



# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 30 & 31, 2019**

## From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parish Family,

We are now in full swing in Lent. We owe a big thank you to Deacon Greg Feary for leading us in a wonderful retreat on our Baptismal call to be “Priest, Prophet and King” in the world today. His talks were intellectual, reflective and spiritual. Thank you to everyone who attended! Each day we had between 300 and 400 people in attendance. Thank you again Deacon Greg for preaching at our Masses last weekend and taking the time to give us three wonderful days of Lenten reflection and prayer.

Lent also means that it is Catholic Charities time. By now you should have received your Catholic Charities donation request letter. For those who have already given, I sincerely thank you. For those who have received their request and are still discerning their gift to Catholic Charities, I humbly ask you to please be faithful to your commitment to assisting the poor in our midst and to be as generous as possible. For the many in our parish who do not donate to Catholic Charities, please prayerfully consider donating this year. It is hard to believe but less than 1/6 of our registered parishioners donate to Catholic Charities. Each year we have fewer donors and that pool of generous benefactors seem to give more and more so we reach our goal. Our goal this year is just short of \$700,000.

I wrote about our concerns at St. Greg’s regarding the sharp decline in donations. Similarly, you know the Upon this Rock campaign has also seen many individuals back away from fulfilling their pledges. This is another concern that every Parish, including St. Greg’s, is facing. Our hope and prayer is that we will not see the same with our annual Catholic Charities appeal. Catholic Charities relies on our generosity to succeed. Catholic Charities also relies on their ability to receive outside grants which are partially based on the level of individual donations. Finally, the Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services, counseling, and programs for individuals with addictions, assistance to refugees, emergency aid and more to individuals and families in Western New York. If Catholic Charities fails to meet its goals, it will have a reduction in services. My hope and prayer is that you will not allow your justified disappointment and frustration revolving around the clergy sex abuse crisis or any other personal concerns you have regarding St. Greg’s or the Catholic faith prevent you from assisting those who it most need in our community.

This weekend we will hear the famous “Prodigal Son” parable at Mass. The term “prodigal” is from the Latin word “prodigus.” Prodigus translates to mean “lavish” or even “wasteful.” I suppose we could take the term prodigal in reference to the younger son’s wastefulness in squandering his Father’s money on a life of dissipation.

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## HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 18

### Foot Washing Ceremony

Holy Thursday, April 18, 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

**\$216,988.74 collected, 31.18% towards our goal**

Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is **\$692,988.74**  
To donate, please mail your contribution to the Parish Office or donate online at [www.ccnyny.org](http://www.ccnyny.org).

Thank you for your support of the **2019 Appeal!**

**(From the desk of the Pastor, Continued)**

On the other hand, I have often renamed this parable to be the parable of the “Generous Father.” If we look through the lens of the “Generous Father,” we see the lavish love, mercy and compassion poured out by the forgiving Father in the story. Now for a moment reflect on Catholic Charities. Do you want to be seen as wasteful or lavish?

Although there are a few families in our Parish who genuinely cannot afford to give to Catholic Charities, I find it hard to believe that over 5000 families are in that position out of more than 6300 registered families. If we honestly look at our lives there are many ways we “waste” our money on “extras,” “impulse buys,” or out of pure “luxury.” As I drive down the road and see the long lines waiting at various coffee shop drive-thru windows, I ponder what could be given to those in dire need if each of us would give up our drive thru coffee for just a week or month or the entire season of Lent and the funds given to Catholic Charities. If coffee isn’t the culprit for you, I am sure it is the bottle of pop, a donut, ice cream treat, or pack of cigarettes or so on. Each of us has that indulgence in our life. It is more than ok to have the indulgence, but it is also a moral obligation and Christian duty to serve the needs of the poor.

This year I ask you to imitate the Father in the parable and be “lavish” in your gift to Catholic Charities. Consider making a personal sacrifice of something you would like in order to assist those who have nothing at all. Consider being lavish and show the entire community of Western New York that despite all of the negative press and problems in our Church, we are still strong, faithful and lavishly generous to serving the poor in the name of Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

If you have never given or if you have not received your donation card please call the Parish Office for assistance or stop by the table in the vestibule after all Masses for the first two weekends in April. If you have received your donation card, you may place it in the Sunday collection basket in the coming weeks, mail it to the Parish Office or drop it off at the Catholic Charities table in the vestibule in April. Thank you!

