



Upcoming Events:

- **6th Annual Cold Turkey Shootout** — Thursday, November 17 through Sunday November 20. Come out and support St. Greg's annual basketball tournament. Cheer on our St. Gregory teams and enjoy delicious food, fun, and more! Volunteers still needed — please contact Mark Lachendro at 724-453-1819 or mlachend@yahoo.com
- **Pancake Breakfast** — Sunday, November 20, from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. This month, we're looking for 4th grade families to help staff the breakfast. Please contact Andy Harmer if you can volunteer: 724-473-2290 or harmers5@yahoo.com
- **Santa Bingo** — Friday evening, December 2. A great family event with lots of fun, food, and prizes for the kids! Look for more details coming soon.

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St. Gregory School Kicks Off Its Second Century in Style

On the evening of October 22, 2011, St. Gregory School celebrated it's 100th Anniversary at beautiful Butler Country Club. 265 members and friends of the St. Gregory community attended the event. It was a gathering to celebrate the past history of the school and a chance to look towards the even brighter future that lies ahead for St. Gregory.

The evening started with cocktails and chances to win 10 fabulous prizes at the Magic Key Treasure Box game. Many of the attendees tried the event's signature drink, "Ten-Carat Cocktail." A dinner of fontina chicken or filet mignon was served to the guests. The dinner was topped off by a dessert station that showcased a cake made in the shape of the old school building.

Special guests for the evening included Rev. Phil Farrell, our regional vicar, Rev. Law-

rence DiNardo, Rev. Charles Bergman, and Rev. Robert Miller. All received a warm welcome.

After dinner, the new St. Gregory School Centennial Endowment Fund was unveiled to the audience.

Speakers for the endowment included Fr. William Dorner, Principal Mary Ann Nock, Vice Principal Erin Harris, and committee member Scott Calligan.

A fantastic video for the Centennial Endowment Fund was also shown during the presentations. The video can be seen at St. Gregory School's "10 Carat Diamond" Jubilee Facebook page. The evening concluded with dancing to the great sounds of Spin Cycle.

Our 10 amazing prizes went home that evening with these lucky winners:



The Magic Key Treasure Box Game offered exciting prizes for the lucky ones who purchased the winning keys !

Diamond Watch — Katrin Testa

Diamond Pendant — Marion Taylor

Diamond Stud Earrings — John Ciraula

Diamond Ring — Rose Koska

Diamond Solitaire — Victoria Bucek

Steelers Ticket w/Hines Ward Helmet — Peter Stumm

Penguins' Tickets w/ Lemieux Jersey — Greg Dorsch

\$1,500 Cash — Lauren Dorsch

Golf Clubs — John Ciraula

Penguins' Luxury Suite — Tom Belsterling

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The Second Annual Great Pumpkin Race Was Another Great Success!

The second Annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K and 1-mile Fun Run was held on Friday, October 28th, with a wonderful turnout from our school and Parish families, as well as members of the local community. A total of 334 registered runners participated!

Despite the chill in the air, we had a dry evening for this fun family event. As was the case last year, the evening was topped off with an after-race party that included refreshments, music, and costume judging!

Both the 5K race and the 1-Mile Fun Run were timed and include prizes for the top three male and female runners in 9 age groups, as well as the top male and female overall. But lots of families simply enjoyed walking our 1-Mile course in costume for the fun of it!

In fact, costumes were encouraged for all participants! Here are the winners of the prizes in the costume contest portion of our race:

Best of Race

Running Nose (Andy Besong)

Famous Characters

1st: Little Red Riding Hood (Rachael Dudash)

2nd: Sponge Bob (Phil Troiani)

3rd: Luigi (Matthew Dudash)

Beauties

1st: Jasmine (Skyler Moon)

2nd: Minnie Mouse (Anna Cantella)

3rd: Zebra (Molly Mazur)

Heroes

1st: Batwoman (Maggie Maloney)

2nd: Harry Potter (Liam Harmer)

3rd: The Thing (Jonathan Allen)



Andy Besong's clever "Running Nose" costume won him First Place Overall in the Costume Contest portion of the race

Villians

1st: Pirate (Athena Woods)

2nd: Wolfman

3rd: Mime (Emma Buchanan)

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100th Anniversary (cont'd from page 1)

The committee would like to thank all those who played the Magic Key Treasure Box game. It raised over \$14,000 for the new endowment fund.

A special thank you to all who helped make the night a success.

It was a fantastic evening of celebration and fellowship for all. Thank you to all who attended!

