

# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

*Easter Sunday  
April 1, 2018*



## **From the Desk of the Pastor**

My dear parish family,  
ALLELUIA!! HE IS RISEN!!!! ALLELUIA!!

On behalf of Father Tom Mahoney, Father Thomas Maloney, Sister Shawn and Deacons Michael and Peter and on my own behalf as well as on the behalf of the entire ministerial team of St. Gregory the Great Parish and School, we wish you a very blessed, holy and joyous celebration of Easter, not only today, but throughout the octave of Easter and the entire Easter Season. Please know of our daily prayers for you, especially now as we celebrate Easter Sunday and the season.

Easter, and Christmas too, is a wonderful time to see the "extended family" of St. Gregory the Great. I know that many members of our parish family who have gone off to college or moved away to other parts of Western New York or further, have come home this weekend to celebrate with us. It is awesome to see all of the branches of the St. Gregory the Great family come home to celebrate with us as one family of faith. I hope you know that wherever life has taken you, you are still a valuable and permanent member of the family of St. Greg's.

Among us there may be some family members who have come to church after being away for a while. It is awesome that you have chosen to celebrate with us this Easter and I hope and pray you will become a more regular and active member of the parish family again. I sometimes liken "being away from church" to taking a "vacation." In both cases, vacation and church, sometimes we have a "need" to "be away," but like any vacation there comes a time when we know it is time to "come home." I pray for those in our midst this Easter who have been "on vacation" from St. Gregory's to know that you are missed, loved and valued. It is also the time to "come home." If there are issues that need to be resolved regarding your faith life, please call me or any of our priests, deacons, and pastoral associates or youth ministers to set up a time to get together and talk. (continued on page 2)



## **Post-Dyngus Day Dinner Dance**

Join St. Greg's for our Post Dyngus Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 7! This event includes dinner from area-renowned Nowak Catering, a fully stocked bar, and homemade desserts. Live music will be performed by local favorite The Buffalo Touch Polka Band. There will be free polka dancing lessons given by a certified instructor as well!. Try your luck at our basket raffle and our 50/50 raffle. This event is for those 21 and over. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner is at 6:00pm and dancing begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are pre-sale only for \$25/person and can be purchased at the Parish Office. For more info., call: 688-3578 or email: [stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com](mailto:stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com)

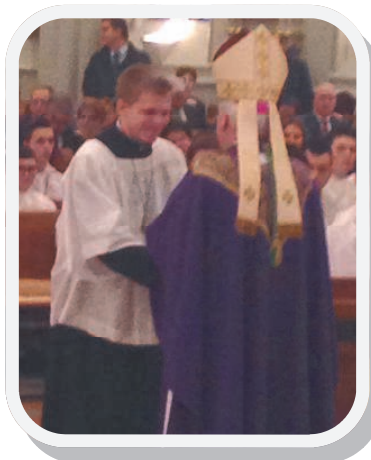
## **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration**

St. Gregory's is holding its 10th Divine Mercy celebration on April 8, from 2:00-3:00pm, in Church, with Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, music and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A reception with refreshments will follow in the Gathering Room by The Ladies of the Lord/Disciples of Divine Mercy.

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## **Parish Office & Adoration Closed**

All Parish Offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 2. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 3. There will be only one Mass on Monday, at 8:00am. The Adoration Chapel will be closed from Holy Thursday, March 29, at 9:00am through Easter Monday, April 2, at 8:30am.



## **Altar Server of the Year Award**

On Saturday, March 24, Nicholas Perry of St. Gregory the Great was awarded the Altar Server of the Year Award from Bishop Richard Malone at a ceremony at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. April 2:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15

**Tues. April 3:** Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

**Wed. April 4:** Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

**Thurs. April 5:** Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

**Fri. April 6:** Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; John 21:1-4

**Sat. April 7:** Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

**Sun. April 8:** Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 (42B); 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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## EASTER SUNDAY

