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# ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

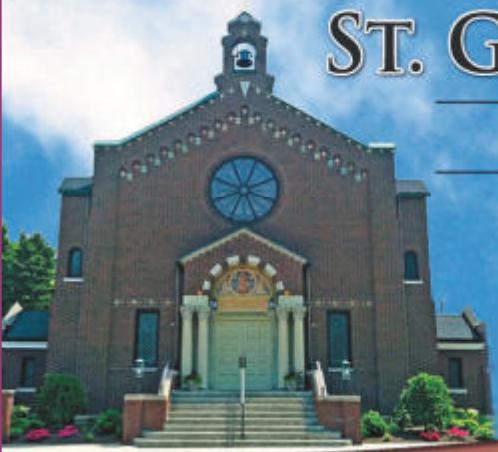
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School Phone: 814-725-4571 • Cemetery Phone: 814-725-9691

OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday: 9AM–3PM; Friday: 9AM–Noon



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Winter

Saturday.....5:00 PM  
Sunday....7:30, 9:00 & Noon

### Weekday

Mon., Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM  
at St. Gregory Church  
Thursday....12:10 PM at St. Gregory  
Church

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion  
following the 8:00 AM Mass on  
Wednesday*

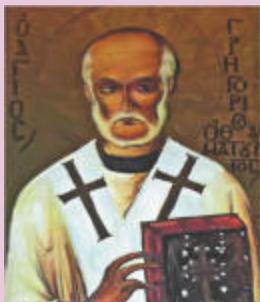
## STAFF

*Pastor, Rev. Thomas Brooks*

*Permanent Deacon,  
Rev. Mr. Richard Winschel,*

*Pastoral Minister, Cindy Riefstahl  
Faith Formation Leader, Jennifer Humes  
Administrative Assistant, Patti Prindle*

*Director of Sacred Music, Corey Spacht  
School Principal Team:, Ms. Allissa  
Bowman, Mrs. Amy Kloss, Ms. Nancy  
Pierce*



St. Gregory  
Thaumaturgus,  
Wonder-Worker,  
inspire us to a  
more lively faith,  
hope and charity  
through prayer,  
love for God and  
generous service  
to God's people.  
Amen!

**MARCH 21, 2021**



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In The Heart Of  
North East, Pennsylvania*



*Celebrating Our 145th Anniversary  
As A Parish Family And The  
95th Anniversary Of Our Church*

#### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must pre-register for the session. Baptisms are celebrated during Mass, following the last Mass on Sunday, or by special arrangement. Please schedule by calling the Parish Office.

**First Reconciliation/Eucharist** – Children entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including St. Gregory Parish School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions. Sacraments are celebrated in late winter and spring.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation program. Sessions begin in the fall and Confirmation is celebrated in the spring.

**Matrimony** – Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

**Anointing of the Sick** – The Sacrament is available to all those who are seriously ill or advanced in age. Please call the Parish Office to request a visit by the priest.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, or by request. There are two multi-parish celebrations during Advent and Lent.

#### PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We are a welcoming Family of Faith who rejoice in God's many blessings! All members of the Parish receive envelopes and parish mailings. St. Gregory Parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish, committed to serving the Lord through use of God-given time, talent and treasure. Please use the membership form in the bulletin or visit the Parish Office to register.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children ages 4-10 are invited to participate in a special Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

#### BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by e-mail or by phone call by Monday at 1:00 PM.

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Desire to receive the Sacraments you missed like Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation? The R.C.I.A. process is meant for you! Please call the Parish Office for more information.

