

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21 & 22, 2018



From the Desk of the Pastor

My dear Parish family,

This past week we had the privilege to welcome our Ordinary, Most Reverend Richard Malone, to St. Gregory the Great to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our teenagers. Both Tuesday and Thursday were wonderful celebrations. As I stated those evenings, I will repeat here, many thanks to all who made our celebration of Confirmation a wonderful experience. First, thank you to Arlene Meyerhofer who coordinates Confirmation for us, and Joan Rischmiller who brings everything together so beautifully in our Family Faith Formation office. Next, I thank all who made the liturgies so beautiful, including our Knights of Columbus, altar servers, sacristan, music ministry and our art & environment team. Finally, thank you to all of our Catechists and all those from both our Youth Ministry and Family Faith Formation who assisted me in leading our retreats. It is interesting to note that the majority of our newly Confirmed teens pointed to the retreat and especially the time of Eucharistic Adoration during the retreat as the key moment in their preparation for the Sacrament. Thank you to all and many congratulations to our newly Confirmed in Christ!

Bishop Malone raised a great question to our youth and really to each of us during his Confirmation homily. Bishop Malone asked directly who have we brought to faith by our lived example? He went to the point to ask our teenagers who in their school they could point to who have chosen to come to the Catholic Faith by their own personal witness of faith. That is an awesome question for us all. Bishop Malone went on to share a story about a teenage girl who was responsible for bringing two teenage guys to the Catholic Church because of her lived example and joy of the Gospel.

I recall my senior year at Riverside High School where I first had someone come to our Faith because of my invitation. My senior year English teacher, Miss Nowak, one day complimented me that I had my first convert to the Faith and that there would be a great reward in Heaven for me because of it. She witnessed my regular conversations with my classmate about matters of faith and church and she was, and still is, a woman of great Catholic Faith herself. (continued on page 2)

Young Women's Conference: "Be Purely You"

All girls Grades 8 - 12 are welcome to join us for a fun-filled day of inspiring workshops! Learn about colors and fashion styles that make you look and feel your best; discover your unique and special gifts as a daughter of the King; learn to recognize the strength of authentic femininity!

Saturday, April 28, 8:00am – 3:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center. Register online at www.stgregs.org, \$20 before April 22 or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes a delicious and nutritious lunch provided by Core Life Eatery. For more information, call Lori at 716-866-2373.



Our warmest congratulations to the 139 young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week on April 17 and 19, 2018. God Bless you always! A special thank you to all of the families who donated the beautiful flowers for Confirmation in memory of their loved ones.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. April 23: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

Tues. April 24: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wed. April 25: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

Thurs. April 26: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Fri. April 27: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Sat. April 28: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52; John: 14:7-14

Sun. April 29: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 (53B); 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Called to be shepherds

Reading I Acts 4:8-12 (the stone that has become the cornerstone)

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2 (recognizing the Son)

Gospel John 10:11-18 (the good shepherd)

Passage Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

Adult: *Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?*

Child: *Who has been like a shepherd to you by their example? For whom could you be a shepherd?*

VOCATION VIEW

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE:

\$546,926.37 COLLECTED, 79% OF OUR GOAL

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is **\$693,000**. To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at www.cwny.org. Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION...

...will be taken up next weekend, April 28 and 29. There will be one collection so please place your envelopes in the regular collection. The appeal primarily supports dioceses in the U.S. and its territories that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries, focusing on evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training and support of poor parishes.

From the Desk of the Pastor

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Who have you brought to faith by your example, invitation and encouragement? If we really are Disciples of Christ, that must be our primary goal. Today we live a more privatized faith life, I suppose, but why? That which is most important to us should be what we live, discuss and find enthusiasm and joy over living and sharing with others. If our own personal Discipleship in Christ is **the most** important part of our life, then we should generously share that with others. If our own personal Discipleship is simply **an important** element of our life, we might let those who are close to us know that detail. If we really have not given ourselves over to total Discipleship, but rather see our faith as **one component** of our life, calling others to Discipleship is a foreign subject. Who have you brought to faith by your example, invitation and encouragement? This is a great Easter question to ponder.

