

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH

~ IN WORSHIP

~ IN SERVICE



First Sunday of Lent

March 9 & 10, 2019

From the desk of the Pastor

My dear Parish Family, we are a few days into the Lenten season – how are you doing?

I remember the “old” prayer or poem called **Footprints**, written by Mary Stevenson. It was popular in the 1970’s and 1980’s. I have copied it here for you to reflect upon:

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, You said once I decided to follow You,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my
life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave
me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*

I believe we often see our lives like this prayer. It is easy to feel or see God’s presence in our lives when things are going well. It is more difficult to feel or see God’s presence in our lives when times are difficult. It is often difficult to recognize God’s presence when we feel isolated, lonely or like everyone is against us. It is even harder to recognize those moments when God is carrying us as the prayer **Footprints** indicates.

This Lent we need to be cautious when we feel isolated or lonely because the world is against us. That the Devil can enter into our mind, heart and soul. Having these feelings can often lead to despair which is the Devil’s welcome mat into our lives. God is Hope; the Devil is despair. We begin to question God’s presence and action in our lives when we need and know that God is actually carrying us in His arms.

This is the very point that Moses was trying to drive home to the Israelite people as they wandered for forty years. God was with them, and God was carrying them, and it was their own stubbornness and rejection of God that caused their suffering and wandering in the desert. St. Paul in today’s Letter to the Romans is reminding the early Christian community in Rome, and reminding us in Western New York, that God is near and that He is carrying us when times get difficult. All we need to do, according to St. Paul, is profess Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior and trust in Him.

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A collection for the Black & Native Missions will be taken up this weekend, March 9 and 10. You may place your envelope in the regular collection.

Magnificat Daily Lenten Readings Books are available in the Catholic Store for \$3.95

(From the desk of the Pastor, Continued)

Jesus Himself was not spared temptation. Remember He was like us in every way but sin. We are not alone in our suffering, losses, frustrations, challenges, differences of opinion. We are not alone in our time of temptation and we are still not alone in our time of sin. God is always there to extend mercy and forgiveness. I often wonder why Jesus fell three times carrying the cross? Jesus did not need to fall carrying the cross. I believe that Jesus fell the three times to remind us that we will fall repeatedly throughout our lives, but what we need to do it to pick ourselves up, brush ourselves off and continue to move forward. Along the way we also need to accept some help, as Jesus accepted the help of Simon to carry the cross.

As we begin this Lent, do you see two sets of footprints? If you only see one set at times, do you recognize that those are the moments that Jesus was carrying you? When you see one set of footprints can you recognize that it was Jesus carrying you through the efforts of a family member or friend or church minister?

The number forty is huge in the Bible. Remember it rained for forty days and nights to renew creation and cleanse the earth. It was forty years than an entire generation that wandered and died in the desert in order to have enough faith and trust in God to enter the Promised Land.

This Sunday we are reminded that Jesus Himself spent forty days in the desert and was strengthened by it! Although the Devil tried to use the Scripture to trip Jesus up, Jesus used the Scripture to prove His Father’s faithfulness to Himself and all of us. So often, those who disagree with our Church’s theological beliefs and/or moral way of life will use quotes from the Bible to try and prove we are “wrong.” It is our call to be so intimate with Scripture that we can be more like Jesus and use His very Word in the Bible to prove our faith and trust in His Truth when we enter such conversations.