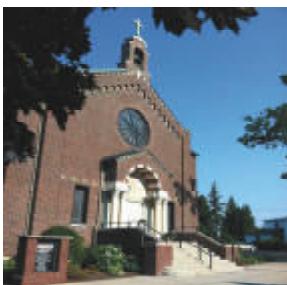
#### PRAYER LINE

Add your request for prayer by calling Rosemary Repko at 814-602-6271

#### THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

Including the office for The Protection Of Children and Youth  
<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

## *Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish At A Glance...*



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Dear Members and Friends of the St. Gregory Parish Family,

What a difference a year can make! Back in 2020, the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated here at St. Gregory Thaumaturgus on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Our church was just packed with the Confirmation candidates from both St. Gregory and St. James Parishes, their sponsors, family members and friends. The St. Gregory Wonder-Workers hosted a terrific meal to welcome our Celebrant, Msgr. Edward Lohse, and an equally wonderful reception that followed downstairs in the Parish Family Room.

Confirmation 2021, to be held this week, will look quite a bit different. We are honored that Bishop Persico will be with us to confirm one of the larger Confirmation Classes from our parish in a number of years. However, there will be no welcoming meal or reception to follow. Masks will be worn, social-distancing guidelines maintained, and only family members will be invited to attend, using the remaining seating upstairs and the alternative seating offered downstairs. In some ways, my friends, the situation is certainly less than ideal. Confirmation is meant to be a Sacrament that engages the entire “*Church*” community! On the other hand, it’s still going to be an uplifting and amazing celebration that many can participate in online!

Our young people to be confirmed are truly remarkable. Despite the disruption of their education and usual preparation, they are ready and willing to say “*Yes*” to taking their place as adult Catholics in the Family of Faith. They are eager to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and are prayerful that the Spirit will be with them and guide them as they do their best to live good Christian lives. They are grateful to their teachers, family members and friends who have supported them on the way to this happy day. And our Bishop will be present to remind us, in person or participating online, of our unity and collective mission to love and serve our God through our love of and service to one another.

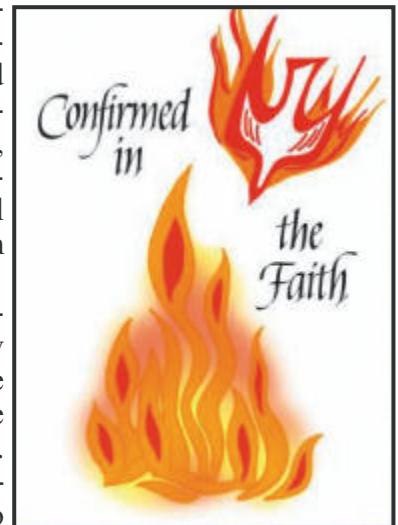
I join you, friends, in offering particular thanks to our Faith Formation Director, Jennifer Humes; and Confirmation Catechist, Corey Hansen; for their dedication in leading the Confirmation Class of 2021. The reward for you, and the entire Parish Family, are youth who appreciate your guidance and witness as they grow in their relationship with God and do their best to profess their faith in action. I would also like to extend thanks to Fr. Tom Trocchio, Pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist and Mount Calvary Parishes, for assisting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Confirmation Retreat Day. It was most generous of him to offer up a part of his Sunday afternoon during this very busy Lenten Season.



I am particularly delighted that we are sharing in the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Gospel of that day offers an important message to our Confirmation candidates; to all of us who have been undergoing challenges and hardships this past year. The message is this: “*Hang in there! Things were not always easy for Mary either!*” Consider the angel Gabriel’s greeting: “*Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.*” (Luke 1,28) Imagine being asked to take on the incredible role and responsibility to be the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God! Her “*Yes*” meant an unanticipated pregnancy, giving birth in a stable, fleeing to safety in a foreign country, and eventually watching her only Son die an agonizing death on a cross! Yet, in all the joyful times, in all the difficult times, Mary never hesitated to live out her commitment; Mary never doubted that God was with her!

Yes, friends, Confirmation may “*look a little different*” this year, as have so many things during this time of pandemic. However, inspired by Mary, we remember and declare with confidence: “*God is with us!*” And, as our Confirmation candidates say “*Yes*” to the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives, they are doubly blessed to celebrate on a day dedicated to someone who lived out her commitment to God each and every day of her life! With that in mind, our communal prayer for the Confirmation Class of 2021 is that they will keep Jesus’ parting promise in mind: “*I will be with you always!*” (Matthew 28,20) ALWAYS! Repeat a loud and clear “*Yes*” to those words each and every day and you will live happier, more confident, more fulfilling lives!

