



# SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

PARISH COMMUNITY

LIVING THE GOSPEL . . .

~ IN FAITH  
~ IN WORSHIP  
~ IN SERVICE

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

## April 6 & 7, 2019

### From the desk of the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

Our days of exile are nearing completion! I am grateful that all things are pointing towards an “on-time arrival” into our Church for Masses beginning Saturday, April 14, (2:30 pm confessions and 4:00 pm Mass). To be clear starting with the 4:00 pm weekend Mass on Saturday, April 14, all **masses will be in the newly renovated Church**. If the situation arises where we can access the Church earlier, for weekday Masses, we will make an announcement at daily Masses, and place notifications on the doors of the Ministry Center. At this point, please make note, that the first Mass scheduled in Church is Saturday, April 14, at 4:00 pm. I am sorry to repeat myself, but I wish to be clear as we transition back to Church.

As you come to our newly refurbished Church, please note that the terrazzo floor is repaired, cleaned and sealed; new flooring has been placed in the balcony; the entire church has been painted; the carpeting replaced in the sanctuary, choir area and sacristy; and new chandeliers and LED lighting installed. Let us not forget our new pews and kneelers.

### HOP ON THE WELCOME WAGON!

Are you someone who:

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

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

We are expecting all of our new furnishings for the sanctuary (candle sticks, bells, etc.) to arrive before Palm Sunday. Currently, they are being engraved and hopefully shipped early this week. Please read the notice in today’s bulletin about the seating areas designated for those with special needs. Our communion stations have changed slightly due to the seating configuration. Our ushers will guide you as we make this transition. I hope you have been following the progress online and looking at the photos. The Church looks great!

Thank you to all those who could make this possible! I am most grateful to everyone who donated to **Upon this Rock**, as this campaign funded the majority of the work. I thank Joe Couche, who chaired this renovation project and has been overseeing the daily progress. Joe thought he retired a couple years ago, only to receive a full time volunteer job for all of us at St. Greg’s. Joe, from the depth of my heart, ***Thank you and may God bless you and your family for your extreme generosity!*** I also wish to thank all those who labored in our Church. I do not know all names, but there were many men and women who worked on our project. Finally, I especially thank our Parishioner, Tony Picone, from Picone Construction, who was not only a great general contractor, but a vested member of St. Gregory the Great Family for several decades! Tony, to you, your family and your staff, ***Thank you and may God bless you all!***

This weekend, April 6/7, please join me in welcoming Bob Bennett to St. Greg’s who will briefly speak at all of the Masses on Catholic Charities. I preached at every Mass last weekend on Catholic Charities. Bob was the Diocesan Chairman for Catholic Charities last year and spoke at all of the Masses. We welcome him back to St. Greg’s. (cont pg 2)

### WELCOME ALL!!!

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

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

This weekend and next, you will have the opportunity to drop off your Catholic Charities gift in the vestibule. If you do not have a contribution card, we have blank ones available. I hope and pray that the 1,776 families of St. Greg’s who regularly support Catholic Charities, will generously do so again this year. We are counting on you! For the 4,681 families and individuals who are not currently part of the Catholic Charities family of donors, I humble ask you to join us in our effort to serve the needs of the poorest among us in Western New York. If you have never donated, or if it has been some time, I urge you to at least consider the \$10/month (\$120 total/year) donation, which I suggested at last weekend’s Masses. It doesn’t take long to waste \$10 in a month between the cup of coffee we didn’t finish or the snacks we begin and toss out, as well as the little gadgets we buy but never use. Please consider taking that \$10/month “waste” and transform it into a “lavish” gift to help the poor in WNY.

