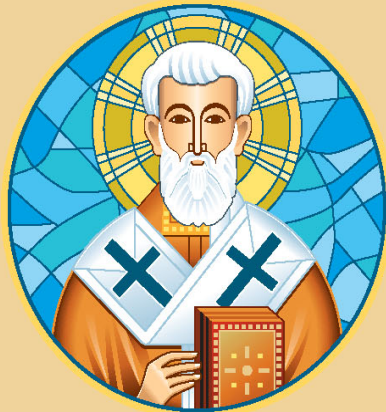
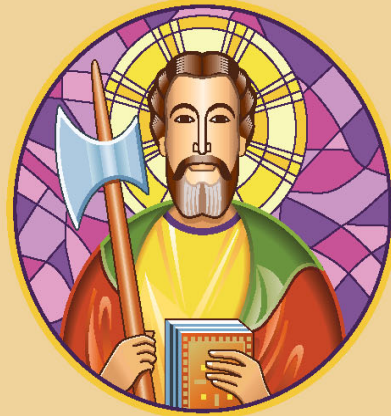


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. GREGORY
ZELIENOPLE, PA



ST. MATTHIAS
EVANS CITY, PA

Happy New Year!

Have a Safe and Happy New Year from Father Bill and the Staff

Super Bingo

**Next Sunday, January 8, in the Bergman Events Center at St. Gregory
Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and games start at 2:00 p.m.**

Start off your new year by winning some big money!
We will have two \$1,000 magic numbers this month
plus the \$1,000 must-go jackpot.
Food is available, come for lunch!

You may get tickets at the parish office or Mathew Jewelers in
Zelie or The Streets of Cranberry and are still only \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.
For more information please call Gert at 724-452-5798.



Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard Needs Our Help!

January is St. Gregory Parish's month to provide volunteers for the Southwest Butler County Food Cupboard. We need at least 10-15 volunteers to help sort, pack, and carry donations.

Tuesday, January 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. we will sort the incoming donations

Tuesday, January 17, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. we will pack the bags for distribution

Tuesday, January 17, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. we will distribute the food

Please consider helping at one of these times.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer,
please contact Kristin Stumm at k.new@zoominternet.net or 724-452-0687.



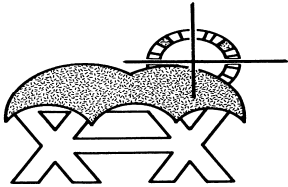
January 1, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

By Father Bill

First off, I would like to thank everyone at both Parishes who helped to make the celebration of Christmas last week such a wonderful event. I would especially like to thank those who helped decorate both churches, and Ralph Camus, Dan Severino and the choir members of both parishes for helping all of us lift up our hearts and minds to Almighty God through song. Thank you all for a job well done.

It is hard to believe that a new year is now upon us. 2012 is here, and let us all pray that it is a good year. Let us also pray that we will stick with our New Year's resolutions. While most of us (myself included) usually make a resolution to take better care of our physical selves, i.e. eat more healthfully and exercise more regularly, maybe we can all make a resolution to take better care of our spiritual selves. For instance, maybe we can resolve to pray more or to help out a local charity. Or we could try to come to Mass on a weekday. Maybe we could give more of our time, talent and treasure to those in need. Or how about fasting one day a week for a special spiritual intention, or for reparation for the sinfulness of our world? There are many ways that we could all make New Year's resolutions that benefit us spiritually, so I encourage everyone to pray about doing so.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group meets every Tuesday following the 7:00 p.m. Mass and the **Divine Mercy Prayer Group** meets every Monday at 3:00 p.m. Both groups meet in the church (St. G). New members are always welcome.

Asleep in Christ: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Elinor Shoaf**, wife of Ronald, who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Children's Bulletin in the vestibule is for your family to share. Please take one.

Thank You to all who donated to those less fortunate over the holidays. The food, clothing, and toys were much appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who helped to **decorate the churches** for Christmas. They look beautiful. Lastly, **Father Bill and the staff** thank everyone for their cards and gifts.

End of Year Financial Statement (St G): If you would like a statement of your donations in 2011, please write a note on your Sunday envelope. All donations received this weekend (December 31/ January 1) will be posted to 2012.

Beaver County Theology on Tap is a Young Adult (20s and 30s) apostolate with interesting speakers, good company and lively conversation. Their meeting in January will be on Thursday, January 5, at Bert's Wooden Indian, Beaver, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Our Father Bill will be the speaker and they will be discussing "Why We Should Have Hope". Email theologyontapbc@gmail.com for more information.

Blue Army of Butler will have a first Saturday devotion on January 7 at Saint Paul Church in Butler on McKean St. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary. If you are considering making a total consecration to Jesus through Mary please attend the Blue Army meeting on January 7 for more info. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the needy.

Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing: Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 27-29 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid available. For more information, visit www.ccpgh.org or call 412-352-5348. Register by January 20.

Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't perfect parents. If you have ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you didn't understand your children or felt anxious about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

Second Collection today is for the St. Gregory Debt Reduction and the St. Matthias Parish Share Plus. Please be generous.

Food Cupboard (St M) items needed for January are soups: tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, and cream of chicken.

Senior Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 11, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Blue Room at St. Gregory. Senior citizens of both parishes are welcome to join us.

New Bible Study Session will begin at St. Gregory on Thursday January 12. The topic will be "Jesus: the Word Became Flesh". Explore the places where Jesus lived and taught. Experience the breathtaking journey through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary and the tomb; encounter the Resurrection and Pentecost. Gain a deeper appreciation for our Savior and the price He paid for our salvation. Sessions will be every other Thursday from January 12 to April 12. You may attend the morning session in the Blue Room at 10:00 a.m. or the evening session in the St. Gregory School library at 7:30 p.m. Call 724-452-7999 for information or to register for the study material (no cost).

