parish Family,

I have a few separate thoughts to share with you this week as we celebrate many events and accomplishments in our faith community.

First, a word of congratulations! We have been in the midst of “graduation season” for about a month already. Congratulations to all our college and university students who have graduated in the last month and may God bless you as you move onto your next chapter of life. May you be blessed to persevere in your studies if you are continuing on to graduate school and may you experience fulfillment from your studies if you are entering the workforce and beginning your career.

Some of our high school teens have already graduated, particularly those in Catholic or private high schools and some are just a couple weeks away from walking across the stage! Congratulations to all our high school teens who have or will be graduating. We pray for you to feel a sense of accomplishment as you leave high school, and we pray that you have hope for a bright future as you either begin college or enter the workforce. Similarly, we wish our best to our own St. Gregory the Great School’s 8th Grade Class as you prepare for your graduation on June 24! Congratulations to all our 8th graders who will be graduating soon. We are proud of your accomplishments and promise to pray for you as you move on to high school. May our Lord surround you all with wonderful friendships who will support you to become the person God first intended you to become. Finally, congratulations to all our St. Gregory the Great School’s kindergarten and preschool students who will be graduating and moving up this week! May God bless you and your families.

Next, I like to share a word about our Grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Grotto is a wonderful place of prayer, and I am truly humbled and thankful to see so many come to pray at our Grotto, our regular parishioners as well as visitors and many from the hospital next door. Last year prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, we contracted to have some work done on our Grotto. I think we will all agree that it needs some refurbishment. The “cave” itself needs some repair and paint. Some of the landscaping is dead or dying and needs to be replaced. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown last year and because of the limitations we all experienced; the project experienced one delay after another. We could have had the project completed late last fall, but I felt it was in our best interest to not have the painting and landscaping done right before the start of winter.

I am pleased to share with you that we are almost ready to start this work. I am sharing this so you are aware that the Grotto will not be able to be used while the work is taking place. Some of the work is being done by our own staff and some will be done by a landscaper. The timing of this work also allows for adjustments and repairs to be made to our automatic sprinkler system in that area. *I ask your patience as we begin this project as the area will not be able to be used while it is an active work site.*

Over my eight years at St. Greg’s I have been thankful that so many are interested in the Grotto and have gone to the point to spontaneously plant flowers, drop off plants, add ornaments and even lawn chairs and benches. I humbly ask that our team be allowed to do the work that we have planned, and that people refrain from leaving flowers on the Grotto and/or spontaneously leaving plantings of any kind in the area. We will need to allow the paint to dry on the stone and to allow our new flower beds to take root and mature without additional plantings and without flowers being placed on the stone. As with any outdoor project that depends on the weather, I am not sure of the exact date that we will be able to begin our work, but I want to make you aware now so you are fully informed that it will be happening.

Finally, this weekend we are focusing on Stewardship. Stewardship reflects how we use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others. Father Thomas Maloney will preach at all the Masses this weekend to call us to reflect on our own gifts, our talents and to consider how we are giving of ourselves back to God through the eighty plus ministries at St. Greg’s. You will see more about our common call to be good stewards of our talents in the new issue of ***Spirit and Life***. You will also be receiving a letter from me at your home humbly asking you to consider. . . .

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

- SUN 6/13** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- MON 6/14** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
- TUES 6/15** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- WED 6/16** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THR 6/17** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
- FRI 6/18** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
- SAT 6/19** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
- SUN 6/20** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

