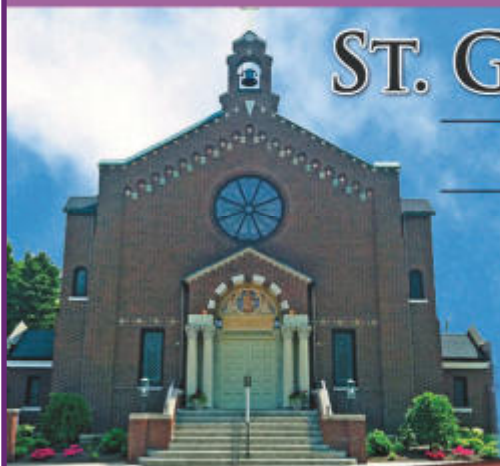


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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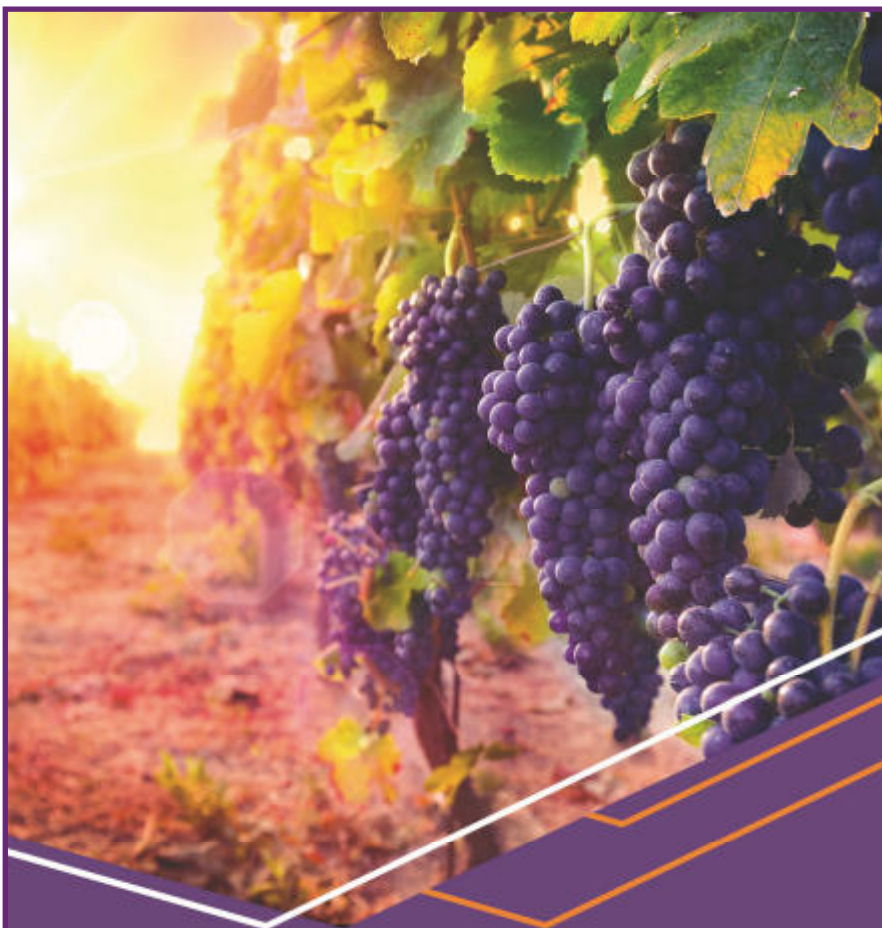
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St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Wonder-Worker, inspire us to a more lively faith, hope and charity through prayer, love for God and generous service to God's people. Amen!

APRIL 25, 2021



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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 2nd & 3rd 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 11th 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.

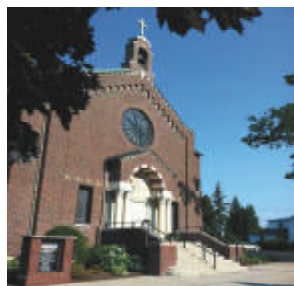
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Add your request for prayer by calling Rosemary Repko at 814-602-6271

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Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish At A Glance...



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

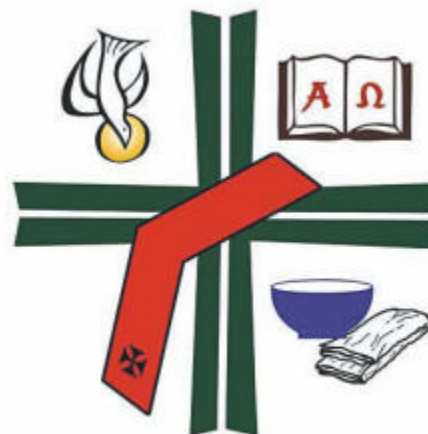
You may recall that on Saturday, August 1, 2020, we were honored to welcome Bishop Persico for the celebration of the Rite of Candidacy for three of our seminarians for the Diocese of Erie. Despite the covid restrictions in place, it was a wonderful event and a great opportunity for all of us to pray for vocations for service to our Church.

This weekend, friends, those same three seminarians have been ordained as Deacons during a Mass held at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. I join all of you in congratulating the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Dagher, the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus, and the Rev. Mr. Christopher Wheeler, as they commit themselves to Christ and continue their formation in preparation for ordination to the priesthood next year. Now, as Deacons of the Church, they are able to proclaim the Gospel, preach, share in the joy of celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, assist with the Rites of Christian Burial, and participate more fully in the charitable works of the Church.

