

**YOUTH RALLY, MARCH , AND MASS FOR LIFE
WITH BISHOP FISHER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22**

We are excited to host the Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30 pm. This will be in place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year. We are honored to have St. Greg's be the gathering place for this inspiring, peaceful, and vibrant event.



Use your phone's camera to scan QR code to learn more today!

Date: Saturday, January 22
Schedule of Events:

- ⇒ 3:30 Youth Rally in Ministry Center
 - ⇒ 4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Road
 - ⇒ 5:30 Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher
 - ⇒ Reception to follow in the Ministry Center
- All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. We ask that you dress appropriately, as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make appropriate signs to show our intentions.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am - 4:00 pm; SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - Closed

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses

SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

HOLY DAYS: As listed in the Bulletin.

For those who are unable to join us, daily Masses can be viewed on our website via livestream, weekend Masses via YouTube and livestream.

CATHOLIC STORE HOURS (276-6920): Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

CAFÉ HOURS (276-6915): Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 am-2:00 pm; Wednesday 5:30 -7:30; Saturday 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. *Closed Monday.*

ADORATION CHAPEL: The chapel is open 24 hours. Closed for cleaning from 4:00 to 4:20 daily.

CONFESSIONS: First Friday of the month from 8:45 to 9:30 am; Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:45 pm in the Church.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

PSALM:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

SECOND READING:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

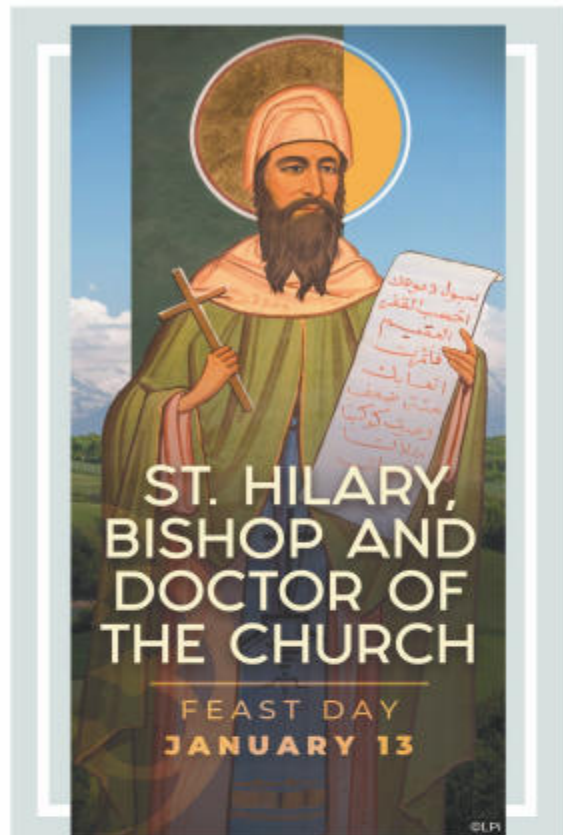
GOSPEL:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended
upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR. . .

My Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas Season. It is an appropriate time to take a look at our understanding of our Baptism. Of course, Jesus went to John to be baptized. John was baptizing in the spirit of repentance and preparation for the Messiah. Jesus needed no repentance, but saw this as the moment to begin his public ministry. We are Baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit which is the Baptism that John spoke of when he said "I baptize you with water, one mightier than I will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In the early Church the Baptism of the Lord was an extremely important celebration. It ranked even higher than Christmas itself. The early Church celebrated three feasts of Light (Epiphany, the Wedding Feast of Cana and The Baptism of Jesus) that illuminated God's nature and our call to be His people. Today, I do not think we place enough emphasis on Jesus' Baptism and, I dare say, we do not really place enough emphasis on our own Baptism. Today, we see fewer families bringing their children for Baptism and we see more and more grandparents lament over that reality. For many, Baptism, I fear, has been reduced to nothing more than a custom or family tradition. We have forgotten that when we are born, we are born in a state separated from God. In Baptism we are brought to be a member of the Body of Christ and are intimately united to Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Baptism calls us to live the Faith as the very foundation of who we are as a person. Baptism is the pool from which we derive our existence, knowledge and compelling motivation to give our lives to the mission of the Cross today. We are to transmit our Faith in every aspect of our lives. For those of us who are older, we are to also pass on our Faith to the next generation. This is especially true for parents. On the day of Baptism, parents are instructed that they are accepting the responsibility of teaching the Faith to their children; to love God and neighbor as Christ Jesus taught us. A Baptism of an infant does not take place unless the parents acknowledge that they know what they are undertaking and intend to fulfill it.

