



ST. GREGORY CONNECTION

Keeping you connected with school, church, and community

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Upcoming Events:

- **Pancake Breakfast**
— Sunday, October 16 from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, breakfast meats and more! This month, we're looking for 7th grade families to help staff the breakfast. Please contact Andy or Maria Harmer if you can volunteer: 724-473-2290 or harmers5@yahoo.com
- **6th Annual Cold Turkey Shootout** — Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 17 through Sunday November, 20 for our annual basketball tournament. (See more details on p. 8 of this newsletter!)

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Register Today for The Great Pumpkin Race *It's fun for the whole family!*

The second Annual Great Pumpkin Race 5K and 1-mile Fun Run will be held at St. Gregory on **Friday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m.** It is a fun family event, topped off with an after-race party that includes refreshments, music, and costume judging!

Last year was the first year for this race, and it was a huge success. We had over 300 runners and walkers join us, and this year we're hoping for even more school families and individuals from the community.

Both the 5K race and the 1-Mile Fun Run are 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.

Register by October 10 to receive your 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Race T-Shirt!

Registration is just \$20 per individual or \$50 per family of 3 (additional family members are an additional \$10 each).

After October 10, registration costs go up — so sign up now!

Running in costume is also encouraged! There will be prizes given for top costumes as well, so start thinking of winning costume ideas that will not get in the way of running a safe race.

If you're not interested in being a runner or walker, you can still join the fun.



A few of last year's racers lining up at the starting line.

We need a number of volunteers to help pull all the details together as we prepare for this race as well as help at the race event itself.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Lori Maloney at lrimaloney@zoominternet.net

You can find all the details about the race, including a registration form attached with this newsletter.

Or simply click the race button on the St. Gregory website for more info:

www.stgregzelie.org

Get Ready to Celebrate 100 Years of St. Gregory School at our Ten-Carat Diamond Jubilee

The time is almost here to celebrate a once-in-a-century event!

The Centennial Endowment Committee will host the 100th Anniversary celebration of St. Gregory School that will take place on October 22, 2011.

The event will be held at Butler CC and run from 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Mass for this evening will be at 4:30pm so that those attending the Jubilee can get to the club by 6:00pm. Tickets were sold though out the month of September.

The entertainment for the evening will be provided by SpinCycle.

If you purchased a shuttle pass, it will be available immediately after mass and take

you directly to Butler CC. It will make return runs to the church at staggered times through out the evening. Return time details will be in the Jubilee's program distributed that evening.

There will also be a fun and exciting game we are calling Magic Key Treasure Box. There will be 10 prizes in all, with a total retail value of over \$25,000. There will be 5 pieces of diamond jewelry you can win topped off with a high quality, 1-carat, stand alone solitaire diamond.

For the sports fans, there will be 5 items including Steelers tickets, Penguins tickets, \$1,500 cash, a complete set of the latest model of Taylor Made golf clubs with walking bag, and a round of golf at Butler CC.



The big prize here is 16 luxury suite tickets to the Friday evening, January 6th, Penguins hockey game versus the New York Rangers. This will include food and beverage for the evening.

It's guaranteed to be a great evening and we hope that you have purchased your tickets to attend this celebration.

— *Scott Calligan*

How you can help keep our school going strong

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Gregory School, it is humbling to think of the many dedicated people who worked so hard over the years to make our school what it is today — and kept it going strong through good times and difficult ones.

And now it is up to each of us who are part of the St. Gregory School family to carry on this vision established long ago, by doing our part to keep St. Gregory a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

There are many ways you can do your part.

You can select and participate in as many of the PTG fundraisers as you're able. The PTG looks for programs that will help us raise the most money at the least possible cost, and that will bring you, your family, and friends value as well.

Another way to help — a way that is equally important — is to give of your time and talent.

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Parish News and Notes

St. Anne Guild News

On September 13th, 10 members of St. Anne Guild attended a Coffee and Contemplation program at the Villa Maria, Sisters of the Humility of Mary. Sr. Ardath Blake, H.M., discussed how Paul encourages the Philippians and us. A group discussion followed the program. Afterward, they enjoyed lunch and shopping.

