

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 10 & 11, 2018*

## From the Desk of the Pastor

My dear parish family, although it is hard to believe, Lent is here! I do not know about you, but I haven't completely finished putting the Christmas decorations away and here it is Lent already! As we approach Ash Wednesday, I ask you to please consider what your plan is for Lent this year.

As you make your preparations for Lent, please include blocking off time to come to our Lenten Healing Mission on March 12 – 14. This will be a wonderful opportunity for each of us to approach the areas in our lives in need of healing. I am relatively convinced that each person is in need of healing. The obvious healings are those of the physical nature. We are very aware when we are not physically well and need to be healed. We are aware of surgeries, long-term illness, chronic physical problems, as well as the long-term and short-term effects from an accident and so on. We are often willing to discuss these physical ailments with others and to see physical healing, as well as prayer from others.

What is often more difficult to see and to admit to ourselves, and others, is the need for psychological, emotional and/or spiritual healing. Many people suffer from depression or other psychological illnesses that need to be professionally treated, as well as supported in prayer. We have emotional hurts within our personal lives, especially from what others may have said or done to injure us internally. Often the wounds that we cannot physically see are the ones that hurt the most. Is there an emotional or personal issue or scar that needs healing in your life? Are there any estrangements within your family life or circle of friends? Is there an aspect of sin or weakness that affects you? Is there some part of your own life as a person that you cannot seem to adequately accept and just wish wasn't there? Do you suffer from some form of addiction? Today, we have many addicted to drugs, alcohol, violent abusive behavior or addictions to pornography or other tendencies that are hurtful to God's gift of sexuality. Is there someone you need to forgive or who you need to humbly ask to forgive you? If the answer is yes to anything above, the Healing Mission is for you. Allow yourself to be set free from any area in need of healing. (continued on page 2)

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

**Abstinence:** All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent.

**Fasting:** All Catholics between 18 and 60 years of age are to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. The faithful are invited to add voluntary fasting to the practice of penance during the Fridays of Lent. Together with works of charity and service toward our neighbors, this practice would become a sign of our commitment to conversion, reconciliation and peace.

**Easter Duty:** After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all Catholics are to receive Communion at least once a year. This must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, between February 18 (First Sunday of Lent) and May 27 (Trinity Sunday), unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time of year.

## Heart-to-Heart Food Drive

The Heart-to-Heart Food Drive, in memory of Father David Kirsch, will be held this 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:**

Peanut Butter	Cereal
Jelly	Cookies
Crackers	Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna	Paper Products

\*Bring your donation to the front vestibule of the Church.

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## All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

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

St Greg's Ministry Center

Tickets: \$7.00 (4 & under free)

We now accept credit cards!



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Feb. 12:** James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13  
**Tues. Feb. 13:** James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21  
**Wed. Feb. 14:** Joel 2:12-18 (219); 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thurs. Feb. 15:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25  
**Fri. Feb. 16:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15  
**Sat. Feb. 17:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32  
**Sun. Feb. 18:** Genesis 9:8-15 (23B); 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Models of Christ

**Reading I** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (on leprosy)  
**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (imitation of Christ)  
**Gospel** Mark 1:40-45 (healing of a leper)  
**Passage** Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

**Adult:** *Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?*

**Child:** *What can you do this week to be an example of others?*

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### VOCATION VIEW

Jesus performed many healings and continues to heal those who come to him. Can Jesus be inviting you to assist Him on His healing mission? 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](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

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## 2017 TAX STATEMENTS

Statements of Contributions for tax purposes were mailed to all parishioners whose donations for the year totaled at least \$100.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com).

## From the Desk of the Pastor

(continued from page 1) This freedom will help you understand and live in the joy of Easter.

In addition to the Healing Mission, it is customary to take on something to do during lent. We often reduce this to abstaining from candy or ice cream. It is better to take on a task to allow you or others to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. I have a suggestion for all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and concerned adults in our community. I have been becoming more and more aware of the literature our teens and younger children are being assigned to read in school. The reading lists in public, Catholic and private schools need to be critically reviewed.

