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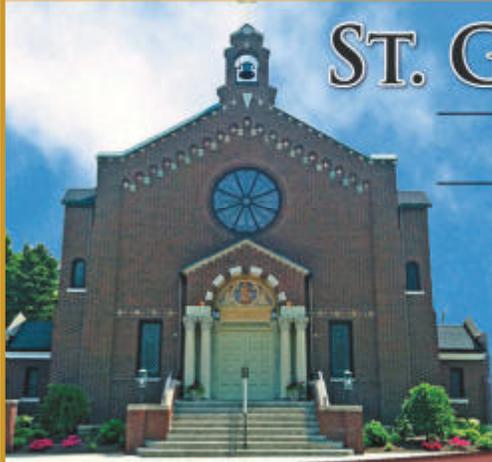
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday: 9AM–3PM; Friday: 9AM–Noon



MASS SCHEDULE

Fall/Winter

Saturday.....5:00 PM

Sunday....7:30, 9:00 & Noon

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

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

*Transitional Deacon,
Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fratus*

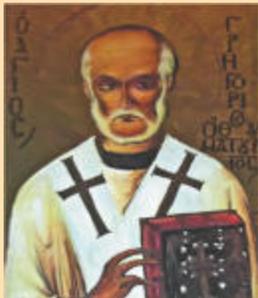
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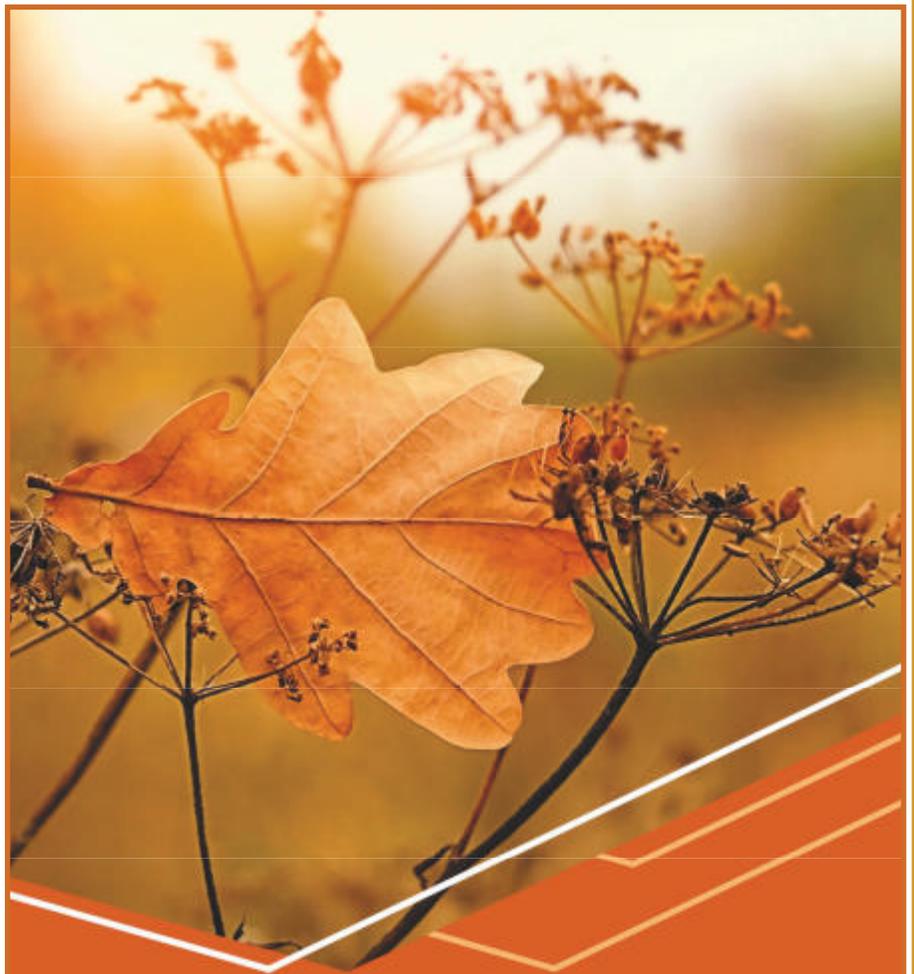
Director of Sacred Music, Corey Spacht

*School Principal Team:, 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!