Many years ago while I was on vacation in Myrtle Beach, I went each morning to celebrate Mass at St. Andrew's Church on Ocean Boulevard. One day I went into the convenience store after Mass to pick up a few items. I was holding my Breviary, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours, in my hand as I placed my items on the counter for checkout. The young college-age girl who was working the counter pointed to my Breviary and asked, "Are you reading your scriptures too?" She seized the moment to share faith as she pointed to her Bible on the counter by the register. This young lady was a Disciple of Christ, who, I would say, saw her personal Discipleship in Christ as **the most** important part of her life and was willing to obviously share her faith with others.

The final words of the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, is the great commissioning to "go forth and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to teach them everything I have commanded you." This is the mandate of a true Disciple of Christ and a great commissioning and mandate for all of us to abide within.

Who have you brought to faith by your example, invitation and encouragement?

May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

New Parish Office Hours

In 2014, Fr. Leon introduced evening office hours. However, due to a decrease in the Sunday offertory and the need to adjust the budget we will no longer be able to offer evening office hours. This will also affect appointments with the Priests in the evening. The Parish Office will be open Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm. We will also be open on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Grand Prize Drawings

PRIZE	TICKET	PRIZE	TICKET	PRIZE	TICKET	PRIZE	TICKET
1 \$10,000	934	4 \$1,000	448	7 \$200	50	10 \$200	43
2 \$5,000	510	5 \$500	861	8 \$200	884	11 \$200	407
3 \$2,000	160	6 \$500	1019	9 \$200	569		

Prize Amount	\$50	\$100	\$50
Drawing #	Ticket		
1	1260	1261	1262
2	1257	1258	1259
3	536	537	538
4	1140	1141	1142
5	1252	1253	1254
6	1010	1011	1012
7	365	366	367
8	163	164	165
9	542	543	544
10	200	201	202
11	529	530	531
12	1469	1470	1471
13	11	12	13
14	322	323	324
15	428	431	432
16	951	952	953
17	732	733	734
18	1237	1238	1239
19	787	788	789
20	213	214	215
21	271	272	273
22	21	22	23
23	1442	1443	1444
24	704	705	706
25	378	379	380
26	1448	1449	1450
27	1497	1498	1499
28	1317	1323	1324
29	1444	1445	1446
30	512	513	514
31	700	701	702
32	505	506	507
33	1050	1051	1052
34	790	791	792
35	248	249	250
36	1124	1125	1126
37	1206	1207	1208
38	809	810	811
39	1261	1262	1263
40	151	152	153

Early Bird Winners 2/14/18	
Prize	Ticket
\$500	550
\$350	1435
\$250	1145
\$100	41
\$50	712

Early Bird Winners 3/14/18	
Prize	Ticket
\$500	242
\$350	434
\$250	546
\$100	809
\$50	491

Prize Amount	\$50	\$100	\$50
Drawing #	Ticket		
41	53	54	55
42	672	673	680
43	939	940	941
44	972	973	974
45	739	740	741
46	1221	1222	1223
47	1095	1096	1097
48	745	746	747
49	651	652	653
50	130	131	132
51	229	230	231
52	308	309	310
53	1233	1234	1235
54	269	270	271
55	1203	1204	1205
56	783	784	785
57	208	209	210
58	1394	1400	1401
59	1158	1159	1160
60	325	326	327
61	1	2	3
62	336	337	338
63	1148	1149	1150
64	988	989	990
65	854	855	856
66	1365	1368	1369
67	433	434	436
68	465	466	471
69	346	347	348
70	798	799	800
71	295	296	297
72	390	391	392
73	427	428	431
74	1210	1211	1212
75	942	943	944

**1500 Club
Winners**

*All
winnings
will be
mailed.*

*Thank you
for your
generous
support!*

*Highlighted Numbers: The adjacent number to the winning number was not sold, so the next-sold ticket is the winner.

Great Dinner Auction General Meeting

Thursday, May 10, at 9:00am *after the 8am Children's mass*
Ministry Center Conference Room MC3

Please join us to learn how you can get involved with our largest event of the year!

GRIEF & LOSS PRESENTATION

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Our topic is *Good Grief: The price of Loving*. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner - as this presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Church foyer. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

Senior Citizens

May 14, Meeting and Mother's Day Luncheon, 12:00 noon Mass, 1:00 pm lunch catered by "Johnny C's" at Ministry Center, \$16 per person. Reservations to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's no later than May 7.

