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PARISH COMMUNITY

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3 & 4, 2018

Parish Members Prepare for Lenten Healing Mission

by Msgr. Thomas F. Maloney

Our parishioners are now preparing for our Lenten Healing Mission, which will take place March 12, 13 and 14. They are preparing by committing to say each day the "Prayer for Healing". Prayer cards were distributed at Masses last weekend and will continue to be available at Church. The card has space for parishioners to list the names or initials of those they are praying for.

You are asked to think about people you know who are in need of some sort of healing. It could be a physical healing, for instance after surgery or an accident. Others you know might be seeking better emotional or mental health. Still others could be in need of a healing of relationships. Among these are those who need a healthier relationship with God, in other words some sort of spiritual healing. Others again might be in need of better financial health.

The weeks between now and March 12 are a time of prayer in preparation for the Healing Mission. Our retreat master is Father Richard ("Duke") Zajac, who has been chaplain at Sisters Hospital for 35 years. Three things you need to know about Father Duke:

- ◆ No priest in our diocese knows more about praying for healing.
- ◆ No priest in our diocese spends more time preparing homilies. Typically he spends 12 hours preparing a 12 minute talk.
- ◆ He has published four volumes of his homilies and sermons, under the title "Healing Injections".

Services will take place at 12:00noon and 7:00pm each day of the Retreat. Services include celebration of the Eucharist with a homily on a healing theme. After Mass, participants come forward to be prayed over by a priest or deacon. At this time the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation, is available as well.

Please pray over the next month or so to better prepare for the Healing Mission. Be sure to take more Healing Prayer cards to pass along to those that may be in need of prayers.

Catholic Schools Week Fun!



To kick-off Catholic Schools Week, St. Greg's Eighth Grade students led the School in a pep rally that included a suitcase relay challenge. More fun included bowling, magic shows, "Bubble Blasts" and prayer circles.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Feb. 5: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tues. Feb. 6: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wed. Feb. 7: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
Thurs. Feb. 8: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7: 24-30
Fri. Feb. 9: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7: 31-37
Sat. Feb. 10: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
Sun. Feb. 11: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B); 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Comfort for the sorrowful

Reading I Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (Job's first reply)
Reading II 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 (Paul's recompense)
Gospel Mark 1:29-39 (cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles)
Passage That evening at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. (Mark 1:32-44a)

Adult: *When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?*

Child: *What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?*

VOCATION VIEW

We hear today that Jesus healed a leper. Lepers in those days not only suffered great physical pain, but were exiled by the community. Jesus' action pierced through many walls of division. How is Jesus calling you to help bring reconciliation to places of division? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org!

PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us for coffee, juice and donuts this Sunday, February 11, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that St. Greg's is no longer notified when a parishioner is admitted to a hospital or nursing home. It is up to the family to let us know where your loved ones are. Please call us at the Parish Office at 688-5678 so they can be remembered in our prayers and added to the Prayer Chain.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The fruit of silence is PRAYER, the fruit of prayer is FAITH, the fruit of faith is LOVE, the fruit of love is SERVICE, the fruit of service is PEACE." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

"ADORERS NEEDED!!!" You are invited to join us and sign up for any hour(s) convenient for you. We especially need Adorers for **Mondays, 2:00-3:00am; Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am; Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00am, 6:00-7:00pm; Thursdays, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 7:00-8:00am & 11:00am - 12:00noon; Fridays, midnight to 1:00am; Saturdays, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm, 6:00-7:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm; Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, 12:00noon-1:00pm, 4:00-5:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm.** If you are willing to be a substitute Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

Catholic Charities

"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14. Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities offers basic, emergency assistance such as food, housing, medications, and clothing. Your donation to the 2018 Appeal helps us to ease the struggling by giving food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, and shelter to the homeless. To make a donation or to find out more about the 2018 Appeal, call (716) 218-1400 or visit <http://www.ccwny.org>/donation. Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. "Love your neighbor."

Knights of Columbus

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 11, 9:00am-12:30pm

St Gregory's Ministry Center

Tickets at door \$7.00

(kids 4 & under free)

We now accept credit cards! Proceeds help fund our Seminarian tuition assistance fund
Questions: Bob Moses #908-4223

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Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 4, with Mass at 12:30pm and a reception in the Gathering Rooms immediately following. All current and past Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders are welcome to participate.

Save the Date!

