

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

*Parish Community*

*Living the Gospel in Faith, Worship and Service*

**Palm Sunday—Holy Week**

**April 13 & 14 , 2019**

## **From the desk of the Pastor**

My Dear Parish family, WELCOME HOME! I believe our Church looks beautiful! Although there is a punch list of items to complete, all of the major work is accomplished. I am most grateful to God for a timely job well done! Thank you again to all who donated, to all who served on committees, to our Parish Staff who stepped up in many, many ways. Thank you one and all for your patience as we celebrated our Faith in the Ministry Center.

It is hard to believe that it is Palm Sunday and Holy Week! Just a few short weeks ago, we began our Lenten journey with Ashes on our foreheads and intentions of prayer, charity and fasting. How has Lent been for you?

If you have had a Faithful and Faith-filled Lent – awesome! If you have had a “roller coaster” Lent of spiritual highs and lows; that is good. Our Good Lord fell three times carrying the cross and sometimes we fall too. I often wonder why Jesus fell three times. Some believe it was the weight of our sins.

## **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from Holy Thursday, April 18, at 9:00 am through Easter Monday, April 22, at 8:30 am. We wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter.

## **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

All Parish Offices will be closed from **Good Friday, April 19, through Easter Monday, April 22.** We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23. There will be only one Mass only on Monday, April 22, at 8:00 am.

Although that is true; I often wonder if Jesus was trying to teach us that in our humanity we will fall, but also in humanity, as we rely upon the divine, we must also pick ourselves up and continue onward. If your Lent has been filled with ups and downs, perhaps try to enter into a reflection on the Stations of the Cross in particular, a reflection on the three times Jesus fell and picked himself up again. Finally, if Lent never took off for you, or if it quickly was extinguished, use this week to pick yourself up and move forward to experience the final few days as well as the time of our Sacred Triduum.

As we enter this Holy Week, please try to follow the rhythm of the Church and experience the highs and lows of the sacred mysteries. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are still days of Lent. Try to remain faithful, or, if your Lent has been difficult, perhaps begin to live the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and charity. On Holy Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 pm is the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Try and come to this Diocesan celebration. At this Mass, all the priests of the Diocese are invited to concelebrate and renew their commitment of Ordination. Also, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism are blessed by the Bishop to be used throughout the Diocese for the celebration of the sacraments throughout the year . **(Continued on page 2)**

## **WELCOME ALL!!!**

Come join members of the Arts and Environment team and help prepare the Church for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We will meet on Holy Thursday at 11:00 am and then after evening Stations on Good Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Henseler at [MRH0615@gmail.com](mailto:MRH0615@gmail.com)

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

If you are going to be Confirmed this year, the Bishop will consecrate the Oil of Chrism which is used here at St. Greg’s on May 14 and 16 for the celebration of Confirmation. If you see a Baptism in the next year, the same Oil of Chrism is used at every Baptism as well as, the Oil of the Catechumens (also called Oil of the Saints). Please come to this beautiful Mass and celebrate of the Sacramental life of our Church.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday form the Sacred Triduum. On Holy Thursday come to the 7:00 pm celebration of the Lord’s Supper which concludes with a Eucharistic procession to our repository set up in the Gathering Rooms. Come and pray with Jesus for an hour as we mark the time He spent in the Garden of Gethsemane, or participate in the Seven Churches Pilgrimage. Good Friday we have a few celebrations to assist us in reflecting on the Cross and Death of Christ. The Great Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7:00 pm marks the time of “Vigil” as we wait for and begin to celebrate the Resurrection. At the Easter Vigil those among us preparing for full initiation into our Church will be Baptized, fully professed, Confirmed and receive the Eucharist with us for the first time. We will also celebrate Easter Masses at 8:00 am; 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. **Please note there will be no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday.**

Finally, please remember that from the end of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, until the Great Easter Vigil, we are in a solemn time. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we may take food three times during the day, but two of the three times are to be very small and simple portion of food, and one time during the day we may have one simple meal. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat on Good Friday.

