



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT'S

PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 24 @ 1:00PM

*Fun, Food, & Fellowship
All are welcome!*



September 8, 2017



Join us for Mass

Saturday

5pm & 6:30pm (Sensory-Adapted Mass)

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
12 Noon, & 6pm (Chant Mass)

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday
7am & 8:30am

Saturday
8:30am

All are welcome at our Annual Parish Picnic

September 24th from 1pm to 4pm
in front of the Chapel

St. Gregory the Great will provide burgers, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, along with bottled water.

Enjoy music, balloons,
and games with our priests and parish family!

Calling all bakers!! Join our

CAKE BAKING Contest

for youth (6 - 16 years old) and adults (17 and up).

Be creative and bring your specialty homemade cake (no nuts please). Our priests will judge the cake creations!

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WHAT TO BRING TO THE PICNIC:

Last name A-H:

Individually packaged chips

Last name I-M:

Green Salad & dressing

Last Name N-S:

Baked Beans (heated)

Last Name T-Z:

Juice boxes, powdered iced tea or lemonade mix

Don't miss this chance to relax
and have fun with your parish family!

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



St. Gregory the Great Church will be participating in Bishop O'Connell's Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Collection with a special second collection at all Masses on the weekend of September 9 and 10.

The funds, collected by our Diocese, will be sent in their entirety to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for disbursement among the dioceses affected by the storm.

You may also leave a donation at the rectory during regular office hours or make an online donation here: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/relief.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER COMMISSIONING

This Sunday nine new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned at the 10:30am Mass: **Cecilia Freeman, Susan Simpson, Harry Anderson, Joellyn Crea, Barbara Roberts, Patty Chisano, Clara Calabro, John Peruggia Jr., and Dave Doran.**

Members of this ministry assist the priests and deacons with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the celebration of the Mass. Ministers can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Congratulations and God bless our new Eucharistic Ministers!

COMMUNITY GARDEN WINTER CROPS

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!

We will be planting our "winter crops" in the St. Gregory the Great Community Garden for the Hungry on **Wednesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 20**. As you can see in the picture, the Cherry Grove Organic Farm has donated 5 flats of seedlings for us to plant!

Please come out one of those dates at 6:00 pm. RSVP to priscilla.ellen.hayes@gmail.com or 609-651-1544 (cell number).

Thank you!



PILGRIMAGE TO BLUE ARMY SHRINE

A parish pilgrimage to the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey is planned for **Saturday September 30, 2017**. The day includes Rosary and confessions at 11:30 AM, Mass at 12 Noon and time to visit the gift shop and various spiritual areas to venerate on the grounds. Transportation is carpooling, leaving St. Gregory's parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Wear very comfortable clothing & walking shoes for being outdoors and appropriate for Mass (No shorts are permitted for anyone over the age of 11, tank tops, halters, sun dresses, revealing attire). If necessary, bring a cushion to sit on the stadium seating or your own fold up chair. Bring your own brown bag lunch & all beverages, as there are no facilities

to buy these items. Cost is a suggested free will offering on your own to the Shrine. Call Jeannine Bendas at 609-468-5714 for information and to place your reservation.

LITURGY WITH CHILDREN - SEPTEMBER 10

Back to School Blessing

September 10th
9:00am Mass

All children are invited to bring backpacks
& receive a special blessing.



WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

The Church of St. Gregory the Great Presents

Who Am I to Judge?

Thursdays * 7:30pm

September 21 to November 9, 2017 (8 sessions)

Academy Cafeteria

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality- that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone.



How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? St. Gregory the Great presents *Who Am I to Judge?*, Dr. Edward Sri's 8-part program that gives us an important key to responding to relativism effectively - a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

A Participant Study Guide will be used during the series. A printable version of the Study Guides can be found on the parish website at stgregorythegreatchurch.org/judge. Starting with the first week, attendees are asked to come to each session with a printed copy of that week's Study Guide. For those without Internet access, please leave a phone message for the Adult Faith Team at the number below, prior to the first session.