Recently a parent came to see me with books from her son's freshman high-school reading list. I was shocked, disgusted and gravely concerned over the poison present in these texts that, in my opinion, had no respect for anything that is good or decent. I was even further surprised to learn that this parent took her concerns to her son's principal who, as she reported, listened to her, but did not seem very interested in her concerns. These books were explicit in nature and shocked me. I have never read content like this before in my life.

A great Lenten discipline would be to ask for the literature books (the full list of them) that our youth are being asked to read in any school – public, Catholic or private – and to read them for ourselves and to research the authors and their personal agendas. I was surprised to learn that one of the authors of the books this mother brought to me has moved with a national organization to advance the occult. If we find texts that do not speak of a good and wholesome life, books that will not foster values consistent with being a disciple of Christ, please take the time to flood the principals' offices and teachers' e-mail inboxes and voice your concern. Too much is at stake. I fear we are jeopardizing the faith life and eternal salvation of an entire generation by not being aware of the books that are forming the way they think, act and believe. No school is above question on this matter. Often we wonder why so few of our youth and young adults are distant from faith and we often wonder why so many of them turn to unhealthy addictions. We often question why the drug epidemic and suicide are the leading causes of death among our youth. I trust if you look at some of the texts being put forth in the classrooms today you will find the answer. Many of these texts mock faith in God and promote helplessness and despair, rather than hope in God and good values that are both faith-filled and wholesome. Please consider this task for your Lenten discipline.

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



**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](mailto:stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com). Thank you!!!!

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**MEN OF GOD**

Men of God (MOG) is a Spirituality Group for Men 21 years and over that meets monthly for fellowship, praying the Rosary, and group discussion. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 21, from 7:00-9:00 pm in Gathering Room 2**. Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information, contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or [raygeska@yahoo.com](mailto:raygeska@yahoo.com), or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or [jeffcrd@aol.com](mailto:jeffcrd@aol.com).

***Family Faith Formation***

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

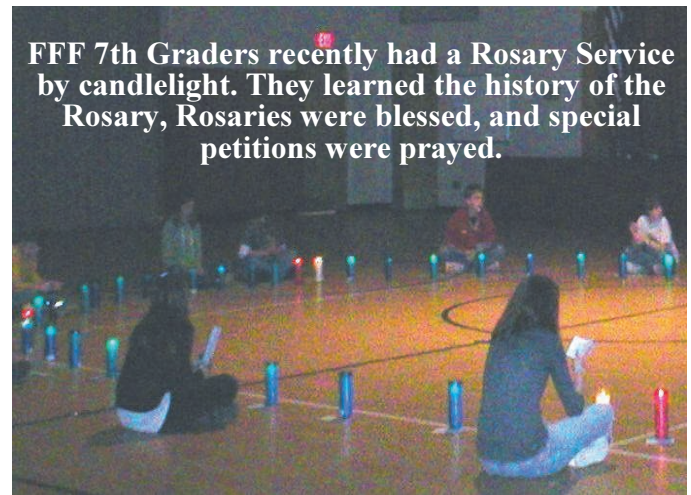
***FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events :***

**Winter Break February 17-- 25**

NO FFF Classes. FFF Office Closed.



**FFF 7th Graders recently had a Rosary Service by candlelight. They learned the history of the Rosary, Rosaries were blessed, and special petitions were prayed.**



**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](mailto:pdonnelly@stgregs.org)). To register, please contact the Parish Office at 688-5678.

## Sacramental Information

### 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 as follows:** Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19, at 7:00pm in the Church. Letters and emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation. Any questions, please contact Arlene Meyerhofer at [ameyerhofer@stgregs.org](mailto:ameyerhofer@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.

## Senior Citizens

**February 12**, 1:00 pm - Monthly Meeting in the Ministry Center. Valentine's Day Pizza Party with musical entertainment by Daniel Victor 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.

# LENT 2018

## Friday Lenten Series

February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23; 12:00 - 2:00pm

This Lent we will again be providing a presentation following the 12:00 noon Mass. The format for this series will be DVD presentations and Q&A on various aspects of Lent, Divine Mercy and our Catholic Faith. We invite you to bring your lunch, or order from the Café, as we view these exciting and informative presentations. We will provide other materials as appropriate or needed. Presentations will begin at 12:30pm in the Gathering Rooms and will last approximately one hour. The first Friday of Lent (February 16) will focus on "The Week That Changed the World."