Our forty days of Lent may be just that call of more intimacy with God’s word – to read it; meditate upon it; know it; like it; live it and love it! Maybe more importantly than giving up candy or a glass of wine (these are good things to do too to teach us discipline) is to spend some forty days meditating on Jesus’ Word and allowing it to permeate our mind, heart and soul. The number forty in the Scripture usually means a time of testing or purification or a time of judgement. For our forty days allow it to be a time of strengthening your knowledge of Jesus’ Word, His presence in the Eucharist and His carrying you in His arms when times get tough.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Salvation through faith

- Reading I** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (thanksgiving for the Lord’s goodness)
- Reading II** Romans 10:8-13 (the faith of the Christian)
- Gospel** Luke 4:1-13 (temptation in the desert)
- Key Passage** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Adult: How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

Child: Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon. Mar. 11:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
- Tues. Mar. 12:** Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
- Wed. Mar. 13:** Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
- Thurs. Mar. 14:** Esther C-12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
- Fri. Mar. 15:** Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
- Sat. Mar. 16:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
- Sun. Mar. 17:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C); Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

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. 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. 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. For questions email Elizabeth Astridge at stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com.

**PARISH SOCIAL/
NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME**

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us this Sunday, **March 10**, for coffee, juice and donuts in the **Café** after 9:30am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

FFF Calendar of Upcoming Events :

Fish Fry Fridays: Pre-Sale Tickets are \$11per person (\$12 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 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12. **FFF is sponsoring the March 22 Fish Fry, so please be sure to come and support us!!** Dine-in or Take out!

Disciple Camp First Friday Projects: If you were unable to attend First Friday Club on March 2, you can stop in to the FFF Office to pick up service projects to do at home.

March Take Home Projects should be brought back to the FFF Office by **Friday, March 22** (FFF's Fish Fry Day). Our office closes at 2:00 pm on March 22, but we will have a bin near the ticket table where you can turn in your projects during the Fish Fry, which is from 4:00pm -7:00pm.

Bakers and Adult Helpers Needed: FFF is sponsoring the Fish Fry on March 22 and we need adult volunteers and bakers to bring (precut/individually wrapped) desserts. If you can help, please email pgilbert@stgregs.org or call the office at 688-5760 for more information. Thank you!!

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am FFF Board Meeting (School Art Room)



FFF Gr 7 Students prayed the Stations of the Cross back in

October. With Lenten season upon us, come join us every Friday at 7:00 pm after the Fish Fry in the Ministry Center for Stations of the Cross.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Confirmation Interviews will be held on March 30 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the School Cafeteria and on April 2 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the School Gym.

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

Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation.

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at cwadhams@stgregs.org or call 688-5760.

CATECHIST CORNER

Catechist Training Requirements: As part of the new Diocesan requirements, Catechists are encouraged to engage in eight hours of training per year (6 theological credit hours, and 2 ministerial credit hours).

St. Gregory the Great Retreat; Priest, Prophet, King

This 3 day retreat counts as 3 credit hours towards theological formation and 2 credit hours of ministry skills. "Just as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life."

▪ March 25, 26 and 27 after the 12:00 noon mass and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Call 688-5678 for information.

Buffalo Diocese offers workshops that require registration. Call Doris (716) 847-5501 to register or for information.

The March 15 Workshop topic is **Cultivating Faith in the Home**. This workshop is practical and designed for those who are curious about how to engage families more deeply in faith growth in the home. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to the session to offset the cost of "Forming Families Faith – Cultivating Catechesis in the Home" by Kathy Hendricks.

▪ March 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Catholic Center at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

Register online at www.buffalodiocese.org/lifelong-faith-formation/welcome Using this same link, you can also register for the following workshop:

Growing Pains: This workshop explores research on the physical and social changes that characterize adolescence, followed by discussion on strategies to effectively walk with youth during these years.

▪ March 30, 9:30am-11:30am, St. Mary of the Angels, Olean, April 30, 6:30pm-8:30pm, St. Andrew, Kenmore



Lenten Journey

Distribution of Ashes - Wednesday March, 6

Masses (with distribution of Ashes): 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm

Prayer Service (with distribution of Ashes): 4:00 pm

Confession on Ash Wednesday: 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Fish Fry Fridays - Join us for Food & Fellowship

Every Friday night, March 8 - April 12: 4:00 - 7:00 pm
in the School Cafeteria

Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, at 7:00 pm
in the Ministry Center