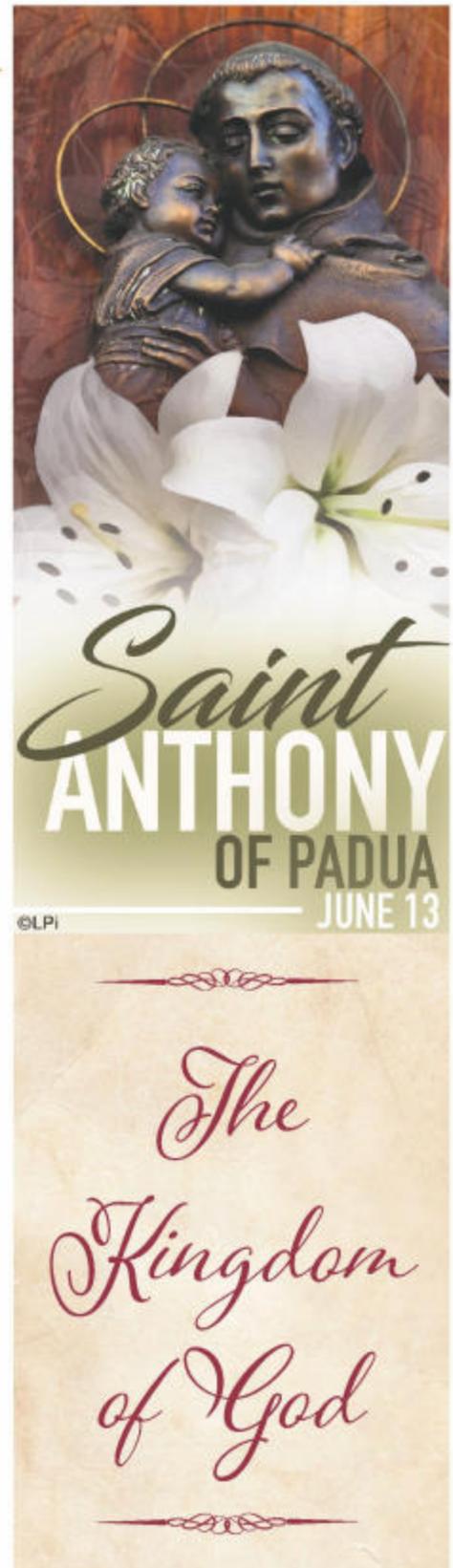
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13, 2021

- Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Flag Day
- Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
- Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

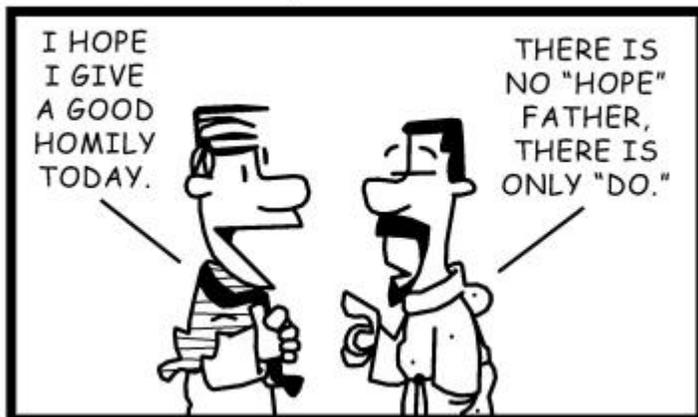
Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.



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what you can do to give of yourself to the ministries of our parish. Life is starting to come back to what we consider "normal." Many of our ministries have suffered during the pandemic as we have not been able to meet in person and to serve as we did prior to the pandemic. Unfortunately, a sad truth too is many of our parishioners passed away during the last year and a quarter, some from Covid-19. Some who died were very active leaders of our parish family. Now is the time to begin renewing our commitment to serve in ministries that we were part of prior to the pandemic and/or consider which ministries interest us based on our talents and abilities. I urge each member of St. Greg's to choose at least one ministry to invest in. Can you imagine the powerhouse of the Gospel, if every person at St. Greg's, chose just one thing to truly be a part of and to bring the Gospel alive in Williamsville, Amherst, Clarence and beyond? Please reflect on all that God has endowed you with and please return the response card to me regarding your investment of your talent here at St. Greg's.

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



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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.

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS THRIVE

The Heritage Girls at St. Greg's have thrived despite all that the pandemic has thrown at them. Girls continued to strengthen friendships with games and activities both virtual and in person. Sewing, Rosary making, crafting, and the joys of just being able to run around and play with one another filled this past year. God bless all of our Heritage Girls and may they continue to live lives of faith, friendship, and service.



MAKING A MASS APPEAL

Q. Why do we have to go to Mass every week?

A. The short answer is because God made it crystal clear to “Keep Holy the Sabbath.”

But may I suggest looking at attending Mass as more about strengthening your relationship with Jesus than some sort of obligatory chore. We encounter Christ most fully at Mass through His Word, Sacrament, Priest and Community. I would like to invite you to look at the Mass in the sense of how fortunate we are, in the States, to have the opportunity to be able to participate at Mass every week.

