

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

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~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*March 10 & 11, 2018*

## Questions and Answers About This Week's Healing Mission

### **1. Are the 12:00 noon and 7:00pm services the same?**

Yes, they are. You can choose the one that best suits you and your family.

### **2. How long does each service last?**

About an hour and a half. It consists of the celebration of the Eucharist with a 20-minute homily or teaching. After Mass people have the opportunity to come forward for individual prayer for healing with a priest or deacon. Confession will be available at this time as well.

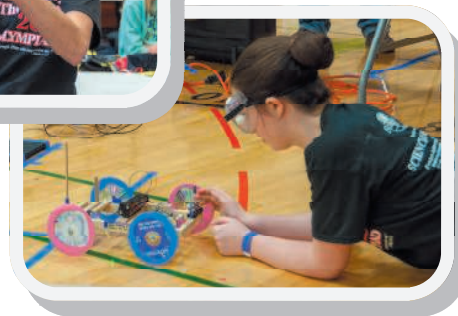
### **3. Can I come to just one of the sessions?**

You can, however the theme of the three-session Mission is cumulative and each session builds on the previous message. You will still certainly profit even if you do not attend all three sessions.

### **4. What is the theme of the Healing Mission?**

The theme is the healing of all that is not right. It's about physical healing, emotional healing, moral healing, financial healing, etc. Our particular topic this time is on Healing of Relationships. The Mission will help you to know why you should heal relationships and how to do it.

**Parish Lenten Healing Mission  
Monday, March 12, - Wednesday, March 14, with identical services at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm. Father Richard (Duke) Zajac will lead the Mission Retreat.**



## **Congratulations!!!**

Congratulations to the St. Greg's Science Olympiad Team who placed 2nd in regional competition and will be advancing to States for the 13th consecutive year!



**Congratulations to the  
St. Greg's 4th Grade Boys  
Basketball team who won  
their league championship  
last week!**

## **FISH FRY FRIDAYS**

### **Dine-in or Drive-up!**

**Fried Fish or Breaded Shrimp dinner:** macaroni salad, cole slaw, roll and butter.

**Baked Fish dinner:** rice, green beans, roll and butter. Drinks and homemade desserts are also included!

Pizza will be available for \$1.00 per slice.

Join us every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:00-7:00 pm in our School Gym.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 per person in all Parish Offices, Catholic Store and Café. Tickets at the door are \$11.00.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. March 12:** Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
**Tues. March 13:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16  
**Wed. March 14:** Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
**Thurs. March 15:** Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47  
**Fri. March 16:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Sat. March 17:** Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53  
**Sun. March 18:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (35B); Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Through the eyes of faith

**Reading I** 2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23 (dissolution of Judah)  
**Reading II** Ephesians 2:4-10 (generosity of God's plan)  
**Gospel** John 3:14-21 (Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus)  
**Passage** Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

**Adult:** *Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?*

**Child:** *Where do you see goodness in God's world?*

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## VOCATION VIEW

God so loved the world that he gave us His only begotten Son Jesus, who is light for the world. How is God asking us to spread His light? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website – [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

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## PARISH SOCIAL/ NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us for coffee, juice and donuts this Sunday, March 11, after 9:30am Mass, in the Gathering Rooms.

### 2018 EASTER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

To buy 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.

## Sacramental Information

### Confirmation Rehearsal:

This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 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.

**2018 Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows:** Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19, at 7:00pm in the Church. Letters and emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation. Any questions, please contact Arlene Meyerhofer at [ameyerhofer@stgregs.org](mailto:ameyerhofer@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

#### Children Choir (Grades 2-8)

4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tues., March 13, in GR 2

The children will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 25.

#### Adult Choir for 11:00 am Mass

7:30 pm, Thursday, March 15, in GR 2

#### Easter Triduum Choir

7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 20 in GR 2

7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 27 in Church

For more information about the various ensembles, please check the Music Ministry page on the parish website, or contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308



## Girl Scout Cookies Sale

The St. Greg's conference of Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 17 & 18.

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

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## Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Western New York Affiliate Meeting

Saturday, March 24, 10:00am-12:00pm, at St. Gregory the Great Parish in the Gathering Room.

