



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17 & 18, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear Parish Family, this weekend I will cover a few different items in my message. Happy St. Patrick's Day for all of our Irish and Viva San Giuseppe for all of our Italian people (Happy St. Joseph's Day)! These are two great feasts that come during the Lenten Season and are the celebrations that make every person either Irish or Italian for the day!

First of all, hopefully you have noticed the purple candle burning near the cross on the stage in the Ministry Center. Although we explained this candle on Ash Wednesday, and in the verbal announcements last Sunday, I thought it warranted an explanation here as well. The candle was lit at the 7:00 am mass on Ash Wednesday and will remain lit for one year. Bishop Malone has called us to a "Year of Prayer and Healing." At the Ash Wednesday 12:05 pm mass, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Bishop Malone lit a purple vigil candle reminding all to pray for the victims of clergy sexual abuse and for the healing of the Church. This marks the beginning of a special year for the Diocese of Buffalo. During the year we will continue and pray for healing of all victims of abuse and for the Church as a whole. Since Lent is a time of prayer, mercy, forgiveness and renewal, this year of prayer began on Ash Wednesday. The candle will burn perpetually at the Cathedral throughout this year, before the statue of St. Joseph, the patron of our Diocese. In the coming months, there will be special times of prayer in each Vicariate. Each parish was asked to light a similar candle in their church. We will have the same perpetual purple vigil candle burning now in our temporary worship space and then permanently for the remainder of the year in our Church.

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 19

Foot Washing Ceremony

On Holy Thursday, April 19, the foot washing will be part of the ceremony. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jo Pierino at 688-5678, Ext. 301, for further details.

The Bishop has given us a prayer to offer and I encourage you to offer this prayer personally. Copies are available in our Ministry Center foyer

"O Merciful Father,

Your Son in Love stretched out His hands upon the cross to embrace us.

Embrace and heal our brothers and sisters who carry the wounds of abuse inflicted upon them.

Heal Your Church broken by this betrayal of trust. Cleanse and sanctify Your Clergy that they may radiate the selfless love of Your Son.

And strengthen and call the people of the Church throughout Western New York to a new dawn of hope and grace in your Holy Spirit.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Next, on Ash Wednesday I received an anonymous note. Generally I do not read them, but I did read this one. Some suggested I publish it and reply. I will not publish the note, but I will respond to it. Although the note was a bit harsh, I was concerned because whoever wrote it was obviously angry, and angry over something that has been well explained. I am thankful because the writer of the note pointed out an error in our Lenten Journey flyer that was printed in the Bulletin. I apologize that the error occurred. So what was the issue? The issue concerned the renovation of the church and its completion time. There was an error on the flyer which stated the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass was in the Ministry Center. That is incorrect; it will be in the Church.

At every Mass I have celebrated, since the renovation started, I have stated the progress of the work. For the last couple weeks the lector has read an announcement giving updates at all of the Masses. I have also regularly mentioned the progress in the Bulletin and there are photos on the Parish website. Please know that we are still on target for returning to the Church for Palm Sunday. I do apologize that the Lenten Journey flyer was incorrect.

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(From the desk of the Pastor, Continued)

The letter sent was also confusing because I believe the author does not understand why there are no 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses on Holy Saturday. For longer than any of us have been alive, there has never been a Vigil Mass for Easter other than the Easter Vigil, which is to begin at sundown. For pastoral reasons, rather than begin at 8:30 pm or 9:00 pm, as would be proper, we do begin the Vigil at 7:00 pm to make it more convenient for people to come to and celebrate. Please know that church law prohibits any other vigil mass on Holy Saturday other than the Easter Vigil. This is not a “Fr. Leon decision” nor a “St. Greg’s policy.” The purpose of Easter Vigil is to spend all night in prayer looking to the Resurrection of Christ. The liturgy is designed to really be celebrated throughout the whole night, not just in a couple hours. Again, for pastoral reasons and to allow people to come and celebrate this highest liturgy of the Church, we start our Mass at 7:00 pm. Depending on the number of Baptisms and Confirmations, we usually conclude the liturgy by 9:30 pm. I hope and pray you can make the time to come to this awesome experience of liturgy. Finally, to the unnamed individual who sent the note, thank you for bringing our human error to light. We have corrected the Lenten Journey flyer. I am sorry that this issue caused you to become so concerned and angry.