Post-Dyngus Day Dinner Dance

Back by popular demand, St. Gregory's will host a Post-Dyngus Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 7, in the Ministry Center. Join us for traditional Polish food and your favorite polka dancing! Stay tuned to future Bulletins for more details.



Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 6, in GR 2

The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 18.

Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

7:30 pm, Thursday, February 8, in GR 2

Easter Triduum Choir

7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 and March 6, 20 & 27, in GR 2

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308



St. Greg's 1500 Club Raffle

This event sold out last year: plan on joining in the fun and get your tickets early! You will have multiple chances to win in the various raffles, including the Early Bird Drawings and Grand Drawing. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold and a total of 246 prizes will be given away!

Two Early Bird Drawings will be held on February 14 and March 14. All who have purchased a ticket and are paid in full by this date are eligible to win one of five prizes of: \$500 - \$350 - \$250 - \$100 - \$50.

The Grand Drawing Celebration will be held in the Ministry Center on Saturday, April 14, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Each raffle ticket entitles admittance to two adults over 21. Refreshments and dinner will be served, but winners need not be present. We will publish a list of winning numbers in the Bulletin.

Please consider purchasing a \$50 raffle ticket. Your participation will help the Home School Association support our Catholic school. To purchase a ticket, fill in the form below along with your \$50 check payable to St Gregory the Great and drop it in the collection basket or mail to:

St. Gregory the Great
Attn: 1500 Club
200 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

1500 Club Ticket Request – April 14, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of tickets requested (\$50 each, admits 2 over age 21): _____

Amount enclosed: _____

School family's name, if different than above: _____

If you have additional questions, please contact the event co-chairs: JoAnne Mroziak (631-3393); Nora Weil (632-2271); Donna Buckmaster (868-6374) or email 1500club@stgregs.org.

Your official ticket will be sent to the address listed on the request form by return mail. Thank you for supporting us to make this major fundraiser a great success. Don't miss out on your chance to win one of the great prizes. May God continue to bless you for your generosity!



Adult Confirmation Sessions

Any adult/young adult or college student who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to join us for our upcoming Adult Confirmation Sessions being held on Saturday mornings beginning February 24. Candidates will be prepared in time to participate in one of our Parish celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, or by Bishop Malone on May 16 or 17.

PREPARATION COMMITMENT TEACHING SESSIONS

Session I – Saturday, February 24, 10:00 – 11:30 am in Gathering Room 1; *What is Confirmation? The Creed and Requirements*

Session II – Saturday, March 3, 10:00 – 11:30 am in the Ministry Center Upper Room; *Eucharist, Liturgy and Reconciliation*

Session III – Saturday, March 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am in Gathering Room 1; *Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit*

Session IV – Saturday, March 17, 10:00 – 11:30 am in Gathering Room 1; *Living as a Catholic, Morality and Personal Prayer*

These Adult Confirmation Sessions are for those needing the Sacrament of Confirmation only. If you need more than the Sacrament of Confirmation, or you would like more information, please contact Deacon Peter Donnelly (pdonnelly@stgregs.org). To register, please contact the Parish Office at 688-5678.

Catholic Women's Conference 2018

The Heart of a Woman

Saturday, February 24,
at Cardinal O'Hara High School

7:30am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

2:00pm - Mass with Bishop Malone

Speakers: Dr. Janet E. Smith, Kate Wicker and Sister Tatum McWhirter.

Continental Breakfast & Lunch; Tickets \$35.00.

For details visit www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org or call (716) 222-0622.

St. Greg's MOMS Ministry

Be FearLess-even in the Kitchen

stgregsmoms@gmail.com



NEXT MOMS February 9, 9:00 - 11:00am in the Gathering Rooms. Special guest is **Fr. Paul Seil**, from **Our Daily Bread TV cooking show**. Father invites MOMS to take a peek into his kitchen and will empower mothers to **COOK WITH CONFIDENCE** especially this Lent. Never been to MOMS? Stop in, you are welcome!

Free childcare by reservation: ltmacnamara@gmail.com

You are cordially invited to a

Coffee Break with God

on February 10 from
9:15 am - 10:15 am
in the School Cafeteria
for, "Forgiveness and the Family"
presented by
our special speaker, Amy Blair.

This coming Lenten season is a great time to let go of old grudges and experience the joy of healing old wounds.

Baby sitting is available upon request. Please call the FFF Office (688-5760) by 12noon on Feb. 1st.



