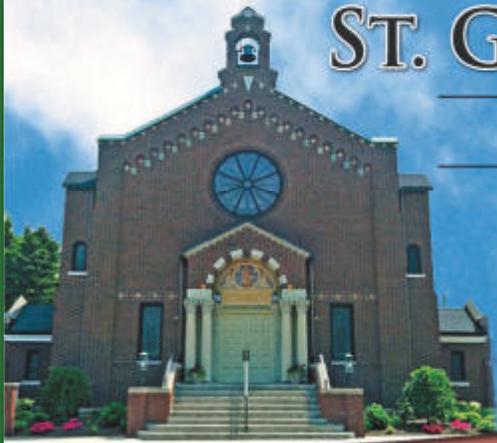


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Thursday....12:10 PM

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

JUNE 20, 2021



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HAPPY DIOCESAN ST. JOSEPH'S DAY!

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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.

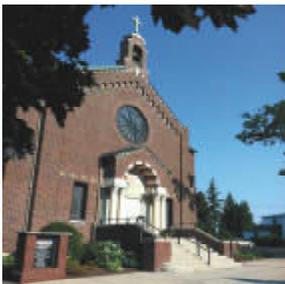
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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Gregory Parish Family,

A very happy and blessed Father's Day to you! A very happy and blessed St. Joseph's Day to you as well! As you may already know, Bishop Persico has designated today, Sunday, June 20th, as our special opportunity to celebrate and honor St. Joseph here and throughout the entire Diocese of Erie. In doing so, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of St. Joseph as an inspiration to dads, and to all of us, who strive to lead good Christian lives. We ask the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, that we may always do our best to praise and glorify God in all our efforts to share the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When Pope Francis established this special year in honor of St. Joseph, he offered us the reminder that St. Joseph is to be revered, first and foremost, as *"a father."* In fact, in his Apostolic Letter, *"Patris Corde,"* *"With a Father's Heart,"* he begins each and every section with a tribute to, and commentary on, St. Joseph's paternal role. In exact order, Pope Francis refers to St. Joseph in the following ways: as *"a beloved father,"* as *"as tender and loving father,"* as *"an obedient father,"* as *"an accepting father,"* as *"a creatively courageous father,"* as *"a working father,"* and as *"a father in the shadows."* I would certainly encourage you to read the Holy Father's letter in its entirety as a source of reflection on the life of this amazing man who offered his own quiet *"Yes"* to God in taking on the awesome responsibility of being both husband and dad. You can easily discover the entire text online should you choose to read it and meditate on it as we continue through this Year of St. Joseph.

While every section of the Holy Father's letter deserves consideration, I became personally fascinated with the section referring to St. Joseph as *"a creatively courageous father."* I have often thought of St. Joseph as *"courageous"* in his life and in his care for Mary and Jesus; but I never really considered using the word *"creative"* as one of his many attributes. What did Pope Francis mean when he described St. Joseph in that way? Well, friends, one of the examples the Holy Father offers for our consideration is a story we are quite familiar with.

Mary and Joseph have made their way to the town of Bethlehem. Upon arrival, according to the Gospel of St. Luke, they discover that all the rooms are taken, there is no lodging to be found. What was St. Joseph's reaction to that situation? What would yours or mine be? The Holy Father refers to St. Joseph's response as one of *"creative courage."* *"Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world."* Yes, friends, Joseph, a good and holy and upright man, embraced God's plan and did the best he could to be positive and nurturing despite the difficult situation he was confronted with!

St. Joseph's response, in this and other difficult circumstances, acts as an invitation for us to consider the way we handle the challenges that come our own way. How do we face them? Do we confront them with anger? Do we complain about them? Do we despair or become despondent? Or, do we turn to God, pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and try to find a more positive way in dealing with the situation? The latter is certainly a better way to express our faith, give glory to God, and ease the stress that only escalates through negativity.

