



ST. GREGORY CONNECTION

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Upcoming Events:

- **Pancake Breakfast** — third Sunday of every month during the school year. Enjoy a delicious breakfast while you support our school. Join us for our first breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 18!
- **100th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee** — Celebrate 100 years of St. Gregory School — **Saturday, October 22, 2011** at the Butler Country Club. Tickets are \$60 each, available after Mass and at school office through September.
- **Save the date: Second Annual Great Pumpkin Race, Friday, October 28** — Fun for the entire family! 5K and 1-mile Fun Run, costume contest, food, fun, prizes. Look for more information coming soon.

Welcome Back to School!

It's been a great summer – but it's once again time to get back into our school routines.

St. Gregory School will begin with orientation days on September 1 and 2. Orientation runs from 9:00 – 11:00 each day. Last names A-K should come on the 1st and last names L-Z should come on the 2nd. If you need to switch days for any reason, that is not a problem, just call the school office.

Parents are welcome to stay during orientation. You will have a chance to meet the teachers, talk with our principal, Mrs. Nock, and our vice

principal, Mrs. Harris, and enjoy coffee and donuts.

We are excited to welcome three new teachers to our staff this year. Mrs. Squeglia will be teaching the middle level science, Ms. Schaffner will be teaching 1st grade math, science and social studies, and grades K-8 art. Mrs. Kruk will be teaching Spanish to grades K-8.

We wish Mrs. Spósito the best of luck as she prepares to welcome her new little one into the world. Mrs. Young will be taking another year off to spend with her little boy, but will be doing some subbing for us throughout the



year. We also want to wish Ms. Porter good luck as she returns to school full time to work toward her masters.

We've been working hard in the office all summer to get everything ready for the students to return, and many of the teachers have already been in getting their classrooms all set up. We are excited to welcome back all our returning families and we can't wait to get to know all of the families who will be new to St. Gregory's this year.

— Mrs. Debi Allen

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Uniform Swap Shop Open to Everyone

Our school "Swap Shop" is open and it is stocked with lots of school clothes.

Anyone is welcome to come and check it out. You'll also have a chance to browse dur-

ing orientation days.

Most items are FREE and we encourage you to take as much as you can use – don't be shy.

It's a great way to complete your child's

school wardrobe with essentials.



Parish News and Notes

Anointing Mass

An Anointing Mass will be held at St. Gregory Church on September 17 at 2:00 p.m. Father Bill presiding.

Please pass the word if anyone needs to be anointed because they will be or have been hospitalized, or they are having health problems. Everyone is most welcome.

CCD classes

Get ready — CCD classes start September 18. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church and must be returned to the office before class begins.

First Friday, September 2, Mass at 9:00 a.m. with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:00 p.m. *"Can*

you watch an hour with me?" The Blessed Sacrament always needs someone to be in church during this time, please help.



Wine Tasting Party will be held in the Bergman Event Center on Saturday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$15.00 each. This is a good relaxing evening with good food, wine and friends. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

St. Anne Guild

St. Anne Guild will meet Tuesday, September 6 in the Blue Room at 7:30 p.m., following Mass.

The Guild is putting together plans to visit the Villa Maria Sisters of Humility of Mary, in New Castle. This will be a morning retreat of Coffee and Contemplation, followed by a light lunch and walking tour of their campus. Members will meet early in the church lot to car pool to New Castle. Program is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. More info thru the Guild.



Get your St. Gregory School Lottery Calendar today — you could win \$100 or more!

As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Gregory School, lottery calendars are a great way to support our school.

Here's how it works: Each lottery calendar you purchase has a three-digit number. Each day from January 1, 2012 to April 9, 2012 when the evening

Pennsylvania Daily Lottery number is drawn at 7:00 p.m., you'll have a chance to win! If your number matches the daily number, you win \$100.

