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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*

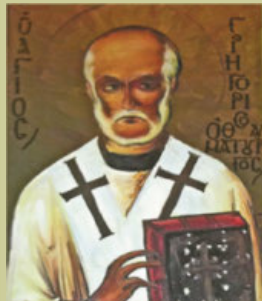
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Faith Formation Leader, Jennifer Humes

Administrative Assistant, Patti Prindle

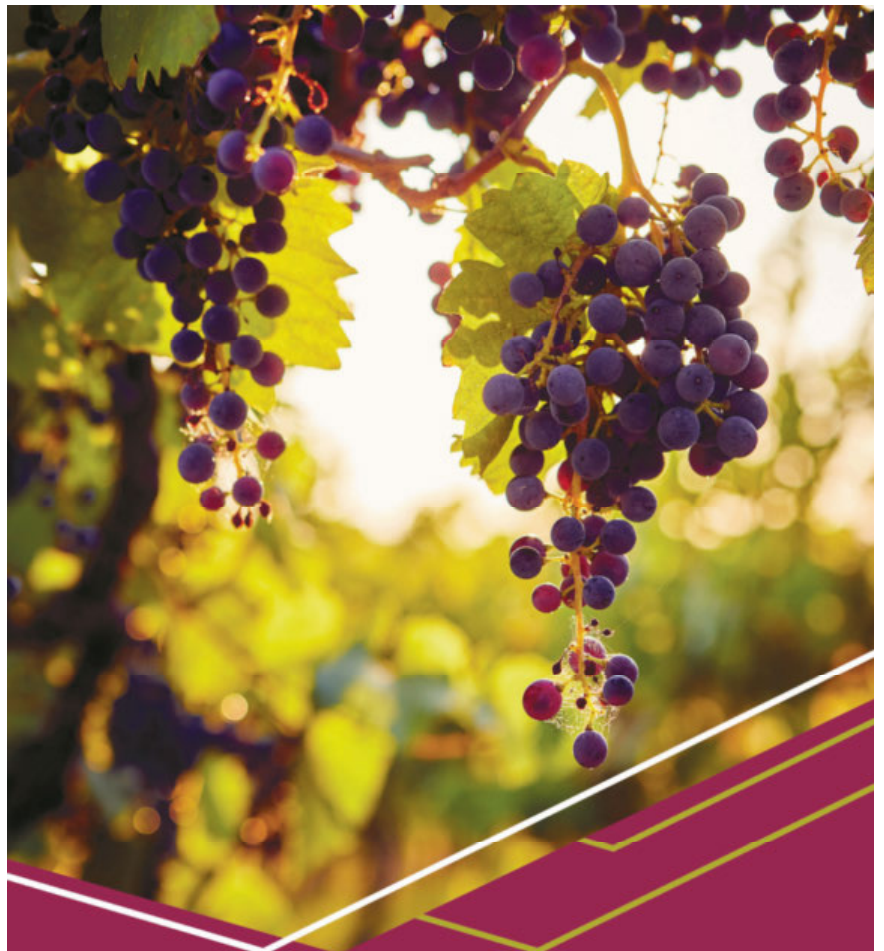
Director of Sacred Music, Corey Spacht

*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!

JANUARY 16, 2022



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

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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.

PRAYER LINE

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

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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,

Each and every weekday, I invite everyone present to conclude the celebration of Mass by joining together in song. These songs are selected from the *"Breaking Bread"* Hymnal that daily Mass attendees have been welcomed to take as their own and bring with them whenever they attend. My goal is always to select a song that is both familiar and relates to the scripture passages of the day or the particular liturgical season we are in. This proved to be a relatively easy process over the last couple of weeks as we celebrated Christmas and the accompanying Christmas Season. There are many Christmas Hymns that are familiar to us and that we all enjoy singing!

