

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*March 2 & 3, 2019*

## From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family, this weekend we are reminded in the first reading from Sirach, that "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had." The Gospel from Luke reaffirms the same reality that "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit." So, what kind of tree are you? What fruit do you bear? Does the fruit of your life indicate that you belong to God the Father or to someone/something else? St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians encourages us to be "devoted to the work of the Lord."

What kind of "fruit" indicates that we are part of the orchard of the Lord? We need to look earlier in the book of Sirach 2:1-11 to find a pretty clear answer. Sirach reminds us to stand in justice and to "fear" (which really means to honor and revere) the Lord. Our heart, according to this passage, is to be sincere and steadfast. We are to search for understanding and be undisturbed in a time of adversity. Sirach reminds us to wait on God, be patient, to cling to God and not to forsake Him. The "fruit" must include times of sorrow which calls us to be steadfast, trusting of God's direction and waiting for His mercy. Hope is a "fruit" of a person in the orchard of the Lord.

Understanding is probably one of the most needed and rarely found "fruits" today. You may agree that many individuals are entrenched in their own opinion and personal belief. This entrenchment often eclipses understanding. There are different facets to "understanding."

## OUR GREETERS NEED YOU!

We are in need of more friendly faces to greet parishioners and visitors as they enter our Church. This ministry helps create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that is St. Gregory's Faith Community. We especially need volunteers for the Saturday 4:00 and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses and 12:30 and 4:30 pm Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please call Arlene at 688-5051.

Among the many phrases my Mother often used was this one: "One protests too much, doesn't one?" This phrase translates to mean that because someone was complaining so much, there is something deeper going on. That "deeper" level may be the fact that they themselves are guilty of whatever they are protesting or that their anger or protest is because there is a deeper hurt that needs to be healed. The protest or anger is really a mask covering up a deeper hurt. This is a level of understanding.

I recall an incident where someone came to my office to complain about my regular mentioning of abortion and complained that I need to let people make up their own minds on these political matters. There were many other angry statements also mentioned in her remarks. As I sat listening, I kept getting the understanding in my heart that there was a deeper issue and her anger was really a mask for something else. Going out on a limb, after she aired her concerns, I simply asked, "So when did you have an abortion and would you like to talk about that?" She broke into tears because she was not angry with me, nor angry at the church or God, but angry with herself because she had come to realize she had taken a human life. She masked her need for healing and forgiveness with anger and protest. "One protests too much, doesn't one?" In our conversations with one another, do we really search to understand one another or do we search to convince one another of some point? Are we masking the real issues? **(Continued on Page 2)**

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## Youth Ministry is back with M & Ms

As you leave Mass today, please feel free to take a tube of M & M's to enjoy and then return them next week with any form of donation. This will help financially support our youth with their various trips. Thank you so much for supporting St. Greg's Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

A collection for the Black & Native Missions will be taken up next weekend, March 9 and 10. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

## (From the desk of the Pastor Continued)

The same is true with our understanding of God. Do we really try to understand the virtues put forward by God in the Scripture or do we look for flaws? On January 29, 2019, an Associated Press article contained a quote from an elected official who stated: "I have my own Catholic beliefs, how I live my life. ... That is my business as a Catholic. ... I don't govern as a Catholic. I don't legislate as a Catholic." This is a very interesting statement because it cuts to the question as to what is the very central core of the person. Each person can only have one central core, one understanding or perspective that becomes the pool from which an individual makes decisions.

Understanding includes the understanding of the person. Each person must understand their basic pool of values or virtues as well as their origin. For example, my pool of virtues is those defined in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. My speech and action are rooted in Gospel values. I would assume that the elected official quoted above, may espouse some Catholic virtues, but the "catechism" he follows would be from the understanding of a particular political pool of thought rather than Gospel thought. Today, I fear many individual's understanding is rooted in an amalgamation of thoughts that they have accepted as true from a variety of sources. As Catholics, our virtues are rooted in faith and become our point of understanding; for others, a political party dictates the window of understanding and under relativism, each person creates their own reality of understanding as they become the judge of what is virtuous or not. The relativist defines virtue for him/her self and will not accept an understanding of virtue defined by an institution or body like the church or political or social group.