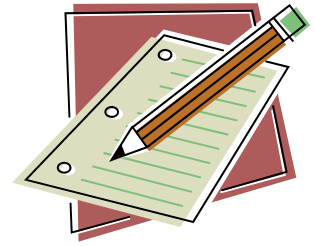
Last year, we even had a few people with numbers that hit more than once!

Lottery calendars are on sale

now and available at the Orientation Days, at the school office, after most masses, and at most school events for just \$20 each. These calendars make great gifts, especially for anyone who is hard to buy for.

You can even pick your lucky number — but get yours soon before it's gone!

From the desk of the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Erin Harris



Dear St. Gregory Families,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2011-2012 School Year! Summer is over and now it is time to continue with academic excellence and spiritual growth. Over the summer break the school has been cleaned and repainted. We also have a brand new Language Arts program which will be implemented in the 1st - 6th grade classrooms. In the near future, you will be able to enjoy free Wi-Fi in our lobby.

This will be my second year as assistant principal of St. Gregory School, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to get to know all of you. We strongly encourage all of our families to join our Parent Teacher Guild. Meetings are held throughout the year. Fundraising is paramount to the success of St. Greg

ory School and we hope you will help support our programs and events. Our dedicated staff has been working hard to ensure a successful start to this school year.

We look forward to seeing all of you this fall. If you have any questions related to school policy and procedures, please feel free to call, or check our school website at www.stgregzelie.org.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Harris

Support our school and make feeding your family a cinch with Market Day

For those of you who may not be familiar with Market Day, it is a monthly food sale that we do here at St. Gregory as one of our fundraisers. You place your order either online or through the paper order form that comes home with your child.

Orders are delivered right to St. Gregory's for you to pick up. Prices are very reasonable and the convenience is wonderful. Food items range from meats, veggies, potatoes, casseroles, snacks, drinks, desserts, and more.

The first Market Day order

forms for the year will be in the family folder that you receive at orientation. The **orders are due September 5th**. This means that you will not be able to return your order forms to school.

You have a few options for placing this first order. Probably the easiest thing to do would be to place your order on-line. You can easily set up an account at <http://www.marketday.com/> and order right from your computer.

There are always great on-line only specials that you can take



advantage of when ordering this way. The other options would be to either fill the order form out at orientation and leave it with us that day, or leave it in the box in the back of church over the weekend.

If you haven't tried Market Day in the past, we encourage you to try it now!

Community News from Friends of the Park

Community Yard Sale September 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Held at the Zelenople Community Park. Benefits the Zelenople Memorial Skate Park. [Click here for more information.](#)

FOTP Meeting September 19, 2011

Halloween Costume Party & Concert (Adult Only) October 29, 2011, 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for this event....so get them early. Volunteers are needed for this event. More information to follow.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EVENTS WE HAVE PLANNED! PLEASE HELP US TO SAVE THE PARK, POOL AND FIREWORKS! PLEASE PICK ONE EVENT THAT YOU CAN DONATE TIME TO! WE NEED PEOPLE OR FAMILIES TO DONATE AT LEAST AN HOUR OR TWO.

What's in store for this fall for our Youth Group?



8th graders and High School age youth are invited to join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We use the Gym to get together to play volleyball, etc. and the Youth Room has table games as well. There are always refreshments. If you want to stop by to just check things out, you're welcome!

Faith Encounter starts on the evening of October 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Teens get to look at their faith as it relates to where you are in your lives. We teach about our faith's moral values and talk about what is on your minds. We meet in the Concession area outside the Gym before going to a class room.

Please try it and we think you will be surprised how interesting our faith can be!

Appalachia Group This is also the time of year to join the Appalachia Group. Again 8th grade youth and older are welcome.

Our first Hoagie Sale will get underway on Sept. 10th by making hoagies in the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Stop in to help and join the group's efforts to go to WV in June of 2012.

Most importantly, we will kick-off in September plans for activities we want to do for the year. For example...

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St. Gregory Girls' Varsity Basketball Players Shine at Keystone State Invitational

From July 27-30, 2011, seven past and current St. Gregory players participated in the Keystone State Invitational Basketball Camp at Slippery Rock University and came away with many honors.