Parish Lenten Retreat

Deacon Greg Feary will lead us in our Lenten
retreat for three days

March 25-27, after 12:00 noon Mass & 7:00 pm
in the Ministry Center

"Priest, Prophet, King - Your Baptismal Call"

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena

April 19-20 after 9:00 am Morning Prayers; April
22 after 8:00 am Mass; April 23-26 after 7:00, 8:00 am
and 12:00 noon Mass; April 27 before and after 8:00
am Mass and after 12:00 noon Rosary

Brown Bag Lunch

"Salvation, History, and the Covenants"

March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5

afternoon the 12:00 noon Mass in Gathering Room 1

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm in the
Ministry Center

Holy Hour for Peace & Unity within the Nations

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center
after the Stations of the Cross

The Light is On - Confession

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in
the Ministry Center

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer

Tuesday evening, March 12 - April 16 at 6:30 pm in
the Ministry Center

Family Faith Formation Children's Easter Pageant

Saturday, April 13 at 9:15 am in the School Gym

Vicariate Lenten Lecture Series

Monday nights, 7:30 pm, at various church
locations. See Bulletin for Details.

Seven Churches Bus Trip

Holy Thursday Evening, buses depart at 8:30 pm
from the front of the Church

Holy Thursday - April 18

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
5:00 pm - Parish Shared
Supper, Ministry Center
7:00 pm - Evening Mass of
the Lord's Supper
8:30 pm - Seven Churches
bus trip

Good Friday - April 19

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

Holy Saturday - April 20

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - Blessing of
Easter Baskets
7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

St. Gregory the Great
Ministry Center
100 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

Easter Sunday - April 21

Masses at:
8:00 am (Church)
9:30 am (Church)
11:00 am (Church)
12:30 pm (Church)

St. Gregory the Great Parish
200 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

1500 CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS

MAY 18, 2019

Do you have your 1500 Club ticket yet? If not, don't miss your chance to win one of 245 cash prizes totaling \$32,500, including the Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$50 and each ticket admits two adults to the party to be held in the Ministry Center. You do not have to attend to win. Mail the form with your payment, or drop it in the collection basket. To purchase a ticket, complete the form below and send your \$50 check payable to St. Gregory the Great, Attn: 1500 Club, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Questions? Contact 1500club@stgregs.org.
1500 Club Ticket Request – 5/18/19

Name : _____

Address : _____

City, State, Zip : _____

Phone Number: _____

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

The Divine Mercy



Message and Devotion

The Life Changing Message of Divine Mercy

“Mercy is God’s greatest attribute.” (611, Diary of St. Faustina)

The message of mercy is nothing new but it takes on a powerful new focus and commitment when we begin to understand God’s unlimited mercy and love. Divine Mercy transforms hearts through prayer and actions. When a person prays the Chaplet for the sick and dying Jesus promises to stand between His Father and the infirmed person interceding for them. Acts of mercy can be simple; a call to the lonely, donations to the poor, or visiting the sick.

“Blessed are the Merciful for they shall obtain Mercy.” (Mt 5:7)

SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP

Holy Thursday, April 18, 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, April 5.**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsals

Children Choir for Sunday Mass
4:30 - 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 19, in GR2
The Children Choir will be singing during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 14

Adult Choir for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass
7:30 - 9:00 pm Thursday, March 21, in GR2

Easter Triduum Choir
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19, GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, April 10, in GR2
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Tuesday, April 16, in the Church

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

ST. MICHAELS CHOIR CONCERT

St. Michael’s Choir School from Toronto will be performing a choral concert on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 pm in the Church. This choir is 150 boys in grades five through twelve. St. Gregory’s is their first concert on tour to New York City, Long Island and New Jersey. Their new conductor is the former director of the Texas Boy Choir. There will be a free-will offering at the concert.

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, or for more information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at St. Gregory the Great.

