

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 17 & 18, 2018*

## **From the Desk of the Pastor**

My dear parish family,

As we celebrate this weekend, I have a few things to share.

First, congratulations to Irma Narduzzo who received the St. Joseph the Worker Award on Sunday, March 11, at St. Joseph Cathedral. This is one of the highest awards for the laity of our Diocese to receive from our Bishop. A parish may nominate a parishioner only once every three years for this honor. This award highlights a person who has dedicated themselves, much like St. Joseph, to a life of quiet, prayerful, diligent work for their parish. Irma has dedicated a substantial part of her life to St. Gregory the Great Parish. Irma, along with her late husband, Aldo, came to St. Gregory's in 1958. They raised their family here and Irma has been blessed to also see her grandchildren raised at St. Gregory's. Over the years, Irma has probably been a part of everything at St. Gregory's. Among her many current works, Irma is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Mass, a Minister of the Eucharist to the Sick, a Sacristan and an Adult Server both at the weekday Masses and for funerals. She also works on preparing our parish mailings, is part of Mission, and you have seen Irma pouring coffee and ladling punch at virtually every parish reception. Above all of this, Irma has always supported every endeavor and priest at St. Gregory's in furthering the mission of the Church. We congratulate you, Irma, on this well-deserved honor from our Bishop, and we thank you for all you have done for St. Gregory the Great Parish!

Next, I also wish to congratulate Nicholas (Nick) Perry who, on Saturday, March 17, received the Altar Server of the Year Award from Bishop Richard Malone at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Nick is a junior at Clarence High School and continues to serve as an acolyte at Mass and is waiting to be trained as a Eucharistic Minister. He is also a faithful member of our "Rodzinka" group for High-School guys. This group meets once a month for an evening of prayer, faith sharing and apologetic studies and reflection. This annual award recognizes one young person from each parish for their exemplary service, faithfulness, reverence and consistent dedication as an altar server. It is awesome to note that, as a junior in High School, Nick is still willing to take a leadership role as a server at Mass. He has recently been inducted to the National Honor Society at Clarence High School as well. We honor "scholar-athletes" in High School and Nick would fit that bill for sure, but today we congratulate a well-rounded young man who is not only a "scholar athlete," but also a faith-filled and dedicated Son of our Lord Jesus Christ. Congratulations Nick!! (continued on page 2)

## **Girl Scout Cookies Sale**

The St. Greg's conference of Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 17 & 18.

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## **FISH FRY FRIDAYS**

**LAST FRIDAY! - March 23, 4:00-7:00 pm  
in the School Gym.**

**Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Breaded Shrimp**

Drinks and homemade desserts are also included! Pizza is available for \$1.00 per slice.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 in all Parish Offices, Store and Café. Tickets at the door are \$11.00.

## **SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP**

Holy Thursday, March 29, we will have a bus trip pilgrimage to visit seven churches. The bus will leave promptly at 8:30 pm following the 7:00 pm Mass. Cost is \$5.00 per person and \$12.00 per family. Please complete this slip and return with enclosed check/cash to Jo Pierino by way of mail or collection by **Friday, March 23**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. March 19:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tues. March 20:** Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

**Wed. March 21:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

**Thurs. March 22:** Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

**Fri. March 23:** Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

**Sat. March 24:** Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

**Sun. March 25:** Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC); Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Love your neighbor." Gal. 5:14. Appeal Week 2018 kicks off this weekend. Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in your communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. Please support our Appeal by calling 716-218-1400 or visiting <http://www.ccwny.org/donation>. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## VOCATION VIEW

Just as grains of wheat must die and be scattered in order to produce new life, we must be willing to die to ourselves, and surrender our own ambitions for the sake of God's will. What is God's will for you? 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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### The reward of faith

**Reading I** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (the new covenant)  
**Reading II** Hebrews 5:7-9 (Jesus, compassionate high priest)  
**Gospel Passage** John 12:20-33 (the coming of Jesus' hour)  
Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (John 12:25)