Pope Francis' use of the arrival in Bethlehem as an example reminds me of a journey I once took to celebrate Midnight Mass in a rural community. After driving about five miles on the way to the parish church, it began to snow. Well, friends, as I continued the trip, the snow kept falling harder and faster until I could barely see the road ahead of me! I'm sure you've experienced winter nights like that, when you are grateful for another car leaving tracks to follow or leading the way, and the relief you feel when you finally make it home safe and sound. Well, by the time I arrived at the church the power had gone out, all was in darkness, and the people decided to go home. This was *"BCP"* – *"Before the Cell Phone"* – and I had left long before they called the house to leave a message. What to do?



In short, the custodian who was dutifully shoveling the sidewalk out front and I started making a few calls on the good ole landline and got as many people as we could to gather for Mass. We set out and lit every candle we could find and continued with a truly amazing candlelight service. I'll always remember the people gathered around the altar, their smiling faces all aglow with the light from the candles, as we sang "Silent Night" together. And then – we raided the adjoining hall for some post-Mass hospitality!

Yes, friends, a challenging night turned into a great memory thanks to good people, like yourselves, who adopted that positive, that "creative," attitude the Holy Father speaks about. No, it doesn't solve every problem, but it seeks a solution and sure brings greater peace to the heart and makes life a lot more pleasant for everyone involved!

Pope Francis concludes his Apostolic Letter on St. Joseph reminding the reader that its purpose is "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." May God bless all of our dads, grandpas, and all of the men of our community we honor today; and may St. Joseph inspire all of us to face the challenges of life as he did – with faith, creativity, and a genuine concern for others. God bless and, once again, a happy day to all!

Fr. Tom

Celebration Of Baptism

We welcome ...**Giorgia Louise Dunlavey** into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Giorgia's parents are Ryan and Cora (Hurn) Dunlavey and her godparents are Jeffrey Murphy and Kim Collarile.

Congratulations and God Bless!



RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Gregory Wonder-Workers are planning on having their annual Rummage Sale this summer.

Drop off days will be Tuesday, August 3rd and Wednesday, August 4th.

Sale days will be Thursday, August 5th and Friday, August 6th.

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!

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

*Kindergarten Registration is also being accepted at this time



School Summer Office Hours

June 7th through June 30th –
T, W, TH 9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Closed Mondays and Fridays

July 1st through August 16th – T, TH
9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays



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.



2021

Year of St. Joseph

With a Father's Heart

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God; "As a Father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."
(Ps 103:13)

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

Pope Francis



Summer humor...

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

It waves!



Go Green! Members of "North East in Bloom" gather together for the dedication and blessing of the mural and garden in front of North East Glass on West Main Street. We rejoice in all the efforts of this group dedicated to making our community such a beautiful place to be!

"May the beauty of this space remind both residents and visitors to our community of Your creative handiwork, our call to protect and preserve our environment, and remind us to be grateful for all those who generously dedicate themselves to enrich our lives through the investment of their God-given time, talent, and resources." From the Blessing Prayer

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the charitable work of the Holy Father, the Successor of St. Peter. This year Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 26th and 27th .

The Peter's Pence Collection helps our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, respond to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