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

SUNDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm and 8:00-9:00 pm

MONDAYS 6:00-7:00 pm

Thank you for your commitment to spend one hour each week with Jesus in Adoration.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL

I am a firm believer that growing up in Catholic education has shaped me into a faith-filled, highly driven lead disciple, mother, educator, and servant leader. I truly believe having a faith-based school community helped to instill core values of faith, love, hope, and reconciliation. These core values guide my decision making and help me stay positive during challenging times.

I often speak of our St. Greg's Family and Community. Several of our faculty members and office staff are graduates of St. Greg's which demonstrates their strong commitment to this wonderful Parish and School. I love that



many parishioners, school graduates, and staff love to share their gifts and talents with the St. Greg's Parish and School community. Graduates send their children here, work here, sub, or volunteer their time through other ministries. These are the marks of an active school family culture.

The qualities we develop in our students is to become a person of faith, academically and technologically proficient, effective communicator, creative communicator and problem solver, ethical leader, servant to God. Our goal is to collaborate with parents, the school board, Parish priests, youth ministry, faith formation, music ministry, teachers, staff and students to create a loving and nurturing learning environment which fosters these skills and attributes in our students. Our vision is for students to learn, live, and lead as a disciple of Christ. Below is a quote from Madeline Stamm, a current Senior at Michigan State and St. Greg's class of 2011 Graduate.

"St. Greg's will always be a place to call home and a place where everyone is considered family. Besides the obvious academic skills and discipline I was taught at St. Greg's, I also learned how to communicate with others which is very important in high school, college and beyond."

We are looking for families who value these qualities and skills for their child. This investment in their future is not to only shape their mind through a strong academic program, but to help develop a positive self-image through teaching them they are a child made in God's image who has many different gifts and talents.

Join me in celebrating the joys and accomplishments of your children and register your child for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

God bless,
Mrs. Julie Gajewski
Principal

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Visit our website to register today! [Www.stgregschool.org](http://www.stgregschool.org)

**COME JOIN US
EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT**

(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)

**DATES: MARCH 8, 15, 22, & 29
AND APRIL 5 & 12**

TIME: 4:00PM - 7:00 PM

FRIED FISH, BREADED SHRIMP or
FRESH BAKED FISH
provided by Krolick's;

PIZZA by LaPorta FOR \$2
ALL ENTREES WITH SIDES,
DRINK AND DESSERT

TICKETS ARE \$11.00 PRE-SALE,
\$12.00 AT THE DOOR
EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

St. Gregory the Great School
250 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221

77 Maple Rd near Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

**St. Gregory
the Great**
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MINISTRY DATES HOSTING FISH FRY:

MARCH 8TH - MISSION TEAMS
MARCH 15TH - YOUTH MINISTRY
MARCH 22ND - FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
MARCH 29TH - HSA
APRIL 5TH - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
APRIL 12TH - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



K OF C DISTRICT FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The St. Gregory Council, Knights of Columbus hosted the District 79 Free Throw Championship Saturday, February 8 in the St. Gregory School Gym. Champions were determined by the best of 25 free throws for boys & girls ages 9-14 years old. St. Gregory's Council Champions took on the John Cardinal O'Hara Council Champions.

The Boys' Champions from this competition are:
Camden Grabowski – age 9 – John Cardinal O'Hara
William Buckingham – age 10 – St. Gregory
Will Szablewski – age 11 – John Cardinal O'Hara
Aidan Ogilvie – age 12 – John Cardinal O'Hara
Jackson Bastible – age 13 – St. Gregory

The Girls' Champions from this competition are:
Isabella Zinno – age 10 – St. Gregory
Gianna Zinno – age 11 – St. Gregory
Annabella Cullinan – age 13 – John Cardinal O'Hara

Congratulations to all those who participated!



RESPECIT LIFE

For Those Touched by Adoption: The Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19th. This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption by seeking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, for the many people whose lives are touched by adoption.

From the USCCB: “Adoption is a loving and generous way for a child to be welcomed as part of a family. It can also include uncertainty and other challenges—for children waiting to find families, for parents placing their children for adoption, for couples waiting to be matched with a child, and for so many others.