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Apr. 1: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
Tues. Apr. 2: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16  
Wed. Apr. 3: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
Thur. Apr. 4: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:17-30  
Fri. Apr. 5: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat. Apr. 6: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53  
Sun. Apr. 7: Isaiah 43:16-21(36C); Philipians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

**PARISH SOCIAL/NEW PARISHIONER  
WELCOME**

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **April 7** for coffee, juice and donuts in the **Café** after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

**GREETERS ARE NEEDED!!!**

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

**GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT  
MEETING**

You are invited to join 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.

**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.

**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 the remaining Fridays: April 5 and 12. Dine-in or Take-out!

**Thursday, April 4** (School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)  
6:15 pm Generations of Faith (GOF) Session C

**Sunday, April 7** (School Gym, Cafeteria & Classrooms)  
10:30 am, Generations of Faith (GOF) Session A  
12:30 pm, Generations of Faith (GOF) Session B

### 2019-20 FFF REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Go to [www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/) and select **Program Options** for more information.

- **High School Summer Program** (Gr 9 and 10)  
**Class dates:** June 26 - 28, July 1 and 2, (9:00 am- 4:00 pm)  
**Registration dates** for the HS Summer Program:
  - **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)  
Register in person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
  - **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)  
Register in person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.
- **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Program, Gr K-Gr 10)  
**Classes** are once a month, September 2019 – April 2020  
**Registration** for All GOF Sessions (A, B and C) is on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration ONLY.** Act fast; each session will close at 50 Families.
- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)  
**Class Dates:** July 15-19, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1, and ends on June 21. Register online or in person.
- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K– Gr 10)  
**Weekly Classes** from September 2019 - April 2020  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1. Register online or in person.
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4)  
**Weekly classes**, Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1, 2019  
Register online or in person.
- **Vacation Bible School** (Pre K\*- Gr 4 in Sept 2019)  
\*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018  
**Camp Dates:** July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon  
**Registration** begins on Monday, May 1, and ends on Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament. Register online or in person.

For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school)

## CATECHIST CORNER

As the school year is winding up, consider leaving your students with a special blessing at the end of class. Allow kids to voice special intentions and lead your students in prayer. Then say a “prayer of thanksgiving for each of your students, followed by a request for God’s grace upon them”<sup>1</sup> throughout their summer break.

Challenge them to have goals for the summer (examples):

- read their Bible over the summer
- find a service project to do with their family
- pray the Rosary once a month for someone
- do something to help your family every day
- call their grandparents every week or every month

<sup>1</sup> Dees, Jared. *End-of-the-Year Prayer Ideas*. Catechist, April/May 2019. Page 7.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Confirmation Interviews** will be held on April 2 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the School Cafeteria.

**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.

**2019 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.

For Public AND Catholic School students

**SAVE THE DATES: Parent Meetings for Confirmation 2020 and 2021 in the School Cafeteria:**

- **for Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students) on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am OR on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm.
- **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students) on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am OR on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm.

Vacation  
Bible  
School





## 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](mailto: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

“Lip Service” or Merciful Heart?  
“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.”

(Is 29:13)

Many of the *most religious* people of Christ’s time, who were eagerly awaiting the promised Messiah, were not able to recognize Him when He came. They performed all the prescribed sacrifices, said all the right prayers, and fasted regularly, but **none of it touched their hearts.**

When we look at the Image of the Merciful Savior, or pause for prayer at three o’clock, or pray the chaplet—are these things drawing us closer to the real sacramental life of the Church and allowing Jesus to transform our hearts? Or have they just become religious habits? In our daily lives are we growing more and more as people of mercy? Or are we just giving “lip service” to God’s mercy? (DMM, pg. 10)

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS – LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS

### Eucharist – Our Passover

Come to the fourth session of the Lenten Lecture Series where 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. The lecture will be on Monday, April 1, at 7:30 pm at St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served!

## SAVE THE DATE: Be PUREly You



A day filled with Faith, Food, Music and Fun Activities for Girls in Grades 8-12. Strive to be your best! **When:** Saturday, June

1, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Tickets** \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Registration includes lunch. For more information visit <http://www.stgregs.org/be-purely-you/> or contact Lori at 866-2373.

## CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT!

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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

### RETREAT SEASON IS UPON US!

It's Retreat Season at SGYM! High School and Middle School students have an opportunity to experience a weekend growing their faith and strengthening their ties within our community. Retreats give participants a unique opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life and reconnect with God, in a way that is not otherwise possible. It is easy to get wrapped up in the monotony of a daily routine, so why not spend time connecting with your faith and friends again?!