What is your "understanding" and how does your understanding of life influence your ability to understand the lives of others? This is a great question to ponder as we proceed towards Lent. Lent calls us to have the understanding of Christ's life, teaching, passion, death and resurrection and to live it ourselves today. As St. Paul writes, "May I, in my life, make up for what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ." This means may I continue to live in my life the understanding of Christ regardless of the cost. This may be the cross we are called to mediate upon this Lent. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent, consider if your fruit is the understanding of Christ's?

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

### ***Senior Citizens***

**March 11** - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm, \$20/member & \$25/guest. Choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Marsala or Baked Haddock. Mail check and meal choice to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's by March 4.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Authentic living

**Reading I** Sirach 27:4-7 (all tested by their speech)  
**Reading II** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (glorification of the body)  
**Gospel** Luke 6:39-45 (all known by their works)  
**Key Passage** Jesus said, "How can you say to your Neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?"  
(Luke 6:42a)

**Adult:** *When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?*

**Child:** *Is it a good thing or a bad thing to act differently from what you are really feeling? Explain.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Mar. 4:** Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:13-24

**Tues. Mar. 5:** Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

**Wed. Mar. 6:** Joel 2:12-18 (219); 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs. Mar. 7:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

**Fri. Mar. 8:** Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15

**Sat. Mar. 9:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

**Sun. Mar. 10:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (24C); Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

### VOCATION VIEW

While we are all called to lead each other to Christ, we must have the humility to recognize our own blind spots. What can you do to bring greater clarity to your sense of Jesus and how He is calling 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)!

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

#### Thursday, March 7

6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C  
(School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)

**Fish Fry Fridays: Pre-Sale Tickets are \$11per person** (\$12 at the door) and are available for sale in the Family Faith Formation 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 8, 15, 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 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. **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 we will have a bin near the ticket table where you can turn in your projects during the Fish Fry, which is from 4:00pm -7:00pm.



**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](mailto:pgilbert@stgregs.org) or call the office at 688-5760 for more information. Thank you!!



## 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](mailto: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).

**4th Annual Catholic Women's Conference; Nourished by Christ** Special speakers Fr. Dave Richards and Sonja Corbitt. Counts towards 2 credit hours for ministry. **Bring your bible.** Call 716.222.0622 to register. Tickets \$20.  
▪ March 9, at St. Mary's High School, 142 Laverack Av. in Lancaster. Starts at 7:30 am (Continental breakfast and registration), ends at 12 noon.

**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 noon Mass and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Call 688-5678 for information.

**Buffalo Diocese offers workshops** that require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for information. The March 15 Workshop topic is **Cultivating Faith in the Home**. This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.

▪ March 15, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Catholic Center in Buffalo Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.  
**Register online at [www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome)**



## Lenten Journey

### Distribution of Ashes - Wednesday March, 6

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

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

Confession on Ash Wednesday: 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

#### 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 19-20 after 9:00 am Morning Prayers; April  
22 after 8:00 am Mass; April 23-26 after 7:00, 8:00 am  
and 12:00 noon Mass; April 27 before and after 8:00  
am Mass and after 12:00 noon Rosary

#### 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

#### Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday evening, March 12 - April 16 at 6:30 pm in  
the Ministry Center

#### 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

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
5:00 pm - Parish Shared  
Supper, Ministry Center  
7:00 pm - Evening Mass of  
the Lord's Supper  
8:30 pm - Seven Churches  
bus trip

#### Good Friday - April 19

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
12:00 noon - Seven Last  
Words of Christ  
3:00 pm - Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion  
7:00 pm - Living Stations of  
the Cross

#### Holy Saturday - April 20

9:00 am - Morning Prayer  
12:00 noon - Blessing of  
Easter Baskets  
7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

St. Gregory the Great  
Ministry Center  
100 St. Gregory Court  
Williamsville, NY 14221

#### Easter Sunday - April 21

Masses at:  
8:00 am (Church)  
9:30 am (Church)  
11:00 am (Church)  
12:30 pm (Church)

St. Gregory the Great Parish  
200 St. Gregory Court  
Williamsville, NY 14221

# COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

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

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

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

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

**Easter Duty:** After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all Catholics are to receive Communion at least once a year. This must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, between March 10 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 16 (Trinity Sunday), unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time of year.



