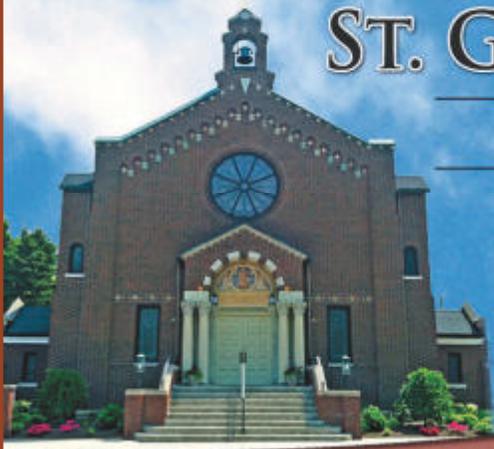


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## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

*Pastor, Rev. Thomas Brooks*

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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!

## MAY 23, 2021



*Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!*

*Pentecost Sequence*

*A Welcoming Family Of Faith  
In The Heart Of  
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*Celebrating Our 146th Anniversary  
As A Parish Family And The  
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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 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.

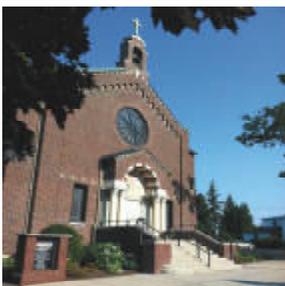
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### *Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish At A Glance...*



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

*“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest!”* A very happy and blessed Pentecost to you, my friends, as we recall the *“birthday of the Church”* and the great day that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as they were gathered together in the upper room. As St. Luke reminds us, in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit came upon them and gave them the gifts they needed to go out and share the Good News! *“There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”* (Acts 2,3-4) The people were amazed to hear the Apostles preach to them in their native tongues and many were baptized in Christ that glorious Pentecost Day!

Like so many of our special celebrations, friends, we need to remember that Pentecost is not only a remembrance and celebration of something that happened a long time ago when our Church was first founded. Rather, it is also a reminder and celebration of the Holy Spirit who is alive and at work in our Church today! Why are we invited to wear red or some other bright color on Pentecost? This kaleidoscope reminds us that the Holy Spirit abides with and within each of us who are part of God’s Church today. While red is technically the *“color of the day,”* a great diversity of colors reminds us that the Holy Spirit offers a wide variety of gifts to be used to praise and glorify God and for the benefit of the entire Family of Faith. Yes, we are all *“one”* as God’s Church, but also very different in the ways we can be of service. As St. Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Corinthians: *“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”* (1Corinthians 12,4-5)

You may recall that back in the year 2015 we celebrated both the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the construction of the *“new”* St. Gregory Church as well as the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Parish. There were a great number of things we hoped to accomplish in preparation for that special year, including painting and recarpeting the interior of our worship space. Now, there may be some of you who remember that there was once an image of the Holy Spirit high in the dome of the sanctuary. It had been painted over, but it kept showing through. As a parishioner once said with a smile: *“You try, but you can’t hide the Holy Spirit!”* With the truth behind that comment in mind, it was decided to bring back an image of the Holy Spirit, brighter and bolder than ever! So, once the painting and carpeting were near completion, the new image of the Holy Spirit was blessed and placed as a reminder of the Spirit’s awesome presence and guidance throughout the entire process.

The Holy Spirit that currently occupies the center space in the dome of our sanctuary clearly reminds us of the descent upon the Apostles long ago, as well as the Spirit’s presence in our lives today. The *“blue”* inner circle keeps us mindful of both the sky and the waters of our Baptism. The bolder *“red”* of the cross reminds us that it is through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus that we receive the gift of the Spirit. The bright *“gold”* points of light represent the radiant glow of the Spirit and the manifold gifts the Spirit offers us. The *“green”* outer circle represents our good earth, our life here, and our call to do the best we can to be generous in sharing our gifts on our pilgrim way



home to the Kingdom of God. On a personal note, the presence of an image of the Holy Spirit in our midst always makes me mindful of and grateful for all of you, and the many wonderful people throughout the years who have made St. Gregory such a wonderful place to experience and share God’s abiding love and presence!

So, friends, what are we anticipating as we advance towards our next milestone set of Anniversaries in 2025? That’s a very good question! Perhaps parish leadership will be giving that some more thoughtful and prayerful consideration once we emerge from all of the restrictions that have been part of our common experience during the pandemic. In the meantime, now and always, we have confidence that the Holy Spirit is with us as we continue to seek guidance and direction. May we be blessed with that assurance as we continue to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives: *“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heav’nly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made, to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.”* Rejoice and have a Spirit-filled day!

*Fr. Tom*

## 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!



## Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/

Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/  
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/  
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/  
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3  
and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/  
Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13  
[Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk  
10:46-52

**Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf.  
4a]/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk  
11:27-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19,  
20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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**

## Prayer Line

For prayer requests call  
**Rose Repko** at  
814-602-6271.



## Preschool & Prekindergarten Registration

Saint Gregory School is proud to offer multiple option plans for early childhood learning. The options we offer are as follows:

M-F 5 Day AM only program from 8:30-12:00 p.m.