### Hope of salvation

**Reading I** Acts 10:34, 37-33 (Peter's discourse)

**Reading II** Colossians 3:1-4 (mystical death and resurrection)

**Gospel** John 20:1-9 (Peter and the disciple at the tomb)

**Passage** When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (Colossians 3-4)

**Adult:** *Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?*

**Child:** *Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?*

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Through His death and resurrection, **Jesus gave us the ultimate example of what it means to truly love your neighbor as yourself**, as He accepted death in order to conquer our sins and give us everlasting life. Today, we rejoice in His choice to love us and we celebrate His glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Clare of Assisi, who fervently believed in loving her neighbors and uplifting the poor and marginalized in society. Like St. Clare of Assisi, we thank you for loving and uplifting those who are most in need in Western New York by contributing to Catholic Charities. Thank you for your continued support of the **2018 Appeal!**

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## THINKING ABOUT COMING BACK TO THE CHURCH?

Has it been awhile since you have been part of a faith community? Are you sensing God's prompting to reconnect with the Church? We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 15, after the 9:30am Mass for refreshments in the Gathering Rooms to ask questions and get to know more about our parish faith community. Staff members and parishioners will be present to share information about the parish. There will also be an opportunity to register with our parish if desired. All are welcome!

## From the Desk of the Pastor

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The current situation of our world, country and diocese calls us to prayer. There is no doubt that we have much "darkness" which we need to address and to bring into the "light" of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Although we have many concerns, we also have the only reason to hope. Our hope rests in Jesus Christ alone! Every Holy week and Easter we celebrate the essential mystery of our lives and faith – the Paschal Mystery. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus Christ is the only path to the Father. Jesus Christ is the savior of the world. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Jesus Christ is the source of our joy. His Gospel is the only path leading to joy. This Easter, we celebrate the fact that we know the path to joy and the perfection of joy – eternal life! This Easter may we recommit ourselves to accepting Jesus and His Gospel as **"the standard"** of our life and not just as **"an option."** May we see that **the Gospel is the standard** to which all else is compared. This Easter may we accept the truth of Jesus' Gospel of Life more interiorly in mind, heart and soul and may we live His Gospel of mercy, love and forgiveness every day of our lives. I believe if we accept Jesus into every facet of our lives, convenient or inconvenient, we will then experience peace and true joy. Perhaps many of our problems and chaos of the world, country and diocese are caused by picking and choosing parts of Jesus' message and not choosing the entire message of our Risen Savior. This Easter may we strive to choose Christ in His entirety.

Again, may God bless you all with a joyous and holy Easter Sunday and Season. May Mary, our Mother, always watch over you and may St. Gregory the Great intercede for you, always.

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Phone Number

Last weekend at all Masses our priests read-aloud a letter from Bishop Malone regarding the revelation of clerical abuse in the Diocese. Bishop Malone urges anyone to come forward to law enforcement and the Diocese so we can help you in any way. The Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is Jackie Joy and she can be reached at (716) 895-3010.

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## VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen, it is true! Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. We must now decide how we are going to live that new life. Will we answer the call from our Lord? 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)!



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PRESENTS:

# POST DYNGUS DAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, April 7 at 5:00pm  
in the Ministry Center

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**Dinner by Nowak Catering**  
**Beer and Wine Included**  
**Live Music By The Buffalo Touch**  
**Free Polka Dancing Lessons**  
**50/50 and Basket Raffles**  
**Homemade Desserts**

Tickets: \$25 (pre-sale only)

For more information:

Phone: 716.688.3578

Email: [stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com](mailto:stgregspostdyngusday@gmail.com)

# 1500 CLUB RAFFLE

Prizes totaling \$37,500 awarded!

Don't miss out on your chance to win **one or more of the remaining 236 cash prizes** including the **Grand Prize of \$10,000!**

Chances of winning are approximately 1 in 6!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Your official ticket will be sent to the address listed above by return mail. Checks payable to St. Gregory the Great)*

Join us in the Ministry Center on Saturday, April 14, from 6:30 – 9:00pm for the Grand Drawing Celebration!  
Each ticket purchased admits two adults over 21 for an evening of food, drinks and fun, but...