That being said, this past Monday we entered into the Season we refer to as *"Ordinary Time,"* and the hymn that I selected to conclude the Mass was titled, *"The Servant Song."* The first verse of the song clearly reflected the call to discipleship taken from the Gospel of St. Mark. *"Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let me be your servant, too."* The words of the second verse actually spoke to me about something else I've had on my mind; the forthcoming Synod on Synodality. *"We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the road."*

I'm really not certain how many of you have actually heard much about, or read much about, the *"Synod on Synodality"* called for by Pope Francis. A *"Synod,"* as such, is a gathering of bishops from throughout the world to discuss topics of significance and to offer advice to the Holy Father. The first of the Synod of Bishops was established in 1965 by St. Pope Paul VI. The word *"Synodality"* literally mean *"walking together."* The word was more completely defined by the International Theological Commission as: *"the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God."* In both its simplest and broadest of definitions, Pope Francis clearly recognizes that we are, all of us, *"pilgrims on a journey,"* and would like to hear from as many people as possible prior to the Bishops' gathering in Rome.

To that end, all parishes, including St. Gregory, will be hosting *"listening sessions"* to assist in this monumental effort to help us move forward as God's Church in the world today. I'm most grateful to Deacon Rick who will be helping to coordinate this effort in our parish, and to Sue McElhinny and Greg Beardsley who will be facilitating our gatherings. I'm confident that the open and honest discussions that take place will not only assist in our Diocesan effort, but will help us right here at St. Gregory as we look to the future and deal with the issues and realities of our time and place.

There are some important words and concepts involved in this process. The first is *"Holy Spirit."* The Holy Spirit has been with and will always lead the Church. We need to be open to and place our trust in the Spirit's presence and look to the Spirit for guidance. The second is *"listening."* As brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to be attentive to what others are saying; their hopes, and dreams, and their vision of what *"Church"* is and should be. The third is the word *"Synodality"* itself. We are all God's *"Church."* We're all in this together. We all have the same end-goal - eternal life in the Kingdom!

Following the training session scheduled for this weekend, our dedicated facilitators will be extending invitations to ask for your participation in the Synodal process. My personal hope is that you will be generous in accepting an invitation to participate and in sharing your experience and vision of *"Church."* Any thoughts you have will be welcomed and appreciated.

May God bless you and our entire Parish Family as we do our best to love and serve one another, as Christ would, on our pilgrim journey together.

Fr. Tom



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Visit the Diocese of Erie
microsite regarding the
Synod on Synodality:

<https://www.eriecld.org/synod.html>



Meeting on Wednesday, January 19th, in the Parish Family Room (lower-level of the Church). The Rosary will be prayed at 6:40 PM with the meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.



Many thanks for the recent gifts to the St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish Perpetual Endowment Fund:

In loving memory of

William "Bill" Witkowski
from

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

Football Lottery Winners

Week 15

1st Place Tie	Paul Sank/ Pam Goetz	Points: 96
	Mike Wheeler/Stephen Bundy	
2nd Place	None due to tie	
3rd Place Tie	None due to tie	
Lowest	Amanda Plymire	Points: 16

Week 16

1st Place	Carolyn Rhodes	Points: 133
2nd Place	Rick Spellman	Points: 131
3rd Place Tie	Mike Kibbe/Bill Near	Points: 129
Lowest	Thomas Vogt	Points: 23

Week 17

1st Place	Erik Vogt	Points: 132
2nd Place Tie	Louann Williamson/ Cindi Dahlkemper	Points: 130
3rd Place Tie	None due to tie	
Lowest	Pat Lindahl/ Travis Lindahl/Doug Hall/Greg Sambor	Points: 20



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

January 16, 23

Class time is 10:20-11:15 AM

January 16: First Reconciliation Parent/child meeting in the SGS gym during regular FF time. 10:20-11:15 AM

January 30

Parent/Family Session at home and attend Mass

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

January 23

Class time is 10:15-11:30 AM

January 30

no class, attend Mass

Confirmation Sessions:

January 16, 23

Confirmation Class meets in the Parish Family Room (lower level of the Church) from 1:00-2:45 PM

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

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday,

January 18th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Family Room (lower-level of the Church)

Choir Rehearsal Thursday,
January 20, 2022 at 7:15 PM.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

— Martin Luther King Jr.
1929-1968



Virtual Cash Bash

Benefiting St. Gregory Church

Saturday, February 5, 2022

For the safety of our friends and neighbors we will be broadcasting a Progressive Raffle starting at 6:30pm on <https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryThaumaturgus/>

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Entry into 16 Cash Drawings! Your ticket stays in for ALL drawings including the last cash drawing for \$500!

