



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

Spirit and Life Newsletter

Spring 2020

The March for Life - A Parishioner's Experience

by Tom Ahearn

It was 5:30 am on Thursday, January 23, and several cars were waiting in the parking lot at Christ the King Seminary for a bus to arrive. There were about 15 Seminarians waiting outside for the same bus. We were waiting for the bus to take us to Washington, D.C., so we could participate in the annual March for Life. Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Paul Cygan, and our Seminarian, Joe Tokasz, led the contingent from St. Gregory the Great Parish. The excitement and anticipation was extremely evident as we boarded the bus. So, there we were heading to Washington to represent the souls whose lives were shortened by abortion and who were waiting to be born, and to pray for those mothers who were deciding whether or not to abort their child. The prayers were powerful and humbly lifted to our Father. We prayed the Rosary, we sang hymns and we prayed the Liturgy of the Hours. The ride to D.C. was not long and soon we arrived at our hotel to begin our two day Pilgrimage to demonstrate to our Congressmen, Senators, and Supreme Court officials that there are many who want Roe vs Wade to be overturned, Why? Because life, from conception to

natural death, is precious and most certainly worth saving.

We had about 30 minutes to check into our rooms and then get back on the bus to go and attend the vigil Mass at the National Basilica. The Church was filled, as they say, "to the rafters". It was one of the most beautiful Masses that I have ever attended. The pews and side altars were filled with teenagers and young adults, as every spot was taken. I may be overestimating, but there were hundreds of priests, seminarians and deacons who took part in this glorious Mass. The distribution of Holy Communion took close to one hour. I would like to share with you what I witnessed during Communion. I was standing in the rear of the church and witnessed a young woman receive the Eucharist right behind me. She knelt down to pray to our Lord. I witnessed a glow come upon her, as her head gently tilted to the right, a wonderful smile upon her face and peace was all around her. I felt the need to go to her and tell her that God had blessed her and explain to her that she truly touched my heart. It was in that moment I realized I was in the right place at the right time. I was now looking forward to the next day and the March for Life.

The day of the March for Life began with breakfast and Mass for our Diocese at the Washington Plaza Hotel where we were staying. Breakfast was wonderful and Mass was beautiful. Fr. Dan Young was the main celebrant and I was fortunate enough to lector for this Mass.

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After Mass we were treated to a speech by a young lady. She was conceived by rape and her mother had chosen to give birth to her. Later, when she was a young lady, she was raped, and like her mother before her, she decided to have her child. What a beautiful testament of unconditional love for a child, for her mother and for God.

We headed to the National Mall, where we listened to the President speak. He is the only sitting president to ever speak at this event. Several other speakers gave their testimonies for life and for overturning Roe vs Wade. Then began the March for Life to the steps of the Supreme Court Building. I believe the news outlets sorely underestimated the marchers, stating around 100,000 or so marchers. But I can tell you that those of us marching figured at least 300,000 to 400,000. The March was joyful, enthusiastic, prayerful, music-filled, and, well, just plain wonderful. Our Diocese had a banner proclaiming the sanctity of life. For most of the March, Fr. Paul, Joe and I were together. At one point, we stopped and were blessed by Cardinal Joseph Burke. I would say that 99% of our energy and enthusiasm came from the young men and women who were there, including the large population of teenagers to 30 somethings. They were singing, praying, encouraging one another to keep going. Their youthful excitement is what kept this 65 year old marching forward. I have never been so filled with so much thankfulness for young adults as I was during this

March for Life. We arrived at the Supreme Court and listened to more speakers.

Afterward we boarded the bus for home and started to share our experiences from the day. There was so much excitement and joy filling the bus. One young lady from Niagara University gave witness of how God touched her life, and shared her feelings with us about the March. She then invited others to do the same. One after another, the young people took the microphone and shared their love for our God and for their hopes that one day abortion will cease to exist and all life will be saved. We prayed the Rosary and evening prayer and shared our feelings with one another about the experiences of the last 36 hours.

To close, I will share that all life is precious, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. We are all children of God, even those whose lives have been cut short by abortion, assisted suicide, etc. We will meet these wonderful lives again and share with them the joys of God's kingdom.



Join us Sunday, August 2, at 1:30 pm to celebrate St. Greg's School turning 60!

LOCATION: St. Greg's School, 250 St. Gregory Court
All are welcome to attend this family-friendly event.