**Adult:** *When and in what way have you seen life come from death?*

**Child:** *When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?*

## From the Desk of the Pastor

(continued from page 1) Next, this weekend we have the privilege of welcoming Mr. Robert Bennett to our parish. We all know the name "Bob Bennett" in Western New York. In the most recent couple decades Bob's name was and is still known in education circles as a great leader, member of the New York State Board of Regents, and a past Chancellor of Education for the State of New York. Prior to this chapter of his life, Bob's name was most well known as the leader of the United Way in Buffalo. Through Bob's entire life, his name has been known as a faithful member of the Church, a daily communicant and leader in the Diocese of Buffalo. This year Bob is the Chair for the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal. Bob has a passion for all of the works of mercy that flow from our financial generosity to fund all that Catholic Charities accomplishes in Western New York. Catholic Charities really is the leader in our community for social services, adoption, foster care, service corps, chemical dependence counseling, counseling for families and individuals, emergency aid, direct aid for refugees and services in healthcare, military programs and much more. Welcome, Bob, and thank you for being a great Catholic leader for our Church and State of New York!

Our St. Gregory the Great Parish goal for Catholic Charities this year is \$692, 989. I am very thankful to everyone who has already given and I humbly ask you to consider giving this year if you have not made your gift. Only about one-third of the registered parishioners of St. Gregory's are donors. Last year, 1,866 registered households of St. Gregory's 6,000 families donated to Catholic Charities. Each year we see, as does every parish in the Diocese, a decline in the number of donors. At the same time the declining number of donors seems to give more and more. Thank you for all you have done and will do this year.

Finally, and not least in any way, this week we saw the efforts of our teenagers who staged across the country a "walk out" of school on Wednesday to commemorate the tragic school shooting in Florida one month ago. We applaud these young activists who have "had enough" of school violence. They are correct – it is enough! As I have written before, this is only one symptom of a larger problem, that the culture of Relativism is a culture of death. The culture of death is being furthered at this time both in Albany and in Washington. Both our state and national leaders in different ways are considering legislation to expand abortion, taxpayer funding of abortion, limitation of physician's rights and businesses' objection to provision under conscience in healthcare provisions. Just as our young activists "walked out" and also prayed on Wednesday in schools across the country, may we follow their example and call, e-mail and write to all of our elected State and National officials to respect human life and defeat this effort to expand abortion and to stop using our tax dollars to fund the culture of death that spreads from the womb to the classroom to church shootings to concerts in the park and daily on our city streets. It all ties together – we need to support life and do something about it like our youth did this past week.

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

## Sacramental Information Confirmation Rehearsal:

This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm in the Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal** should be attended by the candidate and their sponsor. A parent can stand in for out-of-town sponsors so that they can provide direction for the sponsor prior to Confirmation night.

**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.

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

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

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

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

▪ **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.

**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.

## "ST. GREGORY TWELVE" NOMINATIONS

Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our parish life and ministries. If you know of parishioners whose voluntary efforts have enhanced our Parish Community, please nominate them for this award which will be acknowledged at Mass on May 20. We look forward to having the opportunity to honor many in our Parish who unselfishly donate their time/abilities to fulfill our Parish Mission. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office, to be returned to Jo by Friday, April 13.

## Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Western New York Affiliate Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 10:00am-12:00pm, at St. Gregory the Great Parish in the Gathering Room.

This month's meeting will focus on the goals of the WNY Affiliate and introduce participants to volunteer opportunities available locally, as well begin preparation for the PurpleStride 5k walk/run to be held in 2019. All are welcome! RSVP to Lynne at [ljakubowski@pancnvolunteer.org](mailto:ljakubowski@pancnvolunteer.org).



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals



#### Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tues., March 20, in GR 2

The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 25.

#### Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

7:30 pm, Thursday, March 22, in GR 2

#### Easter Triduum Choir

7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 20, in GR 2

7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 27, in Church

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

## Good Friday Collection

**A Pontifical Collection** - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, join Christians around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday).

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## Diaper Drive -

### \$1000 Away From Our Goal!

We have raised \$2300 of our \$3300 goal to send two containers worth of diapers to Mustard Seed Communities. That's 120,000 diapers worth! Please consider donating this lent! 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.

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. Questions? Email Liz at [stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com).



## **MOMS: Meet the Catholic Doctors!**

Friday, April 20, 9:00 - 11:00am in the Gathering Rooms.

All moms welcome to attend this exciting question & answer panel discussion of four moms who are local Catholic pediatricians. Never been to MOMS? Now is a great time to join us. Come as you are. Free childcare by reservation only. Email [ltmacnamara@gmail.com](mailto:ltmacnamara@gmail.com) for childcare. Any questions about MOMS email [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com).

