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EASTER SUNDAY | 31 MARCH 2024



My Dear Friends,

Today, on the most glorious day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Let us ponder the meaning of this extraordinary event throughout the entire season of Easter.

The great fifty days of Easter are not an unwelcome, unrealistic , obligation to "party on," even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart" and to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives.

On behalf of the Church of Saint Gregory community, whether you are a visitor or parishioner, whether you gather with us every Sunday or occasionally, I wish you blessings on this Easter Sunday and every day. I pray that our Risen Lord will be revealed to you in Word and Sacrament, in the love of family, friends and Church, in the witness of charity and holiness of life.

Finally, I encourage you to accept my sincere invitation to join us and our wonderful OLS partners for a special celebration of Easter outlined in my Holy Week letter to you and your loved ones. Please make your reservation today.

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Peace,



We assemble for worship to transform hearts, inspire minds, and heal souls.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even as the disciples saw the empty tomb and the discarded burial cloths, they did not understand what had happened. But they kept faith, trusting that the Lord was at work. Let us keep that same faith when we do not find God where we expect Him to be.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Easter joy abounds here in our CSG/OLS communities as we welcome the elect who have been preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We have been blessed to journey with them this past year and look forward to celebrating with them in their journeys that lie ahead of them! Congratulations and our most sincere welcome to:

> **Irene Albano** Marco Ceccarelli Shawn Gingerlowski Briana Gingerlowski Olivia Gingerlowski **Owen Gingerlowski** Paul Christopher Metzger **Holly Morgan Aime Popielski Frank Sibley** Eli Troup **Daniel Troup Gavin Troup** Hadley Troup Lisa Waznak St. John Whittaker



DIALOG

GREEN



MONDAY | APRIL 1 8:00 AM @ CSG F

OCTAVE OF EASTER

@ CSG Pasquale &

Pasquale & Minnie Mastroianni (Family) John Straham (Wife)

12:10 PM @ OLS

OCTAVE OF EASTER

TUESDAY | APRIL 2

8:00 AM @ CSG 12:10 PM @ OLS

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 3 8:00 AM @ CSG 12:10 PM @ OLS

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Bill Donovan (Wife, Linda) Mary Ann McNulty (Jack & Margaret McNulty)

THURSDAY | APRIL 4

8:00 AM @ CSG 12:10 PM @ OLS 4 OCTAVE OF EASTER Michael Facigila (Dan & Sue Capozzi) Robert Barnack (Barnack Family)

Genny Farnan Robinson (Family)

William Clarke (Patricia Clarke)

FRIDAY | APRIL 5 8:00 AM @ CSG

OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:00 AM @ CSG Eugene Lombardi (Family) 12:10 PM @ OLS Michael McNulty (Jack & Margaret McNulty)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY | APRIL 6

4:00 PM @ CSB Patrick Pren 5:00 PM @ CSG Alan Kross 5:15 PM @ OLS

Patrick Prendergast (Roslund Family) Alan Kross (Linda & John Wandalowski) John McShaffery, Jr. (Bill & Patti Thomas)

SUNDAY | APRIL 7

7:00 AM @ OLS	Deceased Members of the Parish
8:00 AM @ CSB	Audrey Lehnert (Phyllis & Joe Ruzbarsky)
8:00 AM @ CSG	
9:30 AM @ OLS	Arthur Moran (Jamie & Cathy Stone)
10:00 AM @ CSG	
11:30 AM @ OLS	Mary Calvey Port (Elizabeth Schumacher)

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 31, 2024

This weekend's Scripture Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-9

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We study God's word to form faith, challenge understanding, and animate action.

BLESSING CUP MASS

Families and friends of the children receiving their First Communion this year are invited to a **Blessing Cup Mass on Sunday, April 14, at 10:00 AM**. Consider joining the parish as we bless and celebrate the 60 children who continue to prepare for the sacrament of First Eucharist.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 9



The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

Join us on Tuesdays! April 9 - May 28

Held in the Gathering Room at OLS Cost: \$30 per Workbook

Two Session Times Available:

10:00am – 11:30am with Irene Vauter or 6:30pm – 8:00pm with Fr. Michael



For more information or to register, call Sue Burke **at the OLS** Parish Center at 570-586-1741!