Tickets: Pre-sale tickets (purchased before June 30)

- Single - \$20.00
- Couple - \$35.00
- Family - \$60.00

Join us for a summer afternoon to celebrate 60 years of memories at St. Gregory the Great School. Reserve your tickets today at www.stgregsschool.org/alumni. Ticket price includes Summer picnic theme menu, music, kids activities, tours of the school and many shared memories!

Don't forget to update your contact information. More information available on www.stgregsschool.org/alumni.

Questions? Contact alumni@stgregs.org.



Coffee Break with God!

by Joan Rischmiller

The first Saturday of each month during the Family Faith Formation program, we invite various speakers to share their Faith with our parishioners. This past month we were privileged to have the Fitzpatrick's share their faith and marriage journey with a room full of couples. Tracy & John Fitzpatrick were members and leaders of the Marriage Matters Ministry here at St. Gregory's. This year we were blessed by many speakers who shared their insights on important topics related to our Faith. Below are some of the presenters from this past year and topics they discussed:



Christie Thein and Mrene Corra - "A Divided Church, What to Believe?"

Brian Ruh - "Celebrating Christmas with non-practicing friends and family."

Catherine Wadhams - "Fun and simple ways families can incorporate Faith into the holidays."

Dawn Iacono - Refilling your Spiritual Cup

Make sure you check out our Coffee Breaks with God starting again in the Fall.

EVERYBODY NEEDS A SUPER HERO

SPONSORED BY ST. GREGORY ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The JUSTICE LEAGUE of WNY will be there!

Meet your favorite superheroes, super villains, sci-fi heroes and more!

The Catholic Church of Buffalo

cordially invites you to the

Annual Disability Picnic

on Saturday, July 11

12noon - 2:30

in the Parish Ministry Center

WOW!

HOT DOGS AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED.

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Co-Sponsored by the Disability Inclusion Team of the Catholic Diocese

To register, call 688-5760 or e-mail jrischmiller@stgregs.org if you plan to attend.

3rd Annual Be PUREly You Retreat!!!



All young ladies in Grades 8-12 are invited to this beautiful retreat designed just for them! A Be PUREly You retreat is a day filled with music, prayer, talks, discussions, crafts, food and fun activities that help a young woman know who she is as a daughter of God. Learn ways to build Godly character, skills and “Be-Attitudes” to help live virtuously in today’s culture.

BE PURELY YOU AND HAVING THE RIGHT BE ATTITUDES

Participants will:

- ♥ Identify ways to hear and discern whose voice they are listening to: the lie “I mess up everything”; the truth “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Phil 4:13
- ♥ Learn to put on the Armor of God to defend against today’s culture “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the Devil’s schemes.” Ephesians 6:11
- ♥ Stay focused on Jesus even when they feel they are sinking: “Peter got out of the boat and walked on water, but when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ ” Matthew 14:29-30
- ♥ Be a light in the darkness “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.



The retreat will be filled with faith, food, music and fun activities.

AGES: For all girls in Grades 8 – 12

DATE: Saturday, April 4, 2020

TIME: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

LOCATION: St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center,
100 St. Gregory Court

TIKETS: \$20 presale until March 30, or \$25 at the door.

To register visit <http://www.stgregs.org/be-purely-you-conference-2020/> For more information call Lori at 866-2373. After the retreat, Confession is available in the Church until 3:45 pm.



SVDP Furniture-Appliance Collection

We only pick up furniture items in St. Gregory’s geographic area, and all furniture/appliances must be located in a garage or covered porch. Refer to what we can accept on this list; Appliances must work, and furniture must be in good condition:

Furniture: Couches, Chairs, Kitchen Table /Chairs, Dressers, Coffee/ End Tables, Bed Frames (we cannot accept mattresses / box springs or baby cribs).

Appliances: Gas Stoves (must work and be disconnected), Refrigerators (must be plugged in and cool at pickup), Microwaves. (We cannot accept electric stoves or cooktops, or older CRT type TV sets.)

Call our answering service at 688-5678, ext. 423 and leave a message. We will respond to your call within 72 hours.

Month	Dates		
April	18		
May	2	16	30
June	13	27	
July	11	25	
August	8	22	
September	5	19	
October	3	17	31
November	14		

St. Greg's Principal Named to Diocesan Panel



Dr. Michael LaFever, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Buffalo, has announced the appointment of our school principal, Julie Gajewski, to the Diocesan School Advisory Council. The appointment was made by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese. The Council provides guidance to the Superintendent on how the diocese can support and strengthen Catholic education.