This month's meeting will focus on the goals of the WNY Affiliate and introduce participants to volunteer opportunities available locally, as well begin preparation for the PurpleStride 5k walk/run to be held in 2019. All are welcome! RSVP to Lynne at [ljakubowski@pancnvolunteer.org](mailto:ljakubowski@pancnvolunteer.org).



## **Diocese of Buffalo Press Release on Compensation Program for victims of sexual abuse**

Last week, Bishop Malone and the Diocese of Buffalo announced a new compensation program for victims of sexual abuse. Below is the press release in its entirety.

### **Diocese announces Compensation Program for victims of sexual abuse**

Bishop Richard J. Malone has announced the establishment of a voluntary Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for those who have made claims that they were sexually abused as a child by a member of the clergy in the Diocese of Buffalo. Individuals who have previously made claims will be contacted and invited to participate in this voluntary program offering monetary settlements.

"I know this is the right thing to do," said Bishop Malone. "The victims and our Church in Western New York cannot move forward until the pain of the past is properly addressed. Over the past year, several other dioceses have launched similar programs and it was well-received and appreciated by many of those victims as a form of healing. We pray that this monetary compensation together with the acknowledgment that they were hurt can be a significant step in helping them to heal. If we can help victims to heal, then we as a Church can begin to heal from this awful part of our past."

The program will be administered by former New York State Supreme Court Justice Jerome Gorski and former New York State Supreme Court Justice and former Surrogate Judge Barbara Howe. Justice Gorski (ret.) is an arbitrator and mediator with National Arbitration and Mediation. Justice Howe (ret.) is Senior Counsel to the law firm Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP. The administrators will determine the appropriate compensation to be offered each claimant whose claim is accepted. The claimant will have 60 days to accept or reject the settlement. The Diocese does not have the authority to modify or reject any individual claim determination made by the administrators.

"This program is a next step to continue the Diocese's ongoing commitment to protect children and help victims. In many cases, the Diocese has provided a pastoral response, counseling and other assistance as needed to victims," said Terrence M. Connors, of Connors LLP. "The Diocese of Buffalo prepared a written policy in 1990 to address the issue. This policy was distributed to all Diocesan clergy twelve years before the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a revised Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002 to ensure the Church's vigilance in guarding against violations of trust."

Since 2003, the Diocese has been conducting mandatory training and a system of background checks for all who regularly interact with young people. Using a program called Virtus , [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) , entitled 'Protecting God's Children', every cleric, church employee and volunteer initially goes through hours of training, and then, every month, they are also required to read additional training materials and answer questions pertaining to new trends in the way predators are targeting young victims.

Diocesan clergy, employees and volunteers are not only trained to identify signs of sexual abuse, but are also required to report suspected abuse to the Victim Assistance Coordinator and to the District Attorney's office as well. In the Diocese of Buffalo, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Joy, is experienced in trauma therapy. She facilitates diocesan assistance for victims and their families. In this regard, the Catholic Church has a proactive policy and will continue to protect the rights of all people, with a special concern for the vulnerable.

This new IRCP will be paid from self-insurance liability and investment fund reserves. The donations made to the recently completed *Upon This Rock* campaign or the ongoing *Catholic Charities* campaign will not be used for this program. For more information on the Diocese of Buffalo Independent Reconciliation Program, visit [www.buffalodiocese.org/ircp](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/ircp)

## "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, to be returned to Jo by Friday, April 13.

## 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, March 21, from 7:00-9:00 pm in Gathering Room 2.** Please bring a friend, a brother, a dad, an uncle or cousin for this special night. For more information, contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffcrd@aol.com.

# LENT 2018

## Friday Lenten Series

March 16, 23; 12:30 - 2:00pm, Gathering Rooms

### March 16 -

#### Road to Emmaus - The Great Mystery Revealed

Mourning the death of Jesus, two first-century travelers were joined by a mysterious stranger. Over the next few hours, the stranger revealed mysteries hidden in the ancient Scriptures. Soon, the purpose of Jesus' life became clear... and the travelers' sadness turned to great joy. Now we can learn what they learned. Discover the key to life...on the road to Emmaus. (30 minutes)

## CATHOLIC STORE LENTEN OFFERINGS

Stop in to pick up some spiritual reading for Lent! We have a variety of suggested books, from daily prayers to inspirational books, to help make Lent a prayerful, holy time.

