



**FR. LEON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

Congratulations to Fr. Leon as he celebrates his birthday this past week and his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination on May 30. Thank you for being a strong and positive shepherd to your St. Gregory the Great flock and our Faith community. Your constant support and guidance has been a beacon of light during the darkest days of the pandemic.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish will be closed on Monday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day. **There will be an 8:00 am Mass only.**

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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 Vigil Masses

**SUNDAY:** 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am; 12:30 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. Closed for cleaning from 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm daily.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:45 pm in the Church. No First Friday Confessions.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** First Saturday of the month after 5:30 Mass.



## Clean Water Project

Many people in South Sudan are deprived of water every day. Young girls must walk many miles in scorching hot and dry conditions to get to small amounts of water for their families. It is a very difficult journey on very rough terrain. Many people die from the contamination and bacteria that is found within the water. In our Sixth Grade English Language Arts class, we read the book, A Long Walk to Water, by Linda Sue Park. There were two characters, Nya and Salva. They both endured many hardships. After experiencing the emotions embedded in this novel, our class is on a mission to help raise funds for filtration systems for this region.

We want to make the fresh water supply become a reality for those without. We need your help! Our core goal is to collect \$8,000 to empower the Sudanese people through fresh water. Forms are located below and by the Bulletins at all Church entrances. Please contact the School Office with any questions at 716-688-5323.

## DONATION FORM

Help raise money to build water wells for a clean water supply and save lives in South Sudan. Next time you drink a glass of water, think of these people who do not have this luxury. By making a donation you will help save lives and make fresh water a reality to the people of Sudan. Please donate now. Every bit counts!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR NAMES	AMOUNT DONATED

*Thank you for your donation!*

\*Cash or check is accepted; Check payable to Saint Gregory the Great School. Please return your form and donations in a sealed envelope labeled, **Water for South Sudan to the Main School Office**. Any question please contact the School office at (716) 688-5323.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

As you know, Deacon Joe Tokasz was assigned to St. Greg's over the last two summers as he completed his Diaconate program. Deacon Joe will be ordained as a Priest on Saturday, June 4. We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 5, at 12:30 pm where Deacon Joe will preside, a light reception to follow.

**RSVP BY MAY 31**

**FILL OUT THE FORM OR CONTACT JO PIERINO AT 716-688-5678 EXT. 301 OR; JOSEPHINE@STGREGS.ORG  
YOU CAN ALSO USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO RSVP ONLINE.**



**RSVP FOR JOE TOKASZ MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCAN CODE WITH YOUR PHONE TO RSVP ONLINE**



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR . . .

My Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we mark Memorial Day. Over the last several years it seems that a few times a month we have a funeral for one of our veterans, especially those who served in World War II. There are very few of our World War II veterans still with us. Of course, Memorial Day is really the day we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our country and were never able to return home but died in service. As we celebrate this weekend, please offer a prayer and spend some time reflecting upon what these brave men and women have done for us.

This weekend also offers one of those moments to focus on what we truly stand for as a nation. What are our national goals and values? Perhaps this year more than any other year, as we see the divide growing in our nation, we need to focus our national goals and values. I have often heard veterans sadly say, "This isn't what I risked my life for," when they look and see how the values of their era are being replaced with different ways of thinking and living.

I remember concelebrating a funeral for a Veteran and the priest who presided and gave the eulogy for the 93-year-old gentleman made an interesting observation. He stated that the gentleman did not have an identity crisis. He knew who he was as a man of faith and as a member of the community. He knew his role as husband, father and doctor. He went on to state that he had the same traditional Catholic values and morals all his life. They did not change. The priest then posed the question, "Are some of our personal identity questions/issues today the result of a loss of values and morals?" His observation was that we never really hear about the "older" generation in their 80's and 90's suffering from an identity crisis or wondering "who they are?" It simply was not part of their lived experience. As you may recall, on several occasions, I have written articles in the Bulletin about the greatest generation of our nation. Many parishioners, at that time, commented on the accuracy of what I observed and wrote in those article. This great generation knew their identity and made awesome contributions! Perhaps we can also take a little time to reflect on what made these individuals the great men and women that they were and are and were. I believe my brother priest made a great point in his homily when referencing that some of our identity issues we face today are because we have forgotten who we are. As a nation, maybe we have forgotten the real meaning of freedom. We are often reminded, "Freedom isn't free!" Freedom does not mean that we can each do whatever we want. That is reckless freedom at best. As a people of faith, have we also forgotten who we are as the "Body of Christ?" Freedom won on the Cross with the blood of Jesus Christ isn't really free if we truly believe and desire to live as a member of His Body in the world today. The freedom to live as a son or daughter of Christ means that we are bound to each other and have duties and responsibilities to our Church, world and personally to one another.

