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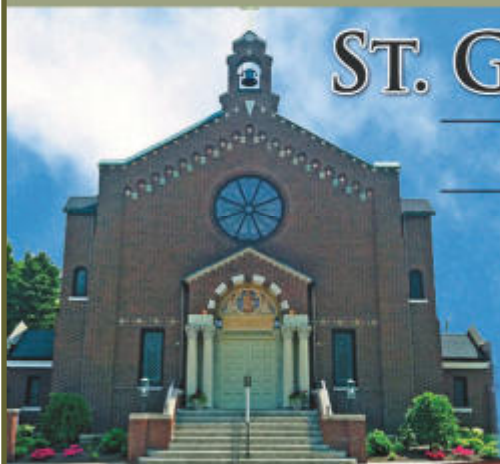
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday: 9AM–3PM; Friday: 9AM–Noon



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Summer

Saturday.....5:00 PM

Sunday....7:30, 9:00 & 11 AM

### Weekday

Mon., Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM

at St. Gregory Church

Thursday....12:10 PM at St. Gregory Church

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion following the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday*

## STAFF

*Pastor*, Rev. Thomas Brooks

*Permanent Deacon*,  
Rev. Mr. Richard Winschel,

*Pastoral Minister*, Cindy Riefstahl

*Faith Formation Leader*, Jennifer Humes

*Administrative Assistant*, Patti Prindle

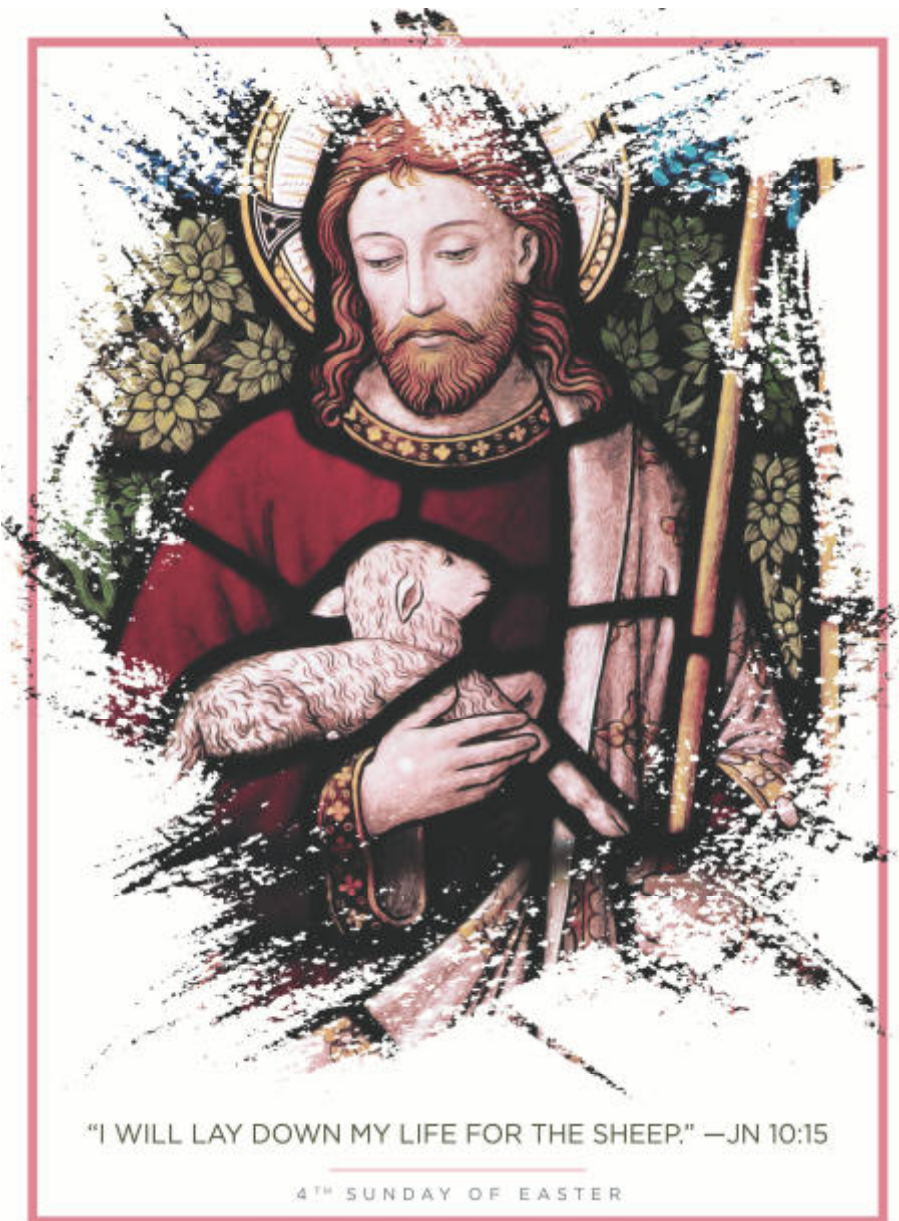
*Director of Sacred Music*, Corey Spacht

*School Principal Team*., Ms. Allissa Bowman, Mrs. Amy Kloss, Ms. Nancy Pierce



St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Wonder-Worker, inspire us to a more lively faith, hope and charity through prayer, love for God and generous service to God's people. Amen!