Please remember, friends, that Confirmation is not only an “*event*” that we record and look back on; it is an “*experience*” that continues to motivate us to live the life of the Spirit! Peace, joy and a blessed Fifth Week of Lent to all of you!



*Fr. Tom*



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on **Wednesday, March 24th**, from 5:00-6:00 PM.

Confessions are heard in the sacristy, where the priest prepares for Mass.

**Please remember masks are required at all times when in church and remember to maintain social distancing.**

## St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Fundraiser

The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party was interrupted last year due to COVID-19. To avoid another year without the needed fundraising for our seminarians, the people of the Diocese of Erie are asked to support this fundraiser. There will be a raffle of three cash prizes (one \$250 award, one \$500 award and the grand prize of \$1,000). A donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. You will receive an additional chance for every additional \$25 donated. No tickets will be issued. Your check is your entry. A live drawing will be held on the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Facebook page on April 15 at 7 p.m. Enter by mail before April 5, 2021, by mailing your donation to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508.

Please include your phone number or email so you can be notified if you win!



Many thanks for the recent gifts to the St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish and School Endowment Funds:

**In loving memory of  
Robert Riefstahl**

from

Pat Ring; Donald & Diane Riefstahl; Geoff & Sue McCreary; The Electric Materials Company; Christina Eastbourn

Your gifts; current, planned, or deferred; are greatly appreciated!

## Faith Formation

### March

**March 21st:** Family Lenten Service Grades 9 & 10: Zoom

**March 25th:** Confirmation

**March 28th:** Palm Sunday, No Faith Formation

For questions contact Jen Humes at 814-450-6533 or email her at [jhumes@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhumes@roadrunner.com)



Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowls during Holy Week. There will be a receptacle available near the Blessed Mother Shrine in Church. Remember that one-half of the money collected remains in North East for the benefit of the Food Pantry. Many people depend on this annual gift, so please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

### Bethany offers personal retreats

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville invites people to take a day or days of personal retreat to focus on self-care. Days of renewal are offered for those who want to come for a day, overnight or a few days to join the Sisters of Anawim for prayer and daily Mass, reconciliation, home-cooked meals and to take walks on the grounds. COVID-19 safety precautions are in full force. If you do not reside in a COVID “hot spot,” are not experiencing any symptoms, or have not been around anyone exposed to the virus, you are welcome to come. Remaining available dates are April 27 to May 1, May 18-22 and June 15-19.

Space is limited. For further details, go to [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org).





**Palm Sunday, March 28, Mass Schedule:** 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass;  
Sunday Masses at 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM and Noon.

**Chrism Mass, Monday, March 29,** at 1:00 PM live-streamed from St. Peter Cathedral

**8:00 AM Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at St. Gregory Church**

**Holy Thursday, April 1, Mass at 7:00 PM at St. Gregory Church.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10:00 PM in the Church**  
All are welcome to visit with the Lord during this special time. This period of quiet and meditation reminds us of Jesus' journey from the celebration of the Last Supper to the garden.

**Good Friday, April 2, 12 Noon North East Area Council of Churches  
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Gregory Church**

**2:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion  
at St. Gregory Church**

**Holy Saturday, April 3, Blessing of Easter Foods 12:00-12:30 PM**

This will be a “please remain in your car” event. Pull car up near the Southwest entrance of the church building. Fr. Tom or Deacon Rick will come to the car and bless your Easter Foods. You may then proceed out onto South Pearl Street as you go home and prepare to celebrate. Thank you!

**Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 4, Mass schedule: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM and Noon**

Please note that there is an additional Mass at 10:30 AM on Easter Morning. This will enable more people to celebrate the Easter Mass in person and still maintain masking/social-distancing guidelines. Thank you!

## HOLY WEEK At Home

We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our homebound households are still valued members of our parish community.