St. Anne Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Blue Room at 7:30 p.m. All women of the St. Gregory and St. Mathias Parishes are welcome. On November 1 we will elect new officers. The nominating committee will be asking members to volunteer their name on the ballot. All four offices are open for election.

The December hostesses are planning the annual Christmas Party and gift exchange for December 6. More details to follow in the church bulletin.



Stop by Super Bingo — where cash prizes abound!

Super Bingo is Sunday afternoon, October 2 in the Bergman Events Center. The doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the games start at 2:00 p.m. Bingo is over around 5:00 p.m. We play 20 games with prizes of \$100, 2 games for \$200, 2 games for \$250, and have a \$1,000 must-go jackpot. We have one magic number this month starting out at \$582.

We have a nice variety of food in the concession area so you can come early for lunch. Tickets are just \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and are available at the church office or Mathew Jewelers in Zelig or the Streets of Cranberry.

Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus will have their "Penny Collection" after all the masses on October 8 & 9. These monies are used in the many good works of the Knights, especially with disabled children.



Senior Activities

Fun, food, and fellowship will be held for all of our seniors citizens on Wednesday, October 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. You may park in the back parking lot and use the back door of the church to go to the Blue Room.

Tickets are also sold after masses the weekend of bingo. We also have a 50/50 raffle, a lottery basket raffle, door prizes, an exciting horse race game and many, many pull tabs! Stop in and see what all the excitement is about the first Sunday of every month!

If you are not a bingo player, we welcome volunteers! Stop by and see why we need so many people to make this event successful every month. The remaining dates for 2011 are November 6, and our Christmas bingo on December 4. For more information, call Gert at 724-452-5798 or email mathew3@zbzoom.net.



School Corner

Hola familias!

Spanish is taking off at St. Gregory School! The response to learning Spanish this year is excellent. Students are putting their best foot forward as they learn how to pronounce things like a Spaniard and not a “gringo.” (Ask your child what that means exactly, they will tell you!)

All the children are learning proper greetings and introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance in Spanish, including the kindergarteners. They are learning to pray the “Our Father”, in Spanish, too, just by hearing how to pray in Spanish each day.

We are singing songs from churches in the Dominican Republic with sign language to help them remember the words, and learning how to play “Go Fish” or “Pesca” in the upper grades using only Spanish conversations! We also are learning numbers from 1-2,000,000, colors, months of the year, names of the parts of the body, Spanish culture, the history of the calendar, and about our animal friends!

That’s a lot of learning when they only have class once or twice a week. Thanks St. Gregory families for welcoming me and the Spanish language into your hearts and homes! I will do my very best to give our students the information they need to communicate better in both their native language and their new foreign language! Hasta Pronto!

Amor, Señora Robin Kruk



Keep our school going strong *(cont'd from p. 2)*

Volunteering our time sometimes seems harder to do than supporting St. Gregory financially through the fundraisers. We’re all leading very busy lives, with family obligations, careers, and many other things that leave us with precious little time for anything else.

But, many of the events and other fundraisers do require time spent planning, organizing, and making them happen.

To those who have helped with our school events or fundraisers, a huge THANK YOU! We hope you will be able to continue!

If you haven’t yet volunteered, we ask you

to please consider how and where you can give a few hours of your time and assistance.

Not only will many hands make light work, you will be showing your children what it means to be part of the larger St. Gregory family — a family that’s had a tradition of 100 years of service and a dedication to quality, Catholic Education.

Please help St. Gregory kick off the next 100 years by sharing your time, talent, and treasure as generously as you’re able.

Thank you!

— *The PTG Board*

A Huge Thank You from The Maloney Family

The blood drive/ bone marrow screening held at St. Gregory School on September 1 was very successful. Marcy, our representative from Central Blood Bank, was extremely happy with the turnout. She told us that 76 units of blood were replenished. We also had many friends and neighbors who participated in bone marrow screenings. We cannot thank everyone enough!

As of this writing, Dan Maloney was scheduled to be readmitted to Children's Hospital on September 23 and his transplant was scheduled for September 29. His whole immune system will be wiped out and then he will be given someone else's bone marrow.



This will be such a critical time for him. There can be a lot of complications. He will also be at a great risk for infection. Your continued prayers are truly needed at this time.