I sometimes wonder if we truly appreciate and live the meaning of Baptism. I have had many conversations with current military personnel and many veterans who live with a similar fear that many in our nation do not understand each citizen's responsibility to our country. Some in political leadership also have these concerns. Our civic understanding has shifted to entitlement rather than the mission to contribute. Similarly, many in the "not for profit" sector share the concern that many in our culture today do not share the mission of their work with the poor, missionary work, or preservation of culture, arts and more. In our Church we also have to question the level of life-long commitment to mission. We continually pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life and Consecrated Life because we see a sharp decline in the number of men and women willing to dedicate their entire life to the Life and Mission of the Gospel. A substantial part of the reason for the "Road to Renewal" is the declining number of priests. We expect just short of one hundred priests serving in the Diocese of Buffalo by the year 2030.

This Sunday may be a good time to once again go "back to basics" and ask ourselves a few questions. For those of us who are adults or teens, we need to ask the question; What does it mean to go back to the basics and do we take responsibility to help our younger children begin to ponder this in their lives as well? What do you see as the mission of your life? How many facets does that mission possess? Do you live your life motivated by the Mission of Jesus Christ rooted in Baptism, or is that not really a conscious thought?

Our parish is no different from any other parish in our Diocese and country. We have the average three-to-seven percent who enthusiastically embrace the mission of the parish and make everything happen. You know very well that we no longer have the 4:30 pm Sunday Mass because we lacked Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. It was not an issue of too few priests. We are blessed to have four priests serving at St. Greg's. This Christmas we were challenged with the same issue of too few Ushers and Liturgical Ministers. Again, this is not just a St. Greg's problem, but an issue facing pretty much every parish in the Diocese.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED. . .

We often mistakenly call those who serve in various capacities in the parish "volunteers." We often thank our "volunteers." There are no "volunteers" in the Church. Those we call "volunteers," those who are willing to roll up their sleeves daily and serve here at St. Greg's, are simply compelled to do so because they are living their Baptism and are compelled to do nothing else but live the mission. Some people sarcastically say "I'm living the dream" when asked how they are doing, when we should all honestly and energetically say daily "I'm living the Mission of Jesus Christ."

Living the Mission of Jesus is the goal of our parish, Church and very lives. Similarly, some look to the number enrolled in our Catholic Schools or Religious Education programs as indicators of discipleship. I do not look at these as signs of discipleship. Catholic schools and our Family Faith Formation programs serve to form Disciples for Christ. Rather, I look at the number of those already confirmed and those who have graduated from our Catholic schools, who are regularly at Mass and enrolled in serving in our ministries, as a good indicator of our success as a parish and Church in being and fostering intentional Disciples for Christ. How intentional are you in being His Disciple today? Intentional discipleship is the real call of our own Baptism.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AND MASS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The only daily Mass will be at 8:00 am.

The Parish Office, Catholic Store and the Café will be closed on Wednesday, January 26, as the staff attend a retreat. We will have our normal daily Mass schedule this day. The Parish Office will resume normal hours on Thursday, January 27.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. GREG'S THIS YEAR BY FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Receive spiritual quotes, learn about closings, cancellations and updates within the Parish, School, Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.