Respect Life

Cuomo to Re-Introduce Abortion Expansion-

On January 16, Governor Cuomo introduced his budget bill, S.7511. In the bill, he included a version of the "Reproductive Health Act" (RHA) abortion expansion proposal.

In 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo included the RHA as one part of a 10-point "Women's Equality Act (WEA)." Although the WEA passed the Assembly, the Senate refused to vote on abortion expansion, and the bill was not enacted into law.

Including the RHA in the budget is particularly dangerous for unborn children. The only way to remove an item from the Governor's proposed budget bill is to put it on the table for negotiations between him and the leaders of the Assembly and Senate. Since three of those people are ardently "pro-choice," removing the RHA will be a very difficult task. Because by law a budget must be passed by April 1, the leaders will be under pressure to capitulate to meet the deadline.

The Governor's bill is a radical proposal that would give New York the most liberal abortion laws in the world -- in fact, it would remove any limitations on abortion from our laws. It would:

- Encourage more late-term abortions – by removing our current law's limit on abortions after 24 weeks.
- Permit non-doctors to do abortions.
- Eliminate all criminal penalties for abortions – so even if an abortion was involuntary or coerced, it could not be prosecuted.
- Endanger children after birth – by eliminating a law that requires that a baby born alive after an abortion be given adequate health care. Instead, this bill would allow abortionists to leave those children to die of neglect and starvation.

PLEASE contact your State Senator and urge them to oppose the budget bill if the abortion expansion proposal is in it. Go to the Action Center of the New York State Catholic Conference (www.nyscatholic.org).

Parenting Perspective

February 2 was Groundhog Day. Legend has it that these cute furry critters can predict the weather. Talk with your kids about what kind of weather they like best. If they are old enough, discuss climate change and how we humans can reduce our carbon footprint.

Marriage Moment

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #9 - Let obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together at your mistakes.

Sacramental Information

First Communion Parent Workshops will be held on Saturday, February 3, at 9:15 am and on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00pm in the School Gym & Cafeteria. Parents please attend ONE of these sessions for important information regarding First Communion.

The First Communion Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, February 11, at the 9:30 am Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal:

This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm in the Church.

2018 Confirmation Dates have been scheduled:

Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 pm in the Church

LADIES OF THE LORD...

... meeting Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm, in the Gathering Room. Our meeting will be a "Prayer & Share." Come ready to share a prayer experience or how the saints we picked for the year at our last meeting may have impacted our life. February Birthdays, please bring a treat to share for our Fellowship table. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE - MISSION RETREAT 2018

Looking for new ways to explore your relationship with God? St. Greg's will be hosting Mission XXXVII on July 15-21, 2018. It's a week-long evening retreat filled with prayer, song and fellowship. Pencil it on your calendar and think about whether this is your year to participate.

Senior Citizens

February 12, 1:00 pm - Monthly Meeting in the Ministry Center. Valentine's Day Pizza Party with musical entertainment by Daniel Victoor and St. Greg's School Children. Brian Carrier will be available to change watch batteries. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

February 19, Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars and 5 Food. **Payment due with reservation.** Bus departs Ministry Center at 8:30 am, returns 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

April 22-27, 2018 (Rescheduled) Savannah, GA & Charleston, SC motorcoach tour including tours of both cities.

ADULT MISSION TRIP – JULY 2018

The smallest little action can explode into a lifetime of love.

We will be taking a group of adults ages 21 and over to a Mustard Seed community in Moneague, Jamaica from July 14-21, 2018. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com.

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" FROM FR. FRANCIS

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. - *Helen Keller*

Youth Ministry

Adam Jarosz: ajarosz@stgregs.org; Nicole Janeczek: njaneczek@stgregs.org; Richard Patti: rpatti@stgregs.org
~ 688-3578

Check out our brand-new Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry website at www.stgregsym.org.

Middle School

Edge Nights: Feb. 8, 15, 22 ; 6:30 - 8:30pm
Middle-School Ultimate: Feb. 16, 7:00 -9:00pm

High School

Life Teen: Feb. 4, 11, 18; 5:30- 7:30pm

SWAT Team: February 6, 7:00 - 8:30pm:

Spiritual Weapons And Tactics team is our new prayer group that will meet twice a month on Tuesdays in the Ministry Center Basement. This group is open to all High-Schoolers. If you are looking for something that will help you dive deeper into your faith this is for you! Snacks will be provided.