“In her role on the Council,” Dr. LaFever noted, “Mrs. Gajewski will be able to bring a unique perspective” since she has been principal of a public school and is a parent of three Catholic school pupils. She has been a professional educator for nineteen years and is in her third year as principal of St. Gregory the Great.

“This is surely a feather in the cap of our parish,” Father Leon noted. “It is a recognition of the outstanding leadership of Mrs. Gajewski in our school, and a desire that her talents be beneficial for other schools in our Diocese.”

Registration is open for PK3, PK4, EK, K-8!

Now accepting applications for the 2020 -2021 school year! Discover the St. Greg's difference today! Schedule a tour by calling 688-5323 or visiting www.stgregsschool.org.



St. Gregory the Great School



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- ◇ Follow the Parish on Twitter @StGregsBuffalo
- ◇ Follow Youth Ministry on Twitter, and Instagram @stgregsyouth and @stgregsyounadults



Vicariate Lenten Lecture Series

March 23 and 30 at 7:30 pm. At various Church locations. See Bulletin for more details.

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer ("Vespers")

Every Tuesday evening, March 10 – April 7, at 6:30 pm in the Church.

The Light is On – Confession

Every Wednesday during Lent, 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Church.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Brown Bag Lunch – Prayer and the Bible

Presented by Fr. Moses on March 24 and 31 after the 12:00 noon Mass, in Gathering Room 1.

Fish Fry Fridays – Join us for Food & Fellowship

Every Friday night, February 28 – April 3: 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Come and Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, March 27, April 3 and 10, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Living Stations on April 10.

Holy Hour

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in the Church after the Stations of the Cross.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena

Novena begins after Morning Prayer on Good Friday, April 10, and Holy Saturday, April 11. Continues after 8:00 am daily Mass in the Church.

Family Faith Formation Children's – Easter Pageant

Saturday, March 28, at 9:15 am in the School Gym.

Seven Churches Bus Trip

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

Symbolon – Apologetics Video Series

March 26 and April 2 after the noon Mass, in Gathering Room 2.

**Holy Thursday—April 9**

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

5:00 pm – Parish Shared Supper (Ministry Center)

7:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday —April 10

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

Holy Saturday—April 11

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday—
April 12**

8:00 am - Mass

9:30 am - Mass

11:00 am - Mass

12:30 pm - Mass

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Why We Offer Mass Intentions

by Mary Pfeiffer

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons, which include; thanksgiving to God for blessings received or prayers answered, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

The **Code of Canon Law (canon 946)** notes: "Christ's faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention contribute to the good of the Church; and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities." Keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century provide evidence of this practice (i.e. the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul). St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica, in his *Confessions*: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."



In light of this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions. The first is to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. The second is to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. The third intention is to offer the

Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died or for the living (i.e. their birthday or intentions).

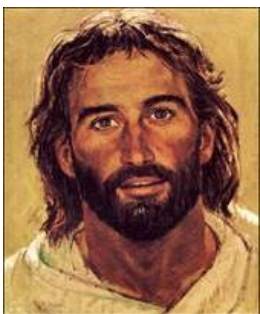


Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church, to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer) a special mention is made for both the living and the dead. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e., "for whom the Mass is offered." The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass, and the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass. These fruits are finite, since each one of us is finite.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors. The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on a Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention, in which case a stipend is given for offering the Mass, which thereby, in justice, creates an obligation which must be satisfied.

Thus we find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any sympathy card or bouquet of flowers.

Mission Retreat 2020



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

The **2020 Summer Mission Retreat** will take place **July 12-18**. Please consider joining us to deepen your relationship with Jesus and keep the joy of Easter in your hearts. Look for more information this spring. Mark your calendars now!!! For more information contact Jeff and Mary Criden at jeffrcrd@aol.com.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Update

There are some really exciting things coming this spring with our ministry. We're heading into our final phase of interviews for the new High-School Youth Minister. There have been some exceptional candidates who have applied but we are getting closer to the one who will lead the next generation of high-school ministry here for St. Greg's Youth & Young Adult Ministry. We trust the Holy Spirit as He leads our discernment.