Thanks again for all your prayers, thoughts, and words of encouragement. Your support means so much. We are truly blessed with so many wonderful people in our lives (relatives, friends and people we barely know). And of course, Dan's donor will also be in our hearts and prayers. God Bless you all.

— *The Maloney Family*

Join Us in Support of Respect Life Month

During the month of October, there are many ways you can show your respect for life and support those who are working to protect it.

Sunday October 2, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Life Chain" will be held in Zelienople. This is a witness prayer vigil at the corner of Main Street and Grandview Ave. We meet a little before 2:00 pm at the Gazebo in the park on Main St.

It is an easy way to speak for the unborn who are lost to abortion in a peaceful and prayerful way. Please consider joining us!

We'll also be collecting for the Lifeline Crisis Pregnancy



Center. If you can help, please bring baby products and diapers the weekend of October 22 and 23. We ask that you put items in the boxes in the vestibules of St. Matthias and St. Gregory Churches. Any new baby items/products and diapers will graciously be accepted and gently used clothing up to 2T.

Respect Life materials will be

in the vestibule on a small table in the library. Please take any items for yourself or for someone you know who can use the information.

A sign-up to pledge to pray in the "40 Days for Life" will be on the bulletin board. Please sign-up to pray for this endeavor taken in the city of Pittsburgh and help pray for the end of abortion! If you would like to do more check out the web site www.40daysforlife.com

If you feel like you would like to help at our Parishes with our Respect Life efforts, contact Charlotte at chink@zoominternet.net or call 412-260-5384

Community Happenings — News from Friends of the Park in Zelienople

Halloween Monster Mash Bash Tickets ON SALE NOW

\$30 per ticket includes catered buffet dinner by Z-Town, beer, wine, soft drinks AND entertainment from DJ Duane Gragg and SpinCycle who played last



year). Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Zelienople American Legion.

This event WILL sell out, so please get your tickets early! Only 200 tickets will be sold. This concert is adult only, you must be 21, and **costumes are encouraged**.

The costume contest will be held from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and prizes will be awarded. If you would like to reserve a table for 10, please get a group together and let your ticket seller know. **Contact any of the following people to get your tickets:** Alecia Flood, Lisa Zimmerman, Tracy Devlin, Mindy Pasquale, Jess Wright, Dave Seaman, Kristin Wharton, and Megan Sweeney. The after-party will be at Fisher's!

Zelienople Country Fall Festival

Sat. Oct. 8 from 9am-7pm and Oct. 9 from noon-5pm....please see your Main St. stores for the booklet of events!

A Pumpkin Decorating Contest by Parents In Toto, Room to Grow, & the Bus. Assn. of Zelienople-Harmony Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to decorate a pumpkin! It's easy...

1. Pick up Pumpkin at Parents in Toto from September 23-30 (\$1 donation).
2. Register in either Adult or Children's Division.
3. Decorate (do not cut) .
4. Return to Parents in Toto by 3:00 p.m., September 30.



Judging will be October 1, and winners announced on October 8. Pumpkins will be displayed at various Zelienople Main St. businesses and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Vote at Room to Grow (across from Parents In Toto) for People's Choice before Oct. 9.

Zelienople Memorial Skate Park Gun & Cash Raffle

Sun. Oct. 9 at the Zelienople Park from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. — every 5 minutes something will be raffled off: from guns to revolvers to pistols to \$250 cash and the final cash drawing is \$1,000.

You do not need to be present to win, but you must claim your prize at Big Buck Sports Shop within 30 days.

Event tickets are \$20 each and available at the following stores: HIP Printing, Hufnagel Vet Clinic, Wright's Meats, Kountry Kitchen, Fisher's, Boney Joe's, Barber Dan's, Vocelli's, Kaufman House, Walgreens, Carlson Bait Shop, Fidelity Bank, Z-Town Cafe, Health Naturalle, Silver Smith Shop, Goodfello's, and Shop 'N Save

— Alecia Flood
FOTP Board
724-453-1583

Upcoming Events for the St. Gregory Youth Group

The Youth Group is gearing up for our Faith Encounter classes starting Wednesday Evening, October 5. 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 pm.

We are also hoping to have a Youth High School Retreat during the winter months to break up the year.

