



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH
~ IN WORSHIP
~ IN SERVICE

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23 & 24 , 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, I hope and pray that you are remaining focused as we now are in the heart of the Lenten Season. An important part of Lent is to take time to reflect and pray. I hope you will make every attempt to set aside this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to participate in our annual Lenten Retreat. We welcome Deacon Greg Feary to St. Greg's this weekend to preach at all of the Masses, and to lead us in our three day retreat. Just a reminder, our retreat will be presented immediately after the noon Mass and at 7:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Many of you know Deacon Greg, as he taught for many years at St. Joe's Collegiate Institute and currently teaches at Canisius College. He also served the Diocese for a number of years as the Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program and he currently serves as Deacon at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish in Lancaster. You will find him to have a clear message and uses common daily experiences to make a point. Welcome Deacon Greg and thank you for your "yes" to coming to St. Greg's!

As we prepare for Easter, I wish to make you aware of a few things. First, we welcome Michael Hensler to our St. Greg's Ministry Team. Michael is taking over for Gina Cutrona in leading our Arts and Environment Ministry. Another thank you to Gina for your many years of leadership, for making our Church look so beautiful especially at Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. God bless you and our wonderful Art and Environment Committee for all your great work! Also, welcome Michael and thank you for your "yes" to serving in this capacity.

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 19

Foot Washing Ceremony

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.

With regards to our Easter decorations, I want you to be aware that the Parish will no longer subsidize the flower expense for the Church. As you know, there is an envelope for Christmas and Easter flower donations. The donations from the flower envelopes only cover half of the cost of the flowers. Given our financial situation, and decline in the collection, we can no longer subsidize the flower expenses from the general collection. I humbly ask you to please consider donating towards the flower collection for Easter. Last year, approximately \$1600 was donated through the flower envelopes but nearly double was spent. Thank you for the generosity of all those who have donated so faithfully! This year we will not have the Holy Water Bottles available at Easter. You may recall, I began the custom of having specially printed Holy Water Bottles with our "St. Gregory's" name on them. We blessed and urged you to take one home to have throughout the year. We simply cannot afford that this year. Believe it or not, it costs several thousand dollars, which we regrettably had to cut from this year's budget.

The Church renovation is going along on schedule. The benches arrived this past Monday and the installers are working on putting them into place. Our new chandeliers will ship on March 29. We believe that our days of confinement in the Ministry Center will be coming to an end and we should be back in church on schedule for Palm Sunday.

Many of you will recall two weeks ago, during the rain and wind storm, we heard noises coming from the roof and had buckets down as the roof was leaking. I regret to inform you, we need a new roof on the Ministry Center. Given the roof is twenty years old, and was already compromised, we are not sure how much insurance will cover. The estimated cost for re-roofing the Ministry Center is \$64,000 and must be done immediately, we are on a waiting list with our roofer.

(Continued on page 2)

(From the desk of the Pastor, Continued)

Please know I am sending a letter to your home asking for your donation to our capital work. We have sent this letter for many years at St. Greg’s, but I suspended it in lieu of the “Upon this Rock Campaign.” Given that only a fraction of the Parish responded to the Campaign and many people who originally pledged have now rescinded their commitment, due to the Diocesan scandal, I humbly come to you asking for your financial support to St. Greg’s. At the moment, our Business Manager, Tina Evers, is projecting an estimated \$600,000 deficit for the fiscal year. Many parishioners have decided to withhold their regular contributions. Some have spoken to me or written about their decision. The common denominator is that they do not want any of their money going to settle abuse cases. Although we pay the Diocese an assessment on our regular collection, the assessment goes to the Diocese for their general operating budget. Our Parish is greatly affected by the decision to withhold contributions. Every Parish in our Diocese, is being affected in this way and seeing a decline in contributions. Currently we are down fourteen percent from budget for the year and ten percent when comparing to last year’s actual collection. I thank everyone who has remained faithful to the Parish during this crisis. I know it is a gravely disappointing time in our Church, and you remain the bright light in the storm with your generosity and faithfulness during this critical time. God bless you!