I wish you a prayerful experience of Holy Week. Please pray for me as I will pray for you. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
Mon. Apr.. 15: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
Tues. Apr..16: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wed.. Apr. 17: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25  
Thur. Apr. 18: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21  
Fri. Apr. 19: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (40 ABC); Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42  
Sat. Apr. 20: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Mark 16:1-7 (41B)  
Sun. Apr. 21: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 (42ABC); Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday, April 18  
9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church)  
5:00 pm – Parish Shared Supper (Ministry Center)  
7:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Church)  
8:30 pm – Seven Churches bus trip

Good Friday, April 19  
9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church)  
12:00 noon – Seven Last Words of Christ (Church)  
3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Church)  
7:00 pm – Living Stations of the Cross (Church)

Holy Saturday, April 20  
9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church)  
12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church)  
7:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass (Church)

Easter Sunday, April 21  
Masses at:  
8:00 am (Church), 9:30 am (Church),  
11:00 am (Church), 12:30 pm (Church)

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE**  
\$313,008.23 collected, 45.02 % 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!**



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

### 2019-20 FFF REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Go to [www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/)  
then 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 Cafete-  
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⇒ **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 Cafete-  
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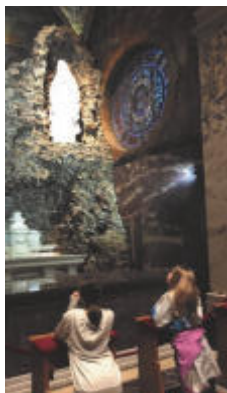
▪ **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Prog Gr K-Gr 10)  
**Classes:** Once a month, September 2019 – April 2020  
**Registration** for All GOF Sessions (A, B and C) is on  
Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration ONLY.**  
Act fast; each session will close at 50 Families.

▪ **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. Register  
Online or In Person.



FFF Fifth Graders at a field trip to at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica. They took a tour and said a prayer for the canonization on the Venerable Father Baker, who was instrumental in the building of the Basilica.

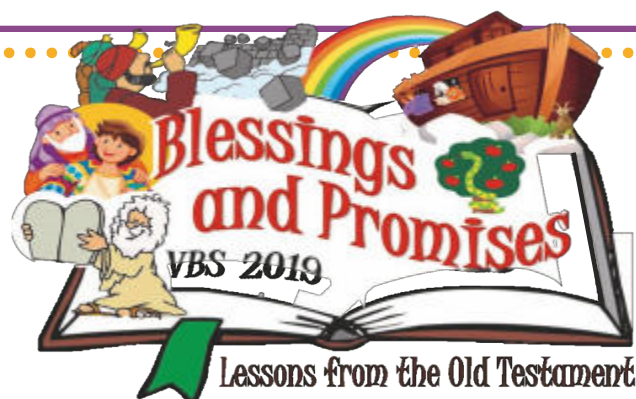
## CATECHIST CORNER



*“...All good giving and  
every perfect gift  
is from above, coming down  
from the Father” James 1:17*

Thank you to all of our Catechists for taking time out of your busy schedules to teach our students this school year! You have been a blessing and we wish you the most wonderful summer! God bless you always.

*- from all of us at Family Faith For-*



**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 Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament.

For details go to:

[www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/)

Register Online or In Person.

## CONFIRMATION 2019

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** There will be only ONE 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.

**SPECIAL NEEDS AND WHEELCHAIR SEATING IN THE NEW PEW ARRANGEMENT**

The first and last rows of the two center sections are designated for people needing assistance. The Eucharist will be brought to people in these rows. The last rows of the two center sections have wider access so that a Eucharistic Minister can move through the rows to distribute Communion.

There are designated spots for people in wheelchairs; most of them are located in rows that have a longer pew behind them (similar to the old layout). Some are located in the front near the statue of Mary, and some are located along the back of the Church. There are also spots in the last row of the two center sections. If you have any questions, please see an Usher during Mass.

**CHOPIN SINGING SOCIETY**

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, at 4:15 pm we will have the pleasure of hearing a concert preformed by the Chopin Singing Society. They will also be serving as our Music Ministry for our 4:30 Mass. Please join us for this wonderful concert! To learn more about the Chopin Singing Society (716) 884-7366 chopinsingers716@gmail.com or visit the website at www.chopinsingsociety.com

**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.



Join In A Parish-Wide Prayer Effort

*The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet*

Begins on Good Friday, April 19, and concludes on Saturday, April 27.

**A Spiritual Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead.**

**Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlets available in the back of Church.**

This Novena can be said privately as an individual or with a group in your family or at the Parish-organized times listed below. Jesus specifically asked that the Chaplet be recited as a Novena, especially on the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. Combining the Chaplet and daily Novena prayers given to St. Faustina by our Lord is a powerful work of mercy. Each day's prayers were dictated by our Lord to St. Faustina concerning particular groups of people. He wanted to experience His mercy. By the end of the Novena we will have prayed for the entire world. Jesus promised, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (796).