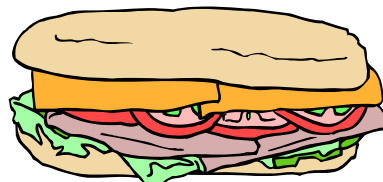
In the past, we have traveled to "St. Joseph the Worker" Youth Center in West Virginia at the Catholic Church of Preston County. If you talk to the kids who have gone there, it is a special event. Really the highlight of our year!

The Youth Group will be welcoming the English Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Ministry along with Pastor Bob Keplinger who will be joining us on Wednesday evenings for our informal Youth Program that runs every Wednesday evening in the Bergman Events Center/Gym from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.



They will also join in with the 8th grader Service Project Group where they 8th grade will do service work for our church, school, and community. The Service Group meets the first Wednesday starting October 5th in the Gym/

Concession area at 7:00 p.m.



Appalachia Group — Hoagie Sale after masses on October 8 and 9

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

Our 6th Annual Cold Turkey Shootout Tournament is Just Around the Corner!

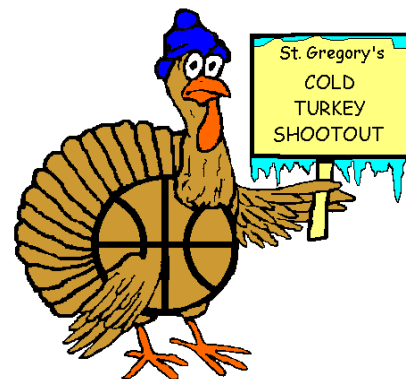
For those of you who are new to St. Gregory or unfamiliar with our annual tournament, the Cold Turkey Shootout invites JV basketball teams (5th & 6th graders), to play against other area “B-level” Catholic schools — and it’s held right here in our Bergman Events Center.

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
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The Great Pumpkin Race

5K and 1 Mile Fun Run

To benefit St. Gregory School
Friday, October 28, 2011

Check In 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM
5K and 1 Mile both start at 6:00 PM
Award Ceremony starts at 6:45

Join us for a howling good time!!!

For more information or to register contact
Lori Maloney at lmaloney@zoominternet.net

Amenities:

- T-shirt (*must be registered by Oct 10*)
- Post-race refreshments
- Random prize drawings
- Musical entertainment

Can't participate?

Donations are also appreciated!



Entry fees: 5K Run & 1 Mile Run

If mailed by October 10:

- \$20 with shirt
- \$15 (**no-shirt**)
- \$50 per Family of 3 (\$10 each add'l person)

After October 10:

- \$25/\$60 per Family of 3 (\$10 each add'l person)

Race Day

- \$30/\$75 per Family of 3 (\$10 each add'l person)

Register by October 10 to guarantee a T-shirt!

Awards

Awards for 5K run:

Top 3 Male & Female Overall
 Top 3 Male & Female in the following
 Age groups: 10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & Over.

Awards for 1 Mile run:

Top 3 Male & Female Overall
 Top three Male and Female in the following age
 groups: 6 & under, 7-10, 11-14, 15-19.
 Top two male and female in the following age
 groups: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & Over.

TRICKS: Costumes Encouraged.

Create unique costumes in the spirit of this festive holiday, but ones that will not adversely affect your performance. Or simply wear mismatched uniforms or orange and black.



The Fundraising Awards:

The top 3 participants who raise the most money through our sponsorship program will receive special awards.

Special Thanks to our Sponsors...

Smiles by Dahar

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Chiropractic Associates of Cranberry

Dick's Sporting Goods

Eat'n Park



TREATS: Costume Awards

Top 3 Famous Characters - Disney, Star Wars, Toy Story, Warner Brothers, etc.

Top 3 Beauties - Princesses, Cheerleaders, etc.

Top 3 Heroes - Superheroes, Firefighters, Military, Police, etc.

Top 3 Villains - Thieves, Robbers, Pirates, etc.

Top 3 Couples - Cowboy & Indian, Cop & Robber, Batman & Robin, etc.

BEST OF RACE

Packet Pick-up and Registration

St. Gregory School Office at 115 Pine St, Zelienople PA 16063
 on Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 9 AM to 1 PM and 4 PM to 5 PM. Friday evening at 4:00 PM at St. Gregory School.

**The Race will start near the school
 parking lot on Spruce Street.**