Finally, in this letter, I am asking everyone to consider what they can afford in the form of donation to our Parish. For those who have suspended giving and who have asked how to give to St. Greg’s, in a way other than the Sunday collection, this capital repair collection is your way to do just that! We are in the process of re-roofing the entire property; we have air conditioning units needing replacement, concrete work to accomplish and much more which will be listed in the letter coming to your homes. I humbly ask you to be as generous as you can during this critical time in our Church. I believe healing will come to the victims and you will step up to the plate to resolve our financial issues. Please know that every department of the Parish is cutting back by twenty percent, which will mean a drastic change in what we can offer by way of ministry, and a jump in the cost of tuition for our school. Our school will receive about \$180,000 less in funding from the Parish because of these budget cuts. Thank you to all of our parish leadership, the Finance Council, School Board and Executive Council and our Parish Staff, for your great work in addressing this situation.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Mar.25: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8-10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
- Tues. Mar. 26: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wed. Mar. 27: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thurs. Mar. 28: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
- Fri. Mar. 29: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
- Sat. Mar. 30: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
- Sun. Mar. 31: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 (33C); 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 5:1-3, 11-32



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

Our guide for the retreat ... Deacon Greg Feary

2019 EASTER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to help purchase flowers to decorate the Church for Easter. Memorials will be acknowledged in the Bulletin.

PLEASE PRINT:

Donor’s Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Memorial donation in memory of:
NAME: _____

AMOUNT: _____

Return order form, with checks payable to St. Gregory’s, to the Parish Office, or drop in the collection basket.

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: March 29, April 5 and 12. Dine-in or Take out!

Thank you to all of the Volunteers and Bakers who helped make the March 22 Fish Fry a success!! We appreciate your time, effort and delicious desserts! God Bless you!

Thursday, April 4

6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C

Sunday, April 7

10:30 am Generations of Faith (GOF) Session A

12:30 pm Generations Faith (GOF) Session B



Fr. Leon leading students during adoration at the Confirmation Retreat.

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 - 8:30 pm in the School Gym.

Confirmation Rehearsal: There will be only ONE rehearsal, 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



How a Catechist Made a Difference

Inspired by an article they read during FFF class, Grade 7 students asked their Catechist, Lee Zak, if they could collect soda tabs for "Sewing Hope". Soda can tabs collected



Kudos to the FFF 7th Grade students who collected soda tab for Sewing Hope – Great

are woven into purses by young women at St. Monica's in Uganda under the leadership of Sr. Nyirumbe (pictured below). Sales from one pop-tab purse helps St. Monica's (in Uganda) provide food and water a woman and her child for 6

months. **Thank you Lee,** for supporting your students when they expressed their interest to help the people at St. Monica's. Thanks to your encouragement and support, the lessons learned in class made an important connection with your students and helped the people of St. Monica's!



Sr. Nyirumbe of St. Monica's was named by Time Magazine one of the 100 most influential People in the world.



Help us a "brief" moment!

Our Jamaica Mission Trip team needs your help again! 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 Ministry Center or at the Parish Office and drop the envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. We will be running the fundraiser through Lent and our goal is to send enough money to ship three containers worth of diapers. (Last year we sent two containers worth!) Questions? Email Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com. 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



THE LIFE CHANGING MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY



Message and Devotion

Now is the Time for Mercy!

Are you ready?

In the following weeks

we will fully explore all the components of the Divine Mercy message. We will be utilizing *The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion* booklet as our guide. This small booklet, available in our Catholic store, is a comprehensive resource. Pick up one to follow along with us as we unfold this beautiful spiritual message.

GREETERS ARE NEEDED!!

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS – LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS

Eucharist –Part of our Covenant with God

Rev. Joseph Rogliano will speak for the third session of the Lenten Lecture Series on the Eucharist as being a Part of our Covenant with God. The lecture will be on Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14223. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate

CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT!

The Café will serve a variety of pierogis for lunch every Friday during Lent.

