

RESOURCE GUIDE



St. Gregory the Great Church

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Rev. Michael T. McClane, Pastor
Rev. Augusto "Al" Gamalo, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Marcin Kania, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Jay Bowden, Assisting Priest

Mission Statement:

We exist to build a faith community called by God empowered by the Holy Spirit to form disciples of through worshipping God, living our Catholic identity and serving others Jesus Christ.

Welcome to St. Gregory the Great Parish Family

We are delighted to have you join our parish family! St. Gregory the Great is a large parish with many different constituencies and diverse groups: children, parents, senior citizens, families from different towns, those who like organ and those who prefer guitar. What unites us all together? Our motto: *"Where there is love, great things happen"*.

Our parish is committed to creating a church where members are valued and encouraged to form relationships with one another. Our parishioners are excited about their faith and look for ways to express it, both in the parish and throughout the surrounding area. We are so glad that you are here and hope that you will be able to connect and blossom at St. Gregory the Great and think of us as your home.

General Information:

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon & 6:00 PM

Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:30 AM Web site

Additional information is available on our website:

www.stgregorythegreat.org or our

Facebook page: Saint Gregory the Great Church



Christian Service and Outreach Ministries

Addiction Assistance

Bill Giovannetti &

609-587-7215 (Bill G)

Deacon Bill Wilson

609-203-6269 (Bill W)

City of Angels NJ, Inc. realizes that addiction is a devastating disease that destroys too many lives. We seek to foster strong relationships with the community, schools, the criminal justice system and various treatment centers in order to bridge the gap between addiction and a healthy lifestyle. We work together with Nar-Anon who is devoted to working with families. The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope.

SATURDAYS *Alcoholics Anonymous*: 7:00pm in Ferrante Hall, Parish Center

SUNDAYS *Nar-A-Non*: 10:30am in the Bachman Room, Parish Center

Spirituality Group: 7:00pm in O'Connor Hall, Parish Center

Al-A-Non: 7:00pm in the Bachman Room, Parish Center

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria

Adoptive Parents

Cindy Scarantino

609-586-9346 home

Adoptive Parents provides opportunities for current and prospective members to meet others who pursued adoption to grow their families. We foster improvement of our children's self-esteem, self-awareness and family awareness by providing social and educational activities throughout the year. Our monthly meetings feature a variety of group discussions, book discussions and guest speakers where we explore a variety of adoption related topics and how they affect our families.

**Career Support Group
(formerly the St. Gregory the Great Networking Group)**

Benny Recine
609-575-1719

Career Support Group at St. Gregory the Great: Where the job seeker and job holder can be part of an organization to learn, network and connect with others. We meet the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning at 8:30 AM in O'Connor Hall.

Elizabeth Ministry

Carol Moscarello
732-691-6001

We visit and share the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. We celebrate birth with new Moms and Dads; we mourn loss with those whose baby has died due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death; we support those in the adoption process and those suffering infertility. We cook meals for Mothers on bedrest or who have just had surgery. We pray for all families.

Our Annual Mass for Infant Loss will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 PM.

Food Pantry

Dorothy Henneberry, Chair – dhenneberry@cs.com
Michael Frank, Coordinator - michaelfrank1019@gmail.com

St. Gregory The Great is partnering with St. Raphael – Holy Angels Parish to supply their food pantry with much needed food and household items for families in need. The St. Raphael - Holy Angels food pantry has operated for many years and provides food for 100-200 families two times a month. Providing food (and other critical household items) to those who don't have enough to eat or who lack financial resources is a concrete way to fulfill one of the corporal works of mercy, *Give Food to the Hungry*.

Golden Halo Outreach

Mary Theresa Weil
609-516-6907

Through this new outreach program at St. Gregory the Great Church, dogs and their owners will bring emotional healing to children and adults who are grieving or are in need of comfort through a visit.

If you would like more information about this outreach, please contact parishioner and golden retriever owner Mary Theresa Weil at weil4759@gmail.com.

