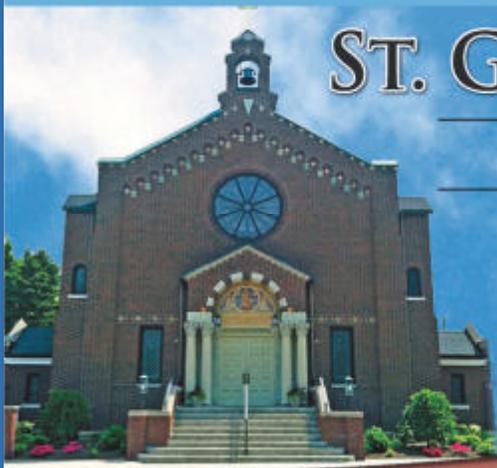


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MASS SCHEDULE

Summer

Saturday.....5:00 PM

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

Weekday

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

Thursday....12:10 PM

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

STAFF

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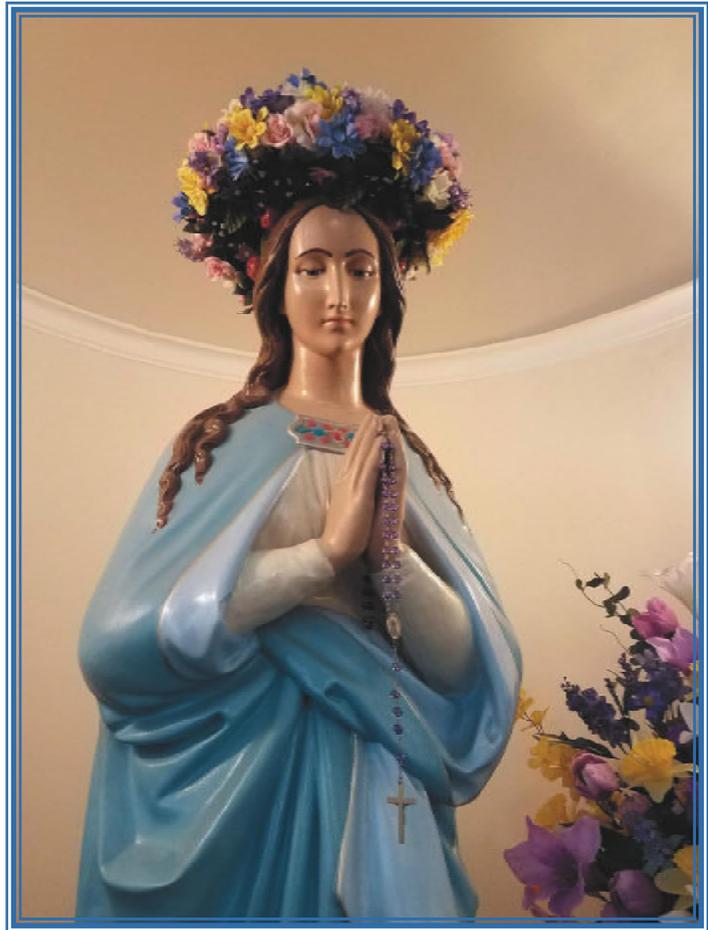
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St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Wonder-Worker, inspire us to a more lively faith, hope and charity through prayer, love for God and generous service to God's people. Amen!

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 9, 2021



"Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.'"
Jn. 15, 9-12

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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.

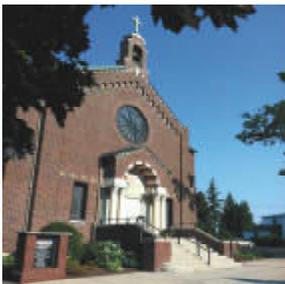
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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Gregory Parish Family,

A very blessed and joyous Mother's Day to you! Do you know what passage of the Bible was read at the first church gathering for Mother's Day? If uncertain, I'll bet you have a good idea what it might have been! The exact date was May 10, 1908; and the minister read to all who had assembled from the Gospel of St. John. *"When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, he said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home."* (John 19,26-27)

That first Mother's Day marked a wonderful beginning to what has become a great tradition that we all look forward to celebrating – this special opportunity to honor our moms, grandmas, and all the women of our church and community who have played a special role in our lives. And, of course, to thank God for the gift of Mary as the Mother of the Church; all of us here at St. Gregory and our brothers and sisters who are *"Church"* throughout the world. Just as St. John took Mary *"into his home,"* we are invited to take her into our hearts and to do our best to imitate her in her complete devotion to Jesus.

I find it providential that the first Mother's Day celebration concluded with the presentation of carnations to all the moms and the children who were present. It's said that Anna Jarvis, the Foundress of Mother's Day, personally handed out these flowers. Carnations were her mom's favorite flowers, and she delighted in sharing them as an expression of her own love and thanksgiving. I use the word *"providential"* because the purchase and distribution of carnations has become such an integral part of our Mother's Day experience here at St. Gregory. The annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale both supports the pro-life effort and becomes a great opportunity to recognize our moms, living and deceased, as well as any of the other women we would like to offer tribute to. It's always a moving experience, following the last Mass on Mother's Day, to stand back and consider all of the prayers being lifted up as you see the Blessed Mother's Shrine festooned with carnations of many colors. For our Blessed Mother Mary, for all those being prayed for and so thoughtfully remembered, we give thanks to God!

