



**From the desk of the Pastor**

My Dear Parish Family, As we celebrate this Second Sunday of Easter, known to us as Divine Mercy Sunday, we bring to a close the Octave of Easter and move into the Easter Season. Even though Lent has ended, it is important to still remember all of our Lenten promises, especially those we took on to improve our personal or spiritual life. The real goal of Lent is to make some characteristic changes in our way of living. This Sunday it is important to remember that we still focus on the Resurrection of Jesus and walk with the apostles and early disciples as they experience our Risen Savior and try to understand. This Sunday it is important that we reflect on God's Mercy as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This Sunday we reflect on Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and her writings in her Diary, [Divine Mercy in My Soul](#).

Do you believe God to be an "Ocean of Mercy" or do you fear God as filled with wrath and revenge or see Him as someone who needs to be pleased in order to love you? This is the primary question which must be answered. How do you relate to God and what is your image of Him? I pray that your image of God is that of a loving, forgiving, merciful and abundantly generous God. This weekend we meet "doubting Thomas" in the Gospel reading.

I suppose it is easy to understand why Thomas doubted. He came to the upper room and heard "hard to believe" information. Maybe we are a little like Thomas. Maybe we doubt God's mercy. Of course our doubting God's mercy cannot limit God's mercy. God's mercy is infinite! Sometimes God's mercy is the most difficult thing to understand in faith. Perhaps we find it hard to understand how God can still show mercy even when we are broken and intentionally sin and turn away from Him. Doubt is a real thing. Have you ever doubted to the point that it has held you back from fully believing in God and His Divine Mercy?

The English word "mercy" or the French word "merci" or the Latin word "merces" has several meanings. We often look at the word in terms of pity, thanks or as a reward. This Divine Mercy Sunday look at God's mercy as a free gift. God does not pity us. God's mercy is not a reward for offering enough penance or sacrifice. God's mercy is just that, mercy, or free gift. Do you believe that God loves you enough to forgive you and extend His mercy to you freely? If so, how has that changed the way you relate to God and live in a bond of love with Him? **(Continued on pg.2)**



Our Divine Mercy celebration will be held, today, Sunday April 28, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the Church. A reception of delicious food will be hosted, by the Ladies of the Lord, immediately following the celebration. Jesus told St. Faustina that those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and remission of punishment. Pope John Paul II, called Divine Mercy, "a great gift and splendor for the church." Please join us.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION...**

...will be taken up this weekend, April 27 and 28. There will be one collection so please place your envelopes in the regular collection basket.

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA CARDS**

Novena Cards are at all entrances of the Church. Please take a card. You may place your offering in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office before Mother's Day. The Intentions for these Novenas will be prayed for each day during the week of May 12 - 20.

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

This Sunday we welcome the Chopin Singing Society to St. Greg's. They have graced us with their presence on other occasions. The Society was founded in 1899 by Boleslaus Michalski at St. Adalbert Basilica, Buffalo. The Society was incorporated as a cultural and educational Society in 1914 by Joseph Dulski (father of former Congressman Thaddeus Dulski and Grandfather of our current parishioner, Anthony Dulski) and Lawrence Nagowski. The society has a rich history filled with many cultural contributions. They have traveled the world performing as well as accomplishing many awards and recognitions. We welcome the Chopin Singing Society once again to St. Gregory the Great. They will offer a short concert at 4:15 pm this Sunday and will be our Music Ministry for the 4:30 pm Mass.