Rachael Cummings' relentless work ethic contributed to her being named to the camp All Star team and becoming a 3v3 finalist. Most importantly, Rachael took home the camp Hustle Award. Shannon Drew contributed big for the camp Team Championship earning her a championship trophy. Shannon's efforts also helped her win a nomination for the camp Hustle Award. Bella Marra accepted acknowledgment as a Team Championship finalist and was named to the

camp All Star team. Bella's tireless team work contributed to her receiving nominations for the camp Defensive Player and Most Outstanding Camper awards. Ellysa Paras' strong play won her a spot on the camp All Star team and helped her 3v3 team make it to the finals. Ellysa also earned recognition as a Team Championship finalist and received nominations for the camp Hustle Award and MVP award.

Other players with ties to St. Gregory include Kelsey Crutten, Cassidy Testa, and Hannah Testa, all of whom were recognized for their level of play. The



Rachael Cummings, Shannon Drew, Ellysa Paras, and Bella Marra celebrate each others' successes.

Keystone State Invitational Basketball Camp attracts 7th through 12th grade premier players from all over the east coast to participate in this elite camp.

—Dee Marra

Youth Group News *(cont'd from page 4)*

More Fun Coming in November! We will be attending the annual Youth Day boat cruise on the Gateway Clipper Fleet on our beautiful rivers in Pittsburgh with a night of dinner and dancing. It is really a fun night joining other youth from churches in the Pittsburgh Diocese.

And much more is in store for the year. Campfires, ice skating, retreats, etc. Come join other youth in the Parish for

friendship and fellowship.



Cabinet Needed for Youth Room *Can you help?* The Youth Group is in search of a cabinet which can be locked. It will be used for stor-

ing things such as accessories for the pool table, ping pong table, air hockey, and other misc. items. If you can donate a cabinet that fits this purpose, please contact Charlotte Zilavy at: chink@zoominternet.net

Any questions about Youth Group or our Wednesday Night Hang-outs, please email Mark & Charlotte Zilavy at chink@zoominternet.net

—Charlotte Zilavy



Dan Maloney

Bone Marrow Screening and Replenishment Blood Drive

Thursday, September 1, 2011

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**St. Gregory School
Bergman Event Center
115 Pine Street
Zelienople, PA 16063**

**Please schedule your appointment
by logging on to
www.centralbloodbank.org using
sponsor code **ZRTN0847** or by
contacting **Lori Maloney** at
lmaloney@zoominternet.net
or **724-772-4973****



As **Dan Maloney** took his finals to finish his junior year at Mount Lebanon High School, he started to feel a little weak at times and was more tired than usual. After school ended, the feeling of weakness increased and he developed a sore throat. He decided to see a doctor, who noticed Dan's lymph nodes were swollen and there was a rash on his upper thigh. The results of a blood test came back with a diagnosis of *acute myelogenous leukemia*, more commonly known as AML, and on June 18, 2011, Dan was admitted to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, where he began treatments of chemotherapy and received numerous blood transfusions.

His treatment will be primarily as an inpatient at the hospital. He receives a combination of chemotherapy drugs for 10 days and then has a recovery period for another 10 days. After his immunity is at a safe level, he will be able to go home for short visits. This same process will repeat numerous times over several months, and Dan will most likely need a bone marrow (stem cell) transplant.

This special blood drive has been scheduled to help replenish the community blood supply from which Dan is using. This drive also offers the opportunity to join the Be The Match Registry™, the national registry for bone marrow donors. Joining is easy – simply complete additional paperwork and submit a sample mouth swab. Please donate blood in honor of Dan.

Central Blood Bank is the not-for-profit organization that supplies the blood products and transfusion-related services to approximately 40 hospitals in western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio.

Please bring ID with you on the day of the blood drive. Proper ID is required to donate blood. A Central Blood Bank or military ID, driver's license, or passport are all approved forms of ID. Birth certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor's full name will also be accepted.



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