Finally, in the busy-ness of our Parish and our personal lives, do not lose sight of Lent. This weekend’s Gospel of the woman caught in adultery reminds us all how we can get caught up in sin and false loves. Our true love is God, and our Lenten call is to abide within His offering of Love, and to trust that everything God has stated is true. Could you imagine a world like this – where everyone trusted and believed in the Word of God? All of us struggle to accept something from the Lord’s Word. This “something” usually leads us into sin. Lent is the perfect time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Tuesday, April 9, is our Parish Penance service at 7 pm. We will have many priests available to assist us. Please plan to come. We also have confessions every Wednesday from 5-7 pm for the remainder of Lent. I urge you to use this week wisely for the Sacrament of Penance. The last time we will have confession will be Holy Wednesday from 5 to 7 pm. Although we are here for you for the Sacrament of Penance on that day, it tends to have very long lines, and regardless of the lines, we need to end confessions at 7 pm in order to attend the evening Parish meetings. If you are hoping to come to confession, please plan to come to this Tuesday’s Penance Service – it is by far the best opportunity we have to receive the Sacrament. I pray you make the most out of the Sacrament of Penance and that you make the most out of the remaining week and a half of Lent.

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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PARISH  
UPDATE**

\$246,794.23 collected, 35.6 % towards our goal  
Our parish goal for Catholic Charities is \$692,988.74.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon. Apr.. 8: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20  
Tues. Apr.. 9: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30  
Wed.. Apr. 10: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42  
Thur. Apr. 11: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59  
Fri. Apr. 12: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42  
Sat. Apr. 13: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56  
Sun. Apr. 14: Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC); Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**REFLECTING ON THE PARISH  
LENTEN RETREAT**

If you missed the Parish Retreat last week , “**Priest, Profit, King—Your Baptismal Call**”, by Deacon Greg Feary, here are some comments by Parishioners and our community members:

*“Deacon was an excellent presenter. Made complex ideas easy to understand.”*

*“Made me reflect on how to live out things for the rest of my life.”*

*“Loved the music. Encouragement to become a better Catholic and recharge.”*

*“Importance on forgiveness. Takes courage to change situations.”*

*“All was presented with intelligence and humor.”*

*“Renewed my Baptismal vows and helped me understand what my Baptism really means.”*



**Fr. Paul Cygan and Deacon Greg anoint the participants of the Parish Retreat.**

*“Thank you so much for your invitation to preach this year’s Lenten Retreat. Most times I wonder who gets more out of these—me or the people. The people at St. Greg’s are a warm group and receptive to the Spirit and for that I am grateful.”*

*-Deacon Greg Feary response to the Parish Lenten Retreat*

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

### 2019-20 FFF REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Go to [www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/](http://www.stgregs.org/family-faith-formation/) then select **Program Options** for more information.

- **High School Summer Program** (Gr 9 and 10)  
**Class dates:** June 26 - 28, July 1 and 2 (9:00 am- 4:00 pm)  
**Registration dates** for the HS Summer Program:
  - **Incoming Gr 10** (Current Gr 9 students)  
Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30 am  
OR  
on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm, in the School Cafeteria.
  - **Incoming Gr 9** (Current Gr 8 students)  
Register In Person on Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 am  
OR  
on Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm, in the School Cafeteria.
- **Generations of Faith** (Monthly FFF Prg, Gr K-Gr 10)  
**Classes** are once a month, September 2019 – April 2020  
**Registration** for All GOF Sessions (A, B and C) is on Monday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. **Online Registration ONLY.**  
Act fast; each session will close at 50 Families.
- **Disciple Camp** (Summer FFF Program, Gr 5-8)  
**Class Dates:** July 15-19, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1, and ends on June 21. Register Online or In Person.
- **Weekly FFF Program** (Gr K- Gr 10)  
**Weekly Classes** from September 2019 - April 2020  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1. Register Online or In Person.
- **Little Cherubs** (Preschool, Ages 3 and 4)  
**Weekly classes**, Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am from September 2019 - April 2020.  
**Registration** begins on Saturday, June 1. Register Online or In Person.



**Saturday, April 13 at 9:15 am in the School Gym.** Everyone is welcome to attend. Family Faith Formation's Saturday classes will perform this year's pageant theme, "The King of Glory". It's a wonderful lead-up to Holy Week!