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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, March 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 [jeffrcrd@aol.com](mailto:jeffrcrd@aol.com).

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## **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](http://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.

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## **Men's Golf League**

The Men's Golf League is looking for both full-time team members as well as substitutes for the Wednesday evening league. You don't have to be a great golfer – just a good guy looking to share in some fun and relaxation with the group. For information call Mike Bender at 689-0510.



## **Post-Dyngus Day Dinner Dance**

Join St. Greg's for our Post Dyngus Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 7! 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 free polka dancing lessons given by a certified instructor as well!. Try your luck at our basket raffle and our 50/50 raffle. This event is for those 21 and over. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner is at 6:00pm and dancing begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are pre-sale only for \$25/person and can be purchased at the Parish Office. For more info., call: 688-3578 or email: [stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com](mailto:stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com)

# **LENT 2018**

## **Friday Lenten Series**

March 23; 12:30 - 2:00pm, Gathering Rooms

### **The Face of Mary**

This extraordinary new documentary film which reveals the face of Mary in our modern world is narrated by Jim Caviezel. The weaving of theology and history, along with modern testimonials, creates a remarkable tapestry of proof that Divine Mercy is not some abstract theology - it is alive, it is present and it will transform the world. Meet the woman who found freedom in forgiveness after seeing her family wiped out by genocide; the former NFL linebacker who walked away from football to share Christ's mercy with the homeless; the baseball player who traded MLB ambitions for the monastery, and the young widow who chose mercy towards her husbands' killer.

### **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

### **Northern Vicariate Lecture Series**

#### **Mary as Intercessor**

Rev. Leon Biernat will speak on how we experience Mary and the role of Mary as intercessor on Monday, March 19, at 7:30pm at The Newman Center at UB, 495 Skinnerville Road, Amherst, NY 14228. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate.

### **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.

### **The Light is On - Confessions**

Every Wednesday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the Church we will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **CAFÉ LENTEN MENU**

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!

# 1500 CLUB RAFFLE

Prizes totaling \$37,500 awarded!

Don't miss out on your chance to win **one or more of the remaining 236 cash prizes** including the **Grand Prize of \$10,000!**

Chances of winning are approximately 1 in 6!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Your official ticket will be sent to the address listed above by return mail. Checks payable to St. Gregory the Great)*

Join us in the Ministry Center on Saturday, April 14, from 6:30 – 9:00pm for the Grand Drawing Celebration!  
Each ticket purchased admits two adults over 21 for an evening of food, drinks and fun, but...

**Winners Need Not Be Present to Win.**

Your participation helps our largest HSA-sponsored event support our Catholic school.

May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

Questions? Email: [1500club@stgregs.org](mailto:1500club@stgregs.org)



***Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to share in the celebration of His Last Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018***

***At 5:00 pm in the Ministry Center***

## **Holy Thursday Shared Supper**

In keeping with the spirit of the First Holy Thursday when Our Lord gathered His community of followers to share in the Passover meal, St. Gregory's Social/Hospitality Committee invites all parishioners to participate in our annual potluck "Shared Supper." *We will provide* salads, rolls, beverages, desserts and serving utensils. Please plan to bring a dish to feed your family and 6 others (suggestions: sliced meats, pasta dishes, potatoes, vegetables, casseroles, etc.) in **ready-to-serve, disposable containers only**, to allow volunteers to attend Mass. To facilitate our planning and assure you of a seat please RSVP to: Roe Spano 689-6224 by **Monday, March 26**.

## ***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:***

#### **Monday, March 19**

7:00 pm St. Joseph's Day Dads Celebration for Gr 8  
(School Cafeteria)

#### **NO Classes: Saturday, March 24 - Sunday, April 8**

Classes resume on Monday, April 9

### **2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:**

For FFF Program Registration, go to [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you can download a form to bring to the meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

#### **High School Summer Program** (formerly SPLASH)

Class dates: June 25 - 29, 9:00am - 4:00pm. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/](http://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 7:00pm **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 7:00pm **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) begins on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00pm. **Online Registration Only.** Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/](http://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/](http://www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/)

#### **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr 1-10)

Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1. Register Online or In Person. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/program-options/](http://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. Register Online or In Person. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/pre-school/](http://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/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/)

## **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**

Back in October 2017, St. Gregory's Fourth Graders were saddened to hear about the training accident involving K-9 Officer Craig Lehner, who left behind his dog Shield. Our faith teaches us to care for others, even if we don't know them. To show our love, we collected dog treats and dog food and wrapped them in blue paper and attached a card from each student in Fourth Grade. We donated everything to the Buffalo Animal Shelter in memory of Officer Lehner. Our class hopes this brings good feelings to his family and that the dogs at the shelter feel cared about. We want the dogs to be happy. We wanted good to come from a sad situation. Our favorite part was wrapping the treats.