## The Light is On - Confessions

Every Wednesday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the Church we will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## CAFÉ LENTEN MENU

Continuing on Wednesdays and Fridays through Lent, the Café will be serving pierogis (cheese, potato, and sauerkraut), meatless soups, grilled cheese and meatless paninis. We invite you to stop by during Lent and enjoy our pierogis and other Lenten specials with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

The St. Greg's Café is still your number one spot for breakfast and lunch, open daily (except Mondays)! Don't forget to join us on Wednesday evenings for Pizza Night!

## FISH FRY FRIDAYS

All are welcome to our Dine-in or Drive-up Fish Fry Fridays during Lent! Fried Fish or Breaded Shrimp dinner includes macaroni salad, cole slaw, roll and butter. Baked Fish dinner includes rice, green beans, roll and butter. Drinks and homemade desserts are also included! Pizza will be available for \$1.00 per slice. Join us **March 16 & 23 from 4:00-7:00 pm in our School Gym.** Advance tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 per person in all Parish Offices, Catholic Store and Café. Tickets at the door are \$11.00. For more information please call the Parish Office at 688-5678.

## The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet

April 3 - 6 after 12:00 noon Mass and April 7 after the 8:00am Mass. *A Man for All Seasons* ~ Inspiring talks by Bishop Fulton Sheen

## Northern Vicariate Lecture Series

### The Passion of Mary

Rev. Steven Jekielek will speak about The Passion of Mary, how Mary experienced the passion of Jesus throughout life, on Monday, March, at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Church, 6919 Transit Road, Swormville, NY 14051. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate.

## SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP

Holy Thursday, March 29, we will have a bus trip pilgrimage to visit seven churches. The bus will leave promptly at 8:30 pm following the 7:00 pm Mass. Cost is \$5.00 per person and \$12.00 per family. Please complete this slip and return with enclosed check/cash to Jo Pierino by way of mail or collection by **Friday, March 23.**

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

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

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

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



# 1500 Club Raffle

St. Gregory's Home School Association 1500 Club Raffle Ticket Request – April 14, 2018  
(Drop in collection basket or to the Parish Office)

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

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

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

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

Number of tickets requested (\$50 each, admits 2 over age 21): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

School family's name, if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have additional questions, please contact the event co-chairs: JoAnne Mroziak (631-3393); Nora Weil (632-2271); Donna Buckmaster (868-6374) or email [1500club@stgregs.org](mailto:1500club@stgregs.org).

Your official ticket will be sent to the address listed on the request form by return mail. Thank you for supporting us to make this major fundraiser a great success. Don't miss out on your chance to win one of the great prizes. May God continue to bless you for your generosity!



***Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to share in the celebration of His  
Last Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018  
At 5:00 pm in the Ministry Center***

## **Holy Thursday Shared 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's Social/Hospitality Committee invites all parishioners to participate in our annual potluck "Shared Supper." *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 only**, to allow volunteers to attend Mass. To facilitate our planning and assure you of a seat please RSVP to: Roe Spano 689-6224 by **Monday, March 26**.

## Family Faith Formation

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

### FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:

**Fish Fry Fridays: Pre-Sale Tickets are \$10 per person** (\$11 at the door) and are available for sale in the Family Faith Formation Office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and when classes are in session. Tickets are good for any of the following Friday dates: March 16 & 23. Thank you to all of the Bakers and Volunteers who helped us on March 9— we appreciate your support!

#### Saturday, March 17

9:15 am Easter Pageant (School Gym)

#### Monday, March 19

7:00 pm St. Joseph's Day Dad's Celebration for Gr 8 (School Cafeteria)

#### NO Classes: Saturday, March 24 - Sunday, April 8

Classes resume on Monday, April 9



The last First Friday Club of the year was busy! Kids wrapped 500 utensils packets for the Pancake Breakfast, packed 600 Rosaries for Ash Wednesday, colored special placemats for the seniors at Elderwood, and they had a pizza making contest!