## CATECHIST CORNER

You give but little when you give of your possessions.  
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.  
*Khalil Gibran*

**A Very Special Thank You** to all of our wonderful Catechists who volunteered their time and gave so much of themselves to help bring our students closer to God.

Thank you for all the wonderful ways you shared God's Love and taught His Word.

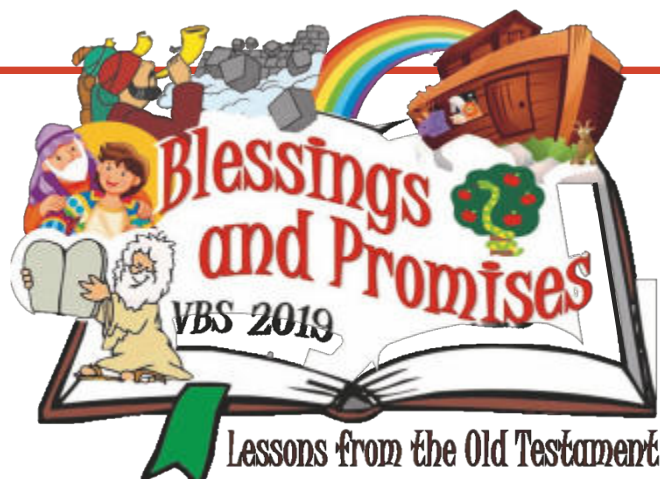
**God Bless you always!**

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

**Confirmation Dates have been scheduled as follows:** Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Emails were sent to candidates with their assigned date of Confirmation.

Any questions, please contact Catherine Wadhams at [cwadhams@stgregs.org](mailto:cwadhams@stgregs.org) or call 688-5760.



**Vacation Bible School** (Pre K\*- Gr 4 in Sept 2019)  
\*child must be 3 years old by Dec. 2018

**Camp Dates:** July 8 - 12, from 9:00 am - 12 noon  
**Registration** begins on Monday, May 1 and ends on Friday, June 21. This year's theme is Blessings and Promises; Lessons from the Old Testament.

Go to [www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stgregs.org/vacation-bible-school/) for more details. Register Online or In Person.

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

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

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

## CATHOLIC STORE CELEBRATES 7 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

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

## PARISH SOCIAL/NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

All parishioners, including new families, are invited to join us on **April 7** for coffee, juice and donuts in the Café after 9:30 am Mass. If you wish to join the parish, you may register at this time.

## 2019 EASTER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Please consider a donation to help purchase flowers to decorate the Church for Easter. Memorials will be acknowledged in the Bulletin.

**PLEASE PRINT:**

**Donor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial donation in memory of:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return order form, with checks payable to St. Greg's, to the Parish Office, or drop in the collection basket.



Join In A Parish-Wide Prayer Effort

*The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet*  
 Begins on Good Friday, April 19, and concludes on Saturday, April 27.  
 A Spiritual Work of Mercy: Pray for the living and the dead

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

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

Organized Prayer times in Church:

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

## LADIES OF THE LORD

Meeting at 7:00pm in the Gathering Rooms on Thursday, April 11, with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## SEVEN CHURCHES BUS TRIP

**Holy Thursday, April 18**, we will have a bus trip pilgrimage to visit seven churches. The bus will leave 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 Friday, April 12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### EXODUS 90 UPDATE

We are currently on day 68/90 of the Exodus Program. It is a challenging but fruitful program for the 15 men involved. We are growing as we build our prayer life through asceticism and brotherhood.



### AMPED REMINDER

AMPED is an ongoing night to build community and develop Faith for young adults. Meet someone new, learn something great, and discuss something relevant. No need to sign up or pay, bring a friend. We'll gather in the café 7-8:30 pm, every other Tuesday!

### YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CORE TEAM

Youth Ministry is looking for a few good souls who want to be part of a bigger conversation, and join the YA Core Team. It's not for everyone but if you think the Lord is knocking, send inquires to Adam Jarosz.