- ◇ Update your contact information with the Parish, especially your email, to receive weekly updates
- ◇ Subscribe to our YouTube Channel **@stgregswilliamsville** to view daily Mass, weekend services, special liturgical events and so much more!
- ◇ Download the **St. Gregory the Great Parish Mobile App**.
 - ◇ Iphone Users Text: *ParishApp1* to 555888, Andriod Users Text: *ParishApp2* to 555888, follow prompts.
- ◇ Follow St. Gregory the Great Parish **@StGregsBuffalo**, School **@stgregsthegreat**, Family Faith Formation and Youth Ministry on **Facebook!**
- ◇ Follow the Parish on Twitter **@StGregsBuffalo**
- ◇ Follow Youth Ministry on Twitter, and Instagram **@stgregsyouth** and **@stgregsyounadults**



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Why do we dip our finger in the Holy Water font at the doors of the Church and make the Sign of the Cross when we enter and leave?*

It is a reminder of our Baptism. Just as we entered the Church (our Faith) through Baptism, so too when we enter the Church (our building). And it is a reminder of who we are as Christians after we hear the words at the end of Mass, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," to act accordingly as we re-enter the world.

**Due to COVID restrictions we have temporarily stopped using our fonts.*



Join us for a fun-filled evening of fundraising, Funniest Videos of St. Greg's Awards and more ...

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL EVENT?

A virtual gala is where we can all come together on the internet from our own homes to help celebrate St. Greg's.

DINNERS, SPONSORS AND MORE ...

Families and friends can put together watch parties with sponsored gourmet dinners in your home and enjoy our award show and fundraising to benefit St. Greg's.

ST. GREG'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS

Kids ages 3-14 of the Parish and School community can submit videos for our Funniest Videos contest.

Categories are:

- Pet Olympics
- Backyard Bloopers
- Greg the Cougar
- Best Sports
- Best Entertainment
- Best School Spirit
- Best Dance

Check out Stgregs.org and click on No Go Gala-auction for more information

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that St. Gregory's has had a Prayer Chain for 30 years, with approximately 80 members who will pray for your intentions? You may call the Parish Office at 688-5678 to place a name on the Prayer Chain list and your intention will be remembered for 30 days.



CATHOLIC STORE CHRISTMAS SALE

Stop in the Catholic Store for our FLASH AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE. Select Christmas items up to 50% off until January 31. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grab a couple fabulous items.



Don't delay your goals! If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

A VOCATION VIEW

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

ADORATION CHAPEL DAILY CLOSURE

The Chapel will be closed every day from 4:00 pm to 4:20 pm to allow for proper sanitizing and cleaning. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue to create a clean environment for our faith community to safely adore and pray.

POPE FRANCIS ON THE FAMILY



“God chose a humble ...family by which to come into our midst.

[Contemplate] ... the beauty of this mystery...[First] *the family is the story from which we originate.* None of us was born magi-

cally, ... Each of us has our own

[family] story. ...Jesus too is the son of a family story. ...It is beautiful to see Jesus inserted into the fabric of familial affections, which were born and grew in the caresses and concerns of his parents. [And] us as well: ...the person we are today was born not ... out of the material goods ...but... from the love in the heart of the family.

“[Second:] *we learn how to be a family, each day.* [We] see that even in the Holy Family things did not all go well: there were unexpected problems, anxiety, suffering. ...Mary and Joseph lose Jesus and search for Him anxiously, ...they do not understand. They need time to learn to know their son. ...Every day, families [must] learn to listen and understand one another... to face conflicts and difficulties.