- The Mass is the number one way God feeds and nourishes us each and every time we attend. This opportunity encourages us to grow and be supported in our relationship with Jesus.
- We unite ourselves in prayer, song and worship. There is strength in numbers.
- We receive forgiveness of our venial (lesser) sins at the Penitential Rite... Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
- We receive spiritual inspiration, support and guidance on how to live our lives as followers of Christ through the readings and homily.
- We pray for ourselves and others during the Prayer of the Faithful
- We witness ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- We forgive others as we pray, “Our Father, ... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...”
- We receive the peace of Christ. “My peace I leave you, my peace I give you.”
- We receive Jesus body, blood, soul and divinity as we present ourselves for Communion.
- We receive a special blessing at the end of Mass that strengthens us as we re-enter the world to live as true witnesses of Christ.
- And every time we go to Mass the Lord will have a special message of love for each and every one of us; all we have to do is be present.

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Chicken/Rib BBQ
Drive-Thru



St. Greg's Great Race

IT'S BBQ TIME!

Friday, June 18

3:00 - 7:00 PM (or Sold out)

Chicken Dinner

Pre-Sale \$12.00/Day of \$13.00

Chicken/Rib Combo Dinner

Pre-Sale \$14/Day of \$15.00

Buy tickets online at stgregs.org or stop in the Parish Office, Café or Catholic Store.

*Sides Include: Buttered Spuds,
Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter*



St. Gregory the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
200 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Is your child age 12-17 displaying chronic negative behaviors such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? **Our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties can help.** MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program that's facilitated in the youth's natural environments, including the home. Think MST might be a good fit? Call 716-204-0555, ext. 5025 or visit **www.cwny.org**. In other WNY counties, office-based counseling is always available to families. **Appeal 2021** is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit **www.cwny.org/donation**. **HOPE for all seasons.**

2021 Appeal Goal: \$570,220.00

2021 Total: \$551,591.40

2021 Difference: -\$18,628.60



A VOCATION VIEW

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,” writes St. Paul. So many people are unprepared for their eternal judgment! If only there were more ministers of God to remind and admonish the world. Perhaps God is calling you to this mission? Fr. Dave can help direct you at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



- **FFF Hours:** Mon-Fri from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- **REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR FFF 2021-2022**
Class size will be limited. For more details, go to our website <https://www.stgregs.org/program-options2020/>
- **WEEKLY PROGRAM** September - April
 - **Gr K - 8:** Saturday (9:00 am -10:00 am)
 - **Gr K - 4:** Monday (4:45 pm - 5:45 pm)
 - **Gr 5 -10:** Monday (7:00 pm - 8:00 pm)**Online Registration:** June 1 - July 30
- **MONTHLY PROGRAM** September - April
aka **Generations of Faith (GOF)** for Grades K- 10.
Once-a- month in-person and three-weeks-a-month
at-home sessions. Babysitting is not available.
Limit of 50 families per session.
 - **GOF A:** Sunday 10:45am - 11:45am **ACT Fast!!**
 - **GOF B:** Sunday 12:15pm - 1:15 pm
 - **GOF C:** Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Confirmation 2021

We are truly proud of the 97 young men and women who were Confirmed on May 19 and 20. Some last insights from our Confirmandi:

"Confirmed Catholics embody the faith they accepted, and their actions exemplify their Faith in the world. As Confirmed Catholics show actions of holiness, we can be a beacon to the world of our Faith."

"It takes courage to do what is right and act on what you say. Instead of saying what you plan to do, it is better to just commit to the idea and go for it. The actions of a Confirmed Catholic can inspire and help others, both in and out of the Faith."

"The Holy Spirit will give me the ability to make my Confirmation, and properly enter into the Church. Through its grace, I will have the courage and ability to be Confirmed, and in the future, follow in the ways of the Lord with humility, and understanding."

Register for Vacation Bible School
open until June 25.

www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/

Non-refundable Fee for VBS is \$35 per child. Class sizes will be limited .