**Organized Prayer times in Church:**

- ◆ 4/19 Good Friday: after 9:00 am Morning Prayers
- ◆ 4/20 Holy Saturday: after 9:00 am Morning Prayers
- ◆ 4/21 Easter Sunday: please continue Novena on your own
- ◆ 4/22 Monday: after 8:00 am Mass and Rosary
- ◆ 4/23-4/26 Tuesday-Friday: after 7:00 am Mass at 7:45am, and after 8:00 am and 12 :00 noon Mass and Rosary
- ◆ 4/27 Saturday: before 8:00 am Mass, after 8:00 am Mass and Rosary, and after 12:00 noon Rosary for Our Country

**CATHOLIC STORE CELEBRATES 7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

To help celebrate our 7 Anniversary, every time you make a purchase in the Store, during the month of April, you will receive a chance to enter into the drawing. On May 1, we will draw for a \$100 gift certificate. Don't miss this opportunity! Come help us celebrate our 7 years here at St. Greg's!!!



## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT!

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

#### Retreat Dates:

- ◇ Middle School Spring Retreat (Grades 6-8) is May 3-5

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Ignite—April 18, 25
- Life Teen—April 28
- Edge—April 18, 25
- SWAT Team—April 17, 24

### SAVE THE DATE: Be PUREly You Young Women’s Conference: Be Purely You



All girls Grades 8-12 are welcome to join us for a faith and fun-filled day of inspiring talks and activities! Take a journey through key life areas and discover ways to develop great relationships, live with intentionality and create healthy habits. Walk away with your unique “travel itinerary.”

**Saturday, June 1, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center**

Register online by May 28, at [www.stgregs.org](http://www.stgregs.org) \$20 presale or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes lunch provided by Buffalo Strive Markets.

### 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.

### 21ST ANNUAL GREAT DINNER AUCTION UPDATE

#### “AN EVENING OF STARS”

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 2, 2019**



There is a general meeting scheduled for *Thursday, May 2*, after the 8:00 am School Mass in the Gathering Room.

#### COME JOIN US!

Bring your ideas and talents! We will be planning: décor, dinner, menu ideas, beverage stations, raffles, online bidding for special items, kids school auction and much more.

If you would like to help out, or donate an item, please contact Cindy Reitebach in the Auction Office at 688-5678 x337 or [dinnerauction@gmail.com](mailto:dinnerauction@gmail.com)

### CONFIRMATION 2020 AND 2021

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

For your child to be Confirmed at St. Gregory’s Parish, they need to be registered for Confirmation in Grades 9 and 10. Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meeting** (see below) to register for Confirmation.

These **Parent Meetings** are for both Catholic **and** Public school students. Registration is necessary so that parents receive all communication about Confirmation preparation which takes place when your child is in Grades 9 and 10.

- **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.

### SVDP FURNITURE-APPLIANCE COLLECTION

If you missed contacting us for pick today, **Saturday, April 13, our next pick up date is April 27.** 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 what we can accept on this list ; 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.)



## 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.

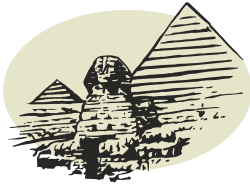
We will provide salads, rolls, beverages, desserts, and serving utensils. Please plan to bring a dish to feed your family and 6 others (suggestions: sliced meats, pasta dishes, potatoes, vegetables, casseroles, etc. ) in ready-to-serve, disposable containers.

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

## 11 DAYS EGYPT & THE GREAT NILE CRUISE

NOVEMBER 5-15, 2019

HOSTED BY: MSGR. ROBERT E. ZAPFEL



◇ \$3399 PER PERSON FROM TORONTO (Air/Land/Cruise tour price is \$2899 plus \$500 government taxes/airline surcharges)

See the Great Pyramids of Giza...the Colossal Sphinx... the Valley of the Kings~ famous for its royal tombs... the Temples of Luxor & Karnak...Ancient Cairo...Take an unforgettable 5-Day cruise down the eternal Nile River...