NOVEMBER 7, 2021



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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In The Heart Of
North East, Pennsylvania*



*Celebrating Our 146th Anniversary
As A Parish Family And The
96th 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 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.

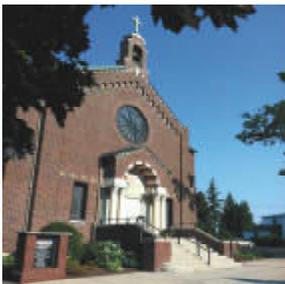
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Add your request for prayer by calling Rosemary Repko at 814-602-6271

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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,

This weekend, friends, I need to seize this opportunity to address our current financial situation. I'm always somewhat reluctant to enter into this discussion because I recognize that so many of you are so very generous and truly believe that God will always provide for those who are faithful and grateful. That being said, I have no reluctance whatsoever in talking about "*stewardship*," which is much less about dollars and cents than it is about our return to God in response to God's many blessings bestowed upon us. You may recall that one of the first stories in the Bible is a "*stewardship story*" as we read and consider how Able offered the very best lamb in the flock in thanksgiving for God's love and benevolence. (Genesis 4,3-4)

The issue at hand is our current offertory deficit which represents the income that is used to pay our ordinary operating expenses such as utilities and salaries. All you need to do is to look at this very bulletin, turn to the page with the box titled, "*Weekly Offertory Collection*," and subtract the amount that has been collected from the amount that has been budgeted, to give yourself an idea where we stand. The reasons for our shortfall, as I explained at a recent Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, include a more limited in-person attendance, not being able to actually "*pass the basket*," as well as fewer visitors at Mass throughout the summer months. The situation is also compounded by our lack of in-person fundraising activities. I would like to mention that many of our "*online*" participants continue to be very generous and are faithful in getting their envelopes to the parish office. I am so very grateful to all the members of our Parish Family for your generous support, no matter how you chose to join us in prayer during this challenging time.

On a positive note, friends, our deficit this year is actually less than it was last year! You may recall that we managed our shortfall in the 2019-2020 budget in two ways. The first was our participation in the Paycheck Protection Program. The second was through your support of an appeal we called, "*Balance the Budget*." Through these two efforts we were able address the deficit and pay all our expenses. While that is good news, and this year's deficit smaller, we still need to take action now so that we won't find ourselves in more serious arrears at the close of the fiscal year.

With that in mind, I'd like to invite and encourage your participation in a forthcoming program called, #iGiveCatholic. Through participation in this wonderful giving opportunity, we join together with brothers and sisters near and far in saying "Yes" to supporting the good works and ministries we are all involved in. Besides the mutual encouragement and support we offer to one another, every donation given to St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish comes directly to us, helps us address our current shortfall, and will support our programs and ministries in the months ahead. In addition, there are "*participation prizes*" provided to parishes and other Catholic institutions for their participation in this effort sponsored by The Catholic Foundation.

Participation in this effort, my friends, is very simple. One way you can participate is to offer a donation through the #iGiveCatholic envelope that will be inserted into every bulletin next weekend, November 13th & 14th. Simply enclose your donation, fill out the back side of the envelope, and return it to the parish office via the collection basket or by mail. Or, drop it off at the parish office when you get a chance. It's always good to see you and say, "*Hello!*" The other way to participate is through the online option. The portal for online donations begins on November 15th and closes at midnight on November 30th, the actual "*iGiveCatholic*" Day. The process is quite easy, friends. You go to www.iGiveCatholic.org. You look at the map and press the little dot that identifies us as part of the Diocese of Erie. You "*Search*" the list until you come to St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish or School.



Then you make your online donation. Even though we can't make an online offering yet, I just entered the site and quickly found St. Gregory. Of course, one of the bonuses about participation online is that you can see the total raised and how many people have participated.