*"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*

## 1500 Club Cash Raffle-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](mailto:1500club@stgregs.org).  
1500 Club Ticket Request – 5/18/19

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

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass  
4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 5, in GR2  
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 17

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

Easter Triduum Choir  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, March 5,  
March 12, and March 19, GR2  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, in GR2  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, in GR2  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in the 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.

### St. Michaels Choral 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:**

**SUNDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm**

**MONDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm**

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

### The Life Changing Message of Divine Mercy



Pope Francis says, "...we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." (4/11/15 no.9)

The Lord calls us to turn away from sin and turn to His Divine Mercy with trust and be free of the burden sin places on our lives. We have to be His mercy in the world, today but how can we if we do not know what Mercy is? A beautiful definition of Mercy comes from Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC: "Mercy is love when it encounters suffering; Love that feels compassion for those who suffer and reaches out to help them."

### SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP

Holy Thursday, April 18, 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, April 5**.

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

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

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

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



## Respect Life

### **The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection**

**Act:** Legislation introduced into the US Senate by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) has failed to achieve the 60 votes necessary to overcome a Democrat-led filibuster and bring the legislation to the floor for a vote. The Senate voted 53 to 44, largely along party lines, and fell short of the of the two-thirds majority needed to move the bill forward.

The “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act” would have penalized doctors or other medical professionals *who do not provide medical care to infants who are born alive* following a botched abortion attempt. The bill does not restrict abortion rights but is designed to prevent infanticide.

Both New York Senators, Sen. Charles Schumer and presidential candidate Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand voted to defeat the bill.

Several Democratic senators spoke against the bill saying it would force doctors to provide care against the “reproductive rights” and “choices” of women.

Senator Sasse created the legislation in response to comments by Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) that appeared to endorse neglecting infants who survived late-term abortions. Northam’s spokesperson later said that the governor was only referring to infants with “severe” birth defects or other disabilities.

While uncommon, there have been many documented cases of infants surviving abortions. Former abortionist Kermit Gosnell is currently serving a life sentence after he was found to have murdered numerous infants who were born alive after surviving attempted late-term abortions. (Full text at catholicnewsagency.com).

**The Reproductive Health Act (RHA), recently signed into law by Governor Cuomo, removed all language from the NY Penal Code that specifically protected babies born alive in failed abortion procedures.**

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**Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email [StGianna@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:StGianna@buffalodiocese.org).**

## St. Greg’s Café

### **DON’T HAVE TIME FOR BREAKFAST?**

Stop in the St. Greg’s Café and let us cook for you. Enjoy egg sandwiches, pastries, bagels and Fair Trade organic coffee.

### **Forgot Your Lunch ?**

Join us for soup, salads, paninis and delicious sandwiches, or take it back to your office!

### **PIZZA NIGHT!**

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

## Parish Activity Calendar

### **Sunday, March 3**

- 11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Café/Basement)

### **Monday, March 4**

- 10:30 am Seniors Board Meeting (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Athletic Association Board Meeting (MC 3)

### **Tuesday, March 5**

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Brownies) (GR 1)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC/ Café)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Ignite/Zag (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
- 7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)

### **Wednesday, March 6**

- 4:30 pm Prayer Service/Distribution of Ashes  
(School Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Hearts Afire Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)
- 8:00 pm RCIA Rehearsal Church/MC

### **Thursday, March 7**

- 4:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge  
(MC Basement/Café)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1&2)

### **Friday, March 8**

- 9:00 am MOMS Playground (MC Basement)
- 1:00 pm Brown Bag Talk (GR 1)
- 1:20 pm Stations of the Cross (Church/MC)
- 4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen,Caf)
- 5:30 pm AHG Troop Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting (MC Café)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry High School Hangout  
(MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Gym)

### **Saturday, March 9**

- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)
- 4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal ( MC 2)

### **Sunday, March 10**

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)

## **CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT**

**On Ash Wednesday the Café will serve a variety of pierogis! Come back for lunch every Friday during Lent to try our new flavor of the week.**

# What are you doing for Lent this year?

*The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Series*

*“The Eucharist”*

**All sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m.**

*Monday, March 11*

## **Our Call to be a Eucharistic Community**

Eileen Warner MAPM will help us understand how we are the Body of Christ and therefore a sacramental community called to become what we receive in the Eucharist.

**Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 5442 Tonawanda Creek Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

*Monday, March 18*

## **Eucharistic Prayers – Lifting Up Our Hearts**

Deacon William Hynes will speak on the topic of Eucharistic Prayers and how they can “Lift Up Our Hearts to God.”

**St. Pius X Church, 1700 N. French Rd, Getzville, NY 14068**

*Monday, March 25*

## **Eucharist – Part of our Covenant with God**

Rev. Joseph Rogliano will speak on the Eucharist as being a Part of our Covenant with God.

**St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14223**

*Monday, April 1*

## **Eucharist – Our Passover**

Rev. Jerome Kopec will explore the dynamics of the Passover experience and how they are a crucial element of our understanding and our living the Eucharist.

**St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226**

*Monday, April 8*

## **Eucharist in the New Testament**

Msgr. Richard Siepka will speak on the Eucharist and its foundations in the New Testament.

**St. Timothy’s Church, 565 East Park Dr, Tonawanda, NY 14150**

***Why give up something for Lent when you can do something positive for your spiritual life?***

***No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend!***

***Refreshments Served!***

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## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, March 2**

#### **Vigil Masses**

4:00 pm Matilda Prazmark by Daughter  
John & Florence Oleszek  
by Donna Oleszek

5:30 pm Rita McGorry  
by Mr. & Mrs. Carmelo Parisi

### **Sunday, March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family  
Andrew Roberts by Neil, Dad & Becky  
Olga Wopperer

9:30 am by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett

11:00 am Patricia & Frank Palczak  
by Alfasso Family  
Ruth & Tom Mahoney  
by Pat & Sharon Mahoney

12:30 pm Arthur Pesch by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett  
Ralph Paglia by Lou & Janice Silverman

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Joseph Simiele by Marietta & Greg Zygaj

### **Monday, March 4**

7:00 am John Tronolone by Family  
Lester Tourville by Priests of St. Gregory's

8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs of Schober & Manaher  
Families by Sam & Dawn Curazzato

12:00 pm Natalie & Henry Noworyta  
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski  
Wittig & Gustina Families  
by Roger J. Wittig

### **Tuesday, March 5**

7:00 am Olga Wopperer by St. Gregory's  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

8:00 am Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family  
Priests of St. Gregory's (living)  
by Ladies of the Lord

12:00 pm Patrick G. Lucey by Deborah Bruch Bucki  
Michael Anastasia (living) by Marta Steffan

### **Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Wagner Family  
by Linda & Bill Dohn

8:00 am Chester Pawenska  
by Seniors of St. Gregory's  
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Vertino & Sammarco  
Families by Ladies of the Lord

12:00 pm Gerri De Lac by Family  
Daniel T. Kirst by Family

7:00 pm Vincent Ameado by Nancy A. Goodwin

### **Thursday, March 7**

7:00 am Stanislawa Sierhart by Priests  
of St. Gregory's  
Freitas & Bucki Families  
by Curazzato Family

8:00 am David Haumesser by St. Gregory's  
(School Mass) Golf League

12:00 pm Ruby Netter by Aggie Polisson  
& Patricia Papafagos  
Patrick G. Lucey by Vern & Sarah Anderson

### **Friday, March 8**

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
David C. Haumesser by St. Gregory's  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

8:00 am Ann Liszka by Seniors of St. Gregory's

12:00 pm Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Richard Hertel II by Jeanne Hertel

### **Saturday, March 9**

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi  
Janina Kozminska by Priests  
of St. Gregory's

#### **Vigil Masses**

4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Charles Coons  
by Nancy & Christine Conley  
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Couche Family  
by Kim & Joe Couche

5:30 pm Dr. Stephen E. Gladysz  
by Judy & Ed Kisailus  
Charlie Donner (anniv) by Teri & Family

### **Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am Rita McGorry by Dolores Mason  
Sandy Acquista by Joe & Noelle Lazarony

9:30 am Rajewski Family by Ladies of the Lord  
Joan Gugliuzza (anniv) by Family

11:00 am Angela S. Tabone by Cheryl Tabone

12:30 pm Anthony J. Guizzotti, Sr.  
by Marie Aquilina

1:30 pm Baptisms

4:30 pm Anthony Vetrano by Wife & Family  
Blasé Thurston (birth) by Family

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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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### 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.

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## Prayer and Devotion

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### PRAYER

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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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