I would also like to acknowledge our Boy Scouts who recently received various religious awards from Bishop Malone at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, April 13. The *Ad Altare Dei* award is for a Boy Scout's work in understanding the Seven Sacraments. Congratulations go to Dominic Licata of Troop 85 from St. Greg's for achieving this award. The *Pope Pius XII* award recognizes a Boy Scout's development in understanding their primary vocation in giving witness to the Gospel of Christ. We congratulate Benjamin Grande, Gregory James, Stephen Wesolowski, Cameron Yergeau and Stephen Zelazny all from St. Greg's Troop 440. Finally, the *Bishop's Scouting Award* is given to Boy Scouts who have completed all four religious programs including *Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII*. Congratulations go to Gregory James, Stephen Wesolowski and Cameron Yergeau for accomplishing this Award. Next, the *International Catholic Awareness Medallion* recognizes Scouts who have grown in an understanding of both scouting and their Catholicism in other countries in comparison to our own experience of the Church in the United States. Congratulations again go to Gregory James, Stephen Wesolowski, Cameron Yergeau and Stephen Zelazny from our Troop 440. Finally, congratulations to our Troop 440 as a whole who was honored to receive the *Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award*.

I am sure you have noticed that we have entered into the outside portion of our parish renovation. We have begun the concrete work around the church and along with that the installation of our heated sidewalk system.

We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience in trying to access the Parish Offices or the Church or Gathering Rooms. The work is off to a great start and will benefit us in the winter. We installed the same ice melt system in the front of the school a couple years ago and it works great. Not only does this melt the snow and ice but it virtually eliminates the need for ice melt and it substantially reduces the risk of a "slip and fall" both outside and inside.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who made our Triduum and Easter celebrations a wonderful experience of prayer. Congratulations to our newly initiated Catholics who were Baptized, Received into the full communion with the Church and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Also, many thanks to our entire RCIA Team for their great work in preparing our brothers and sisters for the Easter Sacraments. Thank you to our new Art and Environment director, Michael Hensler, and all his co-workers, who made the church so beautiful. Thank you to all of our musicians and vocalists. Thank you to our ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and servers for their service, and thank you to those who shared their faith so beautifully in the reflections given during the "Seven Last Words" Prayer service. Finally, thank you to the many who sent cakes, sausage, eggs, wine and more to the rectory for us to share during Easter. May God bless you, our Mother Mary watch over you and St. Gregory the Great intercede for, you always.

Sincerely, Fr. Leon

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon. April 29:** Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
**Tues. April 30:** Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15  
**Wed. May 1:** Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
**Thurs. May 2:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
**Fri. May 3:** Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14  
**Sat. May 4:** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; John 6:16-21  
**Sun. May 5:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41(48C); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**GRIEF AND LOSS BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. All are welcome - you do not need to be a parishioner.

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FFF Office Hours: 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, including Little Cherubs (Pre School) and the Weekly Program.

▪ **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.



Fr. Leon looks on as Saturday FFF students present the Easter Pageant.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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

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

## 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 pm Mass. Please join us for this wonderful concert! To learn more about the Chopin Singing Society call (716) 884-7366, email [chopinsingers716@gmail.com](mailto:chopinsingers716@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.chopinsingsociety.com](http://www.chopinsingsociety.com)

## MAY CROWNING

**May Crowning is on May 5, at 9:30 am in the Church.** All children are invited to bring flowers and process during Mass to crown the Blessed Mother statue. We will have extra flowers for those students who do not bring their own.



Boy Scouts were presented Religious Emblems by Bishop Richard Malone at the Buffalo Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting's Forty-Fifth Annual Religious Awards Ceremony held on April 13, at Saint Joseph Cathedral.

Front Row: Dominic Licata, Thomas Kirchgessner, Bishop Richard Malone, Stephen Wesolowski and Stephen Zelazny. Back Row: Deacon Daniel Golinski, James Smyczynski and Reverend Leon Biernat.

## MISSION RETREAT

A Parish Mission is a time in a Parish when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a Faith filled life. It is a time for graces and renewal of the Parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

The **2019 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place **July 14-20**. Please consider joining us to deepen your relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in your hearts. Contact Jo in the Parish Office at 688-5678 to register.

**SPECIAL OUTREACH:** We are collecting **Children's Sunday Best/First Communion Clothes April 29 through May 3**. Please bring donations to the Family Faith Formation Office during normal business hours (M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm) that week. Thank you for your generosity!



EASTER 2019

## HOP ON THE WELCOME WAGON!

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.