“Remembering his very special role as the earthly foster father of Jesus, we invoke St. Joseph’s intercession, asking the Lord to bless all those for whom adoption has a place in their story. And, recalling the mercy which God our Father has shown to us, we also ask that, through our words and actions, they may encounter the outstretched hands of His mercy.”

The USCCB is encouraging everyone to pray the St. Joseph Adoption Novena beginning on **Sunday, March 10**. The novena prayers and other resources are available at uscgb.org/adoption-novena.

Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

Pregnant? Need Help? You are not alone. The Buffalo Diocese offers confidential assistance through the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. Call 716-849-2229 (BABY) or email StGianna@buffalodiocese.org.

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 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1**. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or raygeska@yahoo.com, or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or jeffcrd@aol.com.

LADIES OF THE LORD...

. . . Will meet at 7:00pm in the Gathering Rooms on Thursday, March 14, for Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

OUR GREETER NEED YOU!

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

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

- 1:00 am Seniors Meeting (Off Campus)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Café)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Music Practice (MC Basement)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry EDGE (MC Basement/Foyer)
- 7:00 pm Adult Servers Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 2)

Tuesday, March 12

- 1:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (GR 1)
- 5:45 pm Webelos Meeting GR 1)
- 6:00 pm School Track & Field Meeting (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, March 13

- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Empowered in Christ (MC 2)
- 6:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class
(School Foreign Language Room)
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry SWAT Team (MC Basement)
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Open House (MC Café)
- 7:00 pm Home School Assn. Meeting (GR 1)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702)

Thursday, March 14

- 2:15 pm Girl Scouts Junior Troop Meeting (GR 2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Edge
(Off Campus)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1&2)

Friday, March 15

- 1:00 pm Brown Bag Talk (GR 1)
- 1:20 pm Stations of the Cross (Church/MC)
- 4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen, Caf)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Gym)

Saturday, March 16

- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)
- 4:00 pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal (MC 2)

Sunday, March 17

- 11:30 am RCIA Gathering (MC 2)

CAFÉ MUSIC NIGHT

Life is easier when you let the Café do the cooking! Join us for an evening out on **March 20 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM** for custom, made-to-order pizza while enjoying live, easy-listening music by “Day7” a contemporary acoustic music group based out of St. Greg’s. All are welcome.

What are you doing for Lent this year?

The 20th Annual Lenten Series

“The Eucharist”

All sessions will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11

Our Call to be a Eucharistic Community

Eileen Warner MAPM will help us understand how we are the Body of Christ and therefore a sacramental community called to become what we receive in the Eucharist.

Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 5442 Tonawanda Creek Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Monday, March 18

Eucharistic Prayers – Lifting Up Our Hearts

Deacon William Hynes will speak on the topic of Eucharistic Prayers and how they can “Lift Up Our Hearts to God.”

St. Pius X Church, 1700 N. French Rd, Getzville, NY 14068

Monday, March 25

Eucharist – Part of our Covenant with God

Rev. Joseph Rogliano will speak on the Eucharist as being a Part of our Covenant with God.

St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14223

Monday, April 1

Eucharist – Our Passover

Rev. Jerome Kopec will explore the dynamics of the Passover experience and how they are a crucial element of our understanding and our living the Eucharist.

St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226

Monday, April 8

Eucharist in the New Testament

Msgr. Richard Siepka will speak on the Eucharist and its foundations in the New Testament.

St. Timothy’s Church, 565 East Park Dr, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Why give up something for Lent when you can do something positive for your spiritual life?

No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend!

Refreshments Served!

Sponsored by the parishes in the Northern Erie Vicariate

Follow us for updates and future events: [@necvicariate](#)

CAFÉ OFFERING PIEROGIS FOR LENT

The Café will serve a variety of pierogis! Come back for lunch every Friday during Lent to try our new flavor of the week.