For more information about the series, please visit stgregorythegreatchurch.org/judge, contact adultfaith@stgregorythegreatchurch.org or call 609-587-1131 ext. 434.

CYO BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts are open to all Academy and Parish boys and girls and are held in the Academy gym.

Girls Basketball Tryouts

Freshman, 3rd-4th grade:

Friday 9/15/17 from 4:00-5:30PM & Saturday 9/16/17 from 9:30-11:00AM

JV, 5th - 8th grade:

Tuesday 9/12/17 from 4:00-5:30PM & Saturday 9/16/17 from 11:00-1:00PM

Varsity, 7th - 8th Grade:

Friday 9/15/17 from 5:30-7PM

Boys Basketball Tryouts

Freshman, 3rd-4th grade:

Thursday 9/14/17 4:00-5:30PM & Saturday 9/16/17 from 8:00-9:30AM

JV, 5th - 6th grade:

Monday 9/11/17 & Wednesday 9/13/17 from 5:45-7PM

Varsity, 7th - 8th grade:

Wednesday 9/6/17 & Friday 9/8/17 from 7-9PM

Please bring CYO Sports Registration Packet on the first day. Packet can be found on the Academy website at www.stgregorythegreatacademy.org/athletics.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A CATECHIST?

The Religious Ed department is in need of volunteers to serve as teachers, aides, hall monitors, and parking lot monitors for the 2017-18 year. Adults and high school students who are interested in community service are asked to please prayerfully consider sharing your faith with the children of our parish.

If you have any questions please contact the Religious Education office at (609) 587-1131 Ext. 227 or speak with Sister Carolyn Houck, Director of Religious Education, after all Masses

this weekend.

YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPENING

St. Gregory the Great seeks a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator. The candidate is a highly self-motivated, organized and energetic individual who coordinates and maintains a parish outreach to our youth. This person works to help young people in our parish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to form them in knowledge of, and love for, Christ and His Church. He/she draws young people into responsive participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic Church and in our parish, and fosters in them personal and spiritual growth.

Visit www.stgregorythegreatchurch.org/youthministry for full job description.

A RETREAT FOR THOSE WITH SERIOUS ILLNESS

GENNESARET, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of October 20, 21,22, 2017 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, located in Kearny N.J. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 P.M. and end with a closing Prayer Service Sunday at 1:30 P.M. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For more information, please contact Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237 or Peggy Walsh at 908-499-7667.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS!

The new season of Tuesday Night Live adult faith presentations begins on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30pm** in the Academy Cafeteria with *The Good, the Bad, and the Anxious: Recent and Pending Supreme Court Decisions on Religious Liberty* with Matthew Franck (Director of the Simon Center on Religion and the Constitution at the Witherspoon Institute).

In the last dozen years, since the appointments of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the Supreme Court has heard a number of important cases on religious freedom and the place of religion in our public life. Recent developments like the passage of Obamacare and the arrival of same-sex marriage have posed new problems in this area.

But it seems as though the justices are also striving to untangle past confusions in the law of religious freedom, some of them decades old. For Catholics and for many of our fellow citizens, the stakes are nothing less than the freedom to obey our consciences.

HEALING PRAYER TEAMS THIS WEEKEND



Healing Prayer Teams

September 10th
After Noon Mass
in the Chapel

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Our Parish Respect Life Team will meet **Thursday, September 14th at 6:45pm** in the Wade Room. The meeting will be held prior to the 7:30pm Mercer County Respect Life Meeting. Join us to learn about the Legacy of Life Foundation Tours as well as the Diocesan Procession in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Contact Monica Quaste at mquaste@verizon.com for information.