### RETREAT SEASON IS UPON US!

It's Retreat Season at SGYM! High School and Middle School students have an opportunity to experience a weekend growing in their faith and within our community. Retreats give participants a unique opportunity to step back from the business of everyday life, and reconnect with God, in a way that is not always possible. It is easy to get wrapped up in the monotony of a daily routine, so why not spend time connecting with your Faith and friends again!

#### Retreat Dates:

- ◇ **High School Spring Retreat (Grades 9-12) is April 12-14**
- ◇ **Middle School Spring Retreat (Grades 6-8) is May 3-5**

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

### IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS – GIVE. EMPOWER. TRANSFORM.

Discover The Ignatian Volunteer Corps® (IVC) and ways you can volunteer, empower others, and grow in your own spirituality. The unique program, rooted in the Jesuit tradition, combines volunteer service with individual and communal reflection. To learn more about the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, sign up for informational talks planned for Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 pm and Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish, 651 Washington St. Buffalo NY 14203.

Contact Minnie Wyse, Director, at 716 479-1334 [mwyse@ivcusa.org](mailto:mwyse@ivcusa.org), to RSVP or learn more.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ignite—April 9, 18, 25  
Life Teen—April 7, 28  
Edge—April 11, 18, 25  
SWAT Team—April 10, 17, 24

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

#### Be Purely You



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

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

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

**For more information, call Lori at 716 866-2373.**

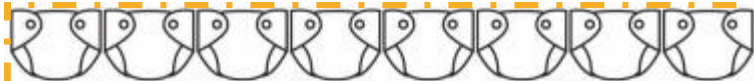
## HOLY THURSDAY SHARED SUPPER

Jesus of Nazareth cordially invites you to share in the celebration of His Last Supper, in keeping with the spirit of the First Holy Thursday, when Our Lord gathered His community of followers to share in the Passover meal. St. Gregory the Great invites all parishioners to participate in our annual potluck "Shared Supper"!

**When:** Holy Thursday, April 18, at 5:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

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

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



### Help us a "brief" moment!

Our Jamaica Mission Trip team needs your help again! We are collecting money to help Mustard Seed Communities purchase diapers for their residents. The majority of their residents use diapers, so they are essential at all of the communities, from infants to adult size. Diapers are very costly and are an item they are grateful to receive in kind. Mustard Seed currently has a partnership with ISOH/Impact that allows them to ship and receive a container of 60,000 diapers for a donation of \$1,650. This partnership makes diapers less than 2.5 cents per piece, a price that makes this the most effective way to send diapers to their communities.

Every little bit counts! Please pick up an envelope in the vestibule of the Ministry Center or at the Parish Office and drop the envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. We will be running the fundraiser through Lent and our goal is to send enough money to ship three containers worth of diapers (Last year we sent two containers worth!) Questions? Email Elizabeth Astridge at [stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com](mailto:stgregmissiontrip@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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



## 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, April 10, from 7:00-9:00 pm in GR 1**. For more information please contact Ray Geska at 541-8345 or [raygeska@yahoo.com](mailto:raygeska@yahoo.com), or Jeff Criden at 207-4878 or [jeffrcrd@aol.com](mailto:jeffrcrd@aol.com).

## GOLF LEAGUE

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

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals

### Children Choir for Sunday Mass

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

### Easter Triduum Choir

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, contact Daniel Victoor at 688-5678, ext. 308.

**SAVE THE DATE: St. Michael's Choir Concert on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is the place to find comfort and peace, especially at this time. Offer a Holy Hour before our Lord for our Catholic Church. Adorers are needed for all times and days. Please call Kathy at 759-7149 or Barbara at 634-7478 with a time that is convenient for you.