This Memorial Day, as we particularly pray for and remember all those who have died serving our nation, it is my hope that every day we also pray in thanksgiving for all those who have served in the various branches of the military and pray for the safety of those who currently serve.

As we get ready to celebrate Pentecost next weekend, we can reflect if we live a life guided by the Holy Spirit rooted in the Word of God or if we have some other foundation for our lives? At times I have suggested that we may suffer from amnesia. We have forgotten who we are, meaning members of the Body of Christ guided by the power of the Holy Spirit. Maybe we have amnesia as a nation as well. We say we are "one nation under God," but really are we, or do we have amnesia as a nation as well. As a member of the Body of Christ we must live the Truth of Jesus' teaching. Either Jesus' Word is "the way, the truth and the life" or it isn't. Jesus didn't say that there are many truths and you can pick which one you like, nor did He say that it is ok to say I will live this as my truth but you can pick whatever truth you would like to believe. Jesus was clear to state that He is THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. Maybe we face the many divisions we face in our life and in our country because we have amnesia and have forgotten who we are as a member of the Body of Christ and as one nation under God. Simply, we have forgotten the truth and in so doing we have lost our way.

In addition to our preparation for Pentecost I urge you to pray for Deacon Joe Tokasz, who will be Ordained this coming Saturday, June 4, at St. Joseph's Cathedral. I urge you to please join "Father Joe" on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 Mass here at St. Greg's to congratulate him on his Ordination and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct him in his priestly life. Please come and celebrate with him at Mass and at the parish reception to follow.

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



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration for FFF Summer Programs is available online. Go to [stgregs.weshareonline.org](http://stgregs.weshareonline.org) then scroll down to the appropriate program.

For students who have not completed their assignments, **please complete all your work ASAP in order to register for the next grade level in the coming weeks.**

The Registration schedules for FFF Summer Programs are as follows:

### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM (Grades 9 and 10)

**Class dates:** June 27-30, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and

**Local Pilgrimage Project:** In addition to the 4 days of classes, students in the HS Summer Program will be assigned a project to research and visit (with their family) a historical Church in the Diocese of Buffalo. They will complete a report on the Church they chose and submit a picture of themselves in the Church. This project will be due by July 31. **Please note: Students cannot be late or leave early.**

**Register Online: May 2 - June 1**

### DISCIPLE CAMP (Summer FFF Program for Grades 6-8)

**Class Dates:** July 18-22, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**Please note: Students cannot be late or leave early.**

Car Wash to benefit Missions is Sunday, July 24 (optional).

**Register Online: May 2 - June 1**

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH (Monthly FFF Program, Grades K - 10 students attend with at least one parent.)

**Classes run September 2022 - April 2023;** Classes are in-person once a month with the remaining three weeks being at-home sessions. **One parent must attend in-person sessions.** Choose from two sessions:

- **SUNDAY Session** meets from 10:45 am - 12 noon on September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5 and April 16.
- **THURSDAY Session** meets from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm on September 15, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2 and April 20.

**Register Online: Monday, June 6, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Please NOTE:** Registration is limited to 50 families per session. If you are unable to register on June 6, we will reopen registration on Tuesday, June 7, at 9:00 am with any available sessions.

### WEEKLY FFF PROGRAM (Grades K - 10)

**Classes run weekly from September 2022 - April 2023.**

Choose from the options below; classes meet on the following dates/times:

- Gr K - 8: **Saturday** (9:00 am -10:30 am)
- Gr K - 4: **Monday** (4:30 pm - 5:45 pm)
- Gr 5 -10: **Monday** (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm)

**Register Online: June 1-29**



## Vacation Bible School

is for children entering

**Kindergarten - Grade 5** in Sept 2022

**Camp Dates:** July 11- 15

from 9:15 am - 11:30 am in the School.