Become a Catechist ♥ Make a Difference

We're looking for Catechists to teach Religion classes for our FFF students , Grades 5-10
We need Catechists for the following:

Summer Programs run June 25, 28-30, and July 1

- **High School Summer Program**

Catechists needed from 8:45 am - 12:15 pm



- **Disciple Camp**

Catechists needed from 12:45 pm - 4:15 pm



Call the FFF Office at 688.5760 or email
Joan Rischmiller at jrischmiller@stgregs.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is for children entering Kindergarten - Grade 5 this September. **Dates:** July 12– 16 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. This year's theme is **Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus**. Children will enjoy five great days of Bible stories, storytelling, music, crafts, skits and refreshments! At VBS, kids experience the extraordinary love of God in fun and unforgettable ways by visiting various stations. Our week-long camp culminates with an outdoor modified closing celebration and ice cream social!

MINISTRY UPDATES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Will host their first meeting on June 14 at 12:45 pm in the Ministry Center. Anyone 55 or older is welcome to attend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

We have a great opportunity for parishioners interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. There will be a Diocesan training at St. Vincent De Paul Parish located at 2748 Military Rd, Niagara Falls, on Saturday, July 10, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm in their Bingo Hall. To register, please complete a registration form, present it to our Parish Office for approval, Pastor's signature and parish seal. Once the form is completed, we will submit it to the Diocesan Office of Worship at the Catholic Center. For an application form please contact Jo Pierino at 688 - 5678, ext. 301.

SVDP APPLIANCE – FURNITURE

The SVDP appliance - furniture pick-ups have started again. If you have any of the following items, contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We pick up furniture items only in St. Gregory's geographic area. In order to maintain social distancing, all appliances and furniture must be located outside, in a garage, or covered porch. Refer to the list on our website of what we accept. All appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

Next pick up scheduled: June 19

Appliances: Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup). (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.) Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs).

“God has no need for your money, but the poor have. You give it to the poor, and God receives it.”

~ St. Augustine



ST. GREG'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE

When: Friday, June 25 1st Spin is at 7:00 pm

Proceeds to Benefit Gerard Place Food Pantry Expansion and St. Greg's Ministries

- 15 Rounds and a Grand Finale
- \$45 gets you in every round and 5 spots in the finale
- 50/50 raffle **AND** a Weber Grill raffle with a \$100 gift certificate to Pellicano Meats.
 - 50/50 tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10
 - Weber Grill raffle are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00

More Information

Website: www.stgregoryknights.org/meataffle

Email: kofcmeataffle@gmail.com

Contact: **Tom Creenan, 570-0964**

PURCHASE TICKETS BY: Tuesday, June 22

Payment Options

Please indicate what you are paying for: e.g., meat raffle, 50/50 and/or Weber Grill.

Venmo: **@KofC14687**

Send Check to :

St Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus #14687

200 St. Gregory Ct.

Williamsville, NY 14221



Pick-up of the winnings will be at St Greg's MC on Saturday, June 26, from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VIRTUAL MEAT RAFFLE

PRINT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ Tickets @ \$45 each \$ _____

_____ 50/50 Tickets 1 for \$5 \$ _____

_____ 50/50 Tickets 3 for \$10 \$ _____

_____ Weber Grill/Gift Card 1 for \$5 \$ _____

_____ Weber Grill/Gift Card 3 for \$10 \$ _____



DANGEROUS REVISIONS TO NYS PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

(From the NYS Catholic Conference): A bill proposed in the NY legislature (A2634/S4967) would remove important safeguards in the Public Health Law that prevent the intentional starvation and dehydration of patients. It does this by a) defining “health care” to include nutrition and hydration, even if administered orally, and b) allowing health care agents under the proxy law to make decisions about nutrition and hydration without knowing the patient’s wishes about them.

Under the current Health Care Proxy law, the reasonably known wishes of the patient must be ascertained prior to an agent making any decisions regarding medically-assisted nutrition and hydration (e.g., feeding tubes). This bill eliminates this requirement of respecting the wishes of the patient. Instead, it would allow the health care proxy to make their own subjective judgment about the patient’s “best interests” – *even if that means denying the patient water and letting them die by dehydration.* Moreover, it allows this surrogate to make decisions not just about medically-assisted nutrition and hydration, but about simple mouth feeding. Consequently, the patient’s “best interests” could be to deny them pudding or applesauce by mouth, thereby allowing them to be starved to death. Removing these protections would be particularly dangerous for the most powerless, isolated, vulnerable, incapacitated populations, and patients with dementia and other limitations.

