

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none." Lk 13:6

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

March 20, 2022

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Bristol, Connecticut 06010

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Reverend John J. Dietrich
Pastor

Reverend John P. Gatzak
In Residence

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am; 9:30am; 11:15am

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday, 9:00am

Sacraments

Baptisms: Are celebrated **every** Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

Marriages: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

Confessions: Tuesday: 7:00pm
Friday: 9:30am
Saturday: 3:00pm
(or by request)

Parish Office

Linda Marchi, Parish Secretary
Maureen Stella, Office Assistant
Office: 860-589-2295

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Deborah York
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Faith Formation

Claudia Larsen
Director of Faith Formation
Office: 860-589-4232

Director of Music

David Junko
203-217-5752

VISITATION OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Those who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, disability or age are encouraged to call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacraments to be received at home.
Please notify us if you are hospitalized and would like to be visited.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday — 9:00am to Noon; 1:00 to 3:00pm; Closed on Fridays

E-Mail: st.gregory.rectory@comcast.net • Website: stgregorybristol.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:00pm	March 19 Vigil 3rd Sunday of Lent Bryan Urso <i>by John & Pam Delaney</i>
Sunday 7:30am	March 20 3rd Sunday of Lent Adelle & Albert Paulauskas <i>by the Lamonte family</i>
9:30am	Antioniette & John Kusiak <i>by daughter Nancy</i>
11:15am	Mel Lizotte <i>by wife & children</i>
Monday 9:00am	March 21 Lenten Weekday Dante Cistulli Sr. <i>by wife & family</i>
Tuesday 9:00am 7:00pm	March 22 Lenten Weekday Stella Leahy <i>by son</i> Holy Hour & Confessions
Wednesday 9:00am	March 23 Lenten Weekday Susanne Vachon <i>by Rejean Vachon & family</i>
Thursday 9:00am	March 24 Lenten Weekday Richard Kaczypenski <i>by wife Phoebe</i>
Friday 9:00am	March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord Richard Kaczypenski <i>by wife Phoebe</i>
Saturday 9:00am	March 26 Lenten Weekday Pauline Casey <i>by sister Jeannette Varkal</i>
Saturday 4:00pm	March 26 Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent Barbara Letizio <i>by John & Pam Delaney</i>
Sunday 7:30am	March 27 4th Sunday of Lent Elizabeth Marr <i>by Jeff & Betsy</i>
9:30am	Kathleen Horacek <i>by family</i>
11:15am	Michael Davis <i>by wife Brenda</i>

March 13, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

As we wish Fr. Glen all the best as he assumes his new responsibilities as Administrator of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Woodbridge, I want to offer a few words of explanation during this time of transition.

Please know that I have arranged coverage for all weekday and weekend Masses for the remaining two weeks of March. I am grateful for Fr. Jack Pahl and Fr. Than Nguyen who have offered their help in celebrating these additional Masses. However, my challenge will be to meet the demands of funerals, sick calls, baptisms, etc. In light of this, I am grateful for Deacon Brian Armstrong (St. Matthew's) and Deacon Rich Wisniewski (Ret.) who also are committed to help as needed.

The good news is that, at least for the month of April, there will be a priest-in residence at St. Gregory's who will cover most of the daily and weekend responsibilities—including Holy Week—until he assumes his new assignment in May. Of course, our hope is that by May a new priest-in-residence will be assigned to St. Gregory's.

Given the current situation, I ask for your patience as I try to be more present at our parish of St. Gregory's. It is my intention to celebrate more weekday and weekend Masses at St. Gregory's; however, this also depends on the availability and schedules of the other priests who help us. In addition, the last weekend of each month I am presently committed to preach all the Masses at St. Matthew's as part of a bible study series that began last November.

Finally, I ask that you pray for vocations to the priesthood. The Lord Himself says in the Gospel of Luke: **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"** (Lk 10:2). Clearly, we cannot count on there always being a priest ready to fill a vacancy. We must pray and we must also encourage young men to consider the priesthood if they show signs of a possible vocation.

May God bless you. St. Gregory the Great, pray for us!

Fr. Dietrich

Weekly Offertory

We are most grateful for your
continued generosity.

March 13, 2022 offertory \$7,462.00

Please remember to mark your envelope so that
you may receive proper credit.



SAINT GREGORY 300 CLUB

Week 23 \$20 - 77
 \$10 - 367

Week 24 \$20 - 107
 \$10 - 238

CONGRATULATIONS!!



ST. PAUL GIRLS SOFTBALL

LENTEN PASTA SUPPER

Friday, March 25, 2022

DRIVE-THRU EVENT

5:00 — 7:00PM

Cash & Venmo Accepted
Beautiful Raffle Baskets

HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**"The greater the sinner, the greater the right he
has to My mercy."**

St. Faustina's Diary - 723

St. Matthew Church will host a Divine Mercy
Sunday Holy Hour on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at
3:00p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Reflection on the Message of Divine Mercy

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Sung

Benediction

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