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 after 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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

As I write this, our Brotherhood of Exodus 90 is 2/3 of the way through our rigorous and fruitful journey. Exodus 90 is a challenging 90-day period of purification and dying to self. We are supported by a fraternity of like-minded men for greater interior freedom and, eventually, a more purified and selfless love. Every day, we walk through the book of Exodus to build discipline through prayer and fitness. Our daily disciplines include cold showers, fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, a workout routine, an hour of contemplative prayer, denying alcohol and sweets, and including other disciplines. Our group of 15 men are exploring their “why” through this, a reason or intention to improve themselves. By the end, Day 91, we will be stronger to say no to temptation, stronger for our families, and stronger for God.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

Adam Jarosz
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Diocese Youth Convention 2019



ULTIMATE NIGHT

(open to kids in Grades 5-8)

Photos are from one of the recent Ultimate nights. Ultimate is a fun social night for all kids in Grades 5-8. The kids play sports, eat food, and do so much more!

On this night, there were disciples from Grade 8 who gave their witness. It was beautiful to hear! We ended the night with prayer and reflection.

Hope to see you at the next one!

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

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 the first concert stop on their tour to New York City, Long Island and New Jersey. Their new conductor is the former director of the Texas Boy Choir. Free-will offering.

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 guy looking to share in some fun and relaxation with the group. For information call Mike Bender at 689-0510.

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



Music Ministry Choir Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 26, 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 28, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir

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.



EUCHARISTIC 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:

SUNDAYS: 6:00-7:00 pm

MONDAYS 2:00-3:00 am

SATURDAY 2:00-3:00 pm

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



Join us Friday's during Lent!

(Except for Good Friday)

Fried or Baked Fish, or Breaded Shrimp served with sides, drink and dessert. We will also have Pizza available for purchase.

Dates: March 29, April 5 and 12

Time: 4:00-7:00 pm

Ticket: \$11 Pre-sale, \$12 at the door

Eat-in or take-out



RESPECT LIFE

The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25 -A Pro-life Feast Day: As we meditate on Christ's journey to Calvary, it is important to remember that it began with His conception in the Blessed Mother's womb. Since the Sixth Century AD, the "first day" of Christ's earthly life has been observed by the Church and reminds us that Christ was truly present on Earth nine months before we celebrate His birth at Christmas.

A Prayer to Christ Unborn:

"Dear Lord Jesus in the womb of Blessed Virgin Mary, before Your birth You filled the unborn Baptist with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to see You in every unborn child. Grant us the perseverance to defend vulnerable human life from abortion, abandonment, experimentation, and all violations. Fill us with reverence for the moment of your Incarnation in Nazareth when the Word became flesh. Amen."

(From www.dayoftheunbornchild.com).

"Every unborn child, condemned unjustly to being aborted, has the face of the Lord, who before being born and then when he was just born, experienced rejection of the world. And every elderly person, even if they are sick or at the end of their days, bears...the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded!" -Pope Francis

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone.

The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 849-2229 (BABY) or email StGiana@buffalodiocese.org.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, the Buffalo Diocese offers a program called Project Rachel. You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at 847-2211.

15TH ANNUAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

On Wednesday, March 27, at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY, at 7:00 pm there will be a Mass. The Rosary for the Unborn will be prayed at 6:30 pm. Our Celebrant/ Homilist is Rev. Adelmo Dunge, SJ. All are welcome and please bring a friend! This Mass is sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Benincasa Council #10868. Any questions call 833-1715.

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 24

11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

Monday, March 25

12:30 pm Ladies of Charity Meeting (MC Caf )
5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (Cancelled)
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (Cancelled)
7:00 pm Knights Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, March 26

6:45 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (Cancelled)
6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (Cancelled)

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 pm Hearts Afire Second Greatest Story Ever Told (MC 2)
6:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class (School Foreign Language Room)
7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702-School)

Thursday, March 28

1:00 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 2)

Friday, March 29

1:00 pm Brown Bag Talk (GR 1)
1:20 pm Stations of the Cross (School)
4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen, Cafe)
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting (MC Caf )
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Church/Gym)

Saturday, March 30

12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)