To learn more about our Centennial Endowment Fund and what you can do to support it, see page 7.

See page 9 for more photos from the Diamond Jubilee.



The cake created to celebrate the school's Diamond Jubilee was a replica of the original school building. Not only was it beautiful — it was delicious, too!

Parish News and Notes

All Souls Mass — November 2



November is the month to remember our loved ones who have passed away. St. Gregory Parish will have a special All Souls Mass on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special service for those who have lost a loved one from our parish in the past year. Remember that St. Gregory has our own cemetery on Oliver Avenue in Zelienople. This is a very serene and prayerful place to visit and remember those souls from our Parish who have gone before us.

Carmen Rizzi's Project Giving Tree

Carmen Rizzi's Project Giving Tree will be held on Saturday, November 12th, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday November 13th from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. We will meet at the St Gregory Church parking lot and disperse from there in groups to rake leaves for the elderly and disabled of our parish. Adults and children interested in volunteering can call Joanne Fyda at (724) 538-3969. Please call early to reserve your t-shirt in your proper size.



Senior Activities

Fun, food, and fellowship will be held for all of our senior citizens on Wednesday, November 9 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Blue Room. You may park in the back parking lot and use the back door of the church to go to the Blue Room.

Super Bingo Has Big Cash Prizes Every Month — Stop By on Sunday, November 6

The next Super Bingo is Sunday, November 6 in the Bergman Events Center. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the games start at 2:00. Bingo is usually over around 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. You can purchase advance tickets at both Mathew Jewelers locations in Zelienople or Cranberry. We play 20 games which pay \$100, two games at \$200, two games at \$250 and we have a \$1,000 jackpot.

In addition to the bingo games we have lots and lots of instant tickets. We also have a 50/50 raffle, a PA lottery basket raffle, door prizes and an exciting horse race game. This month our magic number will start out at \$908.

Bingo has raised a LOT of money to help pay down the debt for the parish.

If you would like to see what is involved in a bingo day, stop by and take a look. I think you will be surprised! A number of the dedicated workers have been there since the beginning. If you have been looking to get involved with the parish, this might just be the fit for you. For more information, please call Gert at 724-452-5798 or email mathew3@zbzoom.net.



For those of you planning ahead...our Christmas bingo is Sunday, Dec. 4th.



School Corner

Where in the world is **FLAT STANLEY**??

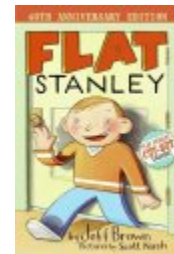
By Mrs. Bodkin

The second grade class has embarked on our annual journey with Flat Stanley. Each year, second grade participates in The Flat Stanley Project. This project is based on the series of children's books written by Jeff Brown. In the first book in the series, the title character is flattened by his bulletin board. He has many fun adventures while being flat including being mailed to friends in California!

Each year, the second graders decorate paper dolls to resemble themselves. We place them in an envelope along with a handwritten letter and mail them to friends and family all over the **WORLD**! The recipients of our flattened friends send us letters and photos describing the fun they have had with the special visitors. It is exciting for us to learn about new places. We map out the places we have visited and keep track of our mileage. In years past, we have traveled to far away places including Finland, Italy, China and Japan. We have stayed as close as Cranberry. We have even visited with famous friends like Bishop Zubik!

Our flattened friends have traveled thousands of miles over the years to many interesting places. This year will be no exception. We plan to visit far away places such as Germany and Taiwan and places as close to home as Ambridge. I never know for sure "where in the world" Flat Stanley will travel, but I do know it will always be a **BIG** adventure.

For more information on how other students from all over the world participate in this project visit the official Flat Stanley website at www.flatstanley.com.



Student Council News

Our September started out just as every year does, with elections. The 8th grade students were very busy campaigning and writing speeches before the big election day. Brian Calligan was elected president, Rachael Cummings, vice-president; Taylor Renk, secretary and Ellysa Paras, treasurer. Our seventh grade representatives are Will McGuire and Cassidy Shirlow and 6th grade is represented by Gillian Ward and Nick Duer.

Student Council has been very busy during the month of October! The 8th graders have been selling Spooky Smencils during the lunch periods as well as preparing games for the primary student's Halloween party. For a \$1 donation the students are able to wear jeans on October 31 along with their spirit wear.

The money raised that day will go to the Chimbote Mission.