BUY TICKETS NOW after Mass, at St. Gregory Parish Office 136 W. Main St., North East OR at Sanders Market in North East on Saturday, January 22nd from 10am to 2pm

\$\$ Many chances to win! Get your tickets today! \$\$

Our Knights of Columbus Council sports raffle calendars are still available to purchase for \$40 at the parish office or from any Knight. 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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful every day for the resources we have to help spread the Gospel message. Imagine how different our experience of the pandemic would be if we did not have the ability to Zoom or to livestream. It is changing the way we approach so many aspects of our lives.

At the heart of all that communicating is strong content. That's why the Diocese of Erie continues to invest in a team dedicated to providing you with thoughtful publications, social media posts, web resources and more, all designed to help me in my role as shepherd of the Diocese of Erie. Some of it comes right to your mailbox in the form of Faith, an engaging magazine filled with the stories and testimonies of Catholics striving to grow closer to Christ in northwest Pennsylvania. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have not missed a beat with this important resource, and in fact, have used it to provide much-needed encouragement and updates.

When I emphasize the need for strong communications, I am thinking first and foremost of you. My work is done in service to Christ and to you. I strive to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed about what is happening with the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States, and here in northwest Pennsylvania. Do you know why the upcoming Synod on Synodality at the Vatican is important? Are you aware that the US bishops are collaborating on an effort to help American Catholics understand and embrace the church's teaching on the Eucharist over the next three years? And what's the latest on pastoral planning in our diocese?

This year we've reported on all this and more in Faith, in the weekly Diocese of ErieNews, at www.ErieRCD.org and on our social media platforms. Thanks to your generous support, all of it remains available free of charge.

Please consider participating the 2022 Help Spread the Faith collection scheduled for the weekend of January 22nd – 23rd . It's one important way to fulfill Jesus' command to go forth and make disciples of all nations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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




MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 21, 2022

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, January 15

5:00 PM-Dave Sceiford-John & Mary Ann Sceiford

SUNDAY, January 16

7:30 AM-Parishioners Living & Deceased

9:00 AM-Robert Fink-Knights of Columbus

Noon – Mark Walter-The Ganzer Family

MONDAY, January 17

8:00 AM-Janet Rizzo– Rosemary Repko

TUESDAY, January 18

8:00 AM– Audrey Geraci-Rodgers-Pat Ring

WEDNESDAY, January 19

8:00 AM –Earl Moffat-Moffat Family

THURSDAY, January 20

12:10 PM– Santo Scrimenti-Family

FRIDAY, January 21

8:00 AM –Leon Buczynski– Ron Morris Family

SATURDAY, January 22

5:00 PM-Marion Testi-Family

SUNDAY, January 23

7:30 AM-Elaine Nejman-Vienna Cocuzzi

9:00 AM-Parishioners Living & Deceased

Noon – Wanda Pius-Ron Morris Family


WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 8/9, 2022

Envelopes Mailed	596
Regular Envelopes Used.....	103
Amount in Adult's Envelopes	\$6,942.00
Loose	\$348.00
Building Maintenance	\$398.00
Electronic Giving	\$838.30
Christmas	\$277.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
First Offering	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$8,963.30
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$221,726.14
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$215,384.68

**“Say Yes!” To the 7th Annual
138 Women’s Conference**

The conference will be held on March 12, 2022 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of Catholic-Mom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She. Visit the website at www.138wom,en.com for more information and to register.



The SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week in honor of
The Blessed Sacrament

Please remember our deceased in your prayers...

Louis Narducci

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

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

Addition to the Christmas Flower List:

Paul & Stella Ditrich; John & Theresa Dzuricky
from Paul & Kathy Ditrich

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

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