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 19

Foot Washing Ceremony

On Holy Thursday, April 19, the foot washing will be part of the ceremony. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jo Pierino at 688-5678, Ext. 301, for further details.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Charles Coons
by Nancy & Christine Conley
Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Couche Family
by Kim & Joe Couche
- 5:30 pm Dr. Stephen E. Gladysz
by Judy & Ed Kisailus
Charlie Donner (anniv) by Teri & Family

Sunday, March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Rita McGorry by Dolores Mason
Sandy Acquista by Joe & Noelle Lazarony
- 9:30 am Rajewski Family by Ladies of the Lord
Joan Gugliuzza (anniv) by Family
Angela S. Tabone by Cheryl Tabone
- 11:00 am Anthony J. Guizzotti, Sr.
by Marie Aquilina
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Anthony Vetrano by Wife & Family
Blasé Thurston (birth) by Family

Monday, March 11

- 7:00 am Edward J. & Natalie F. Mack by Estate
- 8:00 am Dr. Richard R. Romanowski by Estate
Marion Rauh (birth) by Robert Rauh
Family
- 12:00 pm Helen Senker (birth) by Georgia Millitelo
Biagio Faraci by Giovanna Vaccaro

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate
Edward M. D'Arata, Sr.
by Paul & Ellie Catalano
- 8:00 am Peter Ippolito by Paula Iacono
- 12:00 pm David Sorci by Mom, Dad & Family
Richard Stepien by Janet Schuler

Wednesday, March 13

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's
- 8:00 am Josephine Butera Carlo
by Teresa & Ralph Fuhr
Stephen Robertson by Martha Leung
- 12:00 pm Ralph Paglia by Lou & Janice Silverman
Joseph Starck by Richard & Donna Suchan

Thursday, March 14

- 7:00 am Rev. Stanley R. Chwalinski (anniv)
by Priests of St. Gregory's
Eugene Ryan (living)
by Karen & Kirk Stubbendeck
- 8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Sano Family
by Sam & Dawn Curazzato
(School Mass)
- 12:00 pm Mary Lou Mallia by Don & Renee Fleming
Kristine Brewer by Marie Brewer & Family

Friday, March 15

- 7:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Dohn & Yerke
Families by Ladies of the Lord
- 8:00 am Samantha Deanne Mertz
by Kristy & Jeff Witkowski
Chester Pawenska by St. Gregory's
Men's Golf Team
- 12:00 pm Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Jacobik Family
by Kim & Joe Couche
Jim O'Shaunecy by Wright Family

Saturday, March 16

- 8:00 am Baron Kuchlewind
by Joe & Belinda Biagiotti
Ellen Egan by Seniors of St. Gregory's

Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Katie Gosch by Bob & Mary Brown
Jerry & Margaret Burns by Burns Family
- 5:30 pm Mary & Mathew Wyzykowski by Family

Sunday, March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Kathleen Gilvarry by Maria Deighan
& Lenny
- 9:30 am Alfred Caldiero by Children
Billy Hartigan by Tom & Dianne Higgins
- 11:00 am Robert Farrington by Elaine Farrington
& Family
Anna DeBergalis
by Mitch & Mary Lamancuso
- 12:30 pm A. James Felli & Eileen Felli (birth)
by Joyce Santora & Family
Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family
& Friends
- 1:30 pm Baptisms
- 4:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zilliox by Daughter,
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SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am; 12:30 & 4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

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For those who are unable to join us, all Masses can be viewed on our website.

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Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 12:30 pm Mass - limit of si 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.

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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 – Administered the first Saturday of each month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. New adorers are always welcome. Scheduled adorers commit to one hour. If you cannot make your scheduled hour of adoration, please arrange for a substitute. If you require help, call your hourly captain. For information, call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478.

PRAYER

- The **Rosary** is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
- Pray the Rosary at your convenience with our recording online, at www.stgregs.org/mass-schedule

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