Sunday, March 24

11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING

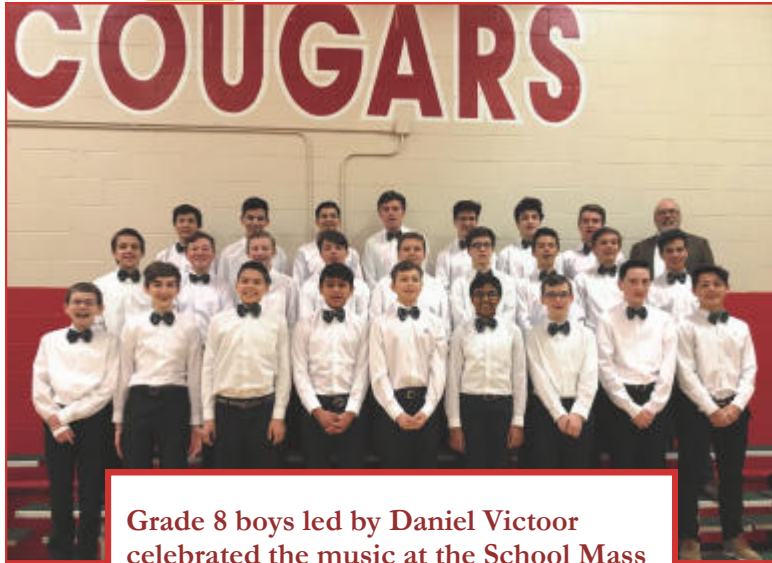
You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday April 3, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain.

SENIOR CITIZENS

April 8 - Welcome back! Monthly Meeting: 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room. A representative from the Post Office is coming to introduce their new products. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

FORMED

The best Catholic Content. All in one place. St. Gregory the Great Parish code: **D7B6CQ FORMED** now has a **mobile app!** You can sign up for a free subscription to FORMED.org with great movies, audios, ebooks, and Bible studies. Go to www.FORMED.org. Enter parish access code **D7B6CQ** in the box and enjoy!



Grade 8 boys led by Daniel Victoor celebrated the music at the School Mass on March 14. They did a fantastic job!

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

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

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.

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. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket.

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: _____

FOLLOW ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- ◇ Receive daily spiritual quotes, learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation or Youth Ministry. Download the St. Gregory the Great Parish Mobile App.
- ◇ Follow St. Gregory the Great Parish, School, Family Faith Formation an Youth Ministry on Facebook!
- ◇ Download the St. Gregory the Great School App!
- ◇ Follow the Parish on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- ◇ Follow Youth Ministry on Twitter, and Instragram [@stgregsyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyouth) [@stgregsyounadults](https://www.instagram.com/stgregsyounadults)



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23- Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Roy & Joanne Sautter by Craig & Pamela
 5:30 pm Frank & Della Guzinski 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
 Branscheidel
 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

Monday, March 25– Feast of the Annunciation

7:00 am Mary Nigam (living/birth) by Edith Varbanov
 8:00 am Dr. Irineo Z. Gutierrez (birth) by Wife,
 Florentina Gutierrez & Family
 Carrie Madonia by Madonia Family
 12:00 pm Linda Hertel by Jeanne Hertel
 Nancy McCaffrey by Jack & Mary Clancy

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Daigler & Pelosi
 Families by Ladies of the Lord
 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
 Nicholas & Scott Willett by Family
 12:00 pm Richard Levea by Wife
 Henry L. Zuger by Vern & Sarah Anderson

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
 8:00 am Ken Kraft by Connors Family
 Ann Lufkin by Georgeann Constantino
 & Joyce Santora
 12:00 pm Alice Gozechowiak (anniv) by Daughter,
 Carolyn Romanowski
 Sandra Carden by Jim & Chris Doyle

WINE OFFERING

In Memory of Charles & Helen Glor by
 Bolton and Chonka Families

DECEASED

Clara E. Sciandra

Thursday, March 28

7:00 am Elizabeth Wagner (birth) by Linda Dohn
 8:00 am Dorothy A. Flynn by Evelyn O'Connor
 (School Mass)
 Marie Torchia by Seniors of St. Gregory's
 12:00 pm Kristine N. Brewer
 by Vern and Sarah Anderson
 Eugene Kaczmrek
 by Vern and Sarah Anderson

Friday, March 29

7:00 am Rev. Msgr. James N. Connelly
 by Priests of St. Gregory's
 8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Rajewski & Amabile
 Families by Sam & Dawn Curazzato
 Edward Driscoll
 by Nick & Rose Mary George
 12:00 pm All the Souls in Purgatory
 by Kim & Joe Couche
 Carmelo Milone by Margaret Estes