#### **Retreat Dates:**

- ◇ High School Spring Retreat (Grades 9-12) is **April 12-14**
- ◇ Middle School Spring Retreat (Grades 6-8) is **May 3-5**

Retreats have the power to change lives, so sign up today! Forms can be found online at [stgresym.org](http://stgresym.org) or picked up at the Youth Ministry Office.



### IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS – GIVE. EMPOWER. TRANSFORM.

Discover The Ignatian Volunteer Corps® (IVC) and ways you can volunteer, empower others, and grow in your own spirituality. This unique program, rooted in the Jesuit tradition, combines volunteer service with individual and communal reflection. To learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, sign up for informational talks planned for Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 pm and Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St. Buffalo NY 14203.

Contact Minnie Wyse, Director, at 716 479-1334 [mwyse@ivcusa.org](mailto:mwyse@ivcusa.org), to RSVP or learn more.

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

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

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

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

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATE

Please check the schedule on the Chapel wall to update your contact information. In addition, please download the St. Gregory the Great App to learn more about updates at St. Greg's, especially those updates related to the Adoration Chapel. See pg. 8 for more on social media

### TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND WNYO CHANNEL 49 AT 8:30 AM

For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and blessings of joy-filled hope. Please invite anyone you know, who cannot get out to Church, to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

## HOLY THURSDAY SHARED SUPPER

Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to share in the celebration of His Last Supper, in keeping with the spirit of the First Holy Thursday, when Our Lord gathered His community of followers to share in the Passover meal. St. Gregory the Great invites all parishioners to participate in our annual potluck "Shared Supper"!

When: Holy Thursday, April 18, at 5:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

We will provide salads, rolls, beverages, desserts, and serving utensils. Please plan to bring a dish to feed your family and 6 others (suggestions sliced meats, pasta dishes, potatoes, vegetables, casseroles, etc.) in ready-to-serve, disposable containers.

RSVP to Roe Spano 689-6224 or Marguerite Sammarco 688-5864 by Monday, April 15, to reserve your seat today!

## 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.

## SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

Our next SVDP pick up will be on **Saturday, April 13**. If you have any of the following items, contact us at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory's geographic area, and all furniture and appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch. Refer to the list of what we accept. All appliances must work and furniture must be in good condition. **Furniture:** Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs). **Appliances:** Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)



## MUSIC MINISTRY



Choir Rehearsals

### Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 2, 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 pm - 9:00 pm, Thursday, April 4, in GR2

### Easter Triduum Choir

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, contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**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.

**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**

We are discovering many phone numbers we have on our schedule are no longer in service. **PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE ON THE CHAPEL WALL TO SEE THAT WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED PHONE NUMBER.**

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:** 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

### Movie *UNPLANNED* Opens in Theaters:

On Friday, March 29, the movie *UNPLANNED* opened in 800 theaters nationwide. This long-awaited movie tells the story of Abby Johnson, a former award-winning clinic director for Planned Parenthood, who left the organization soon after witnessing an abortion procedure in person. Abby is now a passionate advocate for the Pro-life cause, exposing the lies behind Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.

From [unplannedfilm.com](http://unplannedfilm.com): "All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion about a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers ever."

***UNPLANNED* is showing at the Regal Transit Center Stadium 18 and Imax Theater, Williamsville; Regal Quaker Crossing Stadium 18, Orchard Park; and Regal Niagara Falls Stadium 12. Tickets are available online at [Fandango.com](http://Fandango.com) or at the box office. Attendance will determine how long the movie will remain in the theaters, so don't wait!**

*"If you see one movie this year, see the movie UNPLANNED.*

*The movie depicts the true story of the prayers and compassion of pro-life sidewalk counselors being the human instruments that God used in bringing a former Planned Parenthood clinic director, former Employee of the Year, Abby Johnson, out of the abortion clinic and into the offices of 40 Days for Life."* --Abp. Joseph Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-life Activities.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 17 Annual Men's Conference will be held at Cardinal O'Hara, 39 O'Hara Road., Tonawanda, NY on Saturday, April 6. For additional information and to register on line go to [www.cmfofwny.org](http://www.cmfofwny.org). The conference theme is "Fear Not, For I Am With You."