**Register Online: June 1-25**

[www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school)

## CATECHISTS NEEDED

We're looking for Catechists to teach religion classes for our FFF students, Grades 6-10. **All lesson plans, materials and support provided.** We need Catechists for the following:

- **High School Summer Program:** June 27-30, from 8:45 am - 12:00 noon and/or 12:15 pm - 4:00pm
- **Disciple Camp:** July 18-22, from 8:45 am - 12:00 noon and/or 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Call the FFF Office at 716-688-5760 if you are interested!



High School Summer Program



Disciple Camp



### THANK YOU

Thank you to all our guests who braved the questionable weather last weekend to check out our Ministry Fair. We had 35 Ministries represented and they all eagerly shared with us who they are and what they do. We are asking each of our

Ministries to follow up with those who expressed interest in their particular Ministry in the near future. We would also like to thank the services of a few local businesses that helped us prepare for the Ministry Fair: Able Table & Chair Rental Services, Balloons By Gabri, Caboodle Printing and Cenzo's Catering. A special thanks to Ro Spano and the ladies of the Hospitality Ministry who graciously helped serve the refreshments. Congratulations to Renee G and the Kazmierczak Family who were the winners of our 'Summer Starter Kit' raffle.



### SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW

- **Trophy:** \$1,300 - Logo on trophy table and Name on t-shirt
- **Shirt:** \$1,000 - Logo on t-shirts

**DUE DATE: MAY 20**

- **Stage:** \$800 - Logo on stage
- **Beer:** \$700 - Name on beer signage
- **Wine:** \$700 - Name on wine signage
- **Ice Cream:** \$600 - Name on ice cream area signage
- **Refreshment:** \$500 - Name on refreshment area signage
- **Activity Area:** \$500 - Company signage in activity area
- **Race-Course:** \$400 - One double sided sign to be displayed along race course
- **Water Stop:** \$400 - One double sided sign to be displayed at water stop.
- **Mile Marker:** \$350 - Company name on 2 mile markers.
- **Promo Table:** \$350 - Maximum of (4) tables. Table in foyer of registration building, 2:00 – 6:00 PM on Race Day.
- **Race Sponsor:** \$3000 - Logo on: Stage banner, Race website, SGG website, Runner t-shirts, Start / finish banner, Sports pak insert, Social media mentions and 3 complimentary race entries.
- **Major Sponsor:** \$5000 Link to company on race website. Social media mentions. Logo on: Stage banner, Race website, SGG website, Runner t-shirts, Start / finish banner, Sports pak insert, Logo on sports pak, 5 complimentary race entries.
- **Naming Sponsor:** \$10,000 Exclusive Naming Rights, Company profile on race website, Dedicated booth space on race day at both registration and race party. Logo on race bibs, Logo on sports pak, Link to company on race website, Social media mentions. Logo on: Stage banner, Race website, SGG website, Runner t-shirts, Start / finish banner, Sports pak insert and 10 complimentary race entries. *\*Please note that Naming Sponsor logo will not appear on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Drinkware .*

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR  
JOAN RISCHMILLER  
COME CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF  
DEDICATION TO ST. GREG'S  
JUNE 12  
12:30 PM MASS  
CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW  
RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 6**

**RSVP: FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW OR  
CONTACT JO PIERINO AT  
716-688-5678 EXT. 301 OR;  
JOSEPHINE@STGREGS.ORG**

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**# ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SCAN CODE WITH YOUR PHONE  
TO RSVP ONLINE**



**LEARN MORE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH  
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**Allegra Perna**

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<b>Ministries And Organizations*</b>		
<b>New Parishioner Orientation/Welcome Committee</b>	Angela & Tom Vacanti	avacanti5@gmail.com
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<b>Parish Health Ministry</b>	Lee Zack, RN	lzack@stgregs.org
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<b>Prayer Chain Requests</b>	Bonnie LaRotonda	bonnietheboop@aol.com
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### ON OLD AGE

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the beauty of old age (General Audience, 5/11/22):

“For many people, the prospect of retirement ...can be a source for worry... ‘What will I do, now that

my life will be emptied of what filled it for so long?’ Certainly, there is the joyful and tiring task of looking after grandchildren ...For grandparents, [this is] an important part of their vocation... [In the Bible,] Judith..., as an old woman, ...was able to live *a season of fullness and serenity*... It was time for her to leave for her family and her community: *...a legacy of goodness and not only of goods*. [It is] the *goodness* that is done in old age, ...that is the best legacy we can leave.