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THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4

Season 4 of THE CHOSEN is coming to Saint Gregory's. Please join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, starting April 9,** and continuing for eight weeks as we watch and discuss each episode of Season 4. THE CHOSEN has become the most successful crowdfunded series and highlights the followers of Jesus, their personal journeys, and their struggles as they learn the cost of being a true disciple of Jesus.

CELEBRATING THE **SACRAMENTS**



CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, April 24 | 5 PM Bishop Bambera will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with us this year.



Sunday, April 28 | 12 PM Sunday, May 5 | 12 PM Please check your email for your assigned date & time.



COMMUNITY

We nurture a community that welcomes neighbor, embraces differences, and celebrates unity.



The National Eucharistic Congress in 2024 will be a pivotal, unifying, and transformative moment for the Church in the United States of America. Be part of this historic event as Catholics from around the country gather together for a week centered on Eucharistic revival with liturgical worship, great speakers, workshops, much more!

DISCOUNT TICKETS ONLY



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AS WE ALL COME TOGETH**ER** FOR A JOYFUL EVENING OF COMMUNITY & CAMARADERIE



SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 6:00 PM

MONTDALE COUNTRY CLUB 195 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD JERMYN, PA 18433

LIVE MUSIC • COCKTAILS • LIGHT FARE THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ADULTS AGE 21 AND OVER

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED SPACE IS LIMITED • EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY

RESPOND BY FRIDAY, APRIL 5 BY CALLING YOUR PARISH OFFICE OR VISITING YOUR PARISH WEBSITE www.olsparish.net • www.thechurchofstgregory.com



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We support and care for all through compassionate outreach and service.

YOUR EASTER OFFERING EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERNECE

Easter is the sign of God's great sacrifice for all of us. At Easter, Jesus offered everything for us, including His very life! We are focusing and asking everyone to do what Jesus modeled for us! Jesus gave his life for us.

This year we are asking everyone in our church to pray about what God would have you give "over and above" your regular Easter Offering. If you have not participated in the past, make a special first gift this year.

We know that everyone cannot contribute at this time. Your wonderful gift of prayer is equally important and very much needed. God has given us a great mission, and we're blessed to be able to join God in advancing the Gospel in the Abington's.

Your Easter gifts to the Church of St. Gregory are critical to maintaining our many ministries and helping develop new opportunities for ministry in our new strategic plan. In addition, we are upgrading our technology suite for religious faith formation and programming efforts. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 1. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2.





The need at our local food banks grows every day. We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items each week. Donations of pet foods are also welcome. Thank you for your generous spirit in helping us feed the hungry!

AT MASS...

We will include your gifts for the poor with the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory. Simply place your donation in the basket near the font.

...OR IN THE CART!

We welcome your donations during the week too! Our Food Cart is located inside the entrance near OLP School on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9 AM–3 PM.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2024!



JUNE 24-28, 2024

STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MARCH 24 SUNDAY OFFERING Envelopes \$12,396.00 Online \$5,642.09

Please donate today by mail, at church, or online at thechurchofstgregory.com, on the Saint Gregory parish app, or the GivePlus app.

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THE CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY

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MSGR. JOSEPH G. QUINN,

REV. MICHAEL J. BORIS,

REV. JOHN M. LAPERA. Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM CSG, 12:10 PM OLS

5:00 PM Vigil CSG 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM CSG

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY or by appointment

OFFICE SCHEDULE

OUR MISSION

To accompany all in loving God and living Eucharist.



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Church of Saint Gregory

BAPTISM

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the Third Sunday of every month at 1 PM. Baptisms may be arranged at other times when necessary. Parent and Godparent preparation may be scheduled by calling the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the rectory at anytime for the celebration of this sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the desired wedding date. Please contact Father Lapera.

COMMUNION CALLS

A team of Extraordinary Communion Ministers visit our homebound with Communion every month. For more Information please contact Deacon Robert Sheils at rsheils1@comcast.net

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If anyone has a family member, relative or friend in any of the area hospitals and would like them to have a visit, please call the rectory.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FOUNDATIONS is a comprehensive faith formation program that creatively fosters the sharing of faith *primarily* among parents and families and among catechists, mentors, peers, and the parish community. Through guided family formation experiences, collaborative grade level workshops, and immersive service opportunities, FOUNDATIONS will lay the foundation for the next generation's full and active participation in the life of our parish and Church.