November looks like it will be a busy month as well. Student council will be selling *Cold Turkey Shootout* shirts in the mornings, November 14, 15 and 16. The pre-tournament price for each shirt will be \$9 plus 2 non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food bank. And for every shirt sold during those 3 days an anonymous donor will give \$1 to the St. Gregory Endowment Fund!

Thursday, November 17th will be another jean and spirit day where the \$2 jean donation will be given to the KDKA Turkey Fund. And to prepare for the CTS there will be a pep rally that afternoon in the gym!



Our 6th Annual Cold Turkey Shootout Tournament is November 17-20

Come join the fun!

Get ready to kick off the basketball season with St. Gregory's annual Cold Turkey Shootout! This tournament invites JV basketball teams (5th & 6th graders) to play against other area "B-level" Catholic schools — and it's all hosted right here in our Bergman Events Center.

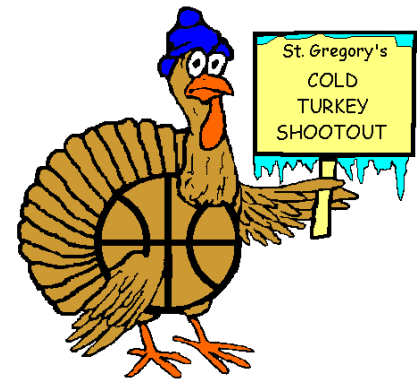
All teams are guaranteed at least two games, with the top teams advancing to playoffs and the Championship game. This year, all games will be played between **Thursday Nov. 17 and Sunday Nov. 20**. It's an excellent opportunity to showcase our facility and our school pride, while letting the children and the parish enjoy the "tournament atmosphere" here at home.

The "Zelie Zoo" is the crazy-fans section in the stands, where the St. Gregory student body gather to cheer for teams to do well. And while the CTS is not a PTG function, through the years this Athletic Association event has become one of St. Gregory's largest fundraisers as well.

If you're interested, here are some of the ways YOU can help and support this event,

and make *CTS11* another huge success:

1. **Come watch a game & stay for dinner.** Come be part of the CTS experience! Cheer on our teams, meet new friends, and enjoy our concession stand that is second to none, with a tremendous variety daily.
2. **Items to raffle in a "Chinese auction".** In past years, it has been most anything, from iPods to tickets for sporting events. If you have an item to donate, that would be awesome, too.
3. **Food donations to our concession stand.** Donated baked goods and hot foods (like chili, hot sausage, meatballs, hoagie rolls, walking-taco meat, etc.) keep our costs down and fans' stomachs happy!
4. **Come visit our annual live turkey.** Typically on Saturdays, we have a live turkey on-site to entertain the kids, and keep an eye on how our teams are doing. Children can also buy feed-packets to keep our friend appropriately "bulked-up" for the upcoming holidays.
5. **Buy a T-Shirt.** They have become an "instant classic",



and a great deal. The annual design is inspired by St. Gregory children and is on sale at the admissions table during the tournament.

6. **Come play our turkey games.** At half-time, we run our "Buck Shot" foul-shooting contests, with prizes for all kids. Our "Double Buck Shot" on the other end of the gym is a growing jackpot, getting bigger and bigger with every missed half-court shot
7. **Volunteer.** An event of this size needs support from many, and you don't have to be a JV-player's parent or even a school family to come help. Ask anyone who helped out in past years — it really is a lot of fun.

If you have any questions, want to volunteer, or want to know more — please contact me. The CTS is right around the corner... don't miss it!

— Mark Lachendro

Youth Group News

There is still time to join us for our Faith Encounter class on Wednesday Evening, November 2. The classes will run all school year long on the first Wednesday of the Month. Same time, same place.

We meet in the Gym Concession area of the school at 7:00 p.m. We meet for regular Youth Group Hang-Out Nights every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

The Youth Group is also planning on attending Pittsburgh's Youth Day with all parishes in the diocese. It is a fun evening on a Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper's Majestic. That takes place on Sunday evening, November 13.

Appalachia Group — Hoagie Sale after Masses on November 5 and 6

There will be a Hoagie sale with the proceeds going to support our Mission Trip to the Appalachian Mountains in Preston County, WV in June, 2012.

Cost of the 12" hoagie is \$5.00.

Each hoagie is handmade with fresh produce, meats, and cheeses purchased in the Strip District. The hoagie rolls come from Breadworks in Pittsburgh.

— *Charlotte Zilavy*

Great Pumpkin Race a Success (cont'd from p. 2)

Couples

1st: Punk Rocker Family

2nd: M&Ms (Taylor Renk & partner)

3rd: Bacon & Eggs (Emily Gregor and Chance Marburger)

All race results and times are posted at www.smileymiles.com.