The NYS Catholic Conference has long been actively engaged on the issue of health care decision-making, [advocating] for respect for every human life. All who are sick should rightfully expect appropriate food, water, pain control, warmth, personal hygiene measures and comfort care. These are not medical treatments, but basic caregiving. This legislation would turn this principle on its head and allow for the denial of ordinary nourishment to extremely vulnerable individuals.

The NYS Catholic Conference strongly **opposes** this legislation. For more information about this and other bills impacting human life, go to nyscatholic.org.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

In an effort to recognize and highlight this Year of St. Joseph (December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021), our Adult Faith Formation will be offering some summer opportunities for your enjoyment.

- Wednesday, June 30, at 7:00 pm, St. Joseph impersonator Mike Sacilowski will perform his one-man production of “God’s Son, My Son” in the Church. Learn about what the Scriptures have to say about this quiet and righteous man who was a provider and protector of Jesus and Mary.
- Wednesday, July 28, at 7:00 pm in the Church, we welcome Fr. Rob Contarin, who will share with us his insights into the foster father of Jesus
- Wednesday, August 25, at 7:30 pm, at the Ministry Center come for a free outdoor showing of “The Staircase” starring William Petersen, Barbara Hershey and Diane Ladd. Hollywood portrays the true story of a mysterious man who constructs a miraculous, free-standing spiral staircase made with rare wood not native to the American Southwest with only simple tools and wooden pegs. Some believe it was St. Joseph himself!

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAFE

We're firing up the grill!!!

Every Wednesday and Friday at Lunch

Outside seating available

ON THE MENU

Hamburger	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$3.60
Hotdog	\$3.50
Italian Sausage w/peppers and onions	\$3.75
Combo (item above with chips)	Add \$1.00

www.stgregs.org/cafe 100 St. Gregory Court 276-6915

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

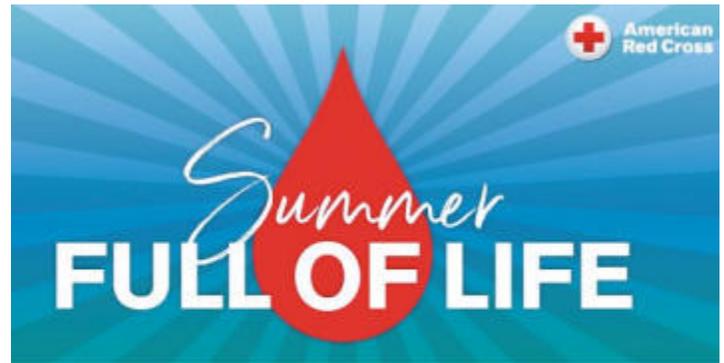
One of the main reasons why I attend Mass is simply because I love Jesus and Mary. Mass is my safe place where I can go with all of my problems, burdens, joys and sorrows and share them with Our Lord and Our Lady. It is a source of strength for me, all leading to Jesus in the Eucharist which is the focal point of the Mass. Jesus nourishes my soul, as Mary leads me to Him, like a bright shining star to the mariner. In the quiet place of my heart I find Jesus - His Joy, peace, forgiveness, His strength to help face the day's challenges.

I also enjoy attending Mass because it gives me the opportunity to meet and minister to God's people. Each person I meet has a unique story to tell that only they can, inwardly laden with joys and sorrows. Just being there for that person at that time and being Jesus' hands and feet to help people with life is a great source of joy to me. We all have joy's and sorrows, and meeting God's people and sharing in their joys and sorrows is to me what Jesus compels us and wants us to do, as he mandates us to serve the poor in spirit, sometimes just listening, sometimes consoling, sometimes being there for another's loneliness, or pain; these all provide opportunities to "be" Christ to others and to meet Christ in others.

One of my favorite prayers is The Rosary, which is also prayed after Mass, and it gives me the opportunity to deepen my relationship even more with Jesus and Mary. Mary too shares with me all my joys, pains and heartaches. Mary knows much about this, having experienced them all firsthand with her Son Jesus. She gives me the strength to carry on and carry my Cross with her Son Jesus, always again gently holding my hand and leading me to her Son Jesus.