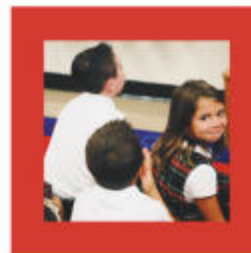
And how is this done? Look to Mary, who ... says to Jesus: “Your father and I have been searching for you” (v. 48). ...It does not say, *I and your father.* Before the “I,” comes “you”! Let us learn this: [To] protect harmony in the family, *the dictatorship of the “I”* [must] be fought... It is dangerous when, rather than listening to one another, we blame one another for mistakes; when... we become fixated on our own needs; when, ...we isolate ourselves with our [cell] phones. ...Let us convert ourselves from “I” to “you.” ...and ...each day, let us pray ... for the gift of peace in the family. And ...commit ourselves ...to sustain, defend and safeguard the family which is our treasure!” –Angelus message, 12/26/21 (Vatican.va)

NEXT MEETING

The Respect Life Committee will meet on Monday, January 10, at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center Room 1. All are welcome!



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Our Open House is Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30-12:30 pm

By appt. only, register today using the QR Code



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CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Sign up for great movies, audios, eBooks and Bible studies! Free!

- 1) Go to **www.FORMED.org**
 - 2) Click ‘Sign Up’
 - 3) Then click ‘I belong to a parish or organization’
 - 4) Type in ‘St. Gregory the Great, Williamsville NY’
- And away you go...

Did you know we have a Catholic Radio station right here in Buffalo? Tune into WLOF. FM 101.7 or go to **www.thestationofthecross.com** and give a listen to learn more about our Faith.

Do you have a question about our Faith or are curious about how to best explain our Faith to someone? Check out Catholic Answers at **www.catholic.com** Maybe watching TV programs is more your preference? Check your local listings for EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network).

Perhaps you’re looking for a good book or thoughtful gift for a friend? Browse through our bookstore located at the Parish Ministry Center across the parking lot from the Church. If you would like to learn more about Catholic resources in our parish, please look us up at **www.stgregs.org** or call us at 716-688-5678.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- There are **NO** classes on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Grades 5-8 Virtual Class Students can pick up their Gospel Weeklies** from the FFF Office during the following hours:
 - Monday – Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - Saturday, January 8 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am,
 - Monday from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Just a reminder for all our in-person classes: please remember to **fill the COVID screening at least 2 hours prior to class time.** Thank you for your kind cooperation, and welcome back!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

First Penance Mass of Enrollment is on Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 am in Church.

First Communion Online Registration began January 3, for all Grade 3 Public and Catholic School children. Last day to register is January 28. To register, go to <https://stgregs.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FirstCommunion2022>

Confirmation: All candidates should have submitted their Confirmation name already. Please remember to ask the saint whose name you have chosen, to pray for you in your final months of preparation for the sacrament. All sponsors who are not members of the St. Greg's Parish should have a letter of recommendation sent from their home parish to the FFF office. A letter will be sent home in the next few



weeks letting each candidate know how they are progressing on the road to Confirmation.

Outstanding generosity! This year's Confirmation candidates were offered a service opportunity to create Christmas cards for the residents at Elderwood, with the ambitious goal of 170 cards, ensuring every resident received a card. This amazing group of teenagers took that goal and smashed it creating 371 cards! Thank you candidates!!!

Pictured (to the right): Confirmation Coordinator, Catherine Wadhams delivering the cards. The box was full of cards demonstrating the generosity of hearts.

Thank you for your generosity!

To our wonderful Parishioners,

We can't tell you how much your very generous donations to the **Christmas Gift Collection** helped the needy; so we wanted to share with you, some of the thank you notes that came in...

Final tally for the Christmas Gift Collection:

Check Donations: \$13,830
 Gift Card Value :\$13,725
Grand Total: \$27,555

Dear Parishioners at St. Gregory the Great
 Thank you for your very kind December gift to Response to Love Center. Be assured all the gift certificates will be put to good use. As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with joy and PEACE. May the holiday blessings linger in your homes and stay with you and your families throughout the New Year. Be assured of our prayers. Merry Christmas!
 Sister Mary Johnice

Thank you so much for all the gifts for the families in the strengthening Families Program. So many of our families were overwhelmed by your generosity. Two families stated it would be the only gifts their children would receive - I gave them extra gift cards and we both cried -
 Thank you
 Mary Carroll

MINISTRY UPDATES

ST GREGORY'S SENIOR ORGANIZATION

It's January and that means that it is time to celebrate the birthdays of our members for all of 2022. If you are a senior, please join us for your party on Monday, January 10, at 1:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Our meeting will be followed by a birthday party featuring birthday cake and a magic show courtesy of Ted Burzynski of "It's Magic of Course." Please join us - you'll be glad you did.