Even in the midst of upheaval in the larger Church, I see the Holy Spirit as the Lord, The Giver of Life for us. In addition to a busy Lenten schedule, all three age groups are growing well. Middle School and High School Spring Retreats are coming soon and we couldn't be more excited to get out to Allegany for them. We'd say our retreats are the best experiences you can do for yourself!

Finally, Young Adult Ministry is hosting a trip to the adult-only Steubenville Encounter Weekend, July 31 - August 2. A powerful weekend at Franciscan University filled with excellent speakers, music, and prayer.

We would love to talk to you more about any of our experiences or opportunities. Feel free to contact us and follow us on social media (IG. @stgregsyouth @stgregsyongadults FB. @stgregsBuffalo) or check out our website, stgregsYM.org.



Share - A - Prayer

Do you have a favorite prayer that you would like to share with *Spirit and Life* readers? Send it to tfm210@hotmail.com or mail it to the Parish Office at 200 St. Gregory Court (14221). If you prefer you can send it anonymously. If you give your name, we will include it. This is one of Msgr. Thomas Maloney's favorite prayers:

AN IRISH PRAYER

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of Your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus, have pity on me, and make me whole.

Jamaica Mission Trip

Every summer for the past six years, a group of parishioners traveled to a remote village in the mountains of Jamaica. Each year we work, live, pray, and play with over 100 adults who have differing abilities. Each resident that we encounter needs the love and care that Mustard Seed Communities provides because most of them have been abandoned by their families. The mission groups who visit become their families, and little do they know how much they have also become a vital part of our families back in Western New York. Without our love and support, the residents wouldn't be properly cared for and their basic needs wouldn't be met.

To say that our lives have been changed is an understatement. To say that we are filled with the Spirit would be correct, but to say that we are truly present with our brothers and sisters as children of God in Jamaica, now that is all we need.

This summer, we will be traveling July 18-25, and we are asking for your help. Along with keeping us in your prayers as we prepare and embark on this mission, we would like you to consider donating to this cause or joining our team next year.

To donate, you can send checks to the Parish Office (200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221), or donate online at <https://stgregs.weshareonline.org>. Please make your check out to "St. Gregory the Great," and ensure it is labeled "Attn: Jamaica Mission Team."



Contact stgregsmissiontrip@gmail.com if you would like any more information about this life-changing mission trip.



We are hosting a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Pickup Only on May 15 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm outside the Ministry Center. More information available on our website.

St. Gregory the Great Parish in Williamsville, NY will host its 25th annual Great Race on Friday, June 19, 2020. The Great Race has become the "unofficial" start of the summer running season in the greater Buffalo area! With over 1000 runners and walkers taking part in the event (along with thousands of other spectators and members of the community who come out annually to support the Church), this is one race you don't want to miss! The St. Greg's Great Race is a Buffalo Runner of the Year race.

Website: www.stgregs.org/great-race/

Race Registration: www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=7145

Social Media: @StGregsGreatRace

Respite Volunteers: Caring for the Caregivers

Each month our parish offers “Respite” for folks who are caring for family members afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia. About a dozen patients – known as clients – come to the Gathering Rooms on the first Saturday of each month for three hours, where they enjoy crafts, puzzles, word games, picture bingo, singing and lunch, while their usual caregivers have a break.



Barb Janas, a Registered Nurse with fifty years experience in caring for people with dementia, explains that caring for a family member with this condition is a 24-7 proposition. “Caregivers greatly appreciate the break they get from Respite” she notes. “They know their loved ones are in a very loving and caring environment here at St. Greg’s.” Barb was one of the founders of this ministry seven years ago, and presently is in charge of lunch each month. “We vary the menu from month to month; we’ll have pizza, subs, chili, sloppy joes, roast beef, and always really super homemade desserts.” The lunch is free, funded by parishioners through their Church envelopes.

“Respite” is a branch of the parish Health Care Ministry, and is overseen by our parish nurse, Lee Zack. “We have about 33 volunteers all told” she told *Spirit and Life*. “Each of our clients has his or her particular volunteer, who is with them at every moment. It’s hard for me to tell who is having more fun – the volunteers or the clients!”

Patricia Goodwin, R.N., tells why she is a Respite volunteer. “My father had Alzheimer's, and when he was diagnosed, it was difficult for our family to manage. But we got help. When I heard about Respite at St. Greg’s, I saw it as a way for me to give back for what others had done for my dad. Respite is great for the clients; it is great for their families; it is great for the volunteers.”