Ultimate Night: February 23, 7:00 - 9:00pm:

You asked and we answered! The first High-School Ultimate Night in history, with open gym time, snacks, movies and games, will be held on February 23 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. If you are a High-Schooler looking for a night of fun, this is for you! All are welcome!

Diocesan Youth Convention March 2 - 4:

~Join teens from all around the Diocese for the diocesan youth event of the year! Enjoy nationally renowned speakers, great music, and the opportunity to connect with teens from all over the area, all wrapped up in the amazing accommodation of the Adam's Mark Hotel! Be sure to sign up ASAP for this great event!

Looking Toward Lent

The Northern Vicariate will co-sponsor the popular Lenten Lecture Series again this year. Mark your calendar for 7:30 pm on five Mondays beginning February 19. You'll hear some of the best speakers in the diocese talk on Mary – Different ways we encounter and experience her in the Church. We will explore different ways that we see and experience Mary, whether it be through Scripture, apparitions, or even through art. Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost! No reservations required! Stay tuned to future Bulletin for locations. Come and bring a friend! All are welcome. Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate

MODERN MIRACLES OF TODAY

The White Mass for Healthcare Workers will be Saturday, February 10, at 4:30pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Franklin Street. Bishop Malone is the celebrant and will be blessing all healthcare workers at the Mass. Dinner following the Mass will be at Adam's Mark, where a presentation by Marie Romagnano, Catastrophic Injury Medical Director and Founder of Health Professionals for Divine Mercy, will be given. We will also have a witness testimony by Ellen Snyder of her miraculous healing of stage IV cancer. Please visit www.cmabuffalo.org and click on the link to purchase your ticket. Attendance for just the Mass is free.

Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

The Heart-to-Heart Food Drive, in memory of Father David Kirsch, will be held the weekend of **February 10 and 11**. Fr. Dave was always very aware of the plight of the needy in winter and the burden on Food Pantries in trying to feed the hungry. We hope to collect non-perishable food that our St. Vincent de Paul can distribute.

This year we especially need the following:

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| Peanut Butter | Cereal |
| Jelly | Cookies |
| Crackers | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Tuna | Paper Products |

Please bring your donation of food to the front vestibule of the Church.

Can you help us for a "brief" moment ...Diaper Drive Fundraiser!

Our Jamaica Mission Trip team needs your help! We are collecting money to help Mustard Seed Communities purchase diapers for their residents. The majority of their residents use diapers, so they are essential at all of the communities, from infants to adult size. Diapers are very costly and are an item they are grateful to receive in kind. Mustard Seed currently has a partnership with ISOH/Impact that allows them to ship and receive a container of 60,000 diapers for a donation of \$1,650. This partnership makes diapers less than 2.5 cents per piece, a price that makes this the most effective way to send diapers to their communities.

Every little bit counts! Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office and drop the envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. Cash or checks will be accepted and can be made payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: Jamaica Mission Diaper Drive. We will be running the fundraiser through Lent and our goal is to send enough money to ship two containers worth of diapers. Questions? Email Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

St. Greg's School

Kindergarten Registration

We accept registrations from **9:00am-1:00pm** in the School. **At the time of registration, parents MUST present the following information:**

Birth certificate copy (Child must be 5 years old by 12/1/2018) Baptismal Certificate copy & **Immunization Record**

NEW FAMILIES: \$150 non-refundable deposit at time of registration

...plus \$100.00 non-refundable tuition deposit will be due at time of screening

Cougars Corner

Catholic Schools Week Review

Catholic Schools Week was amazing. It was filled with many fun activities. On Monday, the whole school wore red and St. Greg's apparel for the pep rally. This event took place at the end of the school day and included a suitcase relay competition. Grades K-4 went to Transit Lanes for bowling and had a really good time. On Tuesday, we all wore purple in support of cancer awareness. Also, the Magic Man came to the school. He impressed us all with his neat magic tricks and his levitation illusion. On Wednesday, we played games against other students in our grade. Some of the games we played included golf, cup stacking, bottle flips and other fun competitive games. We also wore clothes assigned to our grade, Eighth and Third Grades wore red, Seventh and First wore white, Sixth and Kindergarten wore green and Fifth and Second Grades wore blue. The Eighth Graders stepped up to help out with all the activities. The teachers were very proud of the organization and determination of these Eighth Grade students. They went above and beyond to make sure this week went off without a hitch. On Thursday, our focus was on Catholic Identity. For Mass, we sat with our prayer partners and First Grade was in charge of the Mass. They did an amazing job reading. The Eighth Grade also was in charge of something new this year called the mixed-up lunch. For each lunch period the Eighth Graders encouraged the different grade levels to sit with each other and introduce themselves. We hope that all students enjoyed this lunch period and hope some students made new friends. Finally to conclude an awesome week we ended it with Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders going to Transit Lanes to bowl. We were served pizza for lunch and had a lot of fun. Catholic Schools Week was a week packed with activities and fun that focused on strengthening our Faith.