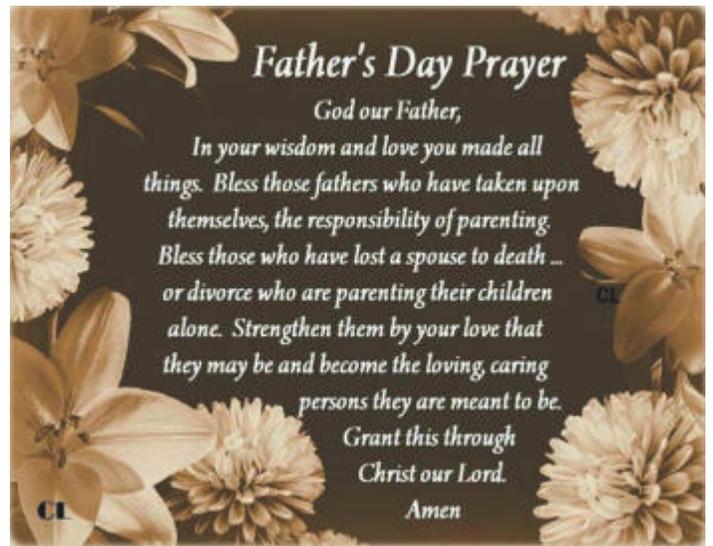
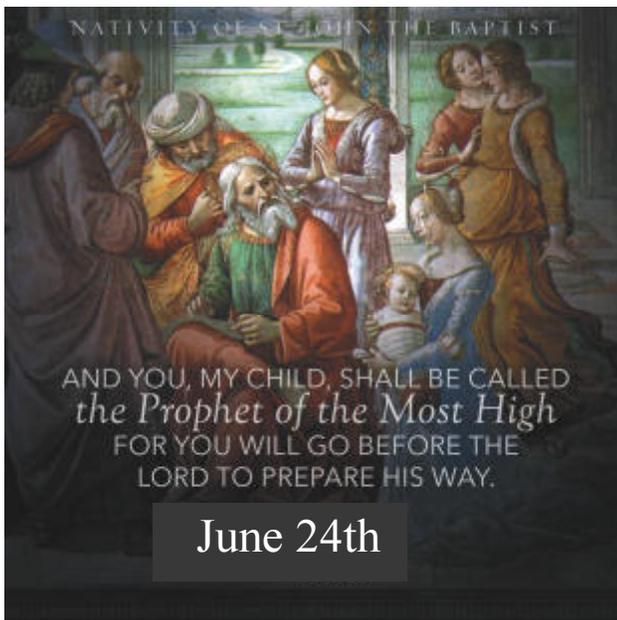
Donations and prayers by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to spiritually and materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JC
Bishop of Erie



Mark Your Calendar....

Saturday, July 24, 2021

5:00 PM Mass outside on the East Side of the school with an opportunity to socialize to follow.

More details coming soon!



Love, Naturally!

Natural Family Planning: Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 25th at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a picnic luncheon at the Pine Tree Pavilion by Beach 9 at Presque Isle. Drinks and dessert will be provided. More information at www.eriecd.org/awareness-mass.htm.



MONDAY, June 21

8:00 AM–Angeline Canella-Daughter

TUESDAY, June 22

8:00 AM– Donald & Sarah Valimont– St. Gregory Wonder-Workers

WEDNESDAY, June 23

8:00 AM–Francis & Veronica Reynolds– Joe & Lisa Reynolds

THURSDAY, June 24

12:10 PM– Msgr. Ernest Daley-Dan & Ann Keeley

FRIDAY, June 25

8:00 AM –Floyd Piazza– His brother John

SATURDAY, June 26

5:00 PM– Thomas R. Lynett-Family

SUNDAY, June 27

7:30 AM–Frank & Catherine Concilla-Dave & Ginny Thornton

9:00 AM–James Lynch & son Kevin Lynch-Sr. Rita Lynch,MHSH

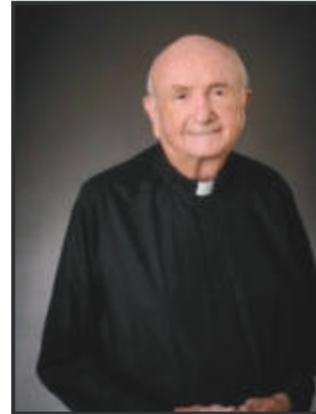
11:00 AM– Sam Ciminnisi– John & Sylvia Wenzel

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

June 12/13, 2021

Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	98
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$5,804.00
Loose	\$223.00
Building Maintenance	\$205.00
Electronic Giving	\$548.30
TOTAL\$6,780.30

Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection..... **\$388,701.51**
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....**\$384,615.49**



In Memoriam

We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Fr. Dennis Foley, C.Ss.R., who was Pastor of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish from 1984 through 1990. Ordained a priest in 1961, Fr. Foley faithfully served the Church for sixty years in parishes and through parish missions and retreats. His Mass of resurrection was held Saturday, June 12th, at the St. Alphonso Retreat Center in Long Beach, New Jersey. May God bless him with eternal rest and peace. May God inspire others to follow him in his path of dedicated discipleship.



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

Please remember our deceased in your prayers...

Fr. Dennis Foley (former pastor);
Nancy Jobczynski (mother of James Jobczynski);
David Hartley (brother of the late Harley Hartley)

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.”

Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM. Confessions have returned to the confessional.

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

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