## APRIL 25, 2021



"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP." —JN 10:15

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Welcoming Family Of Faith  
In The Heart Of  
North East, Pennsylvania*



*Celebrating Our 145th Anniversary  
As A Parish Family And The  
95th Anniversary Of Our Church*

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must pre-register for the session. Baptisms are celebrated during Mass, following the last Mass on Sunday, or by special arrangement. Please schedule by calling the Parish Office.

**First Reconciliation/Eucharist** – Children entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including St. Gregory Parish School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions. Sacraments are celebrated in late winter and spring.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation program. Sessions begin in the fall and Confirmation is celebrated in the spring.

**Matrimony** – Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

**Anointing of the Sick** – The Sacrament is available to all those who are seriously ill or advanced in age. Please call the Parish Office to request a visit by the priest.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, or by request. There are two multi-parish celebrations during Advent and Lent.

### PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We are a welcoming Family of Faith who rejoice in God's many blessings! All members of the Parish receive envelopes and parish mailings. St. Gregory Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord through use of God-given time, talent and treasure. Please use the membership form in the bulletin or visit the Parish Office to register.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in a special Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

### BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by e-mail or by phone call by Monday at 1:00 PM.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Desire to receive the Sacraments you missed like Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. process is meant for you! Please call the Parish Office for more information.

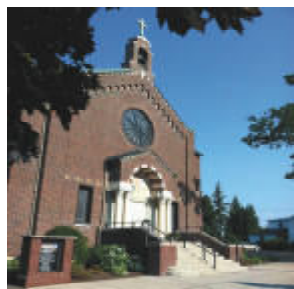
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Add your request for prayer by calling Rosemary Repko at 814-602-6271

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<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

## *Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish At A Glance...*



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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Gregory Parish Family,

One of the religious education teachers decided it would be a great idea to have her young class memorize the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. After all, it is one of the most famous and most often quoted passages in the Bible! The children had one month to learn as much of the passage as they could. Well, little Ricky was quite excited by this challenge, but had a hard time committing much of the Psalm to memory. At the end of a month, each child had the opportunity to stand up and share as much of the Psalm as they could. When it was his turn, Ricky got up, smiled, and said proudly: *"The Lord is my Shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"*

This Fourth Sunday of Easter, friends, is often referred to as *"Good Shepherd Sunday."* We are clearly reminded of this in the opening line from the Gospel this weekend as Jesus declares: *"I am the Good Shepherd."* (John 10,11) This celebration, first and foremost, provides a great opportunity for us to consider the image of the Good Shepherd and to give thanks to our Risen Jesus who loves us, abides with us, and forgives us. We trust that He is always on the lookout for the proverbial *"lost sheep"* and rejoices when any one of them is brought back into the fold.

Our celebration of *"Good Shepherd Sunday"* also provides us with a special opportunity to consider and give thanks for all of those who have reflected the kindness and generosity of the Good Shepherd to us. They are special people who have come to our assistance, sacrificed for us, and who have often gone way beyond *"the call of duty"* when it comes to love and service. Through their faith, and by the grace of God, they have offered us insight into the mind and heart of Jesus!

In a particular way, friends, I would like to join you in offering thanks to all of our volunteers in the St. Gregory Faith Formation Program. Ordinarily, this last Sunday of April, we would officially conclude the Faith Formation year with Mass, some form of hospitality, and a public expression of thanksgiving for all of those who have served the program in a variety of ways. While it isn't possible to celebrate in quite the same way this year, we are still so very grateful to all of those who have done their best to share the gift of our faith despite the many challenges faced during this time of pandemic.

When you hear the expression, *"Faith Formation,"* I hope you think of the many people who are actually included under that umbrella. They include our elementary and secondary students and their families. They are all of those who are preparing for Sacraments including Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. They are our brothers and sisters who attend Bible Study and other adult formation activities. They are the dedicated volunteers in every area, including those in new ministries that enable us to share in class, presentations, and Mass online. They are many wonderful people who both serve and are served because we all do our best to live in imitation of our Good Shepherd!