LADIES OF THE LORD

Our monthly meeting will be in the Church at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 13. Please remember your prayer format paper and the need to social-distance properly. All are welcome.

MEN OF GOD

Join us for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 19, as we pray the Rosary, have group discussions and enjoy fellowship with one another. Feel free to bring a friend, brother, dad, uncle or cousin with you! For more information please contact Jeff Criden at 716-207-4878 or via email at jeffcrid@aol.com.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The next meeting for the Ladies of Charity will be Monday, January 24, at 1:00 pm in Gathering Rooms 1 and 2. Voluntary donation is dish detergent. All Covid protocols will be followed. New members are always welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When: Sunday, February 6

Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Ministry Center Gym

Tickets: \$8.00 each. Children 4 and under are free.

PreSale Tickets on St. Greg's Website or Purchase at the Door. **Menu includes:** Pancakes, egg, sausage, juice, and coffee. This breakfast is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. Proceeds will benefit various charities. To learn more contact Bob Moses at 716-908-4223.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION HEBREWS: THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT

This 8-week study program presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins on the Book of Hebrews draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more!

When: You can choose either Monday nights beginning January 24, in the Gathering Rooms from 6:45 pm until 8:15 pm **OR** Thursday afternoons beginning January 27, in the Gathering Rooms from 12:45 pm until 2:15 pm. If you are more comfortable joining us virtually through 'Zoom' we can explore that option.

Register: Contact Brian Ruh, by January 17, at 688-5678, ext. 313 or bruh@stgregs.org.

Study material required (\$29.95). This includes: Hard copy workbook and online video access (one year). To purchase your study set go to <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/hebrews-the-new-and-eternal-covenant-study-2> OR call Ascension Press at 1-800-376-0520.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in St Gregory's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held in the **Ministry Center Gym** on Saturday, January 22, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Participation is free. Contests are by age and gender. Winners are determined by best of 15 free throws. Participants are required to furnish date of birth (copy or original birth certificate/passport/etc.). Competition based on age on January 1, 2022. Parental/guardian consent forms are available at the event.

All participants receive recognition. Winners receive special certificates and patches. Winners are invited to the District Championship (February 5 at St. Greg's), with an opportunity to keep advancing all the way to the State Championship.

Questions or requests for parental consent forms can be directed to Jim at 481-0986. Call to make arrangements if player can't make start time or needs to leave early.

OUT OF PARISH

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE

Learn how they helped to rebuild the Catholic Church and your Faith. Rebuild and recharge your Faith with other Catholic women in a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.

When: June 26-July 8, 2022. Limited spots available.

Information Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm at St. Leo's Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd. Parking is in the back of the Church.

RSVP: Call or email Nadine Bargnes at 716-830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Would you like to use your time to develop a personal relationship with God AND better understand His living Word? Then we invite you to consider checking out "The Bible in a Year Podcast." Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection and prayer. Unlike any other Bible podcast, this **FREE** podcast follows a reading plan inspired by 'The Great Adventure Bible Timeline', an excellent approach to understanding salvation history by renowned Catholic Bible Scholar Jeff Cavins. With this **FREE** podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together. This podcast promises to give you confidence and understanding of Scripture.

Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- ⇒ two to three Scripture readings
- ⇒ a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- ⇒ and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in His Word.

If you're interested in learning more go to <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration> or simply Google 'Bible in a year podcast.'

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to purchase tickets for the *Soiree D'Amore* today! Purchase soon to reserve your spot.