**Winners Need Not Be Present to Win.**

Your participation helps our largest HSA-sponsored event support our Catholic school.

May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

Questions? Email: 1500club@stgregs.org

## Join In A Parish-Wide Prayer Effort: [The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet](#)

**Begins on Good Friday, March 30, and concludes on Saturday, April 7.**

**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:**

3/30 Good Friday: after 9:00am morning prayers;

3/31 Holy Saturday: after 9:00am morning prayers

4/1 Easter Sunday: please continue novena on your own

4/2 Monday through 4/16 Friday: after 7:00am Mass & after 8:00am Mass and Rosary \*Only one Mass on April 2 at 8:00am

4/7 Saturday: before 8:00am Mass and after 8:00am Mass and Rosary

### **Organized Prayer times in Gathering Room:**

The Novena and Chaplet will be prayed followed by a 25 minute DVD presentation entitled "*A Man for All Seasons*." These presentations feature inspiring talks by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. His compassion and insight have made his words endure the test of time.

4/3 Tuesday through 4/6 Friday: after 12:00 noon Mass in GR 2; 4/7 Saturday: after the 8:00am Mass in MC Room 2

## Sacramental Information

### 2018 Confirmation Rehearsal -

This year, there will be only ONE **Confirmation Rehearsal**, to be held on Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30pm 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 -

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 call 688-5760 or email at [ameyerhofer@stgregs.org](mailto:ameyerhofer@stgregs.org)

## 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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## Ladies of The Lord...

... will meet Thursday, April 12, 7:00 pm, in the Gathering Rooms to say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and see how the Holy Spirit directs us in our lives. All are welcome.

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## MOMS: Meet the Catholic Doctors!

Friday, April 20, 9:00 - 11:00am in the Gathering Rooms.

All moms welcome to attend this exciting question & answer panel discussion of four moms who are local Catholic pediatricians. Never been to MOMS? Now is a great time to join us. Come as you are. Free childcare by reservation only. Email [ltmacnamara@gmail.com](mailto:ltmacnamara@gmail.com) for childcare. Any questions about MOMS email [stgregsmoms@gmail.com](mailto:stgregsmoms@gmail.com).

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## Young Women's Conference: "Be Purely You"

All girls Grades 8 - 12 are welcome to join us for a fun-filled day of inspiring workshops! Learn about colors and fashion styles that make you look and feel your best; discover your unique and special gifts as a daughter of the King; learn to recognize the strength of authentic femininity!

Saturday, April 28, 8:00am – 3:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center. Register online at [www.stgregs.org](http://www.stgregs.org), \$20 before April 22 or \$25 at the door. Registration fee includes a delicious and nutritious lunch provided by Core Life Eatery. For more information, call Lori at 716-866-2373.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Annual Spring Clothing Drive will be held on Sunday, April 15. Trucks will be available in the parking lot near the Ministry Center from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. CLOTHES ONLY.

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## Senior Citizens

**April 9**, 1:00 pm - Monthly Meeting in the Ministry Center. Officer Trooper Campanella will speak on scams directed to seniors and how to recognize them. Refreshments will be served. Brian Carrier will be available to replace watch batteries.

**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.

**June 18**, *Our All American City* Tour, \$73 per person, 3 hour Buffalo Creek Casino with \$15 free slot play, lunch at Pearl Street Grill, menu choice of CharGrilled Chicken, Fish & Chips or Pot Roast. 90 minute double-deck bus tour of Canalside, Outer Harbor, Erie Canal, Erie Basin Marina and more. Bus departs Ministry Center at 9:30 am returning at 5:30 pm.

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

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## Diaper Drive -

### \$1000 Away From Our Goal!

We have raised \$2300 of our \$3300 goal to send two containers worth of diapers to Mustard Seed Communities. That's 120,000 diapers worth! Please consider donating this lent! We are collecting money to help Mustard Seed Communities purchase diapers for their residents. The majority of their residents use diapers, so they are essential at all of the communities, from infants to adult size.