Thank you, friends, for your attention to and consideration of this matter. In the first reading for Mass this weekend, taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow from the town of Zarephath offers the prophet Elijah some water and a small bread cake from the meager amount of food she has left to sustain herself and her son. In response to her generosity, Elijah assures her of God's love and that her, "*jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry*." (1Kings 17, 14) In the same way, the Lord assures us of His love and presence, His care and concern, no matter what may be going on in our lives. May our generous love and service always reflect our faith in our wonderful benevolent God! Peace, joy, and a good week ahead to you!

Fr. Tom

St. Gregory School Thanksgiving Fundraiser

There's still time to order Pies or Pumpkin Rolls from St. Gregory School. Pies are \$25 and Pumpkin Rolls are \$18. Various flavors of pies are available. Orders are due on Monday, November 15, 2021, and payment must accompany your order. Orders can be picked up at the School on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 3:00-6:00 PM. Order forms are in the vestibule of the Church, and at the Parish Office and can be returned to the School or the Parish Office.



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. She established the religious order of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The order built hospitals and served thousands of poor people, particularly immigrants.

We celebrate her feast day on November 13th.

A Benefit is being held by friends of Kim Becker to raise funds for her and her family. Kim, her husband Paul, and their four children are members of the St. Gregory Parish Family. Kim has been battling an aggressive cancer for nearly two years.

The Benefit will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at the VFW Club, 28 Vine Street, North East, from 2-5 PM. There will be a \$5 admission fee. The event will include a Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, and a 50/50 Raffle. If you are able to help in any way, or if you have questions, please contact Julia at 814-218-7962 or Rebecca at 814-812-7099.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the **St. Gregory Knights of Columbus** for hosting a wonderful breakfast to support our trip to the **National Catholic Youth Conference** this month. We are so grateful to you, and all those able to attend, for helping to make this journey to Indianapolis possible. We hope to return even more enthused to pray with and serve our **Parish Family**.

God bless you one and all!

The Youth attending the NCYC

Choir Rehearsal Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 7:15 PM.

Anyone interested in joining should see Corey Spacht after any Mass during the weekend.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-

Digital Behavior: Parents create trust with children by initiating open, honest discussions. These dialogues are an opportunity to communicate values and expectations about your family's appropriate digital behavior, including viewing or sharing content, and apps they can and cannot use. Check in frequently with your children about their digital experiences to address any potential risk of cyberbullying and harm. Be clear that your intention is to look out for their wellbeing, and that you want to have an open dialogue. Listen to their concerns and express your perspective. To minimize the risk of cyberbullying or harm from digital behavior, parents can: set clear expectations about digital behavior and online reputation, educate about the harmful effects of cyberbullying, posting hateful speech or comments, sexting, and sharing naked photos of themselves or others (including potential legal issues), be clear about what content can be viewed or shared, and identify which apps are appropriate for your child's use and which are not. Establish rules about the amount of time that a child can spend online or on their devices. Model positive, respectful digital behavior on your own devices and accounts. For more information on cyberbullying go to: www.stopbullying.gov

For additional parent resources visit

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



Save Around Coupon Book Sale

There are a few 2022 Save Around Coupon Books (Greater Erie version) available in the school office for sale. Books are \$25.00 each and coupons are good through the end of next year. Payment can be made directly to the school with cash or check. You can also still order books online at www.SAPayNow.com/20706. Online orders will be shipped directly to you. Each book sold profits our Level 4 class trip in May.



Pray For Our Members In The Military

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
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 Cpt. Christopher K. Braun, Jr. USAF, Shaw AFB, SC
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 Lt. "jg" Alexander Mobilia, US Navy, USS Lake Erie, Pacific
 A1C Marissa Hodges, USAF, 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pittsburgh, PA
 SSG. Jeremy Jon Gullo, US Army, Kuwait
 For changes/additions call Barb : 814-873-5746

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.

The Eucharistic Rosary will be prayed on Monday, November 8th, at 11:00 AM in the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel in the rectory. All are welcome.



How To Access FORMED

Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
 Enter our parish's zip; Enter your name and email address. If you are having any difficulty accessing the FORMED services, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office and we will do our best to help.