I feel great comfort when being at Mass and at prayer in the Rosary. In these uncertain and trying times, Jesus and Mary are my Anchor and Rock and they help to steer the ship in this thing we call life.
~Anonymous

PS In this year of St. Joseph 2021, the Consecration prayers we did to St. Joseph back during Lent were also wonderful, and I look forward to drawing ever closer to our spiritual father St Joseph... Thank you to Fr. Leon and all of our priests at St Greg's in helping lead me ever closer to the Holy Family, so as to bring the Holy Family's hope home to my family and into the world...



Blood Drive **St. Gregory the Great** **R.C. Church**

Ministry Center/Gymnasium (corner building)
100 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

Saturday, June 26, 2021
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: MosesInsurance, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Questions? Contact Ken Moses @ 908-4072

Appointments Preferred & ID Required

Sponsored by: Moses Insurance

Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give June 14-30, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/ge-legal. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/together.

OUT OF PARISH

FEAST DAY MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT **JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA**

On Friday, June 25, Rev. Richard Poblocki will celebrate a Mass in honor of St. Josemaria Escriva, the Founder of Opus Dei, who was canonized by St. John Paul II and is known as the Saint of the Ordinary. The Mass will begin at 6:30 pm at St. Josaphat's Church, 20 Peoria Avenue in Cheektowaga. All are welcome!

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 12— Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Sautler Family Members by Craig & Pam Sautler
 5:30 pm Adella Kensy by Wally Kensy & Family
 Louis Polito by Gretchen Simon

Sunday, June 13

- 8:00 am Marjorie Horan by John & Pat Meyer
 9:30 am John Lydon, Jr. by Family
 Florence LoBue (birth) by daughter,
 Rosemary
 11:00 am Aldo Narduzzo (birth) by The Narduzzo
 Family
 Elmer Schamber by Russell & Ann
 Todaro
 12:30 pm For the People of St. Gregory the Great
 Parish
 4:30 pm Frederick Wilbur (anniv) by Barbara
 Wilbur

Monday, June 14

- 7:00 am William Rouch, John Simon by Marty &
 Sue Jay
 8:00 am Deceased Members of Hertel Family
 by Jeanne Hertel
 12:00 pm Chester Kosnik (anniv) by Amy Ventura
 Antoinette Pope by Family

Tuesday, June 15

- 7:00 am Clare Wesolowski by Family
 8:00 am Sr. Shawn Czyzycki (Anniv) by St.
 Gregory's Knights of Columbus
 12:00 pm Louis & Josephine Burgio by Family

Wednesday, June 16

- 7:00 am Florence Laux by Larry & Kathie
 Whistler
 8:00 am Anne G. Wittig by husband, Roger
 12:00 pm Steve Brevorka (anniv) by Barbara
 Pelosi
 Marcia & Tom Barnes (70th Anniv) by
 Tom Barnes

Thursday, June 17

- 7:00 am Dawn & Sam Curazzato by Mary &
 Ashok Nigam
 8:00 am Fr. Paul Cygan (Anniv of Ordination) by
 St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus
 12:00 pm Elise DiGangi by Lenore & Gene
 Santercole
 James & Sophie Gelose by
 Thurston Family

Friday, June 18

- 7:00 am The Rung Family by Mary Lou Cosgriff
 8:00 am Mark Shanahan by Family
 12:00 pm Teresa DeMario by Laura A. Pegina &
 Family

Saturday, June 19

- 8:00 am Fr. Moses Ikuelogbon (Anniv of
 Ordination) by St. Gregory's Knights of
 Columbus

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Frank & Francine Wimble (50th
 Wedding Anniv) by Wimble, Persons
 & Brown Families
 5:30 pm Maria Ruiz by The LaMendola Family

Sunday, June 20

- 8:00 am Father's Day Novena
 9:30 am Margaret Richards (birth) by Kathleen
 Richards & Barbara Nagel
 11:00 am Leon J. Biernat by son, Rev. Leon
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 12:30 pm Joseph & Victoria Balcerek by
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