## St. Greg's School

### Kindergarten Registration

We accept registrations from **9:00am-1:00pm** in the School. **At the time of registration, parents MUST present the following information:**

Birth certificate copy (Child must be 5 years old by 12/1/2018)      Baptismal Certificate copy & **Immunization Record**

NEW FAMILIES: \$150 non-refundable deposit at time of registration  
...plus \$100.00 non-refundable tuition deposit will be due at time of screening

### Cougars Corner

By Isabella Judge and Marisa Swiatek

St. Gregory the Great School does many things for the Lenten season. One of the most important of these is undoubtedly the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent, the entire St. Greg' School (Grades K-8) gather in the Church to go through all fourteen stations. Each week, a different grade level runs the Stations. Some grade levels choose to reenact the Stations, providing a visual for the whole school to see. The students enjoy being active in a class project, while at the same time they are showing their Faith. This time is perhaps the most spiritual when it comes to doing activities as a school.

The Eighth Graders focus on a more personal perspective of the Stations of the Cross. Each student is assigned a Station and they are in charge of writing a personal reflection on what the Station means to them and the importance it holds. These reflections touch the hearts of students and display the strong faith of St. Gregory's students.

### Catechist's Corner

*The role of a catechist is to teach our faith by word and example.*

"Always preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words, so that people may see the Gospel in your lives....we must begin with Christ and this love He gives us."  
- St. Francis of Assisi



*From a Junior high student:*

"...my teacher is also very holy and prays for people who don't like her. She has her own prayer journal."



If you're interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide in the Family Faith Formation program, please call Joan Rischmiller at **688-5760**.



## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you have a loved one or a friend who is going through a tough time, think about giving her/him a prayer shawl. Warm and comforting, made in prayer and blessed by Father Tom, shawls are available in the Parish office at no cost. Also available are blankets for very sick babies and children. Smaller and larger blankets have been made to accommodate children of all ages. A gift of love is the best gift of all to someone who is suffering from pain or loss.

## ***Senior Citizens***

**March 12** - St. Patrick Luncheon, Sean Patrick's, 1:00 pm.

**March 20** - Seneca Niagara Casino trip. \$23 per person. Bus departs St. Gregory's at 9:00am and returns at 4:00pm.

**April 10**, *Del LAGO* Casino, \$26 per person, \$25/Slot Dollars and free lunch buffet. **Payment due with reservation.** Bus departs Ministry Center at 8:00 am, returns 6:00 pm. Valid Government Photo ID required.

For travel reservations/information, call Nancy at 631-5313.

## **Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

*Adam Jarosz: [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org); Nicole Janecek: [njanecek@stgregs.org](mailto:njanecek@stgregs.org); Richard Patti: [rpatti@stgregs.org](mailto:rpatti@stgregs.org) ~ 688-3578*

**Check out our brand-new Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry website at [www.stgregsym.org](http://www.stgregsym.org).**

### **Middle School and High School Concert Opportunity: April 5 at 7:00pm**

Matt Maher and Christ Tomlin, two of the most prolific Christian Worship leaders of the past decade, are stopping in Rochester as part of their Worship Night in America Tour! We have managed to secure tickets for this can't-miss musical event! If you are interested in joining us for a fantastic evening of praise and worship, contact Richard or Nicole! Tickets are in limited supply, so let us know soon if you are interested in attending!

### **Middle School**

**Edge Nights: March 15, 22; 6:30 - 8:30pm**

**Middle-School Retreat, May 4-6**

We are returning to Camp Turner for our second-ever Middle-School Retreat! Join us for an unforgettable weekend of fun, friends and faith! Spots are limited so contact Nicole ASAP to reserve your spot for the Middle-School event of the year!

### **High School**

**Life Teen: March 11, 25; 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Lasertron Night: March 18, 5:30 - 8:00pm**

Life Teen is taking over Lasertron on Sunday, March 18! Join us for lasertag, cybersport, arcade game and all-you-can eat pizza! Contact Richard for more information or pick up your permission form in the Youth Office today!

**High-School Retreat: April 13-15**

It's finally here! The annual High-School retreat! This year we're going to Camp Hickory Hill, complete with a game room, gym and a rock wall for anyone feeling especially adventurous! Book your spot today for the weekend of a lifetime!

**SWAT Team: March 13, 20, 27; 7:00 - 8:30pm**

Spiritual Weapons And Tactics team is our new prayer group that will meet every Tuesday in the Ministry Center Basement. This group is open to all high-schoolers. If you are looking for something that will help you dive deeper into your faith this is for you! Snacks will be provided.