Saturday, March 30

8:00 am Rose N. Hoelscher (birth)
 by Richard & Donna Suchan
 Frank Deni by Richard & Lori Grabenstatter

Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Patricia Pantano by Pam Pantano
 Daniel Siekierski by Children
 5:30 pm Cyril & Sylvia Odien by Craig & Pamela

Sunday, March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Lebro & Mason Families by Dolores Mason
 9:30 am James Laux by Louise Infanti & Rich Infanti
 11:00 am Richard R. Olejniczak, Sr.
 by Olejniczak Family & Friends
 Felecia LaScalea by Donna & Brian Murray
 12:30 pm Rose Hoelscher by Joyce Santora & Family
 Oliver Florea by Bill Kilinskas
 1:30 pm Baptisms
 4:30 pm Bill Brennan by Grace Gilmartin
 Patricia Murphy by Rose Hartmann

LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting on Monday, March 25, at 1:00 pm in the Café. The charitable focus will be Easter outreach. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, April 1. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.

FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

March 28, at 1:00 pm at Amherst Center for Social Services, 370 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, there is a funeral planning presentation by Amigone Funeral Home. Reserve your spot today by calling 636-3055 ext. 3108 or registering on line at www.amigone.com/events.



St. Gregory the Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE

200 St. Gregory Court; 688-5678 (Ext.) Fax: 688-2315

PASTOR

Fr. Leon J. Biernat; lbiernat@stgregs.org

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Thomas Mahoney (310); tmahoney@stgregs.org

Msgr. Thomas Maloney (305);

FatherThomas@stgregs.org

Fr. Paul S. Cygan (336);pcygan@stgregs.org

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Michael G. Bochicchio

Deacon Paul Walter; pWalter@stgregs.org

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sr. Shawn Czyzycki (335); sczyzycki@stgregs.org

BUSINESS MANAGER

Tina Evers (306); tevers@stgregs.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Daniel A. Victoor (308); dvictoor@stgregs.org

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Marisa Piazza (303); mpiazza@stgregs.org

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adam Jarosz - College & Young Adult (316);

ajarosz@stgregs.org

Nicole Janecek - Middle School (341);

njanecek@stgregs.org

Richard Patti - High School (338); rpatti@stgregs.org

PARISH NURSE

Lee Zack - (339); lzack@stgregs.org

TRUSTEES

Christie Thein, Thomas Vacanti

SCHOOL OFFICE

250 St. Gregory Court

688-5323 Fax: 688-6629

PRINCIPAL

Julie Gajewski (350); jgajewski@stgregs.org

SCHOOL BOARD - schoolboard@stgregs.org

Fr. Leon J. Biernat, Chairman; lbiernat@stgregs.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

250 St. Gregory Court

688-5760 Fax: 639-8251

DIRECTOR

Joan M. Rischmiller (358); jrischmiller@stgregs.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY - CLOSED

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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

For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

CATHOLIC STORE AND CAFE

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday—Friday 9:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday—Friday 7:30 am - 2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

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

PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

WEDDINGS

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

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

MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678. Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

Anointing of the Sick – 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

OUR MISSION

St. Gregory the Great Parish, a large and diverse Faith Community, affirms the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and among us. We sustain our vitality through shared experiences of prayer, sacrament, liturgy, and service. We dedicate ourselves to being a vital part of the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo by maintaining and expanding our:

- ◇ *Spiritual focus*
- ◇ *Knowledge and understanding of our Faith and our Church*
- ◇ *Spirit of welcome and reconciliation*
- ◇ *Compassion and concern for those in need*
- ◇ *Generous sharing of our God-given talents and resources*



AMIGONE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

2600 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda 836-6500
5200 Sheridan Drive, Amherst 631-9000

Why Pre-Plan?

Call us today for a free consultation.