On behalf of the Parish Family, I wish all of our faithful volunteers in the Faith Formation Ministry God's every blessing and say: *"Thank you!" "Thank you!" "Thank you!"* It is certainly our hope and our prayer that there will be many fewer restrictions as we enter into the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year, including a return to our in-person gatherings. In the meantime, we keep moving forward with our planning, prayer and a spirit of optimism.

As we consider the love of our Good Shepherd, and the generosity of so many of our fellow parishioners, certainly we recognize the great reminder that this particular weekend offers us. That living the life of the Good Shepherd is not reserved for only a few, rather, it is Jesus' expectation for all those baptized into His flock. That we are all called to praise the Good Shepherd, to thank the Good Shepherd, and to do our best to imitate the Good Shepherd to the best of our ability. There's certainly a kernel of truth in little Ricky's abbreviated Psalm that we can all take to heart and live by: *"The Lord is my Shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"*

God bless you and thank you for any and all the ways, known or unknown, that you are and have been *"Good Shepherd"* to others!

*Fr. Tom*





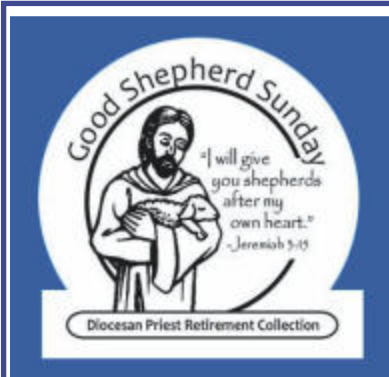
## CRUSADE FOR KIDS AUCTION

Saint Gregory School hosts an annual live auction every year in the spring. This event serves as the school's major fundraiser. Last year, due to circumstances, we held an online auction in August.

This year we are holding the online auction this week, **April 25th – May 2nd.**

The auction can be accessed at the following address: <http://stgregs.maestroweb.com>

Thank you, in advance, for any help that you are able to offer to St. Gregory Parish School.



## GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are taking a special collection to support the needs of our re-

tired Diocesan priests. This special collection will assist those dedicated priests who are elderly, seriously ill or incapacitated, and in need of supplementary assistance for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, nursing home and long-term care assistance. As the number of retired priests increases in the upcoming years the Priest Retirement Plan will need to be adequately funded to meet their future needs. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of priests who have served faithfully and serve now as a "thank you" for their many years of faithful service. Help provide them the same love and generosity they provided for us for generations.

## Annual Mother's Day Carnations



The weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, carnations provided by People for Life will be available at the church entrances after Mass. Help celebrate Mother's Day by getting some beautiful carnations for Mom or another special person in your life. Your donation of \$1 per carnation, \$5 per half dozen or \$10 per dozen, will help support pro-life educational programs and activities here in our local community.

## Chicken B-B-Q

**Sunday, May 16th**

12:00 Noon-2:00 PM

St. Gregory School

Adult (13 & older): \$10.00

Children: \$5.00

Includes: 1/2 Chicken, Mac Salad, Roll, Dessert & Beverage

**HOW TO GET YOUR DINNER:** Pick up your meal from St. Gregory School by **ENTERING** the driveway that circles behind the school from the West near Country Fair. Your dinner will be delivered to your car and you will **EXIT** on the East End near the Parish Office/Chapel/Rectory.

Tickets can be obtained from any Troop 82 Boy Scout, Scout Leader, or by calling Mike Williams at 814-725-4741.

***Benefits Boy Scout Troop 82***



*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."*

— St. Catherine of Siena

**April 29th**

## Priests as Good Shepherd Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
You sent us the Holy Spirit to guide Your Church  
and lead the faithful to You through the ministry of Your  
priests.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, grant to Your priests  
wisdom in leading,  
faithfulness in teaching,  
and holiness in guarding Your Sacred Mysteries.

As they cry out with all the faithful, "Abba, Father!"  
May your priests be ever more closely identified with You in  
Your Divine Sonship  
and offer their own lives with You, the one saving Victim.

Make them helpful brothers of one another,  
and understanding fathers of all Your people.

Renew in Your priests  
deeper faith,  
greater trust in You,  
childlike reliance on our Mother Mary,  
and unwavering fidelity to the Holy Father and their bishops.

Holy Mary, intercede for your priests.

St. Joseph, protect them.  
St. Michael, defend them.  
St. John Vianney, pray for them.  
Amen.