Finally, our Parish Lenten Retreat is approaching. This year Deacon Greg Feary will be our Retreat leader. He will preach at all of the Masses on the weekend of March 23 and 24. The Retreat will be our usual schedule. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 – 27, we will have 12:00 noon Mass, in the Ministry Center, followed by Deacon Greg’s Retreat talk. We will also have Deacon Greg give his Retreat presentation again each evening at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Please plan to set aside these three days of renewal this Lent. Also, as a reminder, every Wednesday during Lent we have Confessions available in the Ministry Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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

JAMAICA DIAPER DRIVE

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. Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Ministry Center or from the Parish Office. Return the envelope in the collection or to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support! Cash or Checks will be accepted and can be made payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: Jamaica Mission Diaper Drive. For questions email Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Transformed by Christ

Reading I Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (the covenant with Abraham)
Reading II Philippians 3:17-4:1 (Christ our goal)
Gospel Luke 9:28b-36 (Jesus transfigured)
Key Passage But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

Adult: How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?

Child: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Mar. 18: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tues. Mar. 19: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wed. Mar. 20: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs. Mar. 21: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Fri. Mar. 22: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat. Mar. 23: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-12
Sun. Mar. 24: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C); 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

In February, we Baptized 3 new Christians. Welcome to our parish family and congratulations to the parents of: **Dominic James Julian, Mia Demi Perlino and Freya Ellie Perlino.** Special thanks to parish seamstresses for the white Remembrance Stoles.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE
AFTER MASSES**

The Girl Scout troops from St. Gregory the Great School will be selling cookies, after most Masses, during the weekend of March 23 and March 24. We appreciate your support!

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 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1.** For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffrcrd@aol.com.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events :

Fish Fry Fridays: Pre-Sale Tickets are \$11 per person (\$12 at the door) and are available for sale in the FFF Office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session. Tickets are good for any of the following Friday dates: 22, 29, April 5 and 12. **FFF is sponsoring the March 22 Fish Fry, so please be sure to come and support us!!** Dine-in or Take out!

Disciple Camp First Friday Service Projects: If you were unable to attend First Friday Club on March 2, you can stop in to the FFF Office to pick up service projects to do at home. Color placemats and make Easter cards to cheer the seniors at Elderwood. **March Take Home Projects** should be brought back to the FFF Office by **Friday, March 22** (FFF's Fish Fry Day). Our office closes at 2:00 pm on March 22, but there will be a bin near the ticket table where you can turn in your projects during the Fish Fry, which is from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Bakers and Adult Helpers Needed: FFF is sponsoring the Fish Fry on March 22 and we will be needing adult volunteers and bakers to bring (precut/individually wrapped) desserts. If you can help, please email pgilbert@stgregs.org or call the office at 688-5760 to volunteer. Thank you!!



Grade 6 FFF Families learned about the Jewish tradition Jesus practiced by taking part in a Seder Meal that celebrates Passover and the joyous retelling of the story of the Exodus.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Confirmation Interviews will be held on March 30 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and on April 2 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the School Gym.

Confirmation Rehearsal: This year, there will be only **ONE Confirmation Rehearsal**, to be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:45 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.

Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation.

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

CATECHIST CORNER

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, Catechists are encouraged to engage in eight hours of training per year (6 theological credit hours, and 2 ministerial credit hours).

St. Gregory the Great Retreat; Priest, Prophet, King This 3 day retreat counts as 3 credit hours towards theological formation and 2 credit hours of ministry skills. "Just as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life."

- March 25, 26 and 27 after the 12:00 noon Mass and 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Call 688-5678 for information.

Buffalo Diocese workshop: *Growing Pains* This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years. This **workshop** requires registration.

- March 30, 9:30-11:30 am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean
- April 30, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore

Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome Or, call all Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for information.

CAFÉ MUSIC NIGHT

Life is easier when you let the Café do the cooking! Join us for an evening out on **March 20 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM** for custom, made-to-order pizza while enjoying live, easy-listening music by "Day7" a contemporary acoustic music group based out of St. Greg's. All are welcome.



St. Gregory the Great
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lenten Journey

Fish Fry Fridays

Join us for Food & Fellowship

Every Friday night, March 8 – April 12: 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria

Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Parish Lenten Retreat

Deacon Greg Feary will lead us in our Lenten retreat for three days March 25-27, after 12:00 noon Mass & 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
"Priest, Prophet, King - Your Baptismal Call"

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena

April 18-20 after 9:00 am Morning Prayers in the Church

Brown Bag Lunch

"Salvation, History, and the Covenants"
March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5
afternoon the 12:00 noon Mass in Gathering Room 1

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Holy Hour for Peace & Unity within the Nations

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

The Light is On – Confession

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center (April 17 in the Church)