May 28, Seneca Niagara Casino, \$16 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars plus \$5/food voucher. Bus departs St. Gregory's Ministry Center at 8:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

June 18, *Our All American City Tour*, \$73 per person, 3 hour Buffalo Creek Casino with \$15 free slot play, lunch at Pearl Street Grill, menu choice of CharGrilled Chicken, Fish & Chips or Pot Roast. 90 minute double-deck bus tour of Canalside, Outer Harbor, Erie Canal, Erie Basin Marina and more. Bus departs Ministry Center at 9:30 am returning at 5:30 pm. For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

Ladies of Charity

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 23, at 1:00 pm in the Café. This month's aid is directed to the Jamaica Mission Trip. Our next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, May 7. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory Council #14687

9th Annual Spring Mulch Sale

Saturday, May 5, Mulch Pick Up & Delivery, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Gregory the Great, Ministry Center Parking Lot

Knights Proceeds Support Our Religious Vocations

Free Bag Mulch Delivery with Orders of 10 or More Bags!

Advance orders for bag mulch (specify black, brown or red) can be placed for \$5.00 per bag (2 cubic foot size) by returning the below form and check to the Parish Office, dropping it off after Masses on April 21/22 or by mailing the check with the order form below to Knights of Columbus Annual Mulch Sale, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Checks can be made payable to St. Gregory Knights of Columbus Council 14687. Any questions, call George Tirabassi @ 572-7772. **Orders can be taken up through Thursday, May 3.**

Name: _____

I will Pick up _____

Address: _____

***I would like Delivery** _____

Phone #: _____

Black Quantity: _____ @ \$5.00 /bag

Red Quantity: _____ @ \$5.00 /bag

Brown Quantity: _____ @ \$5.00 /bag

Total: \$ _____

***If ordering 10 bags or more, do you have a specific location for delivery?**

Respect Life



Assisted Suicide Legalized in Hawaii: On April 5, Governor David Ige (D) signed a new law that will allow terminally ill patients to end their lives by assisted suicide. The measure allows a doctor to prescribe lethal medication to mentally capable patients who have less than six months to live.

So-called “safeguards” have been built into the law that are supposed to protect people from abuse. These include a requirement that two doctors confirm that a patient is terminally ill with less than six months to live. Patients will be required to put their request in writing with two witnesses, with at least one witness not being a beneficiary of the patient’s estate. The patient will have to wait 20 days before receiving their lethal prescription. Doctors who prescribe the drugs are also required to inform the patient of alternatives such as pain management and hospice care.

What the public is not being made aware of, however, is how easily these safeguards are being abused in other states where assisted suicide is legal.

For example, not allowing witnesses to be beneficiaries is easily gotten around. ...It’s also important to note that patients and/or their guardians can shop around for doctors who are willing to say that the patient is capable, acting freely, and likely to die within six months. In fact, according to research, assisted suicide advocacy groups such as Compassion and Choices ...keep a list of “friendly” doctors.

[Furthermore], according to Richard Doeflinger, tens of thousands of people who qualify for hospice or who received the suicide drugs but didn’t end up taking them, outlive their predicted six-month life expectancy.

Hawaii will now join Washington, Vermont, California, Colorado and the District of Columbia as the only U.S. states that have passed similar assisted suicide laws. (Full text at womenofgrace.com)

Catechist’s Corner

The role of a catechist is to teach our faith by word and example.



“Do not be afraid of going beyond your boundaries – God is already there.” - Pope Francis

From a Junior high student:

“Dear Mrs. Brownell, Thank you for taking time out of your life to teach us about God. You help us be better people and tell us how to be a great person in this world.”

If you’re interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.

MOMS: 16th Annual MAY

Personal-"Tea"

Friday, May 18 9:00 - 11:00am

If you are a mom, please join us in the Gathering Room for a beautiful morning with a blessed and gifted national Catholic singer/songwriter/speaker and mother Gretchen Harris. This event is free by request.

stregsmoms@gmail.com and free childcare by reservation ltmacnamara@gmail.com.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Share your love of the Eucharist with our homebound parishioners. We have parishioners who cannot join us for Mass and desire to receive Communion on Sundays. Please pray about and consider a ministry of bringing the Eucharist once a month to 4 or 5 of our homebound parishioners. For more information, please call Catie Wagner at 688-5678 x 313 or email cwagner@stgregs.org

Interested in Becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

We are currently in need of more Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses. If you have ever considered this wonderful ministry and would like to participate more in Mass please call Jo Pierino in the Parish Office, 688-5678.