Parishioners who would like to consider being part of the Respite ministry can contact Lee Zack at 688 5678, ext. 339.

Stay Connected this Spring!!!

St. Gregory the Great is always looking for ways to enhance the way we communicate with Parishioners. We are excited to announce a re-launch of our old Parish App. The new app has

- Bulletin - View our most recent Bulletin the moment it is available online.
- Daily Readings - Follow the daily readings at home or during Mass.
- Online Giving - Manage your online giving account.
- Calendar - View upcoming events.
- School, FF and YM - Quick access to each Ministry’s websites.



One of the best features is the ability to sign up for Parish Notifications. This allows us to send notifications in case of emergency for closings, updates and so much more!

To download: IPHONE USERS TEXT: ParishApp1 to 555888, ANDROID USERS TEXT: ParishApp2 to 555888, look for the icon above and follow the prompts. Contact Marisa Piazza at mpiazza@stgregs.org with questions.

Evangelization Update

by Brian Rush

As you may or may not know, St. Greg's Evangelization Team is making a strong effort to connect with people outside our parish as well as those within the parish. One of the responsibilities involved with our evangelization efforts is to reach out, one family at a time, to the 2600 families (out of 6100) we have not consistently seen in years and inquire why they no longer celebrate with us, and invite them back.

On behalf of Fr. Leon, our priests and the parish ministry staff, I wish to be straightforward and sincerely invite YOU to make weekly Sunday Mass attendance a part of your life. Why? 1) Because we want you to strengthen your relationship with Christ through the Word and Eucharist (the source and summit of our Faith). 2) Because we recognize the third Commandment that tells us to Keep Holy the Sabbath. 3) And like a battery, if you do not continually recharge your Faith with the Mass, it will slowly die.



Our Catholic Faith expects us to attend Mass every week. And for us to know that you are attending Mass, we are asking all of our families to please use their permanent envelopes. We hope you can appreciate a parish our size needs to have people use their envelopes so we, as a parish, can keep accurate financial records for our budget and your tax purposes, as well as a way to know if families are indeed coming to Mass. It is not a perfect system by any means but it is the best tool we have to determine if parishioners are in fact joining us. It also gives us a baseline when we are asked to provide letters of recommendation and references should you be asked to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

I would like to speak to any concerns regarding the use of envelopes:

- We understand there may be moments in your life when you may not be able to contribute as much as you would like to the collection. Our greater concern is about your spiritual well-being. Please don't let your financial situation prevent you from attending Mass. We want you here.
- If you forget your permanent envelope at home, you can write your name and address on one of the blue envelopes located in the pews in between the Missalette holders.
- Belonging to a parish involves our attendance and support. In the rare occasion you are unable to join us at St. Greg's because of a family function, whacky work schedule or illness in the family, you can drop your permanent envelope in the collection basket at any of the Catholic Churches in our area...Amherst, Clarence, Getzville, Snyder, Williamsville... and they will send it back to us.
- We are blessed to have so many Masses offered in our area between Saturday evening and Sunday evening that we believe one can easily find a Mass that suits their schedule.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces. If you have questions, please contact Brian Ruh at 688 – 5678 ext. 313 or e-mail at bruh@stgregs.org

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April 4 – Be PUREly You
April 18 – FIAT
April 19– Divine Mercy Sunday
April 26 – SVDP Clothing Drive
May 8 – School May Crowning
May 9 – First Communion
May 9 – FIAT
May 10 – Family Mass at 9:30 am
May 13 – Confirmation
May 15– Chivetta’s BBQ to Support Great Race
May 31– St. Gregory the Great 12:30 pm
Mass/Reception
June 5 – School Walk-A-Thon
June 7 – Ladies of Charity - Household Goods
Collection
June 17 – FIAT
June 19 – Great Race



June 20 – Respect Life Week begins
June 21– Family Mass at 9:30 am
June 23 – School Graduation Mission Retreat
July 6 – Vacation Bible School starts
July 11 FIAT
July 12 – 18 Jamaica Mission Trip
July 12 – 18 Mission Retreat
July 19 – FFF Disciple Camp Carwash
August 2 – School Turns 60! Alumni Event
August 8 – FIAT
September 12 – FIAT