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday evening, March 12 – April 16 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center (April 16 in the Church)

Family Faith Formation Children's Easter Pageant

Saturday, April 13 at 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

Holy Thursday - April 18	Good Friday - April 19	Holy Saturday - April 20	Easter Sunday - April 21
9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church) 5:00 pm – Parish Shared Supper (Ministry Center) 7:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church) 8:30 pm – Seven Churches bus trip (Front Doors of the Church)	9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church) 12:00 noon – Seven Last Words of Christ (Church) 3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church) 7:00 pm – Living Stations of the Cross (Church)	9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church) 12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church) 7:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass (Church)	Masses at: 8:00 am (Church) 9:30 am (Church) 11:00 am (Church) 12:30 pm (Church)

COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

FRY-DAY NIGHT Lenten FISH FRY

St. Gregory the Great ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DATES: MARCH 8, 15, 22, & 29 AND APRIL 5 & 12

TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

FRIED FISH, BREADED SHRIMP or FRESH BAKED FISH provided by Krotick's;

PIZZA by LaPorta FOR \$2 ALL ENTREES WITH SIDES, DRINK AND DESSERT

TICKETS ARE \$11.00 PRE-SALE, \$12.00 AT THE DOOR **EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT**

St. Gregory the Great School
250 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

Off Maple Rd near Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital



MINISTRY DATES HOSTING FISH FRY:

MARCH 8 - MISSION TEAMS
MARCH 15 - YOUTH MINISTRY
MARCH 22 - FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
MARCH 29 - HSA
APRIL 5 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
APRIL 12 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



"Just as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life."

The challenge and invitation to live a life of intentional discipleship is found in our Baptism. Join us as we break open and explore what it means to live your Baptismal call to be priest, prophet and king today.

Monday, March 25
You are a Priest
Sanctifying Your Life and the Lives of Others

Tuesday, March 26
You are a Prophet
God's Spokesperson All the Time

Wednesday, March 27
You are a King
Servant-Leader According to the Pattern of Jesus

After the 12:00 noon Mass and 7:00—8:30 pm each day
Saint Gregory the Great Ministry Center
250 Saint Gregory Court :: Williamsville :: (716) 688-5678
Our guide for the retreat ... Deacon Greg Feary

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS – LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS

For the second session of the **Lenten Lecture Series**, Deacon William Hynes will speak on the topic of Eucharistic Prayers and how they can "Lift Up Our Hearts to God", on Monday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Pius X Church, 1700 N. French Rd., Getzville, NY 14068. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Looking to give back to your parish community? Looking to grow in your faith? Please consider joining the largest catholic fraternal organization in the world. New Members always welcome! Must be 18 or over. Please join us prior to our monthly meeting every first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Rooms and meet the Men we call Knights. Contact – Rich MacLean – 912-3186, richmaclean@roadrunner.com.

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K OF C DISTRICT FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The Knights of Columbus held the WNY Regional Free Throw Championship Saturday, February 23 at Our Lady of Hope, Kenmore Ave. Champions were determined by the best of 25 free throws for boys and girls ages 9-14 years old.

Of the nine champions moving on to the Upstate Finals in Syracuse March 9, four of these were from the District 79 Championship held at St. Gregory's. Of these four, two were St. Gregory Council Champions.

The Boys' District 79 and WNY Regional Champions are:
William Buckingham – age 10 – St. Gregory
Aidan Ogilvie – age 12 – Cardinal O'Hara

The Girls' District 79 and WNY Regional Champions are:
Isabella Zinno – age 10 – St. Gregory
Annabella Cullinan – age 13 – Cardinal O'Hara

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, March 1 the newly formed committee met for the first time, with 12 new members on hand. Among other things we decided on a "Welcome Wagon" initiative. This would involve calling on people who have recently moved into our neighborhood, perhaps on a Saturday morning. Volunteers would welcome the new residents to our neighborhood, and give them a packet of materials about St. Gregory the Great Church and School.

We already have one two-person team that will take on this task. We are looking for two more teams, that is, four persons who are willing to help. If you would like to discuss this, please send an email me to at fm210@hotmail.com or call at 688-5678 ext 305.