“When we are old, we lose some of our sight, but our inner gaze becomes more penetrating — one sees with the heart. We become capable of seeing things that had previously escaped us. ...it is true: the Lord does not entrust his talents only to the young and the strong. He has talents for everyone, made to fit each person, the elderly too. The life of our communities must know how to benefit from the talents and charisms of so many elderly people who are already retired, but who are a wealth to be treasured. On the part of the elderly themselves, this requires a creative attention, ...a generous availability. The previous skills of active life ...become resources to be given away: teaching, advising, building, caring, listening ... preferably in favor of the most disadvantaged ...or who are abandoned in their loneliness. Judith is not a pensioner who lives her emptiness in melancholy. She is a passionate elderly woman who fills the time God gives her with gifts. [Read] the Book of Judith... this is how I would like all our grandmothers to be: courageous, wise, and who bequeath to us not money, but the legacy of wisdom, sown in their grandchildren.” (Vatican.va)

#### HOW TO RESPONSIBLY PLAN YOUR FAMILY

Learning the Creighton Model Fertility Care System can take the guesswork out of it. Introductory sessions to this educational program are offered for women and couples each month within Catholic Health.

##### Upcoming Sessions at Sisters Hospital:

- Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 am

##### Upcoming sessions at Buffalo Mercy:

- Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required. Please call 716-862-1944 for more information.



### MASS INTENTIONS 2023

- **A maximum of 5 intentions per year for any one individual and from any one person/family may be scheduled at the parish.**
- *Each intention is limited to either two names or one group name (e.g. John & Jane Doe or the Doe Family).*
- *In lieu of a Mass intention you may also commemorate or honor someone by having the offerings for the Host (weekly \$55; monthly \$220), Wine (weekly \$40; monthly \$160) and the Sanctuary Candle (weekly \$35; monthly \$140). These are available for both 2022 and 2023.*

Please complete the form below and **mail it to our Parish Office**, ATTENTION: 2023 Masses. **Only mail-ins will be accepted at this time.** Mass stipend: \$15 (check made payable to St. Gregory). If you have more than 1 intention, please send a list with ALL the information and one payment. **PLEASE PRINT TO ENSURE ACCURACY.** We will do our best to honor the time requested.

**Mass Intention Offered For (e.g. John Doe, John & Jane Doe, The Doe Family):**

**Circle one:**      Living                      or                      Deceased

**I do not have a specific date/time to request, please assign next available Mass.**

**Mass date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass time requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual/Family name requesting Mass:**

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like the (circle your request(s)):**

**Wine, Host or Candle Offering.**

**Please indicate the week or month you would like:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the Mass Card to:**



# MINISTRY NEWS

## GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 2. The topic is *“My Grief Plan...Moving Forward.”* Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## SVDP SPRING 2022 CLOTHING DRIVE

The SGG Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its Spring 2022 Clothing Drive on Sunday, June 5 (one day only), from 7:45 am to 1:30 pm. The SVDP truck will be located near the Ministry Center in the Church parking lot for donation drop-offs. We kindly ask for gently used men’s, women’s and children’s clothing- only at this time.

## LADIES OF THE LORD

Our next monthly meeting will be in the Church and Gathering Rooms at 7:00 pm on **Thursday, June 9**. Please remember your prayer format paper. All are welcome.

## SENIOR CITIZEN ORGANIZATION

The Senior Organization is having a picnic for their June meeting. It will be held at Clarence Town Park on Goodrich Road on Monday, June 13. It will be a catered lunch from Chiavetta’s. We will have music provided by The Hastings. Members should have received their detailed invitation.

**COST:** \$20/per person

**RSVP:** By June 6 to the Parish Office Attention: Linda Dohn.

If you would like to join us and do not have the invitation, call Susan Ward at 716-636-0266.



## “NEVER GONNA BREAK OUR STRIDE WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE”

The annual Walk-A-Thon is back. This program is the primary fundraiser for the Athletic Association. All proceeds benefit our School sports programs. We are less than a month away from the "most fun day of the year!" If you are interested in volunteering for the day, please contact [stgregswalkathon@stgregsschool.org](mailto:stgregswalkathon@stgregsschool.org)

## THANK YOU

The Ladies of Charity are so thankful for the many donations received from the parishioners of St. Greg’s at our Household Collection on May 15. Your generosity will make it possible for those in great need to have a home with necessary kitchen items and bedrooms and bathrooms equipped and ready for use. In addition, we send our thanks to the Maintenance Department of St. Greg’s for setting up our work areas in the Ministry Center. We are also most grateful for the support of the men and women of the St. Vincent de Paul Society without whom the truck would not have been loaded so carefully and completely. We could not have this drive without their help.