This past Wednesday, May 5th, the students of St. Gregory School participated in the annual May Crowning celebration. During that prayer service, the oldest students in grades 7 and 8 are always invited to share a few of their thoughts on the question as to *"Why?"* Mary is a role model to them. I had the opportunity to get a *"sneak preview"* of their responses, and wanted to share a few of them with you today. While only a few, and none a complete essay as written, they well reflect the thoughts of all.

"I look up to Mary and see her as a role model because she is simply the best mother anyone could ever have. I know that she takes care of me and loves me unconditionally because she treated everyone the same way, regardless if they were rich or poor, owned property or were homeless, and even if they were kind or rude. She treated people with compassion and respect even if one would think they didn't deserve it."

"Mary has always been a role model to me for many reasons. She's strong, independent, and takes on big challenges without being scared of what might happen . . . By doing that she gives me strength to not let people put me down and have me think that I will not reach my goals. I continue to stride on my path and I don't let anyone get in the way of my dreams."

"Mary is the mother to all . . . Mary shows me that being a mother comes with highs and lows. Mary had to watch her Son painfully die on the cross. But she also got to watch Him play as a little boy or work with His father as a carpenter. Mary inspires me to one day be a great mother."



I'm sure, friends, that our young peoples' thoughts express many of our own as we consider Mary and how she faced the challenges of her own life, place, and time. Today we thank God for her witness and for all of the women in our lives who have done their best to reflect Mary's complete devotion. An unknown author once quipped: *"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."* May we always be grateful for our moms, the gift of life, and lessons learned to help us now and wherever the future may lead! Peace, joy and a good week ahead!

Fr. Tom

*Ordination to the Diaconate
May 1, 2021
St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie, PA*



The candidates prostrate themselves before the altar asking for the prayers of the community and the intercessions of the saints.



Bishop Persico ordains Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus to the Office of Deacon through the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination.



The Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus prepares the altar for the celebration of Eucharist as a newly ordained Deacon.



Rev. Mr. Benjamin Dagher, Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus, Rev. Mr. Christopher Wheeler

Congratulations And God's Every Blessing As You Begin Your Ministry of Service!

The St. Gregory Wonder-Workers are planning on having their annual Rummage Sale later in the summer. Please hold on to those items you have been saving to help the Wonder-Workers who work so hard and are so generous in supporting the Parish Family. Your kindness and patience are truly appreciated!

RUMMAGE
SALE

Parishioners, employees: Be cautious about sharing personal information

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information — including a request for gift cards of any type — exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

The Mission Office of the Diocese of Erie is holding an online auction May 17-22 to raise funds to honor the Mission of Friendship's 50th anniversary this year. The Mission of Friendship is the Diocese of Erie's mission located in Merida, Mexico. People may access the auction through the Mission Office website at www.eriebcd.org/missions/. For questions, contact Indira Suarez, Director of the Mission Office, at isuarez@ErieRCD.org or 814-824-1231.



The Eucharistic Rosary will be prayed on Monday, May 10th, at 11:00 AM in the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel in the rectory. All are welcome.

Chicken B-B-Q

Sunday, May 16th

12:00 Noon-2:00 PM

St. Gregory School

Adult (13 & older): \$10.00

Children: \$5.00

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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.

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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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html, or contact the diocesan Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

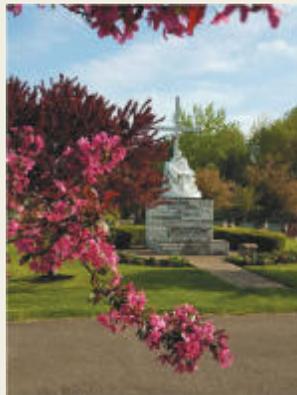
CEMETERY CARE

This time of year means doing our best to make sure the cemetery is prepared for Memorial Day and your visits throughout the summer months.

Please assist our effort by using the receptacles provided to dispose of debris, as well as pots and containers your flowers and plants may come in.

There is no dumping permitted anywhere on the cemetery grounds.

Thank you so very much!



Workers install the new heating unit custom made for St. Gregory School.
Thank you for helping with your contributions to the annual CSA!

Please remember our deceased in your prayers...

Ann J. Lynett (mother of Maryann Frontino)

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



MONDAY, May 10

8:00 AM–Tony Christ-Bill & Janet Aulenbacher

TUESDAY, May 11

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

WEDNESDAY, May 12

8:00 AM –Bob Hetherington– Allen & Mary Demmick

ASCENSION THURSDAY, May 13

12:10 PM– Special Intentions of the Blessed Mother

6:00 PM– Robert Riefstahl-Rosemary Repko

FRIDAY, May 14

8:00 AM –Mary Doyle– Maureen & Harry Gratto

SATURDAY, May 15

5:00 PM– Bobby & Margaret Triana-Andy & Theresa Bennardo

SUNDAY, May 16

7:30 AM-Ed Lander-Joe & Tamie Lander

9:00 AM-Michael Mercurio-Family

11:00 AM– Parishioners Living & Deceased

Thursday of this week is Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. Both the 12:10 and 6:00 PM Masses on Thursday will be livestreamed on our Facebook Page.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 1/2, 2021

Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	109
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$6,196.00
Loose	\$246.00
Building Maintenance	\$404.00
Electronic Giving	\$523.30
TOTAL	\$7,369.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$346,068.14
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$338,461.64



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Thursday, March 13th, is also the remembrance of Our Lady of Fatima. What a great day to consider Mary and the eternal life she shares with her risen and ascended Son!



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in honor of
The Blessed Sacrament
 and in memory of
Archie Doyle
 by
 Maureen & Harry Gratto



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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