GRACE Ministry
(God Recognizes All His Children Equally)

Ceil Gallucci

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Saint Gregory the Great and the G.R.A.C.E. (God Recognizes All His Children Equally) Ministry, in fulfilling the implementation of the Pastoral Statement of the United States Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, will serve as an advocate to create an environment in our church community that fully recognizes the dignity, rights, and potential of our brothers and sisters with disabilities. We will strive for full inclusions of persons with disabilities in the life of the parish.

Health Ministry

Patricia Colamarino

609-587-1131 x270

We, the Health Ministry of St. Gregory the Great Church, are a voluntary group of individuals and healthcare professionals. We recognize health and healing as the process of integrating body, mind, and spirit to create physical, emotional and spiritual harmony. We always act within the context of the values, beliefs, and practices of our faith community.

Helping Hands

Lee Buente

609-587-1131 x402

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County, an interfaith coalition, is dedicated to promoting the independence and dignity of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life.

Lazarus Ministry

Gaeta Iseicz

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The Bereavement Ministry of St. Gregory the Great Church seeks to provide caring support and spiritual consolation to parish families grieving the death of a loved one. At a time when grieving families are most vulnerable, great care is taken to foster healing for broken hearts and to bring God's hope, love, and strength to those who have lost a loved one.

Nursing Homes Ministry

Deacon Andy Sabados

609-587-1131 x471

A Communion Service is conducted on Thursdays of the month at Arcadia Nursing and Rehabilitation. The residents gather in a room to hear the Word of God and receive Eucharist. We take Eucharist to the residents that can't leave their rooms for various reasons.

A Communion Service is also conducted at Rose Hill Assisted Living on Thursdays. The Catholic residents are brought to a room for the service. There are also persons of other faiths that are welcome to pray with us.

Social Concerns Ministry

Teresa Tilton

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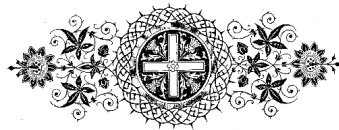
Participating in the Social Concerns Ministry is a wonderful way to share our blessings with those in need. The Ministry promotes parish involvement in providing outreach to groups in need through a variety of services. Our activities include the collection of clothing, monetary donations, food, baby items, household products and holiday gifts for distribution to community-based organization. The Ministry also coordinates an annual blood drive and Loaves & Fishes (meals served at St. Mary's Cathedral).

Works of Mercy Ministry

Peg Kowalski

609-587-1131 Ext. 262

Works of Mercy Ministry formally began in January, 2018. This ministry helps restore hope and dignity by providing one-time, limited monetary assistance to any individuals who live within the St. Gregory the Great parish boundaries and to parishioners who live outside these boundaries who are experiencing adversity, trauma or emergency that affects their general well-being and who qualify to receive assistance from this fund. Mission includes restoration of self-sufficiency, referrals to resources, respect for all whom we serve, and confidentiality in all circumstances.



Community Life

Altar Rosary Society

Jane Latini

609-890-1098

To foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; to assist with the care of the Altar; to raise funds for various needs of the Parish; to be a source of prayer and good works for families in need or as requested by our Pastor.

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

Michael Rossidivito

Michael.rossidivito@verizon.net

Cub Scout Pack 992

Richard Catalina

609-259-2492

Scouting is an effective way to help Catholic youths to do their duty to God and to their country. Scouting builds character and teaches devotion to God in an environment that provides wholesome fun under the guidance of strong adult role models. The scouting programs provide a wonderful channel to involve youth in the life of Catholic parishes.

Knights of Columbus

Brian Bowers

609-587-1131 x461

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Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older who are committed to making this community a better place, while supporting St .Gregory the Great Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Imagine being a part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Marian Servants of the Holy Family

Pat Werthwine

570-5598

Our mission is to bring Catholic Christians to a deeper understanding of their vocation and mission in Christ, in the Church and in the world. We foster devotion to Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist as the source of healing for body, mind and spirit. In our daily life we trust in the loving providence of Almighty God and we take as our model, Mary, the Mother of Christ. We make reparation for sins through prayer, fasting and works of charity. We minister to others through the Ignatian Exercises prayer form.