You are invited to join Respect Life advocates Saturday mornings at Planned Parenthood, 437 E. State Street, Trenton at 9:45am. The group prays a Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet and shares information on choosing life.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Already Catholic and ready to complete your sacraments? You are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process that helps a person explore and join the Catholic Church. It is also a means for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation to complete their initiation into the church. RCIA provides a means for learning about the Catholic faith, our practices, customs, and beliefs. It is also a wonderful opportunity to hear the Word of God proclaimed and discussed as well as to come to know Jesus as you grow to a deeper understanding of your own faith journey.

If you are interested in joining and/or have questions, please call or e-mail Maureen Cozzi at 609-462-0653 or mcozzi@stgregorythegreat.org.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT THANK YOU

St. Gregory the Great's Emmanuel Prayer Group and several sister parishes recently completed this summer's Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS). Betsy wrote, *"Thanks most especially to our LISS leader and coordinator, Monica Cincotta. Truly a job well done and Spirit led. Also, much thanks to the music ministry. The music brought a whole new dimension to every session and aided greatly in raising minds and hearts to God."*

Monica sent the following note to the seminar's discussion group leaders, *"And so, the 2017 LISS is completed. It was no small effort and your part was paramount to its success. Thank you for sharing your own personal stories of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. I believe there is a consensus that this has been one of the best seminars the Emmanuel Prayer Group has ever run. I think this bodes well for the Lumen Christi Cohort's (Cohort 6) cooperative participation. So please say one last prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings that have come from this seminar. There have been a number of them already. I believe they will exponentially multiply!!!!"*



JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR

St. Gregory the Great Adult Choir welcomes anyone of high school age or older who enjoys singing to participate in this season's liturgical celebrations. Beginning on September 24th the Choir performs weekly at the Sunday 10:30am Mass. The Choir also performs for special liturgies, such as Confirmation and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Church. Our first rehearsal will be held

Thursday, September 21st at 7:30pm in the Church. Please consider joining the choir to help make our liturgies at Saint Gregory the Great more beautiful and meaningful for all.

FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP

St. Gregory the Great is partnering with the Food Pantry to fill the shelves with much needed donations. Our special collection for **September is Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti, and Cake Mix**. Donations can be left in the food bin in the church gathering space. God bless you for your donations and prayers.



ARE YOU IN DIRE NEED OF FOOD? If you or someone you know is in need of food, please do not hesitate to call the Saint Raphael-Holy Angels Parish, Hamilton, NJ at 609-585-3848. If you would prefer, call to make arrangements to register into the St. Raphael's food pantry. All registrations are held in strict confidence.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

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Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

Let Mary Be Your Strength and Inspiration

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BINGO!



BINGO Every Tuesday and Thursday

Doors Open 6:15PM • BINGO STARTS 7:15PM
In Parish Center

THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

FRIDAY, September 8th

6:15am: Morning Prayer, Chapel

SATURDAY, September 9th

Sr. Carolyn Houck, Religious Ed, to speak at all Masses
Hurricane Harvey Collection

Catholic Charities 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale

6:45am: That Man Is You, O'Connor Hall

6:30pm: Sensory-Adapted Mass, Church

SUNDAY, September 10th

Sr. Carolyn Houck, Religious Ed, to speak at all Masses
Hurricane Harvey Collection

Catholic Charities 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale

9:00am: Liturgy with Children, Church

10:30am: Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, Church

1:00pm: Healing Prayer Teams, Chapel

MONDAY, September 11th

6:30pm: Altar Rosary Society Meeting, O'Connor Hall

7:00pm: Social Concerns Meeting, Draus Room

TUESDAY, September 12th

8:00am: Morning Prayer, Chapel

6:15pm: Bingo, Ferrante Hall

7:30pm: Emmanuel Prayer Group, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, September 13th

9:00am: Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima, Chapel

6:30pm: VIRTUS Training, Ferrante Hall



THURSDAY, September 14th

NO Bingo

6:45pm: Respect Life Meeting, Wade Room

FRIDAY, September 15th

6:15am: Morning Prayer, Chapel

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - SEPT. 8



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