Many thanks to all who participated in the evening's fun. Also thanks to all of our race sponsors, including:

- Smiles by Dahar — Dr. Richard J. Dahar, DMD
- Armstrong Cable
- Chiropractic Associates of Cranberry
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Eat'n Park
- Kampas Orthodontics
- T-Shirt Loft



5K racers take off!



Fr. Bill offers blessing before racers head to starting line.

We also want to thank the Zelienople Fire Police and the Seneca Valley High School ROTC Cadets for monitoring our course and keeping our runners safe.

Thanks also go to all school families who donated food items for race day, and to those who volunteered their time to help make the night such a success.

Last but certainly not least — many, many thanks to Lori Maloney who chaired the event and did so much to make the race happen again this year. Lori was also assisted by Mindy Pasquale, who did a lot of legwork coordinating volunteers and helping to get all the details taken care of.

Thanks to all their efforts the 2nd Annual Race was not only a great time for all, it helped raise approximately \$4,700 for our school!

See page 10 for more race photos.

Centennial Endowment Fund Established to Assist St. Gregory School Families

Here's how YOU can help!

If you haven't yet heard, St. Gregory School has started a new campaign looking to give financial aid to those families who need it. The campaign is called the **St. Gregory School Centennial Endowment**.

A committee has been formed to develop and implement a plan to try and ensure the continuing success of the school. In these days of economic stress on families, we would like to see every parent that wants to send their child to St. Gregory's have the ability to do so.

It is the feeling of the committee that by doing this, we can come as close as we possibly can to guaranteeing the survival of St. Gregory School into its second century.

The endowment was unveiled to all who attended the "Ten-Carat Diamond Jubilee." A video promoting the new Centennial Endowment Fund was shown during the event and you will be able to view through the event's Facebook page and other sites in the future.

What is the St. Gregory School Centennial Endowment Fund?

The St. Gregory School Centennial Endowment is a newly formed fund that is intended to help those families that want to instill in their child or children a strong Catholic based

education, but cannot take on the burden of the full tuition needed to attend St. Gregory School. They want more than anything for their child or children to have the solid Catholic education that St. Gregory School offers but cannot do it without help. Aid will only be given to those families whose children attend St. Gregory School.

How does an endowment work?

An endowment is a pool of funds that are managed with a long-term view of preserving the fund over generations. The principal is never spent, but rather an annual distribution is made for the designated purpose of the endowed fund. In this case, it is financial assistance for St. Gregory School families who



qualify.

The annual distribution is determined as a percent of the fund's total market value using a three-year rolling average. The purpose of the St. Gregory

School Centennial Endowment fund can never be changed unless St. Gregory School ceases to exist, in which case, the annual distribution would be applied to aid the needy children of the parish attending other Catholic schools.

How can you help?

First, you can help by continuing to pray for the ongoing success of St. Gregory School going into the next century. As we all know, the power of prayer has been very helpful in many of our lives and will undoubtedly help in this case. Next, we need your financial participation and support to the best of your ability.

The goal of this campaign, as suggested by the Centennial Endowment Committee, is \$500,000. A fund this size can be expected to provide an annual distribution of around \$15,000 to \$20,000 for tuition assistance grants.

One-half million dollars is quite a bit of money, but if every parish and school family would prayerfully make a three to five-year commitment, a goal this size is within our reach.

Keep in mind, the more money we raise, the more money will be available for aid. You never know when that time will come when you or someone you know will need that help.

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Ironmen Wrap Another Great Year of Football

A number of students from St. Gregory participated in the North Pittsburgh Catholic Ironmen football program. The Ironmen program consists of three football teams (Developmental, JV, and Varsity) as well as cheerleaders from St. Gregory, St. Alexis, St. Alphonsus, St. Kilian, and Providence Heights Alpha School. The program is in its third year and has grown significantly each year. Our St. Gregory students have made an outstanding contribution to the Ironmen program.

The records for each team are listed below, and a photo of our participating St. Gregory students is at right.

Varsity: 6 Wins, 2 Losses

JV: 3 Wins, 5 Losses

Developmental: 6 Wins, 1 Loss

A special thank you goes out to Mark Schnarre and John Dudash who are coaching Ironmen teams this fall!