Every little bit counts! Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office and drop the envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. Cash or checks will be accepted and can be made payable to **St. Gregory the Great**, Attn: Jamaica Mission Diaper Drive. Questions? Email Liz at [stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com](mailto:stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com).

## "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.

## **Family Faith Formation**

Open Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00 pm and during classes.

### **FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

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

Classes resume on Monday, April 9

**Wishing you and yours a Blessed Easter Sunday!**



### **2018-2019 FFF Registration Schedule:**

For FFF Registration, go to [www.stgregs.org/register-now/](http://www.stgregs.org/register-now/)

Find the program of your choice and depending on the program, you can download a form to bring to the meeting, OR you will see a link to register online. Links will be live on the dates as per the registration schedule.

#### **High-School Summer Program** (formerly SPLASH)

Class dates: June 25 - 29, 9:00am - 4:00pm. For program

details, go to [www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/](http://www.stgregs.org/summerhighschool/)

Registration dates for the HS Summer Program:

▪ **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)

Register **In Person** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 10:30 am in the School Cafeteria.

▪ **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students):

Register **In Person** on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00pm **OR** on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00am in the School Cafeteria.

#### **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Program, Gr 1-10)

**Registration for All Sessions** (A, B and C) begins on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00pm. **Online Registration Only.** Each session will close at 50 Families. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/](http://www.stgregs.org/generations-faith/)

#### **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)

Register **In Person Only** (parent and student must attend) in the School Cafeteria on Saturday, June 2, at 9:00am **OR** on Monday, June 11, at 7:00pm. Meetings and registration will last approx. 35 minutes. For program details and Registration form go to [www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/](http://www.stgregs.org/disciple-camp-5/)

#### **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr 1-10)

Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1. Register Online or In Person. For program details, go to [www.stgregs.org/program-options/](http://www.stgregs.org/program-options/) then select your child's grade level.

#### **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 - 5)

Weekly Program , September 2018 - April 2019. Registration begins on Wednesday, June 1. Register Online or In Person. For details, go to [www.stgregs.org/pre-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/pre-school/)

#### **Vacation Bible School** (Pre K\*- Gr 4 in Sept 2018)

\*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2017 - Registration begins on Monday, May 14, and closes on June 22. Register Online or In Person: [www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/)

## **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**

St. Gregory the Great School has been doing so much to prepare for the Easter holiday. Along with Stations of the Cross, students in the lower grade levels have been given Lenten books, where each day they are to complete an activity that helps them focus on the Lenten meaning. Students in Grades Seven through Eight are required to journal about each Mass they go to on Sunday. This not only helps them pay attention, but also reflect on what Lent means to them personally.

Easter is here. Due to the holiday, the school will be given days off. However, that does not prevent celebrations as a school community. The younger grade levels are usually given a small party as a reminder that Easter is a time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Reconciliation is provided so that all students may confess their sins beforehand, given that they have already received their first penance. St. Gregory the Great is in full preparation, and the reason why is here.

- Isabella Judge and Marisa Swiatek

### **Catechist's Corner**

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

"Let your faith be bigger than your fears."

-Unknown

#### **From a Junior high student:**

"I like my teacher because she's nice and kind and she makes us feel welcome. She laughs which makes me smile."



**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.

## **Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

YOU ARE INVITED to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue into your home for one week, with the commitment to offer the Rosary daily during that week. Since most of us are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Our Lady, with characteristic humility and love, reverses the process. She becomes the pilgrim. The spiritual benefits of the "Pilgrim Virgin" are numerous. Consider this wonderful opportunity to invite our Blessed Mother into your home. For more information, please call Donna at 688-5989.

## **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*

### **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: April 12, 19, 26; 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: April 8, 22; 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**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: April 3, 10, 17, 24; 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.

### **Young Adult Ministry (18 - 30something)**

**College Oasis Magazine:**

Sign up for the online magazine for college students both home and away for original content to keep you fresh throughout the semester. If you have any questions about College Ministry, contact Adam!

**New Website and Social Media:**

Check out the new website, complete with a fantastic section for young adults. Includes upcoming events, great recommendations for media and ways to serve at [stgregsYM.org](http://stgregsYM.org)! Plus, follow us on our new Instagram account just for this age group for fresh content!