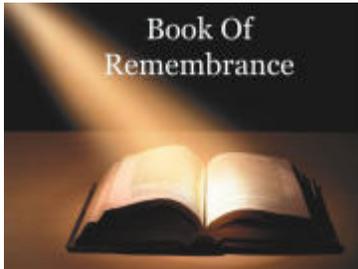
The Wonder-Workers will meet on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Family Room (lower-level of the Church)



Football Lottery Winners

Week 7

1st Place	Chris Smith	Points: 129
2nd Place	Steve Scotch	Points: 127
3rd Place	Jeremy Burroughs	Points: 125
Lowest	Steve Gregg	Points: 9



Our parish Book of Remembrance is available in the Blessed Mother Shrine now and throughout November.

You may write the names of beloved family and friends who have gone home to be with our Lord, especially those who have died since last November 1st.

For safety concerns, please use your own pen or pencil.



Sessions for grades K-8 at St. Gregory School on:

November 7, 14

Class time is 10:20-11:15 AM

November 21

Parent/Family Session at home and attend Mass

November 28– No Faith Formation

Sessions for grades 9 & 10 in the lower-level of the Church on:

November 7, 14

Class time is 10:15-11:30 AM

November 21

no class, attend Mass

November 28– No Faith Formation

Confirmation Sessions:

Nov. 7, 14

Confirmation Class meets in the Parish Family Room (lower level of the Church) from 1:00-2:30 PM

For more information or if you any concerns call Jen Humes at 814-450-6533 or email at jhumes@roadrunner.com

Harvest Basket Raffle

The Wonder-Workers will be having a “Harvest Basket” raffle. The basket is filled with Autumn decorations, as well as delicious “goodies”.

Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 and will be available after all Masses this weekend.

The winning ticket will be drawn after the Noon Mass on Sunday, November 7, 2021.



Don't forget, new members are always welcome to join the Wonder-Workers. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Family Room (lower-level of the Church.)



SATURDAY, November 6

5:00 PM– Edward & Hazel Kluck-Norine Carll & Family

SUNDAY, November 7

7:30 AM-Parishioners Living 7 Deceased

9:00 AM-Leon & Anna Duda-Ernie, Chris & Grayce Beers

Noon – Susan Murphy– Prayer Line Ministry

MONDAY, November 8

9:15 AM-Richard Blose– Joe & Tamie Lander

TUESDAY, November 9

8:00 AM– Frances M. Reynolds-Joe & Lisa Reynolds

WEDNESDAY, November 10

8:00 AM –Elaine Nejman– Moylan Family

THURSDAY, November 11, Veterans Day

12:10 PM– Archie, Michael & Captain Patrick Doyle, Jr.-
Maureen & Harry Gratto

FRIDAY, November 12

8:00 AM –Louis Newara– Joe & Eleanor Alonge

SATURDAY, November 13

5:00 PM– Ruth Ann Keeley– Prayer Line Ministry

SUNDAY, November 14

7:30 Joseph & Mary Gagliano-Dave & Ginny Thornton

9:00 AM-Parishioners Living & Deceased

Noon – John & Sophie Morris– Ron Morris Family

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
October 30/31, 2021	
Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	93
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$3,975.00
Loose	\$191.00
Building Maintenance	\$362.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,008.30
All Saints' Day	\$517.00
Christmas Flowers	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$6,088.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$131,615.40
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$138,461.58



Many thanks for the recent gifts to the
St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish
Perpetual Endowment Fund:
**In loving memory of
Norine Carll**
from
Patricia Ring; Jacob & Shirley Scotch

Your gifts; current, planned, or deferred; are greatly appreciated!

Looking ahead...

Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021**, will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in Church.

Donations from that day will be divided equally and given to the North East Food Pantry and the St. Gregory Needy Fund.




The SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in honor of
The Blessed Sacrament
and in memory of
Deceased Members of the Dilimone & Alonge Families
by
Charlotte Dilimone

Cemetery Update:
Please remove all potted plants, empty pots and containers from St. Gregory Cemetery. Winter decorations and holiday wreaths are permitted after November 1st. Your assistance is appreciated.

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

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