Josh Bishop #25, carries the ball vs. St. Theresa



Jake Tomer #11, picks up yardage vs. St. Mary's



St. Gregory Students participating in the North Catholic Pittsburgh Ironmen Football Program:

Kneeling in front: Cheerleaders Sophia and Maya Albanowski (Cheerleaders missing from photo: Amanda and Maura Edwards)

Second row: Andrew Schnarre (JV), Dominic Pasquale (JV), Colin Cantella (Developmental), Josh Bishop (Developmental), Alex Dudash (Developmental)

Third row: Jake Tomer (Developmental), Shaun Paul Deceder (JV), Garret Bishop (Varsity), Jack Allman (Varsity), Matthew Schnarre (Varsity), Joe Meinert (JV)

Endowment Fund (cont'd from page 7)

There are many ways that you can give to support St. Gregory Centennial Endowment Fund:

- Outright gift of cash, stock or government bonds
- Bequest in your will or by using Diocesan Bequest Intention document
- Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Lead Trust or Charitable Remainder Trust
- From your retirement plan or IRA rollover gift
- Life insurance policy or life

settlement option

- Life Estate contract

Many of these donations give tax deductions that will give you or your estate immediate or future tax benefits. For further information on any of these giving ideas and opportunities, please contact the school office at (724) 452-9731 and they will have a committee member contact you. You can also use the Endowment Pledge Form attached on p. 12 of this newsletter

The Jubilee fundraiser netted

\$14,330 and the combined committee has already pledged in excess of \$56,000 to the endowment. That is a combined value of over \$70,000 already committed to the endowment.

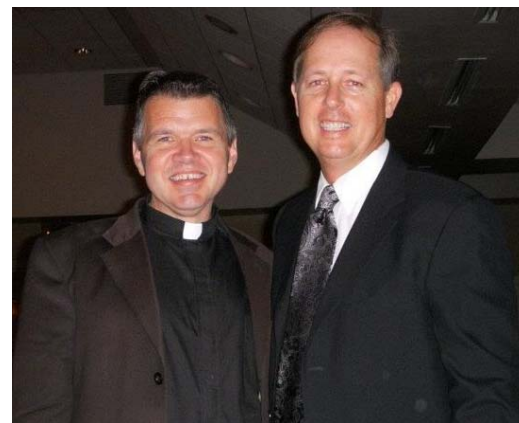
As we venture into this new campaign, it is our wish that God blesses you, St. Gregory Church and School, and our parish and school communities as we head into the next century.

— *Scott Calligan*

More photos from the Diamond Jubilee



The Mathew Family



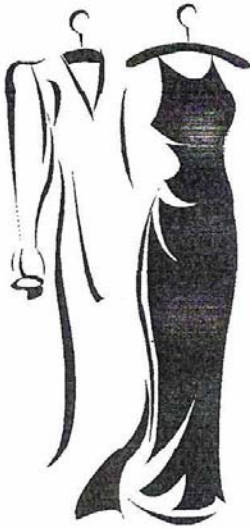
Fr. Bob & Scott Calligan,



Full Ballroom!

More photos from the Great Pumpkin Race





Quigley Catholic High School Invites YOU to
QUEST FOR THE DRESS

Are you looking for semi-formal, prom, special
occasion dresses?

Attend our **SALE** of gently worn semi and evening
gown dresses and accessories

Semi Dresses \$25 each

Gowns \$50 each

Special Couture Section individually priced

Sunday November 13, 2011

1:00 to 6:00

Held at Quigley Catholic High School

200 Quigley Drive, Baden Pa 15005

Proceeds Benefit Prom Committee

Refreshments Served

Bake Sale

Drawings



Give

For questions regarding the Endowment or giving to the Endowment, please call St. Gregory School at 724-452-9731 and they will have a Centennial Committee Member contact you.

Yes! I want to join the Centennial Endowment Committee to help establish the St. Gregory Catholic School Centennial Endowment Fund to create a lasting legacy for our parish and our school.

My Total Commitment: \$ _____

- Current Gift** – Payable over three- to five-years as follows:
 - 2011 – \$ _____
 - 2012 – \$ _____
 - 2013 – \$ _____
 - 2014 – \$ _____
 - 2015 – \$ _____

Planned Gift – I will consider including the St. Gregory Catholic School Centennial Endowment Fund in my Estate Plans. Please contact me.

Immediate Donation – I'd like to give a gift today of \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

E-MAIL _____

*Please make checks payable to **St. Gregory Catholic School Centennial Endowment** and return this form to:*

Sharing in Faith™ – My Catholic Legacy Foundation
 Diocese of Pittsburgh
 111 Blvd of the Allies
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222