Sincerely,
Fr. Thomas

The Divine Mercy



Messiah and Devotion

The Life Changing Message of Divine Mercy

"The Life Changing Message of Divine Mercy"

Pope John Paul II is known as **The Great Mercy Pope**. He instituted Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter throughout the Universal Church in the year 2000 saying, "**Mercy must become the mission of the Church and her people, especially in these times, making it our right and our duty to proclaim God's Mercy to all people.**" (Rich in Mercy 12-15)

Pope John Paul II made St. Faustina the first Saint of the New Millennium. She is known as the Apostle and Secretary of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina recorded revelations from Jesus in a diary approved by the Church about the urgent message of Divine Mercy. "*Mankind will not have peace until it turns to My mercy.*" (Diary, 300)

SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP

Holy Thursday, April 18, we will have a bus trip pilgrimage to visit seven churches. The bus will leave 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 **Friday, April 5**.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Number Attending: _____
Amount Enclosed: _____



MUSIC MINISTRY



Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 19, in GR2
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 14

Adult Choir for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 - 9:00 pm Thursday, March 21, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19, GR2
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, in GR2
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, in GR2
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in the Church

For more information about the various ensembles, contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR CONCERT

St. Michael's Choir School from Toronto will be performing a choral concert on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 pm in the Church. This choir is 150 boys in grades five through twelve. St. Gregory's is their first concert on tour to New York City, Long Island and New Jersey. Their new conductor is the former director of the Texas Boy Choir. There will be a free-will offering at the concert.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS THE PLACE TO FIND COMFORT AND PEACE ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. OFFER A HOLY HOUR BEFORE OUR LORD FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great.

Our Adoration Chapel is in need of the following scheduled Adorers:

MONDAYS 2:00-3:00 am
MONDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.



RESPECT LIFE

March 21-World Down Syndrome Day: In December 2011, the UN General Assembly declared March 21 as World Down Syndrome Day. The significance of the date, 3/21, refers to the third copy of the #21 chromosome present in those persons with Down Syndrome.

Sadly, over 90% of pre-born children diagnosed with Down Syndrome are aborted in the United Kingdom and Europe. In the United States, the numbers are more difficult to obtain, but according to the Charlotte Lozier Institute (2015), the number is close to 75%. In Iceland, almost 100% of these children are aborted.

The Catholic Church teaches that, “At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging circumstance never diminishes the value of a human life.”

From USCCB pamphlet, *A Perfect Gift*: “Many parents want perfect children, and our culture is obsessed with superficial perfection. ...However, God calls us to seek perfection not in appearance or abilities, but in love.

“Love in a family where one member has a serious disability may look unappealing from the outside. ...It's natural to fear that ...sacrifices will require too much, but this is where the deep mystery of sacrificial love becomes apparent.

“Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are* and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone. We also begin to understand our own worth, which depends not on our skills or appearance, but solely on the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God and loved by Him. Our lives—all our lives—are worth living.”

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Western NY Affiliate

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Gathering Room # 1. All are welcome. Contact Lynne Jakubowski at ljakubowski@pancanvolunteer.org to **RSVP**.

CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT!

The Café will serve a variety of pierogis! Come back for lunch every Friday during Lent to try our new flavor of the week. Hope to see you soon!

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

Monday, March 18

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)

6:00 pm Knights Holy Trinity Assembly Mtg. (MC 1&2)

6:00 pm Track & Field Practice (MC 2)

Tuesday, March 19

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

6:15 pm PanCan Meeting (GR 1)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag (MC Basement/Café)

6:30 pm School Board Meeting (MC 2)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)

6:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Library)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 am Finance Council Meeting (GR 1)

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus First Degree Ceremony (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm Hearts Afire Second Greatest Story Ever Told (MC 2)

6:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class (School Foreign Language Room)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 2)

6:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class (School Foreign Language Room)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)

7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702-School)

Thursday, March 21

2:15 pm Girl Scouts (Brownies) Meeting (GR 2)

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)

6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle Edge/Zag (School Gym)

Friday, March 22

1:00 pm Brown Bag Talk (GR 1)

1:20 pm Stations of the Cross (School)

4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen, Caf)

6:00 pm American Heritage Troop Meeting (GR 1&2)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Church/Gym)

Saturday, March 23

12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)

4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, March 24

11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

GREETERS ARE NEEDED!!

If you would like to help greet your fellow parishioners or have any questions, please call Arlene at 688-5051.



St. Gregory the Great School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we enter into our Lenten season, we were fortunate enough to start with a beautiful homily from Fr. Tom at our Ash Wednesday Mass. Lent should be about living the Gospel everyday. Our Lenten sacrifice highlights our free will and ability to choose how we will spend our Lenten season.

