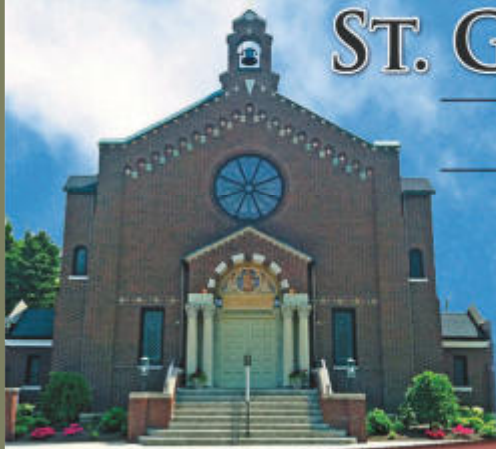


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## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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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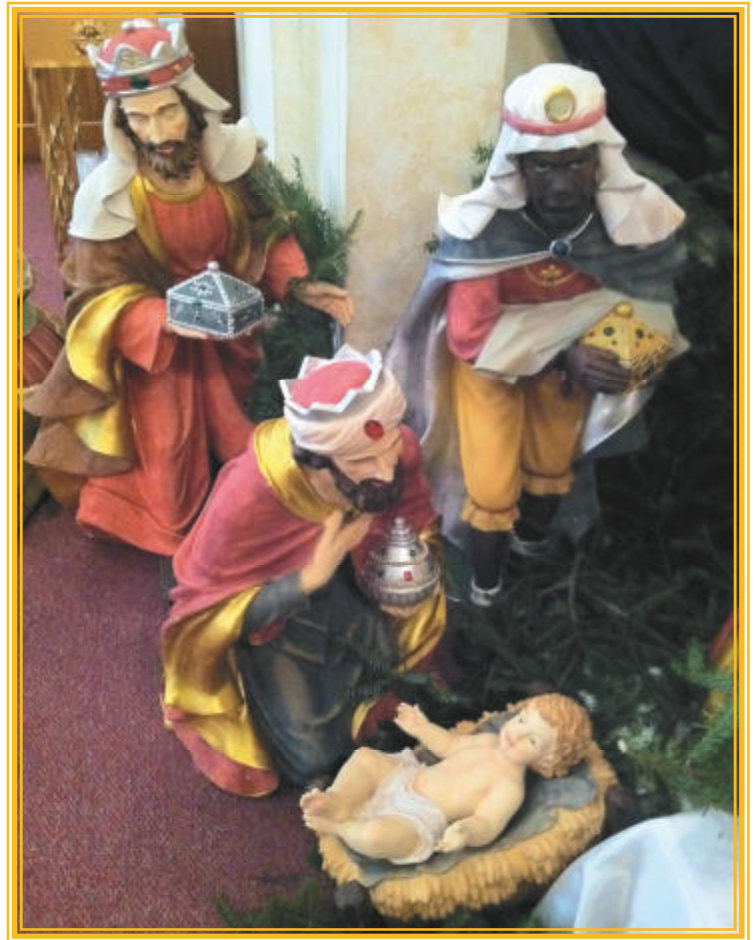
*School Principal Team*: Mrs. Amy Kloss,  
Ms. Nancy Pierce



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!

## JANUARY 1/2, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” *Matthew 2:10-11*

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**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

#### THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

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<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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



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

A very happy and blessed New Year 2022 to you, and a most joyous celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord as well! Like last weekend, as Christmas led us immediately into the celebration of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; this weekend we begin by honoring Mary as *“The Holy Mother of God,”* and then immediately consider the revelation of her Son as the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior of the world. The visit of the magi, as recalled in the Gospel of St. Matthew, clearly reminds us of Jesus’ identity and His great love for all peoples everywhere!

When you consider the Solemnities we are celebrating this weekend, friends, don’t they both remind you of gift-giving? Please think about that for a moment. Thanks to Mary’s generous cooperation with God’s plan, *“Love”* is born into the world! We are still, in this New Year and always, blessed to share in the mystery of Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection to new life! Certainly we all cherish everything that God’s *“Love-Gift”* means to us – including the years we have here as well as the eternity that is God’s promise to all of His faithful!

The magi clearly remind us of gift-giving as they present their own gifts of *“gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* (Matthew 2,11) These may seem like unusual gifts to present to an infant, but they are not unusual gifts to be presented to the King of Kings! *“Gold”* is certainly an appropriate gift for the Lord God, King of heaven and earth. Likewise, *“frankincense”* is a gift that is offered to a Deity. *“Myrrh”* is used to anoint a body for burial and reflects early insight into Jesus’ mission to die and rise for our salvation. Mary’s gift is *“Love!”* The gifts of the magi are reminders of the magnitude of God’s great Gift to the world and a revelation of who He was, who He is – Redeemer of us all!

With that in mind, I would like to seize this opportunity to thank you, all the members of the St. Gregory Parish Family, for your generosity both now and throughout the entire year past. Much like the magi of old, you, the *“wise ones”* of today, recognize Jesus as God’s *“Love-Gift”* to the world and you want to respond in some way. Your *“Gold”* shines bright in the generous way you offer your material resources to assist us in our ministries and in our outreach to the less fortunate. Your *“Frankincense”* rises up to God with your devotion and many prayers for family, friends, the members of our community and all those who need them. Your *“Myrrh”* is presented through your faith in the power of life over death and your encouragement of all those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our *“gifts”* are many, my friends, and we offer them in imitation of our Blessed Mother, with a grand *“Yes”* in eagerness that God’s plan might be fulfilled through our faith, hope and charity!