## SVDP APPLIANCE – FURNITURE PICK UP RESUMES

**The next pick up date is June 11.** Contact 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message to arrange a pick up. We pick up furniture items only in St. Gregory’s geographic area. All appliances and furniture must be located outside, in a garage, or covered porch. Refer to the list below of what we accept. All appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition. **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

## SAVE THE DATE

### ST. GREGORY THE GREAT MISSION XXXVIII JULY 17-23



All are welcome to attend this Parish event. Please join us and be filled with the love of Jesus this joyous week. Please contact Jo Pierino in the Parish Office at 716-688-5678 Ext. 301 or [Josephine@stgregs.org](mailto:Josephine@stgregs.org).

## YOUCON: RISE

St. Greg’s Youth & Young Adult Ministry is hosting a Teen Conference this summer and it is open to all High School Students. YouCon: Rise will take place on August 5-6 at St. Greg’s with national speaker Mark Hart. The experience will include amazing talks, powerful prayer moments, fun activities, and of course food! Registration will be taking place at [www.stgregsYM.org](http://www.stgregsYM.org). Contact Adam Jarosz for any questions or more information

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 28 - Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm For the People of St. Gregory the Great Parish  
 5:30 pm Sonya Forster by Ann Merritt  
 Norman & Winifred Platt by Daughters

### Sunday, May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Irene Mally by Michael & Tamara Bender  
 9:30 am Patricia LoBue Becht (birth) by Sister, Ro  
 11:00 am Gertrude & Aloysius Huber by Huber Family  
 12:30 pm 30th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. Leon J. Biernat  
 Dorothy & Livia Leone by John Leone Family

### Monday, May 30

- 8:00 am Marion E. Hebblethwaite (birth) by Plavan Family

### Tuesday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am Anne Smith by Joe & Diane Kapsiak  
 8:00 am Frank Vella by Barbara Bunce  
 12:00 pm Margaret Wild by Sevilla Family  
 Anthony C. Luraschi by John & Lillian Luraschi

### Wednesday, June 1 – St. Justin

- 7:00 am Catherine Lyons by Jim & Sandra Moesch  
 8:00 am Richard N. Tuzzo by Jennie Sperlazza  
 12:00 pm Ryan Marchiori by The Marchiori Family

### Thursday, June 2 – Sts. Marcellinus, Peter

- 7:00 am For the People of St. Gregory the Great Parish  
 8:00 am John Smith by The Smith Family  
 12:00pm Phillip DiRe by Theresa Papa  
 Jack Armitage (birth) by Marie Armitage

### Friday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

- 7:00 am Virginia M. Gumulak by James & Theresa Gumulak  
 8:00 am Maureen O’Connell by Bob & Barbara Klocke  
 12:00 pm Gloria Carlisi by Mr. & Mrs. Pannullo

### Saturday, June 4

- 8:00 am Chrystine Tedeschi by Charlie & Karen Tulumello

### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Larry & Midge Struzik 60th Anniversary (living)  
 Elizabeth Erdman (living) by Bill & Nancy Erdman & Family  
 5:30pm Gregory Bruno by Marilyn Haumesser

### Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 am Kathleen Cavanaugh Grunert & Cavanaugh Family by Bill & Lee Grunert  
 9:30 am Rose Mary DiPasquale (living) by Jay DiPasquale  
 11:00 am Kathleen Healy by Michael & Carolyn Dowling  
 12:30 pm James Nichlos by Grandmother, Julie & Aunt Susan



**The countdown is on! We are now approaching the final month of Catholic Charities Appeal 2022.** If you have made a gift to the Appeal, we offer our sincere thanks. If you haven't made a donation or pledge yet, now is the time! Your support of our annual campaign ensures that Catholic Charities can continue to serve those who are most in need in Western New York – bringing **HOPE for all seasons**. Donations can be made securely online at [www.cwny.org/donate](http://www.cwny.org/donate) or by calling 716-218-1400. If you need help, go to [www.cwny.org/services](http://www.cwny.org/services) or call 716-218-1419 or the office in your area.

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