Sacramental Information

ATTENTION ALL Catholic and Public School Parents who currently have a student in Grade 8 and 9:

Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meetings to Register for Confirmation 2019 and 2020:**

▪ **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)

Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am in the School Cafeteria.

▪ **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)

Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 am in the School Cafeteria.

Catholic School students: Faith Formation is completed at a Catholic High School during Grade 9. However, **students MUST register with our program** to ensure they will receive all Confirmation related notifications including information required for service hours and Confirmation retreats.

Public School Students: In addition to registering your child for Confirmation, this meeting will also cover important information for High School students (in the Weekly Program, Monthly (GOF) and the HS Summer Programs).

Registration for the HS Summer Program will be available during the Parent Meeting, so please be prepared to make a registration payment. See FFF section in the bulletin for full Registration Schedule for other high school FFF programs.

Family Faith Formation

Open Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00 pm and during classes.

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:

2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:

High School Summer Program (formerly SPLASH)

Class dates: June 25 - 29, 9 am- 4 pm. For program details,

go to www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/

Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:

▪ **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)

Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30am, in the School Caf.

▪ **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)

Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00am, in the School Cafeteria.

Generations of Faith (Monthly FFF Program, Gr 1-10)

Registration for All Sessions (A, B and C) is on

Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration**

Only. Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/

Disciple Camp (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)

Register **In Person Only** (parent and student must attend) in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2, at 9:00am **OR** on Monday, June 11, at 7:00pm.

Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes.

For program details and Registration form go to

www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/

Weekly FFF Program (Gr 1-10)

Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1, 2018

Register Online or In Person. For program details,

go to www.stgregs.org/program-options/

then select your child's grade level.

Little Cherubs (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5)

Weekly Program , September 2018 - April 2019

Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1, 2018

Register Online or In Person. For program details, go to

www.stgregs.org/pre-school/

Vacation Bible School (Pre K*- Gr 4 in Sept 2018)

*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2017

Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on

June 22. Register Online or In Person. For program details,

go to www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/

For FFF Program Registration, go to

www.stgregs.org/register-now/ Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you will either be able to download a form to bring to the registration meeting, **OR** you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

St. Greg's School ~ Cougars Corner

Science Olympiad State Event

Over this past weekend, April 14 & 15, we had the privilege to be a part of the St. Gregory's Science Olympiad State team. Our state competition was in Syracuse. Science Olympiad is a great way to find what you're truly passionate about in science, like being hands-on and taking-on making your own cart. Science Olympiad is a way to have fun with learning. The state competition is normally 2 days. You arrive on Friday and some of us have events while others just go to the hotel to calm down for a little bit and get ready for a fun pizza party. Then we are all allowed to go swimming and to bed at an early time so we can be ready for the day tomorrow when we will have the majority of our events. Saturday is all events and we are there from 7:00am to 6:00pm so our day is pretty packed. Then around 5:30pm we have our award ceremony to see how we placed and we are awarded medals between first place and tenth place.

Now we're going to tell you a little bit on how we had a lot of laughs. Some people can choose whether or not you want to not go to school on Friday and have your brain ready for your events or you can go to school to get your work. We drove together and we were there for our events. Then we went to the hotel for the pizza party and for a really fun pool party. We hung out with some of our friends and then we went to bed. We got up early in the morning, went down to the hotel lobby to get breakfast and were at the Science Olympiad Event Center around 7:30am. We spent the whole day doing our events and there was one event that we both did together, which was stressful but it worked out in the end. There were a lot of fun inside jokes with all of our friends and it was all-around an amazing experience. One of the other teams even had a pineapple named Darrell and that brought a lot of laughs. During the awards ceremony we placed in three events, which is good because we were out of 39 different teams from all parts of New York. We placed tenth in Battery Buggy, which was a relief for us because we were so stressed out about that. Battery Buggy is where we need to construct a cart and have it battery operated and travel straight down a line and end up at a certain distance. We placed seventh in an event called Duct Tape Challenge. Duct Tape Challenge is an event where we need to construct something random out of duct tape and find a way to make it perform a task. For this task it was to make a catapult out of duct tape and launch it to a certain distance. We placed fifth in Road Scholar, which is an event basically going very deep into a topographic map. After the award ceremony most of us decided to head back home because it was only a three-hour drive, but we had so many memories on our mind. This is our last year for the 8th Graders to be part of the Science Olympiad team and we have to admit it was a really good State competition. Science Olympiad is about matching fun with learning and showing off your brainpower.