By Riley McFarlane and Joseph ModicaAmore



### **Catechist's Corner**

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

"A catechist is one who guards the memory of God and who knows how to awaken it in others." - Pope Francis

#### **From a Junior high student:**

"...Dear Mr. Wadhams,  
Thank you for teaching us a lot about Jesus. You are the best teacher."



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**.



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you have a loved one or a friend who is going through a tough time, think about giving her/him a prayer shawl. Warm and comforting, made in prayer and blessed by Father Tom, shawls are available in the Parish office at no cost. Also available are blankets for very sick babies and children. Smaller and larger blankets have been made to accommodate children of all ages. A gift of love is the best gift of all to someone who is suffering from pain or loss.

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### **Adoration Chapel**

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from Holy Thursday, March 29, at 9:00am through Easter Monday, April 1, at 7:30am. We wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter.

## **Senior Citizens**

**March 20** - Seneca Niagara Casino trip. \$23 per person. \$30 slot dollars and free full buffet. Bus departs St. Gregory's at 9:00am and returns at 4:00pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

**April 10**, *Del LAGO* Casino, \$26 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. **Payment due with reservation.** Bus departs Ministry Center at 8:00 am, returns 6:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

## **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

*Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@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 and High-School Concert Opportunity: April 5 at 7:00pm**

Matt Maher and Christ Tomlin, two of the most prolific Christian Worship leaders of the past decade, are stopping in Rochester as part of their Worship Night in America Tour! We have managed to secure tickets for this can't-miss musical event! If you are interested in joining us for a fantastic evening of praise and worship, contact Richard or Nicole! Tickets are in limited supply, so let us know soon if you are interested in attending!

#### **Middle School**

**Edge Nights: March 22; 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: March 25; 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**High-School Retreat: April 13-15**

It's finally here! The annual High-School retreat! This year we're going to Camp Hickory Hill, complete with a game room, gym and a rock wall for anyone feeling especially adventurous! Book your spot today for the weekend of a lifetime!

**SWAT Team: March 20, 27; 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.

**High-School Hangout: March 23, 7:00 - 9:00pm**

You asked and we answered! High-School Hangout is back on March 23 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center with open gym time, snacks, movies and games! If you are a high-schooler looking for a night of fun, this is for you! All are welcome!

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

**Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm**

Join us for noon Mass followed by food and fellowship afterwards in the St. Greg's Caf ! All are welcome!

**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!

**Trivia Night: April 9 at 6:30 - 8:30pm**

Looking for a fun night out on the town with a great community of young adults? Join us at the Anchor Bar on Maple Road for Trivia Night! No matter your level of trivia expertise, this promises to be a fantastic night!



## Respect Life

### Bishops Support Conscience Protection Act

(from usccb.org): Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, chair of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, urge the faithful to **flood Congress with emails and calls asking for enactment of the Conscience Protection Act (CPA) as part of the 2018 funding bill.**

Congress is currently considering whether to include the CPA in must-pass government funding legislation. A decision on its inclusion will be made prior to March 23.

The Bishops' statement:

"Increasing and fierce attacks on conscience rights regarding abortion cry out for an immediate remedy. Nurses and other health care providers and institutions are being forced to choose between participating in abortions or leaving health care altogether. Churches and pro-life Americans are being forced to provide coverage for elective abortions—including late-term abortions—in their health care plans. Opponents and supporters of abortion should be able to agree that no one should be forced to participate in abortion. Congress must remedy this problem by enacting the Conscience Protection Act now as part of the FY 2018 funding bill.

"We call on all the faithful to pray and to act by emailing and calling Congress in the coming weeks with the message that enacting the Conscience Protection Act is urgently needed to protect Americans from being forced to violate their deeply held convictions about respect for human life. Your calls and emails to your Members of Congress really do make a difference, so please act now to protect conscience rights!"