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

- ♦ **SUNDAYS: 6:00-7:00 pm**
- ♦ **MONDAYS 2:00-3:00 am**
- ♦ **SATURDAY 2:00-3:00 pm**

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

## LAST FISH FRY! COME JOIN US!

Fried or Baked Fish, or Breaded Shrimp served with sides, drink and dessert. We will also have Pizza available for purchase. **April 12 4:00-7:00 pm, \$11 Pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Dine-in or Take-out**

## SENIOR CITIZENS

**Meeting and Mothers Day Luncheon**, May 13, after 12:00 noon Mass, 1:15 pm lunch catered by "Johnny C's" at Ministry Center, \$15 per member/\$20 per guest. Reservations to Dolores Mason at St. Gregory's no later than May 6. (No cancellations after May 6.) Reminder: Monthly meeting is April 8, at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Room.



## RESPECT LIFE

**Physician Assisted Suicide:** New Jersey is likely to become the latest state to legalize assisted suicide. A bill allowing the practice has passed both chambers of the state legislature. Governor Phil Murphy (D) has promised to sign the bill, “The Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act,” into law.

The bill will allow adults to receive life-ending drugs if they have been told by a doctor that they have less than six months to live.

Critics of the legislation argue that it opens the door for abuse and does not require psychiatric evaluation of patients who may be struggling with depression that is leading to suicidal inclinations.

New Jersey Catholic leaders remain firm in their opposition of the law. Cheryl Riley, director of the Archdiocese of Newark’s Respect Life Office, said “We’re still not going to stop fighting.” As Catholics, [we] should seek to protect “all life,” and that there can be blessings associated with the end of someone’s life that should not be discounted.

Riley also expressed concern that the law sends a mixed message on suicide, particularly because there has been much effort to prevent young adults and teenagers from ending their lives.

Once the law is signed, New Jersey will join seven other states that allow physician assisted suicide (full text at catholicnewsagency.com).

**In January, immediately following the passage of the abortion-expanding Reproductive Health Act (RHA), “The Medical Aid in Dying Act” (A.2694/S.3947) was reintroduced in the New York State Legislature. Given the one-party control of the NYS government, it is very possible that this bill will be passed and then signed into law by Governor Cuomo.**

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7

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

### Monday, April 8

- 1:00 pm Seniors General Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 5:00 pm Youth Ministry College Life (MC Café)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting (MC 2)

### Tuesday, April 9

- 1:45 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Daisies) GR 1
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Middle School Ignite/Zag (MC Basement/Café)
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer (MC 3)
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Meeting (School Gym)

### Wednesday, April 10

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Meeting (MC Café)
- 6:30 pm Men’s Golf Kickoff Meeting (School Cafeteria)
- 6:30 pm Adult Confirmation Class (School Foreign Language Room)
- 7:00 pm Men of God Meeting (GR 2)
- 7:00 pm Home School Assoc. Meeting (MC 2)
- 7:00 pm RCIA Gathering Session (Room 702-School)

### Thursday, April 11

- 2:15 pm Girl Scouts Joint Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Edge (School Gym)
- 7:00 pm Ladies of the Lord Meeting (GR 1)

### Friday, April 12

- 9:00 am Moms Playgroup (MC Basement)
- 1:20 pm Stations of the Cross (School)
- 4:00 pm Fish Fry (School Gym/Kitchen, Caf.)
- 5:30 pm American Heritage Girls Meeting (GR 1&2)
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Meeting (MC Café)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (MC Church/Gym)

### Saturday, April 13

- 12:00 pm Parish Rosary (MC 2)



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

Saturday, May 4, 2019

**Ministry Center Parking Lot, pick up and delivery from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Free Bag Mulch Delivery with Orders of 10 or More!**

Advance orders (please specify black, brown or red) can be placed for \$5.00 per bag (2 cubic foot size) by returning the form below to the Parish Office, or by sending a check with the below order form to Knights of Columbus Annual Mulch Sale, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221. Checks made payable to St. Gregory Knights of Columbus Council #14687. Any questions, please call George Tirabassi CP 572-7772. Orders can be taken up through Thursday, May 2nd

**PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH COMMUNITY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I will Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_

Black Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag  
Red Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag  
Brown Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 /bag  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*I would like Delivery \_\_\_\_\_

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



## SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. If you register a child in Kindergarten by April 15 receive \$500 off your tuition.