M-F 5 Day ALL DAY program from 8:30-3:00 p.m.

Per day AM only; your choice of days

Per day ALL DAY program; your choice of days

Children can be enrolled in any of the programs listed above from 2-5 days a week. If you wish to extend the morning schooling into the afternoon, you have that option through the afternoon program which runs 5 days per week.

**Visit our Virtual Open House at [www.Stgregs.net](http://www.Stgregs.net)**

\*Kindergarten Registration is also being accepted at this time



### **The Annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale**

The annual carnation sale took in a total of \$783.50.

Your generosity helps support pro-life educational programs and activities here in our local community. Thank you Tony and Pam Baran for once again heading this project. Thank you everyone who purchased the flowers!

### **Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign**

The Knights of Columbus will distribute baby bottles on the weekend of May 22-23.

Contributions will be used to support pro-life initiatives. Our council has been instrumental in contributing toward an ultrasound for the Women's Care center in Erie.



Bottles will be collected on Father's Day, June 20th.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### *Celebration Of Baptism*

We welcome **Jane Elaine Grolemond** into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Jane's parents are Seth and Laurie (Kubacki) Grolemond and her godparents are Andy Grolemond and Hillary Hubbell.

Congratulations and God Bless!



**Benedictine  
Sisters of Erie**

The Benediction Sisters are looking to hire someone for summer help.

If interested, please call the Mount at 814-899-0614 ext. 2506 to speak with Sister Charles Marie.

### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Teach your child to protect him/herself at home:** We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but, being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Teach children to never answer the door if home alone. Don't tell anyone, on the phone, on social media or while gaming, that your parents are not home. Do not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave a child home alone.

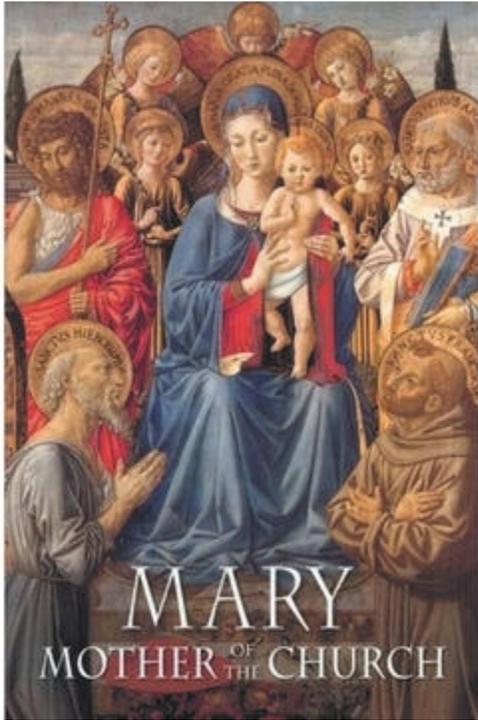
For additional parent resources visit

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.

### **Parishioners: 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.





May 24th

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Mother of the Church

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*

Mark your calendar...

### *Disney Designer Purse BINGO*

*Sunday, June 13, 2021  
St. Gregory School Gym  
Doors open at 12:30 PM  
BINGO begins at 2:00 PM  
Tickets are \$50.00 each or  
\$350.00 for a table of 8 and can  
be purchased on the St. Gregory  
School website.*



**Parish Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 25th, at 6:30 PM in the parish family room.



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](http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html), or contact the diocesan Faith Formation Office at 814-824-1210.

### **A Family Perspective**

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."





**MONDAY, May 24**

8:00 AM–Virginia Piazza-Fletcher-Her Brother John Piazza

**TUESDAY, May 25**

8:00 AM– Bernie Duda– Ernie, Chris & Grayce Beers

**WEDNESDAY, May 26**

8:00 AM –Grace Newara– John Piazza

**THURSDAY, May 27**

12:10 PM– Frank Filutze-Dom & Josie Bova

**FRIDAY, May 28**

8:00 AM –Tony Chriest– Steve & Pattie Stempka

**SATURDAY, May 29**

5:00 PM– Concetta Piazza Conn-Her Brother John Piazza

**SUNDAY, May 30**

7:30 AM-Parishioners Living & Deceased

9:00 AM-Ann Coletta-Wonder-Workers

11:00 AM– Tony Chriest-Bill & Janet Aulenbacher

**Looking ahead...**

**St. Gregory Memorial Day Mass**

will be celebrated on **Monday, May 31st, at 8:00 AM** in the **St. Gregory Cemetery**.



You are invited to bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in the Church.

**Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM. Confessions will return to the confessional as soon as possible.**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

May 15/16, 2021

Envelopes Mailed .....	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	94
Amount in Adult's Envelopes .....	\$6,155.00
Loose .....	\$286.00
Building Maintenance .....	\$237.00
Ascension Thursday .....	\$845.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$548.30
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$8,071.30</b>
<b>Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....</b>	<b>\$362,254.74</b>
<b>Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....</b>	<b>\$353,846.56</b>



**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy Faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they will be created, and Thou shall renew the face of the earth.**



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in honor of **The Blessed Sacrament** and in memory of **Mary Malta** by daughter Jo

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

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