Parish Athletic Committee

Michelle Smith

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To provide a program for players to grow on and off the field of play. While also having fun at the same time.

Prayer Garden

Maureen Cozzi

609-587-1131 x256

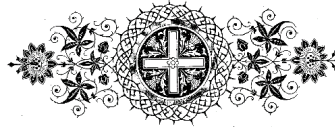
The Prayer Garden Ministry is a small, enthusiastic group of volunteer gardeners dedicated to enhancing, beautifying and maintaining the grounds immediately around the Church and rectory. Our goal is to provide a serene setting to gather thoughts, pray, and enjoy the natural gifts given from God. We do everything from design, cleanups, mulching, bulbs, annual flowers, perennials, watering, weeding, statuary... Our group's gardening skills range from novice to professional. We manage our work through good fun and fellowship, with Saturday "community workdays", and through special volunteer groups for ongoing tasks like watering and weeding.

Senior Citizens

Rita Ford

609-587-1131 x465

The Senior Citizens Club is a social organization open to all 55 years of age and older who may belong to other senior citizen groups, other parishes or religious institutions. Our meetings consist of socializing, lunch, guest speakers, entertainment and club business in a Catholic atmosphere.



Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

Betsy Solan

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We provide opportunities for life long learning which will provide our parishioners with opportunities to better know, love, and live our Catholic faith and to be a witnessing presence to each other and the world around us. Are you interested in increasing your faith and learning more about our rich Catholic heritage? We have some wonderful opportunities to help you do this.

Annulment Advocates

Denise Reil

Stephanie Bossert

658-0995 (Denise)

609-587-1131 x403 (Stephanie)

The process for marriage annulment can be emotional, difficult and confusing for a divorced Catholic. Through the Annulment Advocate Program, our diocese provides qualified individuals to journey with you throughout the process. These advocates help annulment petitioners to prepare the appropriate materials, as well as offer continuing assistance and encouragement until the case is resolved.

For help in pursuing an annulment, contact our parish office at 609-587-1131 to set a confidential appointment with a priest, deacon or annulment advocate. Stephanie Bossert (609-587-1131 x403), Denise Reil (658-0995), and Dr. Jewel Brennan (609-585-2600) serve as Annulment Advocates at St. Gregory the Great. Another option is to contact the Tribunal offices, tribunal@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609-406-7411.

Evangelization Team

Susan Commini

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To create an awareness of our responsibilities to live our faith in Jesus Christ, and to share that faith with our brothers and sisters.

Gregorian Youth Ministry BOLD

Ramil Caragay

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One of the goals of Youth Ministry at St. Gregory the Great Parish, is to gather and engage youths to grow into responsible participants in the life, mission, and works of our Catholic community. Our ministry is not just about programs and events. It's about fulfilling that need to connect, be in relationships and feel a sense of belonging. We want to empower our youths to live as disciples of Jesus in the world in which we now live so that become strong leaders and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry helps to stimulate our youths as they share their unique gifts with each other, our church community the entire community at large.

Marriage Ministry

Deacon John Isaac

To help couples thrive in their marriage by providing empowering educational tools to nourish and cherish each other in a healthy marriage relationship, as well as to become greater disciples of Jesus Christ through the gift of their Marriage vocation.

Men's Spirituality (That Man is You)

Bill Sheehan - wsheehannyc@gmail.com

Andy Loh – siraugustine1317@aol.com

To administer and oversee the TMIY program at SGG under the guidance of the Pastor. TMIY seeks to enrich the catholic education of the men of SGG and provide a forum to foster their growth as Catholic men. "That Man is You!" is an interactive, no cost men's program focused on being a truly authentic man in the modern world. It combines the timeless teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints with the latest modern technology to help men become capable of transforming themselves, their families and society. We meet on Saturday morning in Ferrante Hall beginning a 6:45 AM with breakfast, a presentation and small groups. The program ends at 8:25 AM.