One of the things that gets rather confusing at times is the fact that we are blessed to have two kinds of Deacons in service to the Church. There are the “*transitional Deacons*,” like the three ordained this weekend; and the “*permanent Deacons*,” like our own Deacon Rick. Those who are ordained to the transitional diaconate have the ultimate goal of becoming priests. Those who are ordained to the permanent diaconate have the intention of remaining in the diaconal ministry as their gift of service to the Church. While the duration of service for each is different, the goal of generous service in the name of Christ remains the same!

We first hear about the ministry of the diaconate in the Bible as we open it up to the Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter 6, we learn that there is both joy and challenge in meeting the needs of the early Christian Community. The “*joy*” comes from the fact that many people are opening their minds and hearts to God’s Word and being baptized. The “*challenge*” is for the disciples to meet the many needs of these people, particularly through works of charity. So, the following clearly describes the action that is taken to help solve this dilemma: “*The Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the Word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.’*” (Acts 6,2-3) These seven, friends, are considered to be the first Deacons of the Church and model the fundamental expectation that the diaconate is primarily a ministry of charitable service.

As we rejoice in the commitment of those newly ordained to diaconate this weekend, we give thanks to God for all of our Deacons who reflect the love of Jesus in service to nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, schools, and a variety of charitable efforts. They are all so generous in our common goal to serve Christ and His Church, particularly during some of life’s more challenging circumstances. I join you in applauding their faith and commitment!



I also join you in congratulating all of our young people who will be sharing in the great gift of the Holy Eucharist this Sunday afternoon. They are all very excited to receive Jesus for the first time and we are equally proud of them and happy for them. Their “*First Holy Communion*” is a great reminder of God’s hope that we will all do our best to live in a great “*communion*” of love and service, caring for one another, each sharing his or her particular gifts for the good of all. May God bless all of us as we do our best to respond with an enthusiastic “*Yes*” to whatever our God is asking of us!

Peace, joy and a blessed first full week of May ahead!

Fr. Tom

Please Pray for our Military Families

Sergeant 1st class Gregory Artise, Fort Sill, OK
PV2 Cody Denton, US Army, Fort Stewart
Warrant Officer Tommy Carey, US Army
Specialist Tucker Ditrich, US Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
Lt. Col. Andrew & Maj. Michelle Bostic Dulin, USAF, Lackland AFB, TX
Cpt. Christopher K. Braun, Jr. USAF, Shaw AFB, SC
Specialist Sean Newara, US Army, Fort Drum, NY
Jon Jobczynski, USAF, Senior Airman, Fort Walton, FL
Lt. "jg" Alexander Mobilia, US Navy, USS Lake Erie, Pacific
A1C Marissa Hodges, USAF, Lackland AFB, TX

Prayer for the Military

Lord, hold Your troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

For changes/additions call Barb : 814-873-5746

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



For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God.

The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession.

During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith.

Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.

A Family Perspective

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."





Congratulations to the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Daghir, the Rev. Mr. Christopher Wheeler, and the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus who were ordained to the diaconate this weekend. Photo from the Rite of Candidacy held here at St. Gregory, August 1, 2020.

National Day of Prayer May 6, 2021

“Lord, hear! Lord, pardon! Lord, be attentive and act without delay, for your own sake, my God, because your name is invoked upon your city and your people!” ~Daniel 9:19

The annual National Day of Prayer has profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord’s healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. Together we pray for America, its leaders, and Armed Forces.

Please Pray For:

- Our Nation: The President, his Cabinet, Congress, the Court System and Judges
- National and World Affairs: US Military, conflicts in the US and around the world
- Our State and Local Governments: Governor, state legislators, mayors, and city councils
- The Triangle: universities, schools, law enforcement, firefighters, rescue workers, and businesses/workplaces
- Our Church: leaders, missionaries, ministers, and our church body
- Our Families: marriages, children, financial difficulties, and health issues

“If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

About the National Day of Prayer: The mission of the National Day of Prayer is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

Source: NationalDayofPrayer.org.

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 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 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. For more information on free health education community services, visit www.RebuildingYourTemple.com.



May
God
grant

Eternal Rest
and Peace

Please remember our
deceased in your
prayers...

Louis Newara



Annual Mother's Day Carnations

The weekend of May 8th & 9th, 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.

**MONDAY, May 3**

8:00 AM– Jenne Mobilia-Joe & Lisa Reynolds

TUESDAY, May 4

8:00 AM– Tony Chriest– Bob & Kay Carone

WEDNESDAY, May 5

8:00 AM –Ann Coletta– Rosemary Repko

THURSDAY, May 6

12:10 PM– Don Keough-Wife Mitzi

FRIDAY, May 7

8:00 AM –Jeremy Byrnes– Timothy Byrnes Family

SATURDAY, May 8


5:00 PM– Jennie Cheshire-Allen & Mary Demmick

SUNDAY, May 9

7:30 AM–Mary Doyle-Frontino Family

9:00 AM–Parishioners Living & Deceased


11:00 AM– Ann Coletta– Her mother, Mary Ollinger



First Friday

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, May 7th, until noon.

Local observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 6th, at the N.E. Alliance Church, 81 East Main St., at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in honor of
The Blessed Sacrament
 and in memory of
Charles Dilimone
 by
 daughter Charlotte

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 24/25, 2021

Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	83
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$4,888.00
Loose	\$109.00
Building Maintenance	\$120.00
Easter	\$35.00
Electronic Giving	\$483.30
TOTAL	\$5,635.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$338,698.84
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$330,769.33



Each year the Diocese of Erie is honored to celebrate milestone anniversaries with couples throughout our 13-county diocese. We are already looking forward to an in-person celebration in **August of 2021**.

- St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie will be hosting Erie Area couples on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2:00pm
- Couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary will be welcome to register and formally join the celebration.
- For more information and to register, go to www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html, or contact the diocesan Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

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)

Name _____ Phone _____

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- ☐ New Registration
- ☐ Change of Address
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