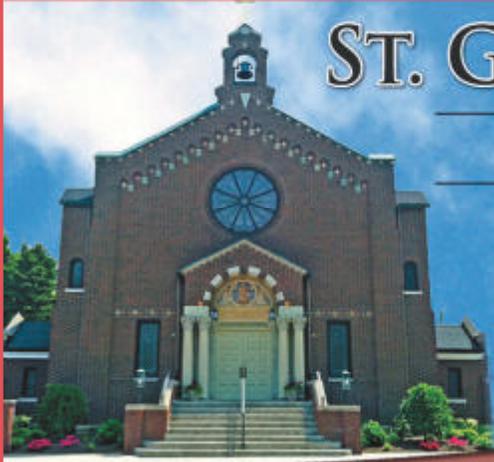


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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School Phone: 814-725-4571 • Cemetery Phone: 814-725-9691

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

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Rev. Mr. Richard Winschel,

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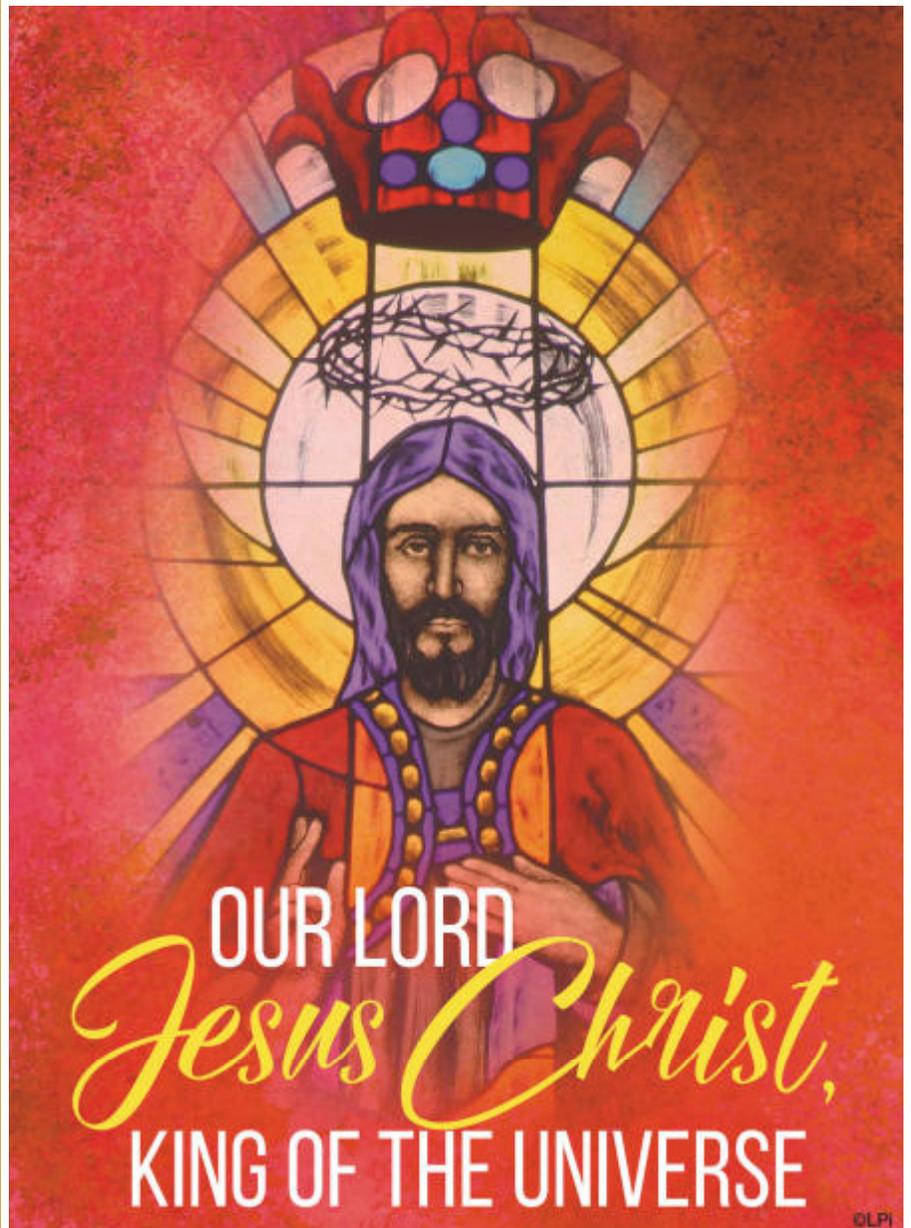
*Director of Sacred Music*, Corey Spacht

*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 21, 2021



*A Welcoming Family Of Faith  
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*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 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.