Respect Life Ministry

Maureen Smitley

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The Respect Life ministry aims to keep the congregation up to date on issues that effect human life at any stage. We seek to inform the congregation of any legislative activity that would be detrimental to the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Maureen Cozzi

609-462-0653

609-587-1131 x256

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is 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. RCIA meets every Thursday evening, 7:00-8:45pm.

Small Groups

Patricia Colamarino

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Small faith communities provide an opportunity for parishioners to get to know one another better in a unique, comfortable, and casual setting (the home). The groups help participants deepen their faith and integrate it more fully into their work and relationships. Sometimes we may find it difficult to apply what takes place at Sunday Mass to the rest of the week. The small group experience enhances the Sunday liturgy for its members, by helping them to better apply the teachings of the Mass Readings/prayers/homily to their daily lives.

The Small Groups will meet for 5 weeks for about 90 minutes. Each session will include faith-sharing, prayer, reflection, and discussion about a topic. Small Group Leaders and Hosts will work together to decide on a day and time for their meetings.

Vacation Bible School

Religious Education Office

609-587-1131 x 228

Bringing the children of the parish closer to Jesus through summer catechesis program. After starting their day at daily Mass, the children will enjoy an engaging religion lesson to include prayer, skits, lesson & saint of the day. The gym classes will be held outside as much as possible and include water relays & outdoor scavenger hunts. The music program and arts & crafts class enforce the lesson and virtue of the day. The program is for those children that will be going to K – 4th grade in the fall.

Young Adult Ministry

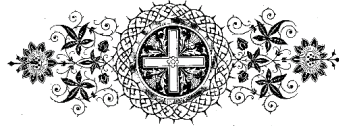
Fr. Al Gamalo

609-587-1131 Ext. 265

FrAl@stgregorythegreat.org

The Young Adult Ministry of St. Gregory the Great Church wants to help you connect with other young adults for social, service and faith-filled activities. Young adults, ages 21 to 30,

who are single or married, are welcome. Come and explore your faith, meet other young adults, and have fun!



Lay Leadership and Stewardship

Building & Grounds Committee

Maureen Cozzi

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609-587-1131 x256

The Campus Advisory Team strives to create a culture of understanding and efficiency in the use of rooms and facilities on the campus of Saint Gregory the Great. To that end, the Team is reviewing current policies with regard to scheduling meeting space, and it is revising current room usage policies and procedures. The Team also will be exploring strategies to make facilities usage more environmentally friendly.

Communications & Marketing Board

Paul LaPlante

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Our purpose is to support, inform and generate awareness of the vision and mission of St. Gregory the Great Parish. We will utilize all relevant media to solicit input, and to better connect and communicate with our parishioners, our ministries and our community.

Finance Council

David Toner

finance@stgregorythegreatchurch.org

The Finance Council is made up of parishioners, appointed by the Pastor, who serve in an advisory role to the Pastor for Parish financial matters. The Pastor may consult with the Finance Council when seeking opportunities to more efficiently manage the Parish financial affairs and to discuss potential investment and revenue strategies. The Finance Council actively participated in developing the Strategic Plan and typically provides input into the development of the annual budget, reviews the long term capital project plans and contributes to the preparation of the Pastor's annual budget address.

Pastoral Council

Greg Bedard, Chair

Email: gregory.bedard.pru@gmail.com

Jeff Keller – Vice Chair

Email: bnchmr@gmail.com

The Pastoral Council is a faith sharing community. Its role is to serve as a visionary body, assisting the Pastoral staff in the evaluation of parish life and ministry. The Pastoral Council will help set goals and priorities to respond to the pastoral needs of the parish.



Prayer and Worship

Adult Choir

Dr. John Shaddy

609-587-1131 x 249

The Adult Choir supports congregational singing and presents special anthems for meditation at Sunday Liturgy. The Adult Choir performs regularly at the 10:30am Sunday Liturgy. The Adult Choir also performs for the Sacrament of confirmation, as well as, liturgical celebrations during Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas and other feast days.

Altar Linens Laundering

Sharon Zubricky

609-275-9157

To properly launder and iron the linens used at mass on a weekly basis.