## Attending the Friday Lenten Series?

Pre-order lunch from the St. Greg's Café.  
Call ahead of time to 276-6915.

## Parish Lenten Retreat

Please join us for our Parish Lenten Retreat on Monday, March 12, Tuesday, March 13, and Wednesday, March 14.

Our retreat will be led by Father Richard "Duke" Zajac. The retreat will be offered twice each day; once at 12:00 noon and again at 7:00pm. The Celebration of the Eucharist will be included in all sessions. Fr. Duke has been involved in healing ministry for 33 years, chiefly as Staff Chaplain at Sisters Hospital.

## Northern Vicariate Lecture Series

The Northern Vicariate popular Lenten Lecture Series begins at 7:30 pm on five Mondays beginning February 19. All are welcome. Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate. The first date is on Monday, February 19 - **100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima.** Rev. Dan Young will speak on our experience of Mary and the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. **Christ the King Church, 30 Larmarck Dr., Amherst, NY 14226.**

## FISH FRY FRIDAYS

All are welcome to our Dine-in or Drive-up Fish Fry Fridays during Lent! Fried Fish or Breaded Shrimp dinner includes macaroni salad, cole slaw, roll and butter. Baked Fish dinner includes rice, green beans, roll and butter. Drinks and homemade desserts are also included! Pizza will be available for \$1.00 per slice. Join us February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 4:00-7:00 pm in our School Gym. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 per person in all Parish Offices, Catholic Store and Café. Tickets at the door are \$11.00. For more information please call the Parish Office at 688-5678.

## The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

April 3 - 6 after 12:00 noon Mass and April 7 after the 8:00am Mass. *A Man for All Seasons* ~ Inspiring talks by Bishop Fulton Sheen

## CATHOLIC STORE LENTEN OFFERINGS

Stop in to pick up some spiritual reading for Lent! We have a variety of suggested books, from daily prayers to inspirational books, to help make Lent a prayerful, holy time.

## CAFÉ LENTEN MENU

On Ash Wednesday we will have a special meatless pizza menu! Also, beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing on Wednesdays and Fridays through Lent, the Café will be serving pierogis (cheese, potato, and sauerkraut), meatless soups, grilled cheese and meatless paninis. We invite you to stop by during Lent and enjoy our pierogis and other Lenten specials with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

The St. Greg's Café is still your number one spot for breakfast and lunch, open daily (except Mondays)! Don't forget to join us on Wednesday evenings for Pizza Night!





*St. Gregory the Great Faith Community*

## **Journey Home With Us This Lent!**

### **Distribution of Ashes: Wednesday, February 14**

Masses (with distribution of Ashes): 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm

Prayer Service (with distribution of Ashes): 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm

Confession on Ash Wednesday: 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Church

### **Fish Fry Fridays – Join us for Food & Fellowship**

Every Friday night, February 16 – March 23: 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

### **Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday, February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00 pm in the Church

Also, February 16; March 2 & 23 with the school children at 1:20 pm in the Church

### **Parish Lenten Retreat**

Fr. Duke Zajac will lead us in our Lenten retreat that will be a three-day Healing Mission

March 12 - 14: 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm in the Church

### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church after the Stations of the Cross

### **The Light is On – Confession**

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 – 7:00pm in the Church

### **Friday Lenten Series**

Fridays, February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23:

12:30 – 1:30 pm in the Gathering Rooms

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena**

April 3 - 6 after 12:00 noon Mass & April 7 after 8:00am Mass

*A Man for All Seasons*, inspiring talks by Bishop Fulton Sheen

### **Parish Lenten Penance Service**

Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 pm in the Church

### **Join us for Liturgy of the Hours**

Morning Prayer (Lauds) on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday: 9:00 am in the Church

Evening Prayer (Vespers) every Tuesday evening, February 20 – March 27: 6:30 pm in the Church

### **Family Faith Formation Children's Lenten Pageant**

Saturday, March 17: 9:15 am in the School Gym

### **Vicariate Lenten Lecture Series**

Monday nights, 7:30 pm, at various church locations. (See Bulletin for details)

### **Seven Churches Bus Trip**

Holy Thursday Evening, buses depart at 8:30 pm from the front of the Church



## Respect Life

### **World Marriage Day- "Love One Another"**

Sunday, February 11, is World Marriage Day. It honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981 [and] by 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day. In 1983, "World Marriage Day" [was] designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

Celebrate the beauty and sanctity of marriage with *Humanae Vitae* (1968-2018):

- "Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who 'is love'" (no. 8).
- "Marriage . . . [is] ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare" (no. 9; GS, no. 50).
- "The fundamental nature of the marriage act, . . . renders [husband and wife] capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman" (no. 12).

### Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

(for more information, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))



## **16 Years of**

## **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

On January 26, St. Gregory's celebrated the 16th Anniversary of our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day to allow anyone the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus. If you are interested in becoming an Adorer, please contact Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

## **St. Greg's Playgroup**

All moms and tots (ages birth through 5) are invited to join the St. Greg's Playgroup **Friday, February 16**, from 10:00 am to noon in the Ministry Center playroom. For information, contact Julie Stenz at [juliette.stenz@gmail.com](mailto:juliette.stenz@gmail.com).

## 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

Throughout the school year St. Greg's School hosts many different after-school activities, and one that excites many of the 6th through 8th Graders is the trip to Holiday Valley for a fun day of skiing. Holiday Valley is always a great place to go with your family, but also fun to go with your friends. On Wednesdays after school the students take the ski bus up to Holiday Valley (which doesn't take as long as you'd think) to go skiing and even take lessons to improve their skiing. The kids get their equipment on and they have the option to bring skis or rent them, whichever is easiest for them. Then the kids get to ski for around 2 hours until 5:15pm when their lessons begin. Lessons go for around 45 minutes and afterwards kids are pretty hungry so they head up to the lodge to get dinner. Here, after the lessons, it's finally time to socialize where they can talk, eat and have laughs. Afterwards some kids may decide to head back out on the slopes for another couple runs. Then at 7:30pm the kids pack up their bags and skis and head back on the bus where they will be picked up by their parents.

Ski Club is a great opportunity for kids to become more responsible and be more independent. Mrs. Perna coordinates the trip down to Holiday Valley and does a great job with it. Her most important rule is that if you go skiing we have to be there for School Mass on Thursday morning. The kids are always excited to share their stories of going down the extravagant hills and making it down without any help, or even their stories about making a new ski friend.

By Elsie Hilmey and Alexandra Liolos

## **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janeczek: [njaneczek@stgregs.org](mailto:njaneczek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org) ~ 688-3578

Check out our brand-new Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry website at [www.stgregsym.org](http://www.stgregsym.org).

### **Middle School**

Edge Nights: Feb. 15, 22 ; 6:30 - 8:30pm

Middle-School Ultimate: Feb. 16, 7:00 -9:00pm

### **High School**

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

**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!

### **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!

### **Youth Adult Ministry (18 - 30's-ish)**

**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. Plus, follow us on our new Instagram account just for this age group for fresh content!

**Daily Mass** – 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.

**Exodus90** – We're going through Lent and continuing to Pentecost with a group of brave men to build discipline through asceticism and prayer with a rigorous 90 day cleanse of body and soul. Stay tuned for a second round this summer.

**Young Adult Women's Bible Study** – Pam Distefano will be leading our first YA Women's Bible Study. Come and join other young adult women every Wednesday evening through Lent to go through the "Healing the father wound" series. We will gather at 7:00pm in Sr. Maureen's room in the Ministry Center. Great way to make friends and go deeper in faith!

## **St. Gregory's Home School Association 1500 Club Raffle Ticket Request – April 14, 2018** **(Drop in collection basket or to the Parish Office)**

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](mailto: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!




## "SPIRITUAL SPINS & GRINS" FROM FR. FRANCIS

The Bible without the Holy Spirit is a sundial by moonlight. (Dwight L. Moody, 1837-1899)

### Post-Dyngus Day Dinner Dance

Join St. Greg's for our Post Dyngus Day Dinner Dance! This event includes dinner from area-renowned Nowak Catering, a fully stocked bar, and homemade desserts. Live music will be performed by local favorite The Buffalo Touch Polka Band. There will be a free polka dancing lessons, given by a certified instructor, for all those in attendance. Throughout the evening, try your luck at our basket raffle and our 50/50 raffle. This event is for those 21 and over, tickets are pre-sale only.