## 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*, in the Gathering Room, , after the 8:00 am School Mass.

### 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)

St. Gregory the Great  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CELEBRATE 7 YEARS WITH US!

The St. Gregory the Great Catholic Store is celebrating 7 years in business! Thank you to all that have been a part of our journey!

As a thank you, for every purchase in the month of April, you will receive one raffle ticket, and be entered into our drawing for a \$100 gift certificate.

## DRAWING on May 1st for a \$100 Gift Certificate.

Don't miss out on a chance to win,  
visit the store today!!!!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH UPDATE

\$444,606.77 collected, 64.16%. 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.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Thank you for your support!

## LECTORS NEEDED

The Lector Ministry needs several new Lectors. Lectors are assigned once every five weeks on a rotating schedule through seven weekend Masses.

An email system is available to contact all Lectors to arrange for a substitute when an assigned Lector has a scheduling conflict. If you are interested in the Lector Ministry, please contact Earl Leising 716-432-5312.

## 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.

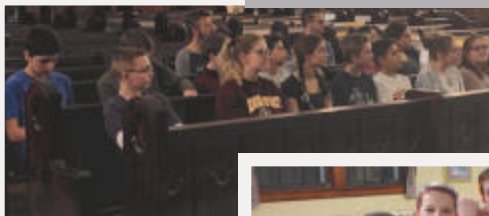
### Retreat Dates:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:  
Life Teen—April 28

## GRADE 8 LOCK-IN

Recently, students in Grade 8 had an overnight retreat. The focus was on the transition from Middle School to High School and various ways to keep the Faith alive during this time. There were large and small group discussions, speakers, glow in the dark capture the flag and free-time to reflect on this upcoming transition. The students ended the weekend with a group Lasertron event.



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION CONFIRMATION 2019

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** There will be only ONE rehearsal, held on Tuesday, May 7, at 6:45 pm in the Church. **Confirmation Rehearsal** should be attended by the candidate and their sponsor. A parent can stand in for out of town sponsors so that they can provide direction for the sponsor prior to Confirmation night.

**Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows:** Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.


### CONFIRMATION 2020 AND 2021

**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, they need to be registered for Confirmation in Grades 9 and 10. Please attend the appropriate **Parent Meeting** (see below) to register for Confirmation.

The **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.

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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 Cafeteria.

## 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 pre-sale or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes lunch provided by Buffalo Strive Markets. **Visit the table in the back of Church May 4 and 5 to learn more and sign up!**

For more information, call Lori at 866-2373.



## 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!

Cash or Checks will be accepted and can be made payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: Jamaica Mission Diaper Drive



## 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.

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

- ◆ SUNDAYS: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ MONDAYS 2:00 - 3:00 am
- ◆ SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour with Jesus.



## 11 DAYS EGYPT & THE GREAT NILE CRUISE

NOVEMBER 5-15, 2019

HOSTED BY: MSGR. ROBERT E. ZAPFEL

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## PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL & THE EARLY CHURCH TO GREECE AND EPHESUS

(PLUS 3 DAY GREEK ISLES CRUISE ON THE AEGEAN SEA)

WHEN: OCTOBER 15-19, 2019

COST: \$3,895

Visit: Tolo, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplion, Delphi, Kalambaka, Corinth, and 3 nights in Athens. Cruise includes: Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini.

For more information contact Fr. Peter Zaczynski 763-2815 or [peterzaczynski@gmail.com](mailto:peterzaczynski@gmail.com)

## LADIES OF CHARITY

Monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 29, at 1:00 pm in the Café. Our charitable focus will be the Jamaican Mission Trip. The next day of service at the Thrift Store is Monday, May 6. Please call Marge at 688-5954 if interested. New members are always welcome.



## 10TH ANNUAL SPRING MULCH SALE

Saturday, May 4, Ministry Center Parking Lot, pick-up and delivery from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Free 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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.