Altar Servers

Deacon Joe Moore

609-587-1131 x421

All girls and boys of the parish, fourth grade and older, are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry and share their talents. Girls are especially encouraged to join the ministry, as only 25% of our servers are girls. We hope more girls in the ministry will inspire other girls to participate. Both girls and boys can serve at any of the seven weekend Masses.

Arts & Environment

Dyan Dirlam

609-587-1131 x422

The Art and Environment Ministry is a group of dedicated individuals who come together to plan and develop themes for decorating our church environment according to the Liturgical calendar. This entire undertaking is pursued with the hope that the Holy Spirit will inspire those who view the decorated areas to renew their commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's Choir (grades K-4)

Dr. John Shaddy
609-587-1131 x 249

The Joyful Noise Choir and Little Cherub Choir allow children to become actively involved in the Mass through music. It is our goal to share the beauty of God's gift of our voices with the congregation through song.

Emmanuel Prayer Group

Dyan Dirlam
Ladydyan76@gmail.com

To provide a welcoming Catholic Charismatic community through which parishioners can come to a fuller realization of God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Homebound

Pat Colamarino
609-587-1131 x449

If you or someone you know from the parish is homebound and desires to receive this Sacrament, let us know, and we will do our best to work out a schedule with a Communion minister to make sure their needs are met. Please inform Pat Colamarino, who coordinates our Sacramental ministry for the homebound, at 587-1131 x 449.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

Ed Parma
609-915-3502

Training to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is held in the Spring and Fall each year. Please watch the bulletin, webpage or facebook for the next announced training session.

Greeters

Lenny Berzinski
609-587-1131 x428

The Greeter Ministry is for people who enjoy meeting and talking to all people. We simply look forward to saying "Good Morning, Good Afternoon" or a simple "hello" to all parishioners and visitors that come to St. Gregory's. Our main goal is to make everyone feel comfortable. We are the first people to be seen when entering our church.

Junior Lectors

Kathy Tharp
609-439-2357

To foster a better understanding of the liturgy amongst our young parishioners by training and engaging them to read as Lectors during our Children's Masses and otherwise.

Lector Training

Richard (Dick) Cayea
609-587-1131 x429

A ministry of ordinary people who come out of the assembled congregation to proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations

Liturgy Committee

Fr. Marcin Kania
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The Liturgy Committee assists the pastor and is consultative to him. It serves as a forum for coordination and communication. It has three primary purposes:

- 1) Help the pastor to plan and execute liturgies in the parish, following the liturgical laws of the Church.
- 2) Advise the pastor when he asks about liturgical policies for the parish.
- 3) Make recommendations as to new liturgical practices on its own initiative.

Liturgy with Children

Maureen Smitley
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Liturgy is held the Second Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM Mass from September through May. The purpose of this ministry is to support and encourage the Families and the Youth of our Parish to participate fully in Sunday Liturgy.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary

Jeannine Bendas
609-587-1131 x431

This ministry is a prayer group open to everyone to join us in praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet, and various other prayers every morning, Monday through Saturday immediately following the 8:30 am Daily Mass. Our members include people from our parish, as well as others who attend Daily Mass from other parishes. We also pray for special intentions brought to our attention.

Sacristans

Dwight Torlay

609-587-1131 x432

The Sacristan ministry is entrusted with the ministry of preparing for the Celebration of Mass and other liturgical events in our church. The variety of duties includes preparing the altar, setting and lighting the altar and other ceremonial candles checking the altar linens, which include the corporals and purificators and altar cloths. We also prepare the bread and wine, set the communion cups, and the celebrant's chalice.

Ushers

Larry Specian

609-587-1131 x433

Ushers at St. Gregory the Great Church welcome the community, help people find seats, take up the offertory collection, facilitate an orderly movement of the congregation for receiving Eucharist, ensure Eucharist is made available to anyone in handicapped seating, hand out bulletins and clean up after Sunday Mass. They also help at Holy Day Masses and other liturgical events as needed.