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

Discover the St. Greg's Difference Today!



2019 Talent Show Participants

Thank you to all the wonderful acts!

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"At St. Greg's, I love the Walkathon, the best day of the school year. I also love how we have smaller classes. The third thing I love is how we have many sports teams."

-Erin McMaster

"I love how we learn things-like Math and I love this school because there is so much kindness."

- Julian Sikorski

"I love way more than three things about St. Greg's. A couple things I love are: the people since everyone is in a positive community, wanting to learn and have fun, and I love the activities that the teachers set up for us. Some of these activities include bowling, field trips, etc. Finally, I love the building and how it is set up. it is easy to memorize for our new students."

- Joseph DenHaese



Faculty Choir provided the music at the school weekly Mass . We thank them for their time and dedication.

Back row: Ruthie Robbins, Emerson Stevens, Christina Kane, Susan Kromer

Front row: Dawne Vullo, Christina Leshney, Lyndsey Simon, Kaitlin Peters

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 6

#### Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Norene Russo by Craig & Pamela  
 5:30 pm Marie T. Biehl by Don & Teresa Manzella  
 Stanley & Josephine Woroniecki by Family

### Sunday, April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Helen Wurm (birth) by Family  
 Jim & Louise McPartlan by Family  
 9:30 am Mary & Michael Cirelli by Family & Friends  
 11:00 am Dorothy M. Olejniczak by Olejniczak Family  
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 Josephine Christopher by Mary Ann Held  
 12:30 pm Daniel Filarecki by Debbie Shay  
 Ann Hrebik (anniv) by Daughters,  
 Madeline Cushing & Barbara Wilbur  
 Joyce Roche by Bill & Grace Gilmartin  
 1:30 pm Baptisms  
 4:30 pm Patrick G. Lucey by Pujolas Family

### Monday, April 8

- 7:00 am John & Joyce Ambrosoli by Estate  
 Buddy Bogdan by Mary Lou Daigler & Family  
 8:00 am Ken Kraft by Connors Family  
 12:00 pm Sandra Carden by Jim & Chris Doyle  
 Edward Driscoll by Wife, Rita

### Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 am Parishioners of St. Gregory's  
 John Tronolone by Family  
 8:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Witten & Holstead  
 Families by Ladies of the Lord  
 12:00 pm Jerome Sperrazza (birth) by Daughter  
 Elizabeth Mastrantonio by Family

### Wednesday, April 10

- 7:00 am Anthony P. Genau (birth)  
 by Linda & Bill Dohn  
 8:00 am Ellen Egan by Ladies of Charity  
 Sara Pierino by Joyce Santora & Family  
 12:00 pm Anthony Chen & Pegi Chan  
 by Shirley & Arthur Chen  
 Frank Deni by Joe & Angie Bartolone

### Thursday, April 11

- 7:00 am Richard Pfeiffer by Seniors of St. Gregory's  
 8:00 am Marie Torchia by Brian & Magdalene Cushing  
 Thomas Grzankowski by Ackerman Family  
 (School Mass)  
 12:00 pm Edward Sarama by Wife  
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### Friday, April 12

- 7:00 am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of Kroll & Sosnowski  
 Families by Ladies of the Lord  
 Daniel Arent by Bill & Linda Dohn  
 8:00 am John & Kathryn Carroll  
 by Tom & Mary Jo Kenna  
 12:00 pm Calvin Potts by Barbara Voigt  
 Rita McGorry by Evelyn O'Connor

### Saturday, April 13

- 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Pelosi  
 Kenneth Krysztof  
 by Karen & Kirk Stubbendeck

#### Vigil Masses

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

### Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

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

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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

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**WEDDINGS**

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**PRAYER**

- The Rosary is prayed at the following times: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 and 12:30 pm, Church; Saturday 12 noon, Grotto or Church (Rosary For Our Country)
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