By Lauren Bauer and Carys Minor

Family Faith Formation

FFF Office hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, and when classes are in session.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events :

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 pm First Communion Parent Workshop
(School Cafeteria)

Thursday, February 8

6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C
(School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)

Saturday, February 10

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (Ministry Center, Rm 1)

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am First Communion Mass of Enrollment (Church)

Winter Break February 17-- 25

NO FFF Classes. FFF Office Closed



**Generations of Faith
Grade 1**



**Generations of Faith
Grade 4 (above)
and Grade 7 (below)**



Out of Parish

WNY Catholic Men's Conference

Save the date: 16th Annual WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10, at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Tonawanda.

Catholic Women's Conference 2018

The Heart of a Woman. Want to be inspired and uplifted? Does your faith life need a boost? Then join hundreds of other Catholic women from New York and surrounding areas as they gather for the Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 24, from 7:30am-3:00pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Keynote speaker: Dr. Janet Smith, as well as Kate Wicker and Sr. Tatum McWhirter; Mass with Bishop Richard Malone. Tickets \$35. For further information and tickets, visit <http://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org> or call 716-222-0622.

Panczki Day

The 21st Polish Pre-Lenten celebration will take place on Sunday, February 11, at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral 6298 Broadway in Lancaster from 1:00 - 7:00pm. *Special Delivery* will be playing all your favorite polkas from 2:00 - 6:00pm. The Polish Heritage Dancers will perform at 3:00pm. Our Polish kitchen will be open for all your favorite Polish foods. Dinners, as well as a la carte items, desserts and Paczki will be served. Polish Beer will be available. There will be a Theme Basket Raffle. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Children under 12, \$2.00. Tickets are limited! For tickets and table reservations call (716) 983-5084 or (716) 681-0813.

St. Leo's Spiritual Soup Suppers

This Lent, seven free dinners will be served when you join FOLLOWING CHRIST! Most folks have made resolutions to get physically fit for the new year. Why not eat healthy and exercise your soul as well. Join us for FOLLOWING CHRIST at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. You won't regret enriching your Lenten experience by committing to these seven weekly gatherings from February 8 - March 15. Every Thursday night dinner is served at 6:15pm and ends at 8:30pm with prayer. Enjoy soup & salad suppers with dessert, dynamic teachings and music with group discussions. Seating is limited. Contact Dawn Iacono at (716) 835-8905, ext. 12 to register or email diacono@stleothegreatamherst.com. Registration forms can also be found at <http://www.stleothegreatamherst.com>.

Attention all girls in grades 3-8

You are invited to PJ Day at Mount Mercy Academy on Thursday, February 22, from 9:00am-3:30pm. Spend one entire day of your February break in your pajamas. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag, and join us for a fun day of activities! Register at www.mtmercy.org/pjday or contact Molly at mgasuik@mtmercy.org or (716) 825-8796 ext 320.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, February 4

- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 12:30 pm Scout Sunday Mass (Church)
- 1:30 pm Scout Sunday Reception (GR 1 & 2)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen (MC Gym)

Monday, February 5

- 10:30 am Senior Citizens Board Meeting (MC 1)
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting
(MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm 33 Days to Merciful Love Bible Study
(MC Café)
- 6:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Little Rock Bible Study (MC 2)

Tuesday, February 6

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)
- 7:00 pm Executive Council Meeting (MC Café)
- 7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #440 Mtg. (MC Gym)

Wednesday, February 7

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina (GR 2)
- 6:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting
(MC Basement/MC 2 & 3)
- 6:30 pm Children's Catechumenate (School Art Room)
- 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Presentation (School Rm. 702)
- 7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (GR 2)

Thursday, February 8

- 2:30 pm Girl Scouts Daisy Troop Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge (MC Gym)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1)