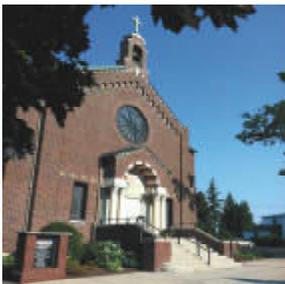
#### PRAYER LINE

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,

I join together with the entire staff of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish in wishing you a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving! We pray that it will be a great opportunity to gather together with family and friends to enjoy God's many gifts, truly appreciate them, and to express gratitude for them. May our traditional thanksgiving hymn be in your minds and on your lips as we sing out: *"Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices!"*

One of the greatest of blessings that we enjoy as a Parish Family is to be able to gather each and every day, with few exceptions, for the celebration of Mass. There is no doubt about it, my friends, the Mass is our greatest prayer and communal expression of thanksgiving! Not only does the word *"Eucharist"* literally mean *"thanksgiving,"* the entire prayer of the Mass is just filled with reminders of God's great love and benevolence!

Think about that as you read on, please!

Following the opening rite and proclamation of God's Word we respond: *"Thanks be to God,"* and, *"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ."* We are filled with gratitude that our God has spoken to us and encouraged us!

As we enter into the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass, the priest invites to express our gratitude to God: *"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."* To which we reply: *"It is right and just."*

Recalling the *"last supper,"* we are reminded that Jesus gave thanks to the Father for the gifts of bread and wine that would be transformed into His Body and Blood." This is particularly clear in the Eucharistic Prayer as we recall how Jesus, *"took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples,"* and as, *"He took the chalice, and, once more giving thanks, He gave it to His disciples."* (Roman Missal, EPII)

Following the reception of Holy Communion, and our personal prayers of thanksgiving, the deacon or priest sends us forth, asking each and every one of us to: *"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."* Our response to that commission is: *"Thanks be to God!"*

We leave the celebration of the Mass with gratitude in our hearts for the wonderful way we have been nourished in Word and in Eucharist, refreshed and renewed to encourage others and assist them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I would suppose, friends, that our Thanksgiving holiday brings to mind many of the origins and images of this special day including those that we commonly refer to as the *"pilgrims."* They were courageous people, like those on the Mayflower, who crossed the Atlantic looking for a better life for themselves, including escape from religious persecution. In fact, the first *"Thanksgiving meal"* is said to have occurred in the November of 1621.

My friends, we are, in fact, *"a pilgrim people."* Pope Francis reaffirmed this thought earlier this year as we began the Lenten Season. *"We must never forget,"* he said, *"that we are pilgrims: journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion and mistrust and turning our gaze to what we all are seeking: the radiant peace of God's face."* (Vatican City, Feb. 18, 2021)

Yes, friends, all of us, each and every one, are on our way to the Kingdom of God! Every Mass becomes our special opportunity to give thanks to God

and to pray for one another as we make this journey together. For all of us, like the early pilgrims in a ship on the ocean, the waters of life can get pretty tumultuous at times. However, through faith, charity, and communal support, we see heaven on the horizon and give thanks to God for every blessing bestowed along the way!

With that in mind, I certainly thank God for you, and I thank you for all that you do to help reveal God's love and presence as we make this journey homeward together! Peace, joy and all the blessings of Christ the King be upon you and yours!



*Fr. Tom*

## St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish

#GIVINGTUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30

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**November 15-29**

**Thank You and Remember - "God  
Loves A Cheerful Giver!"**  
*2Cor. 9,7*



Please return your envelopes for Christmas Flower Memorials by Monday, December 6th.

The list of memorials will be included in the Christmas weekend bulletin as well as online. Thank you!

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding our 9<sup>th</sup> **Annual Cash Bash** on February 5, 2022! The safety of our friends and neighbors is our top priority so we will be celebrating this year with a virtually broadcasted progressive raffle event on February 5, 2022. As you prepare for the Christmas season, we are pleased to advise that we will be selling advance tickets! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Tickets will be available for purchase in the back of the church the following weekends: 12/4 and 12/5, 12/11 and 12/12 & 12/18 and 12/19. They will also be available at the parish office and the school office until December 22nd.

Tickets make terrific stocking stuffers! One ticket enters the ticket holder into ALL 16 cash prize drawings that will take place during the evening including the last cash drawing worth \$500!

Tickets are limited so get yours today!  
Best wishes for a blessed Christmas to you all!!

Our Knights of Columbus Council is having a sports calendar raffle. There are 2500 calendars available to purchase. The calendar provides the winner with a daily chance to win sports equipment or cash for 6 months! Each calendar has 4 FOUR DIGIT NUMBERS, and the winning number is based on the evening draw of the PA Big Four. The calendar runs for 6 months starting January 1 and ending on June 30th. That means you have a daily chance to win 181 days - making a total of 742 chances to win!

The calendar replaces our Sports Raffle and will help the Knights with their efforts to support their worthy causes throughout the year. You can purchase a calendar for \$40. Calendars can be purchased from any Knight, or at the parish office. Any questions, contact Mark Blackburn 814-881-9442 or George Beckes 814-882-4204. They make great stocking stuffers and presents for this Christmas season!