**High-School Hangout: March 23, 7:00 - 9:00pm**

You asked and we answered! High School Hangout is back on March 23 at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center with open gym time, snacks, movies and games! If you are a high schooler looking for a night of fun, this is for you! All are welcome!

### **Youth Adult Ministry (18 - 30's-ish)**

**Mass and Lunch: Wednesdays at 12:00pm**

Join us for noon Mass followed by food and fellowship afterwards in the St. Greg's Café! All are welcome!

**Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

Our groundbreaking new Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in Sr. Maureen's Room (upstairs) in the Ministry Center. If you are looking for a dynamic community of Catholic women living out their faith, this is the place for you!

**Trivia Night: April 9 at 6:30 - 8:30pm**

Looking for a fun night out on the town with a great community of young adults? Join us at the Anchor Bar on Maple Road for Trivia Night! No matter your level of trivia expertise, this promises to be a fantastic night!



## **Respect Life**

### **Hawaii Close to Legalizing Assisted Suicide**

(from womenofgrace.com): Two House committees in the Hawaii state legislature voted to legalize medical aid in dying for terminally ill adults. The bill will be voted on by the full House and then on to the Senate where a similar bill was passed with overwhelming support last year.

Hawaii Governor David Ige has signaled that he intends to sign the bill into law if it reaches his desk.

Lawmakers claim this bill is one of the toughest assisted suicide bills in the nation by requiring a prognosis of six months or less to live due to a terminal illness. The patient must be mentally capable of deciding and have one counseling session with a qualified person. A written request must be witnessed by two people with one not related to the patient, and the patient must self-administer the lethal drugs. It also calls for a 48-hour waiting period between the written request and the filling of the prescription.

According to the teachings of the Church, the taking of human life, even for the purposes of ending suffering, is **never** permissible. From the USCCB:

“A law or court decision allowing assisted suicide would demean the lives of vulnerable patients and expose them to exploitation by those who feel they are better off dead. The voiceless or marginalized in our society — the poor, the frail elderly, racial minorities, millions of people who lack health insurance — would be the first to feel pressure to die.

As responsible stewards of life, we must never directly intend to cause our own death or that of anyone else. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are always gravely wrong.”

A bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide is currently moving through the Massachusetts state legislature as well. To date, similar bills introduced in New York have been defeated in the State Senate.

### **K. of C. WNY Free Throw Championship**



The Knights of Columbus Kenmore Council held the WNY Chapter Free Throw Championship on Feb. 24. Four out of the twelve winners were our District 79 Champions, of which three are St. Gregory Council Champions! The winners from this contest will go on to the Upstate Regional Free Throw Championship, held March 17 in Syracuse.

Our District champions moving on to the next round are: Jasmin Nagra – 9 year old girls – St. Gregory Council  
Leah Solomon – 10 year old girls – St. Gregory Council  
Jacob Kanowski – 13 year old boys – St. Gregory Council  
Meaghan Trapper – 12 year old girls – Cardinal O’Hara

Congratulations to all those that participated!

## **Parish Activity Calendar**

### **Sunday, March 11**

- 10:30 am Parishioner Social (GR 1)
- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen  
(MC Gym/Cafe/Youth Room)

### **Monday, March 12**

- 12:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 1 (Church)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 1 (Church)

### **Tuesday, March 13**

- 12:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 2 (Church)
- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Troop Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 2 (Church)

### **Wednesday, March 14**

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)
- 12:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 3 (Church)
- 5:00 pm The Light Is On Confessions (Church)
- 6:30 pm Children’s Catechumenate (School Art Room)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Healing Mission Service-Day 3 (Church)

### **Thursday, March 15**

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge (MC Gym)
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (GR 1)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Wolf Scouts Meeting (MC 2)

### **Friday March 16**

- 8:00 am School Teacher Development Meeting (GR 1)
- 12:30 pm Friday Lenten Series (GR 1&2)
- 4:00 pm Parish Fish Fry (School Gym & Caf)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour (Church)
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Religion Emblem Meeting (MC 2)

### **Saturday, March 17**

- 8:30 am RCIA Lenten Retreat GR 2)
- 10:00 am Adult Confirmation Session (GR 1)
- 3:00 pm Youth Ministry 8th Grade Lock-in (MC Gym)

### **Sunday, March 18**

- 8:00 am Youth Ministry 8th Grade Lock-in (MC Gym)
- 11:30 am RCIA Sunday Dismissal Discussion (GR 1)
- 5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen  
(MC Gym/Cafe/Youth Room)

## **Marriage Moment**

Do you ever get stuck in an argument? Of course we know that there are two sides to every argument but practicing this truism can be difficult. Next time you reach an impasse, discipline yourselves to try to state each other's side as neutrally as you can.