If interested, call: 688-3578 or email:  
[stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com](mailto:stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com)



### Music Ministry


Rehearsals

**Children Choir (Grades 2-8)**  
4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tues., Feb. 13, 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 15, in GR 2

**Easter Triduum Choir**  
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, February 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



## Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, February 11

- 9:00 am 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)

### Monday, February 12

- 1:00 am Senior Citizens Meeting (MC Gym/Kitchen)
- 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)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Committee Mtg. (MC 1)

### Tuesday, February 13

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 2)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)
- 6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)
- 6:45 pm Bear Den Cub Scouts Mtg. (School Art Room)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #440 Mtg. (MC Gym)

### Wednesday, February 14

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina (GR 2)
- 5:00 pm Light is on Confessions (Church)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Ash Wed. Mass: Rite of Sending (Church)

### Thursday, February 15

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)

### Friday February 16

- 9:00 am Marian Queen of Heaven Study (GR 1&2)
- 9:30 am Children's Playgroup (MC Basement)
- 12:30 pm Friday Lenten Series (GR 1&2)
- 1:20 pm School Stations of the Cross (Church)
- 4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour (Church)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Gym)

### Saturday, February 17

- Sunday, February 18**
- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym)

## 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.  
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## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, February 10 –**

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Mario Santo Campanella  
by Maria Campanella  
Ettore & Lola Lazzaro by Lazzaro Family
- 5:30 pm Marie Pantano by Pam Pantano

### **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

### **Monday, February 12 – St. Agatha**

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am John G. Leutze, Sr.  
by Rose Marie & Dick Pfeiffer  
Gustina & Wittig Families  
by Roger J. Wittig
- 12:00 pm John Lucyszyn (birth) by Amy Ventura  
Emily Kajfasz by Tom & Mary Glomb

### **Tuesday, February 13**

- 7:00 am Mary Manaher  
by Hearts of Fire Study Group  
Theresa Currie by Jim & Judy Huber
- 8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie Mack by Estate
- 12:00 pm Richard Grimm by Theresa Shanahan  
Peter Collard by Carroll Family

### **Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

- 7:00 am Paul Moran by Betty Moran
- 8:00 am Lyle Kinsella by Fr. Tom Mahoney
- (School Mass)** Josephine Curto by Daughter & Family
- 12:00 pm Patrick Allen  
by Allen, Benson & Gerrish Families  
Gerri De Lac by Granddaughter, Lillian
- 7:00 pm Vincenzo & Dominica Mistretta by Family

### **Thursday, February 15**

- 7:00 am Angela Riordan (anniv) by Family
- 8:00 am Mary Manaher by Tony & Nancy Spada  
Hazel Smith by E. Pitt Smith
- 12:00 pm Christine A. Dulski  
by Mary & Anthony Dulski  
John Cefaretti by Giambito Family

### **Friday, February 16**

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
- 8:00 am Milo Faley (anniv) by Bill & Linda Dohn  
James Daly by Christ Family
- 12:00 pm Judi Post by Ronald & Joanne Zini  
John LaLonde by Brian & Donna Murray

### **Saturday, February 17**

- 8:00 am Eric Zimmerman by Bechtold Family  
Joshua Roetzer by John & Gloria Roetzer

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Otello & Marianna Manna  
by Laura Pegnina & Family  
Lucille Cullen by Joanne Dane
- 5:30 pm William J. Cleary, Jr. by Goergen Family

### **Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am Phillip Tricoli (anniv)  
by Mrs. Theresa Tricoli & Children
- 9:30 am Agnes Trippe  
by Militello & Mazza Families  
Barbarina Bianchi by Ken & Sharon Koller
- 11:00 am Daniel Key  
by Gregory & Mary Langl & Family  
Joseph I. Marino by Steve & Carol Fazekas
- 12:30 pm Luke Doktor by Matt & Kelly Doktor  
William J. Kilinskas by Bill Kilinskas
- 4:30 pm Calogero, Antonio & Maria Scorciotta  
by Carmen & Josephine Collana

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*Mass Schedule*

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*Sacraments*

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- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
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