## DECREE

### REVISING THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITHFUL DURING THE COMMUNION RITE OF THE MASS

WHEREAS the current edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal was promulgated in Latin by the Holy See in the year 2000, and the English translation of the same was approved by the Holy See in 2003, together with adaptations approved for use in the United States of America;

Whereas among the approved adaptations for use in the United States is the following: “In the Dioceses of the United States of America, they [the faithful], should kneel ...after the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise,” (paragraph 42);

Whereas in 2003, the then Bishop of Erie, the Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, determined that the faithful in the Diocese of Erie would stand instead of kneel after the Agnus Dei and throughout the Communion Rite;

Whereas the practice in the Diocese of Erie differs from the practice of most dioceses in the United States, and it is increasingly difficult for many parishioners to stand for long periods of time during the distribution of Holy Communion, and across the diocese countless parishioners – often the majority in many parishes - on their own accord have already returned to the practice of kneeling after the Agnus Dei;

Whereas in light of the above, I judge it pastorally expedient and an effective sign of our communion with our neighboring dioceses that we return to the practice approved by the Holy See for use in the United States;

THEREFORE, in accord with paragraph 42 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, I direct that the faithful in the Diocese of Erie shall kneel at Mass following the conclusion of the Agnus Dei. Those who receive Holy Communion may, upon returning to their place, either kneel or sit according to their choice until the beginning of the prayer after Communion, at which time all stand.

I direct that this Decree be published and take effect on the First Sunday of Advent, which begins at 4:00 p.m. on November 27, 2021, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery  
of the Diocese of Erie  
on this 22nd day of October, 2021

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence t. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

*Christopher Singer*

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor



### Football Lottery Winners

#### Week 8

1st Place	Amy Kloss	Points: 115
2nd Place	Michael Laughlin	Points: 114
3rd Place Tie	Megan LaFuria/ Jenn Girts	Points: 113
Lowest	Charlotte Sanders	Points: 23



Many thanks for the recent gifts to the  
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**Norine Carll**

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

### **A Note from St. Gregory Wonder Workers**

We are offering Italian Wedding Soup for sale as a fundraiser. This money is used to assist our church with special needs.



\$4.00 for a pint; \$8.00 for a Quart  
2 quarts for \$15.00

For those wishing to purchase the soup, you can sign up in the back of the church or can call Barb at (814) 504-9088 to place an order.

Pre-order is helpful but not necessary.

Soup pickup and payment will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> after every Mass in the back of the church.



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

**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 21**

**no class, attend Mass**

**November 28– No Faith Formation**

**Confirmation Sessions:**  
**December 5**

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](mailto:jhumes@roadrunner.com)

### *Christmas Box Applications*

This year, North East Council of Churches is providing a Christmas Box to all who are in need. Applications are in the back and front side tables in the church. If you or someone you know is in need of a box for Christmas dinner, please return the application form to the rectory before December 6th. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

Monetary donations are accepted to help defray the cost of providing boxes. All checks may be made out to **Community Christmas Boxes** and sent to Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, C/O Anne Bardol (Treasurer) 51 West Main St., North East, PA 16428. Cash donations may also be put in our donation baskets in the back of the church, in an envelope marked "Christmas Boxes" We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ have a joyous Christmas.



**SATURDAY, November 20**

5:00 PM– Tracy Gallagher-Her Mother

**SUNDAY, November 21**

7:30 AM-George Moylan, Jr.-Louise Chriest

9:00 AM-Goetz, Kaizer & Zirkelbach Families– Goetz Family

Noon – Parishioners Living & Deceased

**MONDAY, November 22**

8:00 AM-Robert Riefstahl– St. Gregory Marriage Encounter Group

**TUESDAY, November 23**

8:00 AM– Mary Goulding-Moffat Family

**WEDNESDAY, November 24**

8:00 AM –Veronica E. Reynolds– Joe & Lisa Reynolds

**THURSDAY, November 25, Thanksgiving**

9:00 AM– Dale Carll-Wife & Family

**FRIDAY, November 26**

8:00 AM –Ann Lynett– Knights of Columbus

**SATURDAY, November 27**

5:00 PM– Darlene Newara– Al & Janet Arment

**SUNDAY, November 28**

7:30 AM-Vincent & Mary Abata-Dave & Ginny Thornton

9:00 AM-Parishioners Living & deceased

Noon – Leo Zaborowski-Knights of Columbus

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 Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
November 13/14, 2021	
Envelopes Mailed .....	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	129
Amount in Adult's Envelopes .....	\$6,955.39
Loose .....	\$297.00
Building Maintenance .....	\$161.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$538.30
All Saints' Day .....	\$52.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$8,003.69</b>
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$146,756.39
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$153,846.20



**Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM.**

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

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

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