MEAT RAFFLE
Proceeds benefit
St. Gregory the Great School HSA

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2022**
6 PM DOORS OPEN | 7 PM FIRST SPIN
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
MINISTRY CENTER
100 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville

RESERVE TICKETS NOW

Attend in person - must purchase a table of 8.
Attend virtually - watch live on Facebook.

Multiple ticketing options: advanced tickets for meat rounds, basket raffles, big raffle items, and split club.

We will comply with all CDC, NYS, Erie County and Parish Covid guidelines. No outside alcohol permitted.

Questions email: meatraftletime@gmail.com

REGISTER: <https://form.jotform.com/213057351858156>



YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

*Soiree
D'Amore*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM
ST. GREG'S MINISTRY CENTER

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\$45 PER TICKET | \$85 PER COUPLE

CHAMPAGNE, HORS D'OEUVRES,
WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS &
ROSES FOR THE LADIES

LIVE COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

DESSERT & COFFEE AFTER THE CONCERT

Complimentary concert featuring songs from ...Andrea Bocelli, Ed Sheeran, Christina Aguilera, Loren Allred, Christina Perri, Ellie Goulding, Bradley Cooper/Lady Gaga and more ...

Must be Age 21+
Purchase tickets at:
<https://givebutter.com/SoireeDamore>

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 8 - Vigil Masses

- 4:00 pm Claire Meany by The Hogg Family
Susan Michaels by Sharyn & Bill Miller
- 5:30pm Noworyta Family by Marcia & Jerry
Piskorowski

Sunday, January 9 – Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am D. Michael Waldo by Son, Michael
Waldo
- 9:30 am Richard Panepinto by Marianne
Bocabella
Adele Kloch by Mr. & Mrs. James
Smyczynski
- 11:00 am Gertrude Bauer by Joan & Ron
Resetarits
- 12:30 pm Charles Elardo by Carolyn Priore
George & Marion Michael by Schwarz
Family

Monday, January 10

- 7:00 am Margaret Wild by Sevilla Family
- 8:00 am Utnik Family (living) by Betsy Utnik
- 12:00 pm Frank Jarmusz by Judy Jarmusz

Tuesday, January 11

- 7:00 am Shirley & John Allen by Gramza Family
- 8:00 am Patricia Richert by Barbara & Bob
Klocke
- 12:00 pm Mark Collins by Mary Pope & Family

Wednesday, January 12

- 7:00 am David Stagner by Charles & Thomasina
Gallo
- 8:00 am Norine Slawson (living) by Tom &
Shelly Reidy
- 12:00 pm Alfonse Gambacorta by Marge Laciura

Thursday, January 13 – St. Hilary

- 7:00 am Rita Fenske by Amelia Remick
- 8:00 am For the People of St. Gregory the Great
Parish
- 12:00 pm Tom Barnes by Dave & Meg King

Friday, January 14

- 7:00 am Pfeiffer & Mueller Families by M. B.
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- 8:00 am Dorothy West by West/Lefko Family
Anthony D. Vetrano by Children
- 12:00 pm Sophie Biernat by Son, Fr. Leon Biernat
Dottie Hoffman (birth) by Dad, Julie,
Alan, AJ & Stephen

Saturday, January 15

- 8:00 am Virginia Jonny by Lillian Reynolds
- ### Vigil Masses
- 4:00 pm Blase Thurston (anniv) by Thurston
Family
- 5:30 pm Richard MacVittie, Sr by The Voltz F
Family

Sunday, January 16 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Jeanne Goergen (anniv) by The
Goergen Family
- 9:30 am Rose Tomasulo by Dayer Girls, Peggy,
Phyllis & Nancy
- 11:00 am Joe Lamastra by Sam & Gina
Giammusso
- 12:30 pm Mary & Vinnie Lesh (anniv wedding)
Nancy & Mike McGory
Anna & Peter DiSalvo (anniv) by
Rosalia Montagna

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