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

Take a break during your day and join us at noon for daily Mass on Wednesdays. If you have time after, stop over to the Café for a drink or a bite to eat.

**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 the 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!

## Follow St. Greg's on Social Media



- Like us on Facebook at St. Gregory the Great
- Follow us on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- Download the St. Greg's Mobile App. Search St. Gregory the Great and enjoy daily spiritual quotes



## Music Ministry

### Rehearsals

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

No Rehearsal on Tuesday, April 3

The children will be singing

at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 22.

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



## Respect Life

**Happy Easter!!** "The glorious Easter message, that Jesus Who was crucified is not here but risen (cf. Mt 28:5-6), offers us the comforting assurance that the abyss of death has been bridged and, with it, all mourning, lamentation and pain (cf. Rev 21:4). The Lord, Who suffered abandonment..., the burden of an unjust condemnation and shame of an ignominious death, now makes us sharers of His immortal life and enables us to see with His eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence. Our world is full of persons suffering in body and spirit, even as the daily news is full of stories of brutal crimes..., and large-scale armed conflicts which cause indescribable suffering to entire peoples.

"The Easter message of the risen Christ, a message of life for all humanity, ...invites us to not forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees – including many children – fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice.

"To those in our society who have lost all hope and joy in life, to the elderly who struggle alone and feel their strength waning, to young people who seem to have no future, to all I once more address the words of the Risen One: 'See, I am making all things new... To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life' (Rev 21:5-6). May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage and hope, to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters. How much we need this!"

– Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi Message*, March 27, 2016

## Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, April, 1 - Easter Sunday

Masses at: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

\*\*\*There is NO 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday\*\*\*

### Monday, April 2

### Tuesday, April 3

12:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena (GR 2)

1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 2)

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Crying Room)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Budget Meeting (MC 3)

7:00 pm Parish Executive Council (MC Café)

7:00 pm Youth Ministry S.W.A.T. (MC Basement)

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 440 Meeting (MC Gym)

7:30 pm Baptism Class (MC 2)

### Wednesday, April 4

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC Gym)

12:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena (GR 2)

6:30 pm Grief & Loss Meeting (GR 1)

### Thursday, April 5

12:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena (GR 2)

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

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

### Friday, April 6

12:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena (GR 2)

### Saturday, April 7

8:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena (MC 2)

10:00 am Respite for Caregivers (GR 1&2)

7:00 pm Dyngus Day Dinner Dance (MC Gym)

### Sunday, April, 8

2:00 pm Devine Mercy Sunday Celebration (Church)

3:00 pm Devine Mercy Sunday Reception (GR1&2)

5:30 pm Youth Ministry Life Teen (MC Gym)

## Marriage Moment

Palm Sunday is such a baffling feast. Everybody is rejoicing in the glory of Jesus' arrival. But we know the end of the story. We know that a lot of pain quickly follows. Presumably your wedding was joyous. Presumably some dark days have followed. Contemplate the ups and downs of your relationship and remember that Good Friday is not the end.

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## Parenting Perspective

"And a sword will pierce your soul too." (Luke 2:35) This is not a happy thought, but anyone who has been a parent knows that times of sorrow mix with times of joy. This is the Paschal Mystery of death and resurrection. As you enter into Christ's passion, join with the pain Mary felt in watching her son die. Keep this in mind during your times of sorrow



**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, March 31 – Holy Saturday**

**Easter Vigil**

7:00 pm Leon & Sophie Biernat  
by Son, Fr. Leon Biernat  
Lembo & Mason Families  
by Dolores Mason & Family  
Michael & Rose Ferraro  
by Joe & Jennifer Ferraro

**Sunday, April 1- Easter Sunday**

8:00 am Joseph & Ruth Gentile by Gentile Family  
9:30 am Charles R. Foy, Jr. by Bill & Anna Foy  
George Rodgers  
by Maria & Anthony Leone  
11:00 am William J. Steffan by Robert Rauh Family  
Carmela Ciotta by Jane Ciotta-Wheeler  
12:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Family  
Oliver Florea by Bill Kilinskas