*Enjoy all the wonders of Egypt in one trip!!*

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDING:** Roundtrip Air from Toronto, First class hotel plus breakfast & dinner daily in Cairo, Superior first class Nile Cruise in outside cabins with all meals included, Sightseeing by private motor coach with English speaking guides and much more!!

**FOR A FULL COLOR BROCHURE, CONTACT MSGR. ZAPFEL: Tel: (716) 835-8905**

Email: [office@stleothegreatamherst.com](mailto:office@stleothegreatamherst.com)

**SPACE IS LIMITED AT THIS VERY SPECIAL PRICE!**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

### Children Choir for Sunday Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in GR2  
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 12.

### Easter Triduum Choir

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 on our schedule are no longer in service. Please check the schedule on the wall to see that we have your updated contact information. Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.

## HOP ON THE WELCOME WAGON!

Are you someone who:

- ⇒ Cares deeply about children or grandchildren who have drifted from the Catholic Faith?
- ⇒ Would like to reach out to potential new members of our Parish Family?
- ⇒ Have a couple hours free one Saturday morning once a quarter?

Consider becoming part of St. Greg's "Welcome Wagon" calling on new residents in our neighborhood, and providing a welcome packet of information on our Parish Family. Our Evangelization Committee is looking for a few more volunteers. For information, contact Father Thomas at [tfm210@hotmail.com](mailto:tfm210@hotmail.com), or 688 - 5678 ext 305.



## RESPECT LIFE

### Pope Francis Comments on Artificial

**Intelligence:** In February, Pope Francis

addressed the membership of the Pontifical Academy for Life regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI). He raised concerns regarding how technology is contributing to the devaluing of human life and reason. He exhorted the Academy to devote the next two years to studying the issue and to provide a valuable Christian perspective for researchers.

“We know the difficulties with which our world struggles...[On] one hand, technological development has allowed us to solve problems that were insurmountable until a few years ago, ...However, today’s evolution of technical capacity casts a dangerous spell: instead of delivering the tools that improve their care to human life, there is the risk of giving life to the logic of the devices that decide its value.

It is important to reiterate: ‘Artificial intelligence’ robotics and other technological innovations must be so employed that they contribute to the service of humanity and to the protection of our common home... ***The inherent dignity of every human being must be firmly placed at the center of our reflection and action.*** In this regard, it should be noted that the designation of ‘artificial intelligence’ may [be] misleading. The terms conceal the fact that – [despite] the useful fulfilment of servile tasks, functional automatism remain qualitatively distant from the human prerogatives of knowledge and action. And therefore, they can become socially dangerous. Moreover, the risk of man being ‘technologized’, rather than technology humanized, is already real: so-called ‘intelligent machines’ are hastily attributed capacities that are properly human. Indeed, artificial devices that simulate human capabilities are devoid of human quality. This must be [considered] to guide the regulation of their use, and research itself, towards a constructive and equitable interaction between human beings and the latest versions of machines.”

## SENIOR CITIZENS

**Meeting and Mother’s Day Luncheon**, May 13, after 12:00 noon Mass, 1:15 pm lunch catered by “Johnny C’s” at Ministry Center \$15 per member/\$20 per guest. Reservations to Dolores Mason no later than May 6. (No cancellations after May 6.) ***Seneca Niagara Casino Trip*** - June 25, Make check payable to St. Greg’s Senior, \$26 by May 25. Checks only. Contact Elizabeth Starks, 639—0139.

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

**Monday, April 15**

**Tuesday, April 16**

5:00 pm Amped (MC Café)

6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir Dinner (GR 1)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)

**Wednesday, April 17**

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (GR 1)

7:00 pm RCIA Rehearsal (Room 702-School)

**Thursday, April 18**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

5:00 pm – Parish Shared Supper, (Ministry Center)

7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Church)

8:30 pm – Seven Churches bus trip

Adoration until midnight in the Gathering Rooms

**Friday, April 19**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church)

12:00 noon – Seven Last Words of Christ (Church)

3:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Church)

7:00 pm – Living Stations of the Cross (Church)

**Saturday, April 20**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer (Church)

12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets (Church)

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass (Church)

**Sunday, April 21—Easter**



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MULCH SALE

**Saturday, May 4, Ministry Center Parking Lot, pick up and delivery from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Free Bag Mulch Delivery with Orders of 10 or More! Advance orders (please specify black, brown or red) can be placed for \$5.00 (Scotts Triple Shredded Premium Mulch) per bag by form below to the Parish Office, or by sending a check with the below order form to Knights of Columbus Annual Mulch Sale, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Checks payable to St. Gregory Knights of Columbus Council #14687. Any questions, call George Tirabassi, 572-7772. Orders can be taken until Thursday, May 2. All proceeds benefit St. Gregory the Great.**

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

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

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

Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_ \*Delivery \_\_\_\_\_

Black Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag

Red Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag

Brown Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*If ordering 10 or more bags do you have a specific location to place the bags upon delivery?