B&C UNITED HOME CARE
6400 Sheridan Dr., Ste 116
Williamsville, NY 14221
716-633-7400
Our goal is to give personalized care for each family

HUNT HUNT Real Estate ERA
5570 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
Beverly Costanzo
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
cell: (716) 868-9304 • ofc: (716) 633-0300
beverly.costanzo@huntrealestate.com
HUNTREALSTATE.COM

Pella
Call me today for a FREE in-home consultation!
Frank Vito
Sales Representative
716-341-7393
fvito@pellabuffalo.com
WINDOWS AND DOORS

Town & Village PEDIATRICS
Pediatric care for children and young adults
New Patients Welcome
6044 Main St., Suite 100, Williamsville
Office Hours by appointment 633-6988

MOORE Family Dental P.C.
Michael G. Moore, DDS
Amherst, NY 716.835.1670
moorefamilydentist.com

LB Orthodontics
Braces and Invisalign
Call for a FREE Consult
Dr. Bevilacqua, Parishioner & School Parent
East Amherst • 716-689-0313

This Space is Available

UPGRADE TO A **VIBRANT ad**
Contact us for details • 800-477-4574

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL
- Early Childhood Programs -
PK 3 & 4, Early Kindergarten and Kindergarten
Partnering Faith with Education. Faith-filled, Joyful Learning.
200 St. Gregory Court • Williamsville, NY
716-688-5323

RIGHT PLACE. RIGHT CARE.
Rehab • Skilled Nursing
689-6681
www.elderwood.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR **BUSINESS HERE**
Contact Chris Reeves to place an ad today!
creeves@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6206

Elderwood at WILLIAMSVILLE
www.elderwood.com

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE
(716) 674-3344
3019 Union Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Serving Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

JOE BASIL CHEVROLET
\$1,000 more for your TRADE
683-6800
JOEBASILCHEVROLET.COM

Shell Fab
Countertops & Casework
"Clearly The Top Choice"
Custom manufacturing and installation for 30 years!
716-827-3003 www.shellfab.com
3260 Clinton St., West Seneca, NY 14224
LAMINATE
SOLID SURFACE
QUARTZ SURFACE
GRANITE

Harbortown Financial Group
Patrick DeNisco • 716-276-7605
Retirement Planning • Asset Management Platforms
Life Insurance • Estate Transfer Strategies
CatholicMatch.com/NY

Greg Straus
WNY Real Estate Expert!
Call today for a FREE Consultation
716-266-6692
www.716RealtyGroup.com
Gregory Straus Real Estate Broker/Owner - Locally Owned & Operated

Tonawanda Pediatrics
3950 E. Robinson Rd. • West Amherst
691-3400

JOE BASIL CHEVROLET
\$1,000 more for your TRADE
683-6800
JOEBASILCHEVROLET.COM

DAVE SMITH Ford
4045 Transit Rd., Williamsville
(716) 634-2000 • davesmithford.net
Parishioner Owned

Anthony M. Laforana DDS FAGD
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Sleep Apnea & Snoring treatment provided
Personalized care in a professional environment
1660 Hopkins Rd., Getzville, NY
716-689-7713

Legarreta Eye Center
Medical-Surgical-Optical
Eye Exams/Cataracts/Glaucoma/Dry Eye
Contacts/Visit our ultimate eyewear shop
Cheektowaga • 668-3030 Lockport • 433-0091
Williamsville • 633-2203 • www.legarretaececenter.com

Transit Meadow Pediatrics
6049 Transit Rd, Suite 101 • E. Amherst
691-4311
Pediatrician on call 24/7/365
www.tonawandapediatrics.com

NETH & SON, INC.
Celebrating Over 40 years in Business
Roofing • Windows
685-3539
Licensed & Insured
www.nethandson.com

Harbortown Financial Group
Patrick DeNisco • 716-276-7605
Retirement Planning • Asset Management Platforms
Life Insurance • Estate Transfer Strategies
CatholicMatch.com/NY

Made Clean
THE QUEEN OF CLEAN
639-7775
www.made-clean.com

Timothy J. Lukasiewicz
716-698-3680 • tj.lukasiewicz@kofc.org
Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance
Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

Knights of Columbus INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Sean Patrick's
Banquets • Private Parties
3480 Millersport • 636-1709
Sean & Kim Lillis - Parishioners

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

Anthony M. Laforana DDS FAGD
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Sleep Apnea & Snoring treatment provided
Personalized care in a professional environment
1660 Hopkins Rd., Getzville, NY
716-689-7713

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES
Full Time Position with Benefits
Sales Experience Preferred
Paid Training
Overnight Travel Required
Expense Reimbursement
CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

Howard Hanna
Real Estate Services

TRINITY PEDIATRICS
BABIES • CHILDREN • ADOLESCENTS
2730 Union Rd., Cheektowaga
(716) 332-7377 • www.trinitypedsbuffalo.com
Expanded Hours! Accepting New Patients!