By Alexandra Liolos and Elsie Hilmey, 8th Grade Students

"SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS"

"The young man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good mother and marry one of her daughters – any one will do." [J. Ogden Armour]

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Middle School

Edge Nights: April 26; 6:30 - 8:30pm

Middle-School Retreat, May 4-6

We are returning to Camp Turner for our second-ever Middle-School Retreat! Join us for an unforgettable weekend of fun, friends and faith! Spots are limited so contact Nicole ASAP to reserve your spot for the Middle-School event of the year!

High School

Life Teen: April 22; 5:30 - 7:30pm

SWAT Team: April 24; 7:00 - 8:30pm

Spiritual Weapons And Tactics team is our new prayer group that will meet every Tuesday 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.

Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30something)

College Oasis Magazine:

Sign up for the online magazine for college students both home and away for original content to keep you fresh throughout the semester. If you have any questions about College Ministry, contact Adam!

New Website and Social Media:

Check out the new website, complete with a fantastic section for young adults. Includes upcoming events, great recommendations for media and ways to serve at stgregsYM.org! Plus, follow us on our new Instagram account just for this age group for fresh content!

Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm

Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Our groundbreaking new Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in Sr. Maureen's Room (upstairs) in the Ministry Center. If you are looking for a dynamic community of Catholic women living the Faith, this is the place for you!



Music Ministry

Rehearsals

Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

Tuesday, April 24, at 4:30pm

The children will be singing

at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 13.

Adult Choir for the 11:00am Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30pm 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



MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS

Mother's Day Novena Mass Cards are now available at all entrances of the Church. Please feel free to take a card or two, fill out the enclosed envelope with your offering, and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office before Mother's Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week of May 13 - 20.

St. Greg's School

Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:am-12:00 pm

OPEN REGISTRATION - GRADES K-8

Have you thought about providing your children with a faith-filled education opportunity? St. Gregory the Great School offers a strong spiritual and academic program forming disciples for the future.

We are currently opening registration for the 2018-19 school year. Call the school at 688-5323 for a private tour.

SVDP FURNITURE/APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next furniture pickup date resumes on **Saturday, April 28**. If you have any of the following items, we ask that you contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message with your contact information. We will call you to make arrangements. We can only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area and all furniture and appliances must be located in the garage or covered porch. Please refer to the list of what we are able to accept and note all appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition.

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Dressers, Coffee & End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses & box springs and baby cribs).

Appliances: Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

St. Greg's Café

DON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE LUNCH?

Stop in the St. Greg's Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy delicious paninis and homemade soups!

PIZZA NIGHT!

Working late at the office and don't want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30 - 7:30pm.

Out of Parish

Catholic Perspectives on Modern Healthcare

On Saturday, May 5, the Catholic Medical Guild will host a conference entitled "Catholic Perspectives on Modern Healthcare" and will feature five speakers on topics such as medical conscience, moral courage in medicine and more. The Conference will be held at the R.I.T. Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta, NY and will be from 9:00am - 5:30pm. A White Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester. For more information visit www.FingerLakesCMA.org.

Mary Immaculate Retreat

The Holy Face Ministry will be presenting a one day retreat at the Mother of Mercy House, 6131 Newton Road, Orchard Park. The title of the retreat is Mary Immaculate: The Pearl of Patience; Tuesday, May 22, 9:00am to 1:00pm. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Registration required by calling our office at (716) 662-6025.

Respect Life/End of Life Issues

Dr. Stan Bukowski will speak at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 24, at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 263 Claremont Avenue, Tonawanda, NY (in Fr. Cotter Hall) regarding end-of-life care and the ongoing legislative battle in Albany over physician-assisted suicide. Come hear how this potential legislation would affect you and your loved ones, and what you need to know.

Marriage Moment

When your hobbies differ and compete, does your spouse get stuck with the burden of extra chores, childcare, or unwanted alone time as a result of your recreation? Does your hobby take a lot more time than your spouse's?