*Dear Saint Joseph,  
help me to learn,  
from the example  
of your holy life,  
that I must do  
the ordinary things  
of life in an  
extraordinary way.*

**St. Joseph the Worker**  
Feast Day ~May 1<sup>st</sup>

### *Readings for the week of April 25th, 2021*

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn  
10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8  
[4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27  
[2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn  
14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/  
Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



# REBUILDING YOUR TEMPLE

## Rebuilding Your Temple Offers Free Health Education to Community

*Online Seminars Offered for Weight Loss, Immunity, Children's Health, Among Others*

Rebuilding Your Temple, LLC announces its plans to offer community health education services for adults, children, and whole families. The free online seminars will be available to stream at [RebuildingYourTemple.com](http://RebuildingYourTemple.com) with updates and supplemental info provided on the company's Facebook page.

These educational resources will look at health from a Christian perspective and consider how we are “wonderfully made.” (Psalm 139:14) The programs will discuss nutrition, exercise, and key lifestyle choices related to weight loss, the human immune system, children's health, and other important topics.

“If 2020 taught us anything, it's that health education is gravely needed,” explained Stacy Malesiewski, Catholic certified health and nutrition coach, author, and founder of Rebuilding Your Temple, LLC. “We make choices every day—regarding the food we eat, the amount of sleep we get, the way we deal with stress, and so on. These are not insignificant. They have a substantial impact on our health.”

Malesiewski has developed several online health education programs that she is eager to get out into the community. “Nowadays, almost everyone wants to get healthy, but few people realize it starts in the grocery store and the kitchen.”

The first Rebuilding Your Temple community service, starting April 26th, will be a 10-day program focusing on weight loss. Each day, an instructional video will be posted to the site and remain online for 24 hours so that participants can view the material at their convenience. After 24 hours, that video will be taken down, and a new video will be posted. Occasionally, supplemental material like worksheets and quizzes will also be available for download. Malesiewski encourages everyone interested in the seminars to sign up for program reminders on the [RebuildingYourTemple.com](http://RebuildingYourTemple.com) website and the Rebuilding Your Temple Facebook page.

Rebuilding Your Temple, LLC is a Christian coaching and educational resource for those trying to rebuild three-dimensional health in mind, body, and soul. The rebuilding “blueprints” include daily prayer, a nutritious diet, supplementation, and a healthy lifestyle. The company is a Plexus Worldwide distributor and offers educational books, online seminars, personal health coaching, support groups, and more.

Contact Stacy Malesiewski at 814-504-5729 or [RebuildingYourTempleLLC@gmail.com](mailto:RebuildingYourTempleLLC@gmail.com). For more information on free health education community services, visit [www.RebuildingYourTemple.com](http://www.RebuildingYourTemple.com).



May  
God  
grant

Eternal Rest  
and Peace

Please remember our  
deceased in your  
prayers...

***Ethel Nowak***

### A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people, the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a “good shepherd” to “freely lay down their life” for their children, to “love” and “know” their children and to “lead” them so “they know your voice.”

**MONDAY, April 26**

8:00 AM– Ann Coletta-Joe &amp; Lisa Reynolds

**TUESDAY, April 27**

8:00 AM– Don &amp; Sarah Valimont– Wonder-Workers

**WEDNESDAY, April 28**

8:00 AM –Ann Coletta– Agnes Kirsch

**THURSDAY, April 29**

12:10 PM– John Mark Rouse-Family

**FRIDAY, April 30**

8:00 AM –Donald Triana– Wife Mary &amp; Family

**SATURDAY, May 1**

9:00 AM– Intentions of the Blessed Mother

5:00 PM– Frank “Butch” Perino-Ron Morris Family

**SUNDAY, May 2**

7:30 AM-Parishioners Living &amp; Deceased

9:00 AM-Bette Mote Frontino-Frontino Family

11:00 AM– Joseph A. Gullo– His Family

1:30 PM– First Holy Communion Class and their Families

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

April 17/18, 2021

Envelopes Mailed ..... 596

Regular Envelopes Used..... 91

Amount in Adult's Envelopes ..... \$5,660.00

Loose ..... \$295.00

Building Maintenance ..... \$227.00

Easter ..... \$45.00

Electronic Giving ..... \$603.30

**TOTAL** ..... \$6,830.30

Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection..... \$333,063.54

Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....\$323,077.02



**First Holy Communion will be celebrated Sunday, May 2nd, at 1:30 PM.**

**Please pray for our children on their special day!**

**First Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Confessions begin at 8:00 AM

**Mass at 9:00 AM**

Masks and social distancing required.



The Summer Mass Schedule begins next **Sunday, May 2, 2021.**

The last Mass of the day will change from noon to **11:00 AM.**



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in honor of **The Blessed Sacrament** and in memory of **Concetta Piazza Conn** by her brother John

**Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM in the sacristy.**

**Please remember masks, covering nose and mouth, are required at all times when in church and remember to maintain social distancing.**

**St. Gregory Church Membership Form** (Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office)

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