We look forward to celebrating Mass together in-person whenever it is safe for everyone to return. In the meantime, St. Gregory Parish wants to support the faith lives of all our parishioners, near and far, during this sacred time in our Church’s liturgical year.

Starting on Palm Sunday, the diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at the website listed below. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but they are open to everyone. The website will include prayer resources relevant to all ages, including people who live alone and young families.

Have a blessed Holy Week.

<https://www.eriercd.org/holyweekathome.html>

## *Online Auction*

### **CRUSADE FOR KIDS AUCTION**

Saint Gregory School hosts an annual live auction every year in the spring. This event serves as the school's major fundraiser. Last year, due to circumstances, we held an online auction in August.

This year the plan is to hold an online auction the week of **April 26th – May 2nd**.

Additional details regarding viewing and logging on to the auction will be published closer to the date of the auction. Thank you, in advance, for any help that you are able to offer to St. Gregory Parish School.

### **CSA 2021**



**First goal: \$60,000.00  
Parish Goal: \$120,000.00**

**Great News! We now have \$87,165.00 pledged towards the annual CSA.**

**This means that the heating unit in the school is covered and that every dollar now raised can go towards the replacement of our chapel roof.**

**It takes all of us, working together, to achieve success! Please try to make your pledge by Easter Sunday, if possible.**

**Thank you and God bless you for doing the best you can as part of the Parish Family!**

**Families Pledged: 142  
Amount Pledged: \$87,165.00  
Paid to date: \$61,770.00**

### ***Readings for the week of March 21, 2021***

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

### **St. Gregory Cemetery:**

All winter wreaths and Christmas decorations must be removed from the gravesites by April 2nd in preparation for the Spring Season.

**MONDAY, March 22**

8:00 AM– Rosemary Winschel-Joe &amp; Tamie Lander

**TUESDAY, March 23**

8:00 AM– Sam Ciminnisi– Chris Eastbourn

**WEDNESDAY, March 24**

8:00 AM –Sarah &amp; Donald Valimont– Knights of Columbus

**THURSDAY, March 25**

12:10 PM– Donald Triana– Ron &amp; Marty Morris

7:00 PM-Confirmation Class of 2021

**FRIDAY, March 26**

8:00 AM– Paul Elchynski– His Wife

**SATURDAY, March 27**

5:00 PM– Theresa Turiczek-Mr. &amp; Mrs. Frank Abate

**PALM SUNDAY, March 28****7:00 AM**-Parishioners Living & Deceased

9:00 AM-Myron &amp; Jean Kloss– Their Children

Noon– Rosemary Winschel-Joe &amp; Mary Ann Lican



**Please note:**  
**The Mass schedule for Palm Sunday is:**  
**7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and Noon.**

There will be blessed palms available following all the weekend Masses. Please feel free to take palms with you **following the Mass**. Thank you!

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed on Thursday, at 11:45 AM, prior to the Mass.

Stations of the Cross will follow the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, March 26th.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION****March 13/14, 2021**

Envelopes Mailed.....	596
Regular Envelopes Used .....	86
Amount in Adult's Envelopes.....	\$6,241.00
Loose.....	\$338.00
Building Maintenance.....	\$62.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$1,627.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$553.30
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$8,521.30</b>
Fiscal year-to-date offertory collection.....	\$291,592.04
Fiscal year-to-date offertory budget.....	\$284,615.47



**Easter Flower Memorials**  
must be returned to the Parish Office no later than **Monday, March 22nd** to be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

Please keep this in mind and thank you for the wonderful way you both remember your loved ones and make our church environment so inspiring!



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in honor of  
**The Blessed Sacrament**  
and in memory of  
**Mary Malta**  
by Daughter Jo

**Confessions will be heard on Saturday from 4:00-4:30 PM in the sacristy.**

**Please remember masks, covering nose and mouth, are required at all times when in church and remember to maintain social distancing.**

**St. Gregory Church Membership Form** (Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish Office)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

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