Caroline Mehta Chung
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
5462 Sheridan Dr. • Williamsville
716-479-4565 Parishioner

Howard Hanna
Real Estate Services

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

SPREAD THE WORD
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters
SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501
AUTHORIZED DEALER
HOME SECURITY TEAM

DANDELION'S RESTAURANT
Gregory T. Maghran - Owner
1340 North Forest
at Corvette Plaza, Williamsville
(716) 688-0203

Heathwood ASSISTED LIVING
A little extra care... a lot more peace of mind.
www.heathwoodassistedliving.com
716-688-0111 Gary Henry, Parishioner

Compassionate Care. Proven Results.
Venous Institute of Buffalo
Dr. Michael Vasquez, MD, Parishioner
Advanced Treatment of
Legs, Veins & Venous Disease
4927 Main St., Amherst
716-877-7000

FREDDIE'S PLUMBING SERVICE INC.
Residential Installations and Repairs
Back Up Sump Pump Specialist
Serving WNY Since 1909
FRED CLABO 631-5513 or 895-3614
freddiesplumbing.com

tesmer (716) 689-8440
8898 Transit Rd.
E. Amherst, NY
Lower Your Real Estate Taxes
Build your New Home in Spaulding Green
www.tesmer.com • info@tesmer.com

Heathwood ASSISTED LIVING
A little extra care... a lot more peace of mind.
www.heathwoodassistedliving.com
716-688-0111 Gary Henry, Parishioner

Compassionate Care. Proven Results.
Venous Institute of Buffalo
Dr. Michael Vasquez, MD, Parishioner
Advanced Treatment of
Legs, Veins & Venous Disease
4927 Main St., Amherst
716-877-7000



Honoring Over 129 Years of Faith, Family and Friends Pre-Planning • Medicaid Needs • Cremation A Million Questions? One Answer.

THE DIETRICH FUNERAL HOME, INC.

2480 Kensington Ave., Amherst, NY 14226 • 839-2818 • www.TheDietrichFuneralHome.com



TRANSIT IANS
EAT • DRINK • BOWL
 Home of Cosmic Bowling
7850 Transit Rd.
Williamsville, NY
632-3838

SCHAEFER ELECTRIC, INC.
 Commercial & Residential
 Licensed - Fully Insured
Service Changes Our Specialty
 Brian Schaefer (Parishioner)
689-3839

POPE LAW FIRM, PLLC
 17 Beresford Ct., Ste. 5
 Williamsville, NY
716-634-3320

When buying or selling Real Estate, Call
Joe Sorrentino
The Name You Know and Trust!
716-998-5637 Cell Phone
 Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker
 St. Greg's Parishioner since 1991

Premier Realtor
 Call Today!
SUSAN ALLEN
 Licensed Real Estate Agent
435-7100
 Parishioner susan.allen.realtor@gmail.com

FAMILY MEDICAL PHARMACY
"Where We Treat You Like Family"
 Adjacent to Dash's at Hopkins & Klein
Ph: 568-0800
 Michael Rossi, R.Ph - Parishioner
 Dennis Galluzzo, R.Ph

DENGLER, ROBERTS, PERNA FUNERAL HOME
Honoring Memories, Celebrating Lives
 1671 Maple Rd, Williamsville NY | 632.8200 | www.DenglerRobertsPernaFuneral.com

REIMER
716-694-8524
 Heating, Plumbing, & Air Conditioning
 Serving All of WNY
\$39 For All Heating, Cooling & Plumbing Service
 Calls for All St. Greg's Parishioners Day or Night
JOSEPH CATUZZA, Usher/Parishioner

Catholic Health
 Our Mission:
 To reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.
 Join our team!
chsbuffalo.org/careers