\*\*\* There will be no 4:30 pm Mass \*\*\*

**Monday, April 2**

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
Catherine Kennedy (birth)  
by Linda & Bill Dohn

**Tuesday, April 3**

7:00 am Genevieve D. O'Connell by Estate  
8:00 am James Daly by Charles & Eileen Lestition  
Phyllis DiGiore  
by Catherine & Bruno Lovisi  
12:00 pm Dorothy & Alexander Piskorowski  
by Marcia & Jerry Piskorowski  
Faith Willett by Parents

**Wednesday, April 4**

7:00 am Hazel Smith by E. Pitt Smith  
8:00 am Bernard Kieffer by Kate Hahn  
Anthony J. Pelosi (anniv)  
by Barbara Pelosi  
12:00 pm Christine Ann Parisi (anniv)  
by Mother, Father, Rick, Peter & Monica  
William Hammer  
by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dziadaszek

**Thursday, April 5**

7:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by Ladies of the Lord  
8:00 am Florence M. Brevorka (anniv)  
by Barbara Pelosi  
De Lac Family by Ladies of the Lord  
12:00 pm Sheila Martinec by Dolores Ruda  
Joseph Yager & Al Allen  
by Allen & Cole Families

**Friday, April 6**

7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
Luke Doktor by Matt & Kelly Doktor  
8:00 am Michele Ann Dieckman  
by Jeff & Eileen Stone  
12:00 pm Victoria Di Salvo by Casolo Family  
Donald J. Collins II by Lee Zack

**Saturday, April 7**

8:00 am Helen Wurm (birth) by Family  
Peter Schmitt by Maureen Schmitt

**Vigil Masses**

4:00 pm David Hayes by Karen Overhoff  
George C. Rodgers by Cosgriff Family  
5:30 pm Jim & Louise McParlan by Family

**Sunday, April 8 – Sunday of Divine Mercy**

8:00 am Margaret S. Burns  
by Donald & Mary Brennan  
Barbara T. Warren by Husband & Family  
9:30 am Joyce Santora (living)  
by Children & Grandchildren  
11:00 am Daniel Kay by Daren & Julissa Kay  
George Zigrossi  
by Anne Marie & Thomas Rozek  
12:30 pm Gerri De Lac by Family  
Buddy Bogdan (anniv)  
by Mary Lou Daigler & Family  
4:30 pm Billy Hartigan by Tom & Diane Higgins

**DECEASED**

Carrie Madonia  
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**"SEVEN LESSONS OF LOSS"**

You are invited to join us for the next Grief & Loss meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm in Gathering Room 1. Many people struggle with their prayer life and relationship with God during times of grief or loss. This presentation will offer insight on how our God is present to us in the midst of our pain. All are welcome. You do not need to be a St. Gregory parishioner.

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**SATURDAY 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

*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*

**BAPTISM**

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.

**PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)**

First Fridays: 8:30-9:00 am; Saturdays: 2:30-3:45 pm, other times on request.

**WEDDINGS**

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

**Marriage Preparation** – Engaged couples should call the Parish Office at least six months before their wedding to make an appointment with a priest.

**MINISTRY TO SICK, HOSPITALIZED, AND SHUT-INS**

Sick calls and emergencies – anytime day or night. Call 688-5678.

Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive Holy Communion at home or to report the hospitalization of a parishioner.

**Anointing of the Sick** – This Sacrament is administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

*Prayer and Devotion*

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**PRAYER**

- The **Rosary** is prayed publicly at the following times:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am, Church; Monday-Friday, 12:30 pm, Church;  
Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Saturday Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, which can be found at [www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule](http://www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule)
- **Lectio Divina (Word of God)** – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 am, Gathering Room 2.

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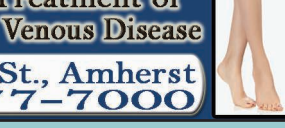
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