## RESPECT LIFE

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, remember nothing is beyond the mercy of God. If you or someone you know is struggling with the aftermath of an abortion, there is help. Project Rachel is a network that includes priests, mental health professionals and others who provide one-on-one assistance to those in need of healing. A local Project Rachel program is offered through the Diocese of Buffalo. **You will receive free, nonjudgmental, confidential information by calling the hotline at (716) 847-2211.**

From the Diocesan website: "This [Project Rachel] experience, like the Sacrament it includes, is *sensitive, private and confidential*...The Project Rachel journey to wholeness helps you cope with the past through the eyes of Faith, opens you to receive forgiveness and the healing grace of God, and allows you to be at peace with yourself, your unborn child, your family, your Church and God.

"Men, too, suffer greatly in the aftermath of abortion. They are fathers who lost a child. They can also find understanding, forgiveness, healing and wholeness through the Church's ministry of Project Rachel.

"To begin your journey to forgiveness and reconciliation, we encourage you to call or write for private counseling. We also provide counseling and services for those who have suffered a miscarriage, stillborn or death of a very young child.

*"There is hope after an abortion. It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the empty spaces. We care. Let us help you."*

## "ST. GREGORY TWELVE" NOMINATIONS

Each year we recognize and express our appreciation of twelve individuals, couples or families who have contributed to our Parish life and ministries. If you know of Parishioners whose voluntary efforts have enhanced our Parish Community, please nominate them for this award, which will be acknowledged at Mass on May 20. We look forward to having the opportunity to honor many in our Parish who unselfishly donate their time/abilities to fulfill our Parish Mission. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office, due to Jo Pierino by Friday, May 17.

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 28

3:15 pm Devine Mercy Sunday Reception (GR 1&2)

### Monday, April 29

12:30 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (MC Caf )

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

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (MC 2)

### Tuesday, April 30

5:00 pm Youth Ministry Amped (MC Caf )

6:45 pm Cub Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria/Gym)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (GR 2)

### Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Caf )

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

6:30 pm Grief & Loss Ministry (GR 2)

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

7:00 pm Home School Assoc. Meeting (GR 1)

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

### Thursday, May 2

8:30 am Dinner Auction Meeting (GR 1&2)

1:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting (GR 2)

4:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting (GR 1&2)

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

### Friday, May 3

9:00 am MOMS Playgroup (MC Basement)

### Saturday, May 4

8-10 am Knights Mulch Sale (MC Parking Lot)

10:30 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)

### Sunday, May 5

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen  
(MC Caf /Gym/Basement)

## 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.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On May 12, we are asked to give special attention to the vocations of priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. We pray for all those ministering in those vocations, as well as for those who are called to them. Please remember that Deacon Tim Chriswell can be contacted for information regarding the Permanent Diaconate at 716-652-4308 or [tchriswell@cks.edu](mailto:tchriswell@cks.edu), and Fr. Andrew Lauricella can be contacted for information regarding the vocation of priesthood at 716-847-5535 or [alauricella@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:alauricella@buffalodiocese.org).



# St. Gregory the Great School

## UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

- ⇒ School Resumes, April 29
- ⇒ Going Bald for Bucks and Canvas for Cancer, May 17
- ⇒ 1500 Club Drawing, May 18
- ⇒ Poetry and Art Show, May 19
- ⇒ Book Fair, June 5 – 14
- ⇒ Walk-A-Thon, June 7

## DISCOVER THE ST. GREG'S DIFFERENCE TODAY!

- ◇ "I love that we can play and learn math and numbers by playing." - Sanyer Kicinski, Kindergarten
- ◇ "I love that we are able to all be friends. Everyone here is my best friend." - Francesco Barbarossa, Kindergarten

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Visit [www.stgregsschool.org](http://www.stgregsschool.org) to register today or call 688-5323 for more information.

## Grade 8 Girls Sing for Students at the School's first Mass back in the Renovated Church



The Pre-K 4 students were introduced to dinosaurs last week. They started by writing facts down that they already knew. The children had wonderful facts to share. Then they looked at a dinosaur footprint made out of paper. They thought 43 shoes would fill the dinosaur footprint. The students then took off their shoes and placed them in the footprint. There were 34

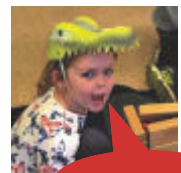


shoes that fit inside the print.