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

Discover the St. Greg's Difference Today



## PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE TODAY AT

<https://stgregs.weshareonline.org/>

### DRAWING: 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, go to the website above, or 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Students attended a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Paul on Friday, April 5, to reflect on the Lenten season. The purpose of the Retreat was for the students to reflect on their own Lenten Journey, and to reveal the real meaning of the season. The students had time to read from the Bible, reflect on journal questions, sing and play games with Fr. Paul - all based around the Lenten season.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 13 Vigil Masses

4:00 pm Andrew J. Sobczyk by Mom, Dad, Amanda, Rich, Luke & Jacob  
 Chester Kosnik (birth) by Daughter, Amy Ventura  
 5:30 pm John Hojnowski by Linda Amabile

### Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

8:00 am Audrey Weber (birth) by Family  
 Angela Schwind by Clancy Family  
 9:30 am Harvey A Hoelscher (birth)  
 by Richard & Donna Suchan  
 Carmen Contino (birth)  
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 11:00 am Frank Guzinski & Robert Leonarczyk  
 by Marcia Neri and Margie Leonarczyk  
 Clare Wesolowski by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bartlett & Grace Bartlett  
 12:30 pm Marie & Thomas Pierino  
 by Joyce Santora & Family  
 Clement Kisailus by Jerry & Maryann Peer  
 1:30 pm Baptisms  
 4:30 pm Carmelo Milone by Wife & Family  
 Catherine Gerwitz by Glynn Family

### Monday, April 15

7:00 am Sandra Carden by Tim & Ann Marie Spellman  
 Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
 8:00 am Phyllis Doyle by Dolores Mason & Family  
 12:00 pm Donald F. Dillon by Dillon Family  
 Charlotte & Frank Grgurich by Daughter

### Tuesday, April 16

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
 Ruth Schwartz by Cynthia Parrott  
 8:00 am Sandra Carden by Louis Rothenbueger  
 12:00 pm Ann & Joseph Geraci (anniv) by Geraci Family  
 Richard Hertel II by Jeanne Hertel

### DECEASED

Charles DiVencenzo  
 Robert F. Farley  
 Ann Marie Majchrzak  
 Gloria R. Piracci

### GOLF LEAGUE

The **Tuesday Ladies Golf League** will start on May 7, at Oakwood Golf Course. Tee times range from 8:00 to 8:45 am. We welcome all newcomers. For more information, please contact Joanne at 689-3359.

The **Men's Golf League** is looking new members for the Wednesday evening league. For information call Mike Bender at 689-0510.

### Wednesday, April 17

7:00 pm Michael Varbanov by Mother, Edith Varbanov  
 Gladys Vilardo by Estate  
 8:00 am Bob Besant by Family  
 12:00 pm Annette Sperrazza (anniv) by Sister-in-Law  
 Vita Thurston by Family

### Thursday, April 18 – Mass of the Last Supper

7:00 pm Hilda Trauffler by Bill & Kathy Schrameck  
 Leon Biernat by Son, Fr. Leon Biernat  
 Karen Marie Fassl by Maureen Fassl

### Friday, April 19 – The Passion of the Lord

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

### Saturday, April 20 – Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
 12:00 pm Blessing of Food Baskets

### Easter Vigil

7:00 pm Joseph & Kathryn DiVito  
 by Diana & David Partyka

### Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am John Cusack by Patricia Cusack & Family  
 Roselyn M. Murphy by Family  
 9:30 am Louise Militello by Militello & Mazza Families  
 Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins  
 11:00 am Violet Cassiol by Kevin & Shar Donovan  
 Donato LaLama by Wife  
 12:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Family  
 Anna Hrebik by Brian & Magdalene Cushing

\*\*\* There will be no 4:30 pm Mass on Easter Sunday \*\*\*



### 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 [stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com](mailto:stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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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. 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.

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

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**PRAYER**

- 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)
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