Members of Congress can be reached by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at **(202) 224-3121**. Or you can email and call your Members of Congress quickly and easily at **www.bit.ly/support-cpa**

## Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, March 18

- 8:00 am Youth Ministry 8th Grade Lock-in (MC Gym)
- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym)

### Monday, March 19

- 6:30 pm 33 Days of Merciful Love Bible Study (MC Café)

### Tuesday, March 20

- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)
- 6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC Café)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Cub Scout Pack Meeting (School Caf/Gym)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

### Wednesday, March 21

- 7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 5:00 pm The Light Is On Confessions (Church)
- 6:30 pm Children's Catechumenate (School Art Room)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Young Adult Women's Bible Study (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Presentation (Room 702)

### Thursday, March 22

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge (MC Gym)

### Friday March 23

- 12:30 pm Friday Lenten Series (GR 1&2)
- 4:00 pm Parish Fish Fry (School Gym & Caf)
- 6:30 pm MOMS Trip to Rome Meeting (M 3)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour (Church)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Event(MC Gym/Basemen/Café)

### Saturday, March 24

### Sunday, March 25

- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym/Café/Youth Room)

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## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, March 17-**

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Margaret S. Burns  
by Donald & Mary Brennen  
Betty Clancy by Hendry Family
- 5:30 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli (birth)  
by Joyce Santora & Family

### **Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am Mary Agnes Carroll  
by Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Collard
- 9:30 am Charlene Weishaupt by Donna Cronin  
Jim Daly by Mike & Marcia Gannucci
- 11:00 am Alfred Caldiero by Children  
Donald G. Held  
by Mary Ann Held & Family
- 12:30 pm Sam & Lydia Garofalo  
by Louise & Family  
David Hayes by Fran & JoAnn McNamara
- 4:30 pm Patrice Pantano by Pam Pantano

### **Monday, March 19 – St. Joseph**

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Mary Canzoneri by Roger & Carol Batug
- 8:00 am Phyllis DiGiore  
by Margaret & Louis Coniglio
- 12:00 pm Bruce A. Fenn by Kathy & Sal Balone  
Joan N. Russo by Mary Jane Cercone

### **Tuesday, March 20**

- 7:00 am Edward Shettler Family by Terry Smith
- 8:00 am Bradley Basant by Parents  
Gustina & Wittig Families  
by Roger J. Wittig
- 12:00 pm John & Adeline Bucki  
by Carl & Deborah Bucki  
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### **Wednesday, March 21**

- 7:00 am Casey Ronas by Francis Lesswing
- 8:00 am Sophie & Stanley Bogdan  
by Alfasso Family  
Virginia Dagonese  
by Paul & Ellie Catalano
- 12:00 pm Phyllis DiGiore by Nancy Ciccarelli  
Sarah Anastasia (anniv)  
by Michael Anastasia

### **Thursday, March 22**

- 7:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Staff of St. Gregory's  
Pegi Chan & Betty Lee  
by Shirley & Arthur Chan
- 8:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- (School Mass)**
- 12:00 pm Dr. Joseph Kam by Friend  
Donald J. Collins II  
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

### **Friday, March 23**

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Vincent Krizman  
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hill
- 8:00 am Edward & Elizabeth Mueller  
by Matt & Kelly Doktor
- 12:00 pm Rev. David I. Richards (birth) by Friend  
Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel

### **Saturday, March 24**

- 8:00 am Shirley J. Bork by John & Amy Persons  
Maria Tollefson by Priests of St. Gregory's

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm John Duffy by Ed & Judy Kisailus  
Hillary White by Patricia Edinger
- 5:30 pm Barbara Viscogliosi by Donna Matisko

### **Sunday, March 25 –**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 8:00 am John DiPasquale  
By Mrs. Rose Mary DiPasquale & Son, Jay
- 9:30 am John E. King by Wife & Family  
Jim Daly by Joanne Zaccaria & Family
- 11:00 am Irineo Gutierrez by Florentina Gutierrez  
Thomas F. Creenan  
by Eileen & Charles Lestition
- 12:30 pm Fred Riccio by Dr. & Mrs. Franz Glasauer
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Salvatore Insalaco by Family  
Gerri De Lac by Family

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*Mass Schedule*

**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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*Sacraments*

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

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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.

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*Prayer and Devotion*

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**PRAYER**

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
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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](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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