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 31

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

### Monday, April 1

- 10:30 pm Seniors Board Meeting (GR 1)

### Tuesday, April 2

- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag (Off Campus)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (Cancelled)
- 7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Gym)

### Wednesday, April 3

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Hearts Afire Second Greatest Story Ever Told (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702-School)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Gym)

### Thursday, April 4

- 2:15 pm Junior Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 2)
- 4:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting (G 1)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge/Zag (MC Basement)

### Friday, April 5

- 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)
- 6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Ultimate (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Church/Gym)

### Saturday, April 6

- 9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room)
- 9:00 am RCIA Retreat (GR 1&2)
- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)

### Sunday, April 7

- 10:30 am New Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

## 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

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# St. Gregory the Great School

The Kindergarten students, taught by Mrs. Abbott and Ms. Haley, with Teaching Assistants Mrs. Stumpff and Mrs. Knoll, have been busy since February break. They celebrated 100 days of school, Dr. Seuss' birthday, went on a field trip to the Buffalo Zoo, and enjoyed Fr. Tom reading to them Curious George books.

For St. Patrick's Day both classes made Leprechaun traps and were surprised to find the Leprechauns had made a mess in their classrooms. The silly Leprechauns were lured into the traps, but escaped! Not only did they leave a messy classroom, with green glitter and chairs on the tables in K1, they left notes with clues for K2 to follow around the school.



## 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.stgregschool.org](http://www.stgregschool.org) to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 30

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Patrice 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 Lembo & Mason Families by Dolores Mason
- 9:30 am James Laux by Louise Infanti & Rick Infanti
- 11:00 am Richard R. Olejniczak, Sr.  
by Olejniczak Family & Friends
- 12:30 pm Felecia LaScalea by Donna & Brian Murray  
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

### Monday, April 1

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am William J. Steffan by Robert Rauh Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Farace & Callane  
Families by Ladies of the Lord
- 12:00 pm Sandra Carden by Tom & Kate Casey  
Deborah Vito Thompson by Leyh Family

### Tuesday, April 2

- 7:00 am Thein & Corra Families by Curazzato Family
- 8:00 am Faith Willett by Family  
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Deakin & Bila Families  
by Sam & Dawn Curazzato
- 12:00 pm Sandra Carden by Jim & Chris Doyle  
John Ruehl by Vern & Sarah Anderson

### Wednesday, April 3

- 7:00 am Ken Kraft by Connors Family  
Karen M. Derrico by Joe & Belinda Biagiotti
- 8:00 am Elizabeth Hine by Cynthia Parrott
- 12:00 pm Dorothy & Alexander Piskorowski  
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski  
Ronald Kidder by Margaret Estes

### LADIES OF THE LORD

Meeting at 7:00pm in the Gathering Rooms on Thursday, April 11, with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### 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, April 10, 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.

### Thursday, April 4

- 7:00 am Anthony J. Pelosi (anniv) by Barbara Pelosi  
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Distefano & Doughty  
Families by Ladies of the Lord
- 8:00 am John & Joyce Ambrolosi by Estate  
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Christine Ann Parisi (anniv) by Mom, Dad,  
Richard, Peter & Monica  
Wittig & Gustina Families by Roger J. Wittig

### Friday, April 5

- 7:00 am Frank Ricchiazzi by Family
- 8:00 am Florence M. Brevorka (anniv)  
by Barbara Pelosi
- 12:00 pm Clara Tan by Patricia Tan & Family  
Frances & Carmen Contino  
by First Friday Rosary Group  
Ellen Eagan by Clancy Family

### Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 am P. Michael Terlecky, Jr.  
by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kiss & Family  
Luke Francis O'Connor  
by Craig & Kathleen Bucki

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Norene Russo by Craig & Pamela
- 5:30 pm Marie T. Biehl by Don & Teresa Manzella  
Stanley & Josephine Woroniecki by Family

### Sunday, April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Helen Wurm (birth) by Family  
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
- 9:30 am Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family & Friends
- 11:00 am Dorothy M. Olejniczak by Olejniczak Family  
& Friends
- 12:30 pm Josephine Christopher by Mary Ann Held  
Daniel Filarecki by Debbie Shay  
Ann Hrebik (anniv) by Daughters,  
Madeline Cushing & Barbara Wilbur  
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- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Patrick G. Lucey by Pujolas Family

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### 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.**

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### 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.

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**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](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)

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