Due to the early publication date of this bulletin, I feel compelled to share with you that I haven’t actually seen the church completely decorated for Christmas, heard the choir sing one Christmas Hymn, listened to one proclamation of the Gospel heralding Jesus’ birth or one reflection on it. That being said, I have every confidence that everything we see and hear will be so very beautiful and uplifting. I offer you my sincere thanks for all your help as well as to our wonderful parish staff who lead by example when it comes to generous service. You are truly appreciated, one and all!

The one certainty about this entire festive season is this, my friends: Jesus has arrived! The revelation of the prophets has been fulfilled in Emmanuel, *“God with us!”* Let’s celebrate that, and always do our best to share our joy in God’s *“Love-Gift”* with others throughout the New Year and always!

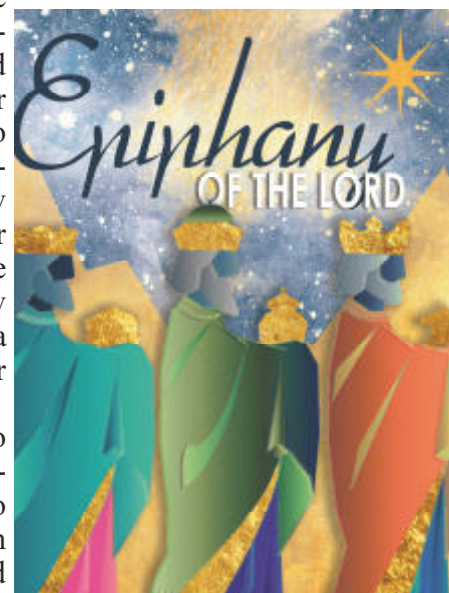
In closing, I offer you the wonderful blessing that comes to us from the Book of Numbers for day number one of 2022:

*“The Lord bless you and keep you!*

*The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!*

*The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”* (Numbers 6,24-26)

*Fr. Tom*





The Christmas Elves are at it again!  
 Many thanks to all of those who have been so generous in offering their gifts of time and talent to help create a beautiful environment for Christmas and the Christmas Season!



**Cursillo Weekends Planned For The Spring**  
 The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at [www.ericursillo.org](http://www.ericursillo.org) or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.







Congratulations to **Cindy Riefstahl**, winner of the Christmas Lottery Tree and **Mary Triana**, winner of the Christmas Lottery Wreath. Thank you to our young friends who pulled the winning tickets!

The Wonder-Workers are most appreciative of all who were able to support their raffle and bake sale!

**Happy New Year!**

### Pray For Our Members In The Military

Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Lt. Col. Andrew A. Dulin USAF Fort Meade, Maryland

Major Michelle Bostic Dulin USAF, Quantico, VA

Cpt. Christopher K. Braun, Jr. USAF, Shaw AFB, SC

Specialist Sean Newara, US Army, Fort Drum, NY

Jon Jobczynski USAF, Senior Airman, Fort Walton, FL

Lt. "jg" Alexander Mobilia, US Navy, USS Lake Erie, Pacific

A1C Marissa Hodges, USAF, 171<sup>st</sup> 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.*



***You never know who you will meet on the annual Miller Mistletoe Mile!***

Parishioners **Marcia Grafius** and **Adrienne Hassenplug** were among the many who joined together to support a good cause and show our community spirit!

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

**Online Gaming:** 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement.

Visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) for additional resources.



The 7th and 8th grade students of St. Gregory School would like to thank all of those who were able to support our "Holiday Light Spectacular!"



No class on January 2nd  
Classes resume January 9, 2022

Faith Formation Community Service Project coming in the New Year.

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**Confirmation Sessions:**

**January 16, 23**

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)

*A Prayer for the New Year*

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts  
and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.  
**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*

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**Football Lottery Winners**

**Week 14**

1st Place	Michelle Manley	Points: 130
2nd Place	Cassandra Reed	Points: 129
3rd Place Tie	Dan Cowher/ Bill Goetz/ Bill Near	Points: 126
Lowest Tie	Dorothy Rydelski	Points: 18

# MASS Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 1**

10:00 AM-All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
 5:00 PM-Charles Piazza-His brother John Piazza

**SUNDAY, January 2**

7:30 AM-Carolyn Anderson-Rexford-Marcia Carll  
 9:00 AM-Paul Hitchcock-Bob & Penny Hitchcock  
 Noon – Mark Walter-The Ganzer Family

**MONDAY, January 3**

8:00 AM-Marty Houser– Moffat Family

**TUESDAY, January 4**

8:00 AM– Barbara Marchini-Moffat Family  
 9:00 AM– School Mass for Students and Faculty Only

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

8:00 AM –Elaine Nejman– Vienna Cocuzzi

**THURSDAY, January 6**

12:10 PM– Don Keough-Wife Mitzi

**FRIDAY, January 7**


8:00 AM –Louis Newara– Bob O’Leary

**SATURDAY, January 8**

5:00 PM-Sam & Rosina Piazza-Their Son John Piazza

**SUNDAY, January 9**

7:30 AM-Sam & Marie Chimera-Daughter  
 9:00 AM-Rosaria Ardillo Dodd-Rosaria Hitchcock & Mary Jo Newara  
 Noon – Parishioners Living & Deceased




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

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
 December 18/19, 2021

Envelopes Mailed.....	596
Regular Envelopes Used .....	89
Amount in Adult's Envelopes.....	\$4,577.00
Loose.....	\$265.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$350.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$538.30
Christmas Flowers .....	\$30.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,760.30</b>
<b>Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....</b>	<b>\$189,343.24</b>
<b>Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....</b>	<b>\$192,307.75</b>

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
*Due to the early transmittal date for the bulletin, the Parish financial data for December 24/25/26 is not available.*



**First Friday**  
 The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, January 7th until noon.

*Please remember our deceased in your prayers...*  
**James Mankoski**  
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord

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

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

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