As we reflect on what Ash Wednesday means, we may ask ourselves if God cares if we give something up during the Lenten season. Fr. Tom spoke about our sacrifice being a small expression of our love for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross for us. Lent is not only a time for making sacrifices but, it is also a time to evaluate what we can do in our lives to be a better person for ourselves, our family, and our community. At St. Greg's we are spending our Lenten season with 40 Days of Prayer. We have created a Lenten bulletin board which will display a new Lenten message for each day. We believe it is important to share compliments and good deeds with one another to show our love for Jesus.

God Bless,
Mrs. Gajewski

1500 CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS MAY 18, 2019

Do you have your 1500 Club ticket yet? If not, don't miss your chance to win one of 245 cash prizes totaling \$32,500, including the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$50 and each ticket admits two adults to the party to be held in the Ministry Center. You do not have to attend to win. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket.

To purchase a ticket, complete the form below and send your \$50 check payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: 1500 Club, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Questions? Contact 1500club@stgregs.org.
1500 Club Ticket Request – 5/18/19

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip : _____

Phone Number _____

Number of tickets requested @ \$50/each: _____

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. If you register a child in Kindergarten by April 15 receive \$500 off your tuition. Visit www.stgregsschool.org to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.

Discover the St. Greg's Difference Today!

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

- ◇ New curriculum to utilize your child's strengths in arts and academics
- ◇ High School preparation focusing on faith, service and critical thinking skills
- ◇ New support and enrichment services for students who require in-depth programming
- ◇ An updated lunchroom to nurture a more inclusive community for your child

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Katie Gosch by Bob & Mary Brown
Jerry & Margaret Burns by Burns Family
5:30 pm Mary & Mathew Wyzykowski by Family

Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Kathleen Gilvarry by Maria Deighan
& Lenny
9:30 am Alfred Caldiero by Children
Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
11:00 am Robert Farrington by Elaine Farrington
& Family
Anna DeBergalis
by Mitch & Mary Lamancuso
12:30 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli (birth)
by Joyce Santora & Family
Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family
& Friends
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zilliox by Daughter,
Kiki Singer

Monday, March 18

- 7:00 am Charlene Weishaupt by Donna Cronin
Ken Kraft by Connors Family
8:00 am Florence Sodus by Rita Lankes
12:00 pm Rita A. McGorry by Evelyn O'Connor
Sandra Carden by Mary Ann & Phil Mohr

Tuesday, March 19 – St. Joseph

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Joan Pender (birth) by Jack Gambino
8:00 am Thomas G. Ahearn by Tom & Janet
12:00 pm Thomas J. Santa Lucia
by Thomas & Dolores Santa Lucia
Donald Held by Wife, Mary Ann & Family

Wednesday, March 20

- 7:00 am Sam & Jay Chiarello by Mary Ann & Sam
Piazza & John Chiarello
8:00 am Edward Shettler & Family by Family
Dorothy A. Flynn by Evelyn O'Connor
12:00 pm Bradley Besant by Family
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Oleszek & Close
Families by Ladies of the Lord

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SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERING

In Memory of Andrew Roberts
by Neil, Dad & Becky

Thursday, March 21

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Bucki & Oleszek
(School Mass) Families by Ladies of the Lord
David Graczyk
by Jerry & Mary Jo Sheldon
12:00 pm Charles Heim (living – 96th Birthday)
by Joanne & Gil
Victor G. Daley
by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Friday, March 22

- 7:00 am Rev. Msgr. Paul J. Belzer
by Priests of St. Gregory's
8:00 am Sharon A. Hamister
by Kevin & Danielle Hanley
Donald Moleski
by Brian & Magdalene Cushing
12:00 pm Patricia Vigneron
by John & Marguerite Stonesifer
James O'Shaunecy, Jr.
by Farley-Carroll Family

Saturday, March 23

- 8:00 am Luke Francis O'Connor
by Carl & Deborah Bucki
Rev. Msgr. David Slubecky
by Priests of St. Gregory's

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Roy & Joanne Sautter by Craig & Pamela
5:30 pm Frank & Della Guzanski by Daughters,
Marcia & Margie
Fr. David Richards (living/birthday)
by Friend

Sunday, March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Geraldine B. Sliwinski
by Terry & Jim Gumulak
9:30 am John King by Wife & Family
Walter Nowiski by Fr. Tom Mahoney
11:00 am Sophie & Stanley Bogdan
by Alfasso Family
Elizabeth Endres by Joseph & Susan
12:30 pm Pietro & Anna DiSalvo by Daughter,
Rosalie
Leslie & Judith Rechan
by Nancy McCarthy
1:30 pm Baptisms
4:30 pm Lee Zack (living) by Family Med Pharmacy

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of si 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.

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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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour. 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 at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule

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