Register Now!
 Before & After School Programs
 •Homework Help •Academic Programming
 •Art, Science, Sports, Snacks
 •Day Camp & Summer Camp Programs
www.LE3-Inc.Org • Ellie- 716-430-9322

EnergyMark
 Electric & Gas Supply
 Guaranteed Savings Versus The Utility
energymarkllc.com (716) 632-1800

Rosalia's Alterations
 Specializing in Bridal & Formal Wear
636-8710
 Rosalia Montagna - Parishioner

LACROSS MONUMENTS
 2609 GENESEE ST. • 896-4654
 MONUMENTS • MARKERS • GRANITE VASES
 CEMETERY LETTERING • STATUARY • PLAQUES
 GRANITE BENCHES • SHRINES • WALKWAYS

TRESMOND & TRESMOND, LLP
 Elder Law and Estate Planning
(716) 858-3115 | law@tresmondllaw.com
Where there is help, there is hope.
 424 Main Street, Suite 1908, Buffalo, NY 14202

FirstLight HOME CARE
www.eastbuffalo.firstlighthomecare.com
Why not live at home?
634-CARE (2273)

Stovroff & Taylor
 Realtors
 Ask For Linda Dohn
 For All Your Real Estate Needs.
716-432-1130
 Will donate 20% of my commission to the Parish.
 Original Parishioner/ Licensed Sales Agent

Home Remodeling by RICO ENTERPRISES
 Eucharistic Minister • Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
YOUR COMPLETE HOME IMPROVEMENT CENTER
 ROOFING • SIDING • WINDOWS • DOORS • KITCHENS
 BATHS • ADDITIONS • GARAGES • GUTTERS • CHIMNEYS
 CONCRETE • DRIVEWAYS • PATIOS • ALL TYPES
 FOR QUALITY WORK & HONEST PRICES - CALL RICO
895-3492 SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS MANY REFERENCES **445-0877**

Clarence EyeCare
 Tiffany & Co. • Giorgio Armani • Prada
 Coach • Ray Ban • Vera Bradley
 8560 Main St. • Williamsville, NY **668-2020**
 ~ Parishioners ~

Pediatric & Adolescent Urgent Care of WNY
 Kathleen A. Grisanti, M.D. Parishioner
10am-10pm 7 days a week
KIDS URGENT CARE
636-5437 (KIDS)

Park Creek Senior Living Community
 Assisted Living • Affordable Memory Care
 Park-like setting: Amherst State Park
 Beautiful full-sized chapel with daily services
 410 Mill Street • Williamsville, NY
 Jane Nogowski 716-632-3000

greenviewteam.com
 8600 Roll Rd. Clarence Center, NY 14032 (716) 741-8468
 Call today for a free estimate!
 Spring Services Include...
 • Weekly Lawn Cutting
 • 5 - Step Fertilizer Treatment
 • Spring Landscape Clean-up
 • Monthly Landscape Maintenance
 • Irrigation System Maintenance
 • Exterior Home Detailing
 Family owned and operated for over 30 years!
 Follow the team!
 New customers save 5% on our services. Just mention this ad!

Buffalo Medical Group
 JoAnne L. Cobler, M.D.
 Cardiologist & Parishioner

Certain Advice for Uncertain Times
 • Personal Financial Planning
 • Tax Planning Strategies • IRAs/Mutual Funds
 Mark C. Massaro, MBA, CRPC
 — Parishioner —
 17 Limestone, Suite 8 • Williamsville, NY 14221
 Office: 626-6750

See What's in Store!
 JEWELRY • ROSARIES • BOOKS AND MORE
www.parishstore.com

Turtle Creek
 55+ Apartments | 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
716.247.6906
 2730 N. Forest Rd., Getzville, NY
www.benchmarkturtlecreek.com
 BRING IN THIS AD FOR A WAIVED APPLICATION FEE

ANDREW'S ESTATE SERVICE • **Household Liquidation Specialist**
 Serving WNY Since 1986 • Prompt • Courteous • Family Owned
 Attics • Basements • Garages • Storage Units • Hoarders
We Deliver What We Promise! • Free Phone Consultation
Specializing in Downsizing Seniors **716-873-7440** • www.AndrewEstateService.com