Parenting Perspective

Grandparents have access to history that can thrill and surprise their grandchildren. They can tell stories about how life used to be and shed some light on how the child's parent was a generation ago. They are the keepers of tradition. Don't lose the wisdom. Connect with each other in a meaningful and lasting way.

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, April, 22

10:30 am Parishioner Social

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym)

Monday, April 23

1:00 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC Café)

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Business Meeting (MC 3)

Tuesday, April 24

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (School Caf/Gym)

6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Unit Mtg. (MC Gym)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

Wednesday, April 25

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

7:00 pm RCIA Presentation (Room 702)

Thursday, April 26

6:30 pm Youth Ministry EDGE (MC Gym)

Friday, April 27

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Gym)

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am "Be Purely You" Teen Girls Conference
(MC Gym/Youth Room)

7:00 pm Marriage Matters (GR 1&2)

Sunday, April, 29

9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church)

April Outreach: We are collecting **Children's Sunday Best/First Communion Clothes** throughout the month of April. Please bring donations to the Family Faith Formation Office during normal business hours (M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm), and when classes are in session. We are requesting all sizes but we also have a special need for size 10 and 12 dresses. Last day of the collection is on Monday, April 30. Thank you as always, for your generosity!



Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 21

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm James H. Cosgriff by Wife & Family
5:30 pm Charles Donner by Mary Kate Vivacqua
John Cusack by Wife, Patricia, & Family

Sunday, April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Mary Manaher by Marie Brewer
9:30 am Louise Militello
by Militello & Mazza Families
Phyllis DiGiore by Marie Gambino
11:00 am Donato LaLama by Lydia LaLama
Mark Kocsis by Ruth Crowley
12:30 pm Frank Scarcella
by Victoria Simonetta & Family
Peter, Jr. & Maryflorencia Bertola (living)
by Mom, Michelle
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Hanna Dawli
by Fouad & Marcelle Mirshak

Monday, April 23

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
Michael P. Varbanov by Linda & Bill Dohn
8:00 am Michele Ann Dieckman
by Deborah & Jeffrey Smith
12:00 pm Cynthia Rajewski by Linda & Bill Dohn
Georgetta Wells by Dorothy Hendricks

Tuesday, April 24

- 7:00 am Frank G. Ricchiazzi by Family
Russell P. Battaglia by Family
8:00 am Daryl Patterson by Cheryl Patterson
12:00 pm Sophie Ulicki (birth)
by Ed & Sylvia Stachura
Rose Hoelscher by Edith Varbanov

Wednesday, April 25 – St. Mark

- 7:00 am Patricia Kreppel
by Family Medical Pharmacy
Audrey M. Weber
by Anthony & Miriam Sindoni
8:00 am John DiPasquale by Mrs. Rose Mary
DiPasquale & Son, Jay
12:00 pm Thomas Ruthven (birth)
by Mary Pat Ruthven
Margaret Celurzo by Mary Joan & Paul Fix

Thursday, April 26

- 7:00 am Margaret Manaher & Juanita Schober
by Ken & Deb Kistner
8:00 am Gustina & Wittig Family
(School Mass) by Roger J. Wittig
Devin J. Waring
by Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Finn
12:00 pm Christine Ann Parisi (birth)
by Father, Mother, Rich, Peter & Monica
Mary Claire Kraus by Family

Friday, April 27

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
8:00 am Lorraine I. McGivney (birth)
by Kate & Dave Gordon
Paul Jolley by JoAnne Clinton
12:00 pm Marjorie Kramer by Husband, Earl
David E. Jones by Carol & Frank Weise

Saturday, April 28

- 8:00 am Robert Schifferli, Sr. (birth)
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli
Michael Varbonov by Alison Sastry

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Irene Bene by Richard Bene
Michael Doran by Mother, Nina
5:30 pm Josephine Bochiechio
by Marguerite Parelli

Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Paul Perna by St. Vincent de Paul Society
9:30 am Daniel Swiatek
by Noreen, Jennifer & Christofer Pujolas
11:00 am Mary G. Manaher by Margo Doughty
Francis J. Sukiennik, Jr. by Pujolas Family
12:30 pm Thomas Burke by Carl & Debbie Bucki
James Daly by Connie DiSimone
4:30 pm Jeanne M. Goergen by Goergen Family
Charles R. Foy, Jr. by Bill & Anne Foy



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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.

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: www.stgregs.org

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

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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