Choir Members Needed at St. Gregory: We are in desperate need of new members to join our mixed voices choir at St. Gregory. We are in particular need of soprano and bass voices, and will happily welcome other voice ranges as well. The regimen is not at all grueling. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the church, and they sing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays from October through mid June. We meet Sunday mornings for a short session at 10:45 a.m. before the 11:30 Mass. Please, if you have a reasonably good voice, and enjoy singing, come and join your fellow parishioners. We really need you! See Ralph, the organist after Masses, or call him at 724-473-0670.

March for Life: Please join us on our bus trip for the March for Life on Monday, January 23. The cost is \$35 per person. The youth from both parishes will have a reduced rate because of a gracious donation from the St. Anne Guild. There will be chaperones for the youth, and St. Gregory School children that attend will have an excused absence. The sign-up sheet is on the window in the vestibule of St. Gregory Church. For details, call John Healy at 724-544-4118.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Rosary Group (St M) meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in St. Matthias Church. The next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, January 2. Contact Mary Ann LaLonde at 724-538-8567 with any questions. Everyone is welcome.

Knights of Columbus will meet in the Blue Room at St. Gregory on Monday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m.

St. Gregory School Students will return on Tuesday, January 3. **CCD Classes** at both parishes will resume next Sunday, January 8. Welcome back!

St. Vincent De Paul Society (St G) will meet on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group Faith Encounter & Eighth Grade Service Project will be on Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We will meet in the concession area outside the Bergman Events Center. The Faith Encounter topic is "Surrendering Sin". Please join us.

Market Day forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Orders are due by Thursday, January 5 (internet orders by Monday, January 9). The pick-up date is Saturday, January 14, 10 - 11:00 a.m., in the St. Gregory School cafeteria.

First Friday of January is this week. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gregory following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until the closing at 1:00 p.m. with Benediction. Someone should be in front of the Eucharist at all times while it is exposed. Do you have some time to give to our Lord?

Collections

December 17-18

St. Gregory

Regular Collection: 327	\$8,909.00
Catholic Institute Loan:	312,385.00
Paid on Loan in October:	6,572.00
New debt balance:	305,813.00

St. Matthias

Regular Collection: 55	\$1,187.50
Parish Share: 9	270.00
Parish Share Plus: 2	35.00
Additional Nut Rolls:	160.00

December 24-25 information not available due to the early bulletin deadline.

St. Gregory & St. Matthias **Weekly Liturgical Schedule**

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m. (St G) Nicholas L. Geimer - *family*

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. (St G) Parishioners of St. Gregory & St. Matthias

9:45 a.m. (St M) Janet Neuhausler - *Andy & Helen Puvak*

11:30 a.m. (St G) Julio Souto - *sister, Elaine*

Monday, January 2 *Saints Basil the Great and*

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00 a.m. (St G) Helen Fullerton - *David Ross*

Tuesday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:00 p.m. (St G) Carmen Rizzi - *St. Anne Guild*

Wednesday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. (St M) Clarence "Ed" Fetterman -

Dorothy, Ralph & Bette

Thursday, January 5 *Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

8:00 a.m. (St G) Tullio "Doc" Viola - *Charmaine & Family*

10:30 a.m. Mass at Passavant Health Center

Friday, January 6 *Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*

9:00 a.m. (St G) Andy Soltesz - *St. Gregory School Children*

Saturday, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Matthias

12:00 p.m. Confessions at St. Gregory

Vigil

5:00 p.m. (St G) Norbert Dietrich & Amy Marburger - *Mary*

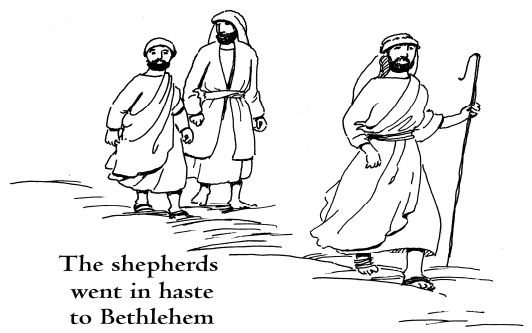
Sunday, January 8 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. (St G) Parishioners of St. Gregory & St. Matthias

9:45 a.m. (St M) Janet Neuhausler - *Betty Ehlinger*

11:30 a.m. (St G) Rachel Mogielski -

Mom, Dad, Tony, & Steven



The shepherds
went in haste
to Bethlehem

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Directors of CCD Constance Reeher - St. Gregory
Maureen Kelly - St. Matthias

Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. G) Sunday 8:00 a.m. (St. G)
9:45 a.m. (St. M)
11:30 a.m. (St. G)

Holy Day Masses
Anticipated 7:00 p.m. (St. G) Day of 12:05 p.m. (St. G)
7:00 p.m. (St. M)

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - St. Matthias
12:00 Noon - St. Gregory

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at St. Gregory after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and
Saturdays at St. Matthias at 10:00 a.m. Baptisms will be
scheduled after parents have completed the baptism class.

Sacrament of Matrimony

You must contact and meet with Fr. Bill at least six
months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call Fr. Bill at the St. Gregory office if you or a
loved one is in need of this Sacrament.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you feel that God may be calling you to the Priesthood
or to the Permanent Diaconate, please contact and meet
with Fr. Bill.

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