"Look, I found a bone!"

During centers, the students were Paleontologists. They dug "bones" out of chocolate chip cookies (peanut and tree nut safe), made dinosaur eggs out of playdough and matched the eggs to the number on our playdough mat, donned dinosaur hats, used imagination to be dinosaurs and worked on words that begin with the D sound.



"Rrrrooar!"

## 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).

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

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

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

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

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

What would you do with \$10,000? Buy a chance and find out!





## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 27

#### Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm David E. Jones by Carol & Frank Weise  
Matthew & Katherine Giansante by Family  
25th Wedding Anniversary
- 5:30 pm John Lewis Schultz by Judy & Tony Picone

### Sunday, April 28 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 8:00 am Robert Schifferli, Sr. (birth)  
by Robert & Michelle Schifferli  
Mary Capps by John & Nicole Bender
- 9:30 am Sarah Gerwitz by Daughter
- 11:00 am Irene Bene by Bene Family  
Nicholas M. Iannarelli by Cherbon Family
- 12:30 pm Ladies of the Lord by De Lac Family  
Michael Doran by Mother & Family
- 1;30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Dorothy Flynn by Family

### Monday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

- 7:00 am Jeanne M. Goergen by Goergen Family
- 8:00 am Anthony Volpe by Joyce Santora & Family  
Dolores Krzyzanowski  
by Charles & Elaine Becker
- 12:00 pm Paul C. Ricotta by Ricotta Family  
Frank Deni by Carmella Deni & Family

### Tuesday, April 30

- 7:00 am Jack & Rose Persons by John & Amy Persons
- 8:00 am Joseph Barrett by Tom & Mary Kay Barrett  
Bernice Gantress by Stevie Keil
- 12:00 pm Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Hoelscher and Reifsteck  
Families by Sam & Dawn Curazzato  
Ronald Raven by Jim & Judy Huber

### Wednesday, May 1

- 7:00 pm John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Larry Bierl by Friends
- 8:00 am Rev. Edward R. Czarnecki  
by Priests of St. Gregory's
- 12:00 pm Michael A. Smith by Family  
Elizabeth Endres by Mary Joan & Paul Fix

### Thursday, May 2

- 7:00 am Judy De Golier (birth) by Linda & Bill Dohn
- 8:00 am Joan Gugliuzza by Family  
Charlie & Violet Malkasian by Family  
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Carl Pasciak by Mary Lou Daigler  
Dec. Members of Resetarits Family  
by Joan & Ron Resetarits

### Friday, May 3

- 7:00 am Mary Lou Schoonmaker by  
Mr. & Mrs. James Garvey and Patricia Garvey  
Richard Pfeiffer  
by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 8:00 am Karen Ann Zimmer by Family & Friends
- 12:00 pm Suzanne Dulski by Mary & Anthony Dulski  
Robert Rauh by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Todaro

### Saturday, May 4

- 8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Marion Hirschbeck by Barbara Pelosi

#### Vigil Mass

- 4:00 pm Michael Doran by Mother & Family  
John & Florence Oleszek by Donna Oleszek
- 5:30 pm Rita McGorry by Rick & Peter Parisi

### Sunday, May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am Rev. David P. Kirsch  
by Priests of St. Gregory's  
Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family
- 9:30 am Robert J. Daigler (birth) by Mary Lou Daigler  
& Family
- 11:00 am Leonard & Adele Jablonski by Daughter,  
Mary Ann Held  
Anthony J. Guzziotti by Jamie Abraham
- 12:30 pm Florence Gajewski by Daughter,  
Maryann Sobczyk  
George Sasse (anniv) by Daughter
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Arthur Lorenzo by Staskiewicz & Donius  
Families  
Marian Cannon by Estate

### DECEASED

James E. Frankenberger  
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**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 at St. Gregory's no later than May 6. (No cancellations after May 6.)

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**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.

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**PRAYER**

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