Friday February 9

- 9:00 pm MOMS Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry XLT (Church)

Saturday, January 10

- 9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (MC 1)
- 9:15 am "Coffee Break with God" (School Caf)
- 10:00 am Women's Enrichment Coordinator's Meeting
(MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Marriage Matters (GR 1&2)

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
(MC Gym)
- 9:30 am First Communion Mass of Enrollment (Church)
- 10:30 am Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym)

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 3

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mary & Jaenne LeGoff by LeGoff Family
Margaret S. Burns by Barbara Keller
5:30 pm Jim & Louise McParlan by Family

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jennifer Wilson
by David & Mary Beth Nasca
9:30 am Fr. John Bucki S.J.
by Farley-Carroll Family
John Leutze
by Joseph & Susan Braunscheidel
11:00 am Boniface Pope
by Wife, Mary, & Daughters
Michael Hnat by Dolores Mackroki
12:30 pm Charles Allaire by Nancy Allaire Donohue
Edward Kajtoch by Flora Dispenza
4:30 pm Anne McLellan
by Ann Louise Cirelli & Neighbors

Monday, February 5 – St. Agatha

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Elna Wagner (birth) by Linda & Bill Dohn
8:00 am Mary G. Manaher
by Jim & Maureen Ferguson
12:00 pm Patrick Ward by Judy Strubel
Holy Spirit Special Intention by J. Deni

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:00 am Richard Romanowski by Estate
Hazel Smith by E. Pitt Smith
8:00 am Deceased Members of Legion of Mary-
Shirley by Members of Mary of the World
12:00 pm Peter Varbanov by Wife, Edith Varbanov
Josephine M. D'Avanzato
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, February 7

- 7:00 am Hubert Probst by Debbie & Ken Kistner
8:00 am Helen Dobmeier by Straeck Family
Mary G. Manaher
by Family Faith Formation Staff
12:00 pm Elizabeth Mastrantonio
by Nick & Rose Marie George
Donna Beaton
by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett

Thursday, February 8

- 7:00 am Rita Biondo by Joan Powers
8:00 am Amanda Woods
(School Mass) by Mom, Dad, Thomas & Ashley
Bridget Winter
by Benjamin & Alexandria Wagner
12:00 pm Kenneth Karlsen by Family
Annetta Priori by James Carney

Friday, February 9

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am John Duffy
by Matt & Adrienne Peer & Family
Tom Comer by Christ Family
12:00 pm Ronald Traina by Jill & Greg Graham
Joan Ruzzo by Joyce Santora & Family

Saturday, February 10 – St. Scholastica

- 8:00 am Dec. Members of Deang-Cuepro Family-
Marcella by Felisa Cuerpo
Kurt Klaes
by Ronald & Rose Marie Canestro
2:00 pm **Wedding: Megan Gorski
and Kevin Tevens**

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mario Santo Campanella
by Maria Campanella
Ettore & Lola Lazzaro by Lazzaro Family
5:30 pm Marie Pantano by Pam
Sunday, February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Elma Sastry by Alison Sastry
9:30 am Edward Spellman (birth)
by Tim & Ann Marie Spellman
Barbara Viscogliosi by Ron & Judy Rizzo
11:00 am Robert F. Becker by Wife, Frances
Dominic DePaolo by Jay & Amy Roeder
12:30 pm Frank DiVincenzo
by Francine & Cole McCarthy
Mariella Iacono & Giovanna Capizzi
by Deni Family
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Albert Martin by Wife, Mary & Children
Geraldine & James Pendergast
by Dave & Pat Luzer

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

WEEKDAYS: (Monday-Friday) 7:00, 8:00 & 12:00 noon; (Saturday) 8:00 am only.

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Sacraments

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Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, ceremony only. All parents desiring Baptism for their child are asked to attend the Pre-Baptismal class at least two months prior to the Baptism. The class is held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, in the Ministry Center, Room 2. If you have had another child baptized within the last three years, you may attend the class or come to the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork. Call Jo at 688-5678 to register.

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

WEDDINGS

Celebrated on Fridays (5:00 pm and 6:30 pm) and on Saturdays (10:00 am, 12 noon, and 2:00 pm). Either the bride or the groom must be a parishioner.

Marriage Preparation – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

Prayer and Devotion

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament, most often with at least one prayer partner. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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