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## **Parenting Perspective**

March 9-10 is the National Day of Unplugging from our devices (cell phones, computers, iPads, TV, etc.). Challenge yourself and your children to go 24 hours without media. What will you do instead? What will you learn?



## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday, March 10**

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Blasé Thurston (birth) by Family  
John LaLonde by Jomarie Buscarino  
5:30 pm James M. Buckley by O'Haire Family

### **Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am Chester Stepien  
by Ronald & Rose Marie Canestro  
9:30 am Judy C. Beecher by Gaulin Family  
Michael Polowy  
by Nick & Nicole Giammusso  
11:00 am Marion Rauh (birth)  
by Robert Rauh Family  
Jennifer Wilson & Marcia Gerace  
by Gerace Family  
12:30 pm Peter & Anna DiSalvo  
by Rosalia Montagna  
Donna Mergenhagen  
by Stephanie DeMartino  
1:30 pm Baptisms  
4:30 pm Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins

### **Monday, March 12**

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Thomas Comer by Fran & Craig Schmidt  
8:00 am Ralph Barbalato by Laura Kopra  
12:00 pm Anne Moribello by Margo Doughty  
Mrs. Sarah Yacabucci  
by Tony & Pamela Distefano

### **Tuesday, March 13**

- 7:00 am Albert Gottstein by Mr. & Mrs. Derby  
8:00 am Peter G. Bertola (birth)  
by Peter & Michelle Bertola  
John Wleklinski by Barbara & Bill Collins  
12:00 pm Mary Carroll by Carl & Deborah Bucki  
Leonard Gleaser by Margaret Wagner

### **Wednesday, March 14**

- 7:00 am Rev. Stanley R. Chwalinski  
by Priests of St. Gregory's  
8:00 am Isaac Loo & Peter Pou  
by Shirley & Arthur Chan  
Florence Maes (birth)  
by Michael Anastasia  
12:00 pm Judi Murphy (birth)  
by Sister, Mary Kate Vivacqua  
Phyllis DiGiore  
by St. Gregory's Ladies of Charity

### **Thursday, March 15**

- 7:00 am Daniel Rinaldo by Nigam Family  
8:00 am Hazel Smith by E. Pitt Smith  
**(School Mass)** Geraldine Davis (birth) by Ann Grundner  
12:00 pm James LoVerde by Father Sebastian Pierro  
Victoria DiSalvo by Casolo Family

### **Friday, March 16**

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Baron Kuehlewind  
by Joe & Belinda Biagiotti  
8:00 am Katie Gosh by Mary & Bob Brown  
12:00 pm Mary Lou Mallia by Don & Renee Fleming  
Giuseppi Pozzella by Brother & Sister

### **Saturday, March 17- St. Patrick**

- 8:00 am Robert Farrington  
by Kathleen & Salvatore Balone  
Stanley & Josephine Woroniecki by Son

#### **Vigil Masses**

- 4:00 pm Margaret S. Burns  
by Donald & Mary Brennen  
Betty Clancy by Hendry Family  
5:30 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli (birth)  
by Joyce Santora & Family

### **Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am Mary Agnes Carroll  
by Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Collard  
9:30 am Charlene Weishaupt by Donna Cronin  
Jim Daly by Mike & Marcia Gannucci  
11:00 am Alfred Caldiero by Children  
Donald G. Held  
by Mary Ann Held & Family  
12:30 pm Sam & Lydia Garofalo  
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*Mass Schedule*

**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm

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

**HOLY DAYS:** As listed in the Bulletin.

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

**For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed via the Web at: [www.stgregs.org](http://www.stgregs.org)**

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*Sacraments*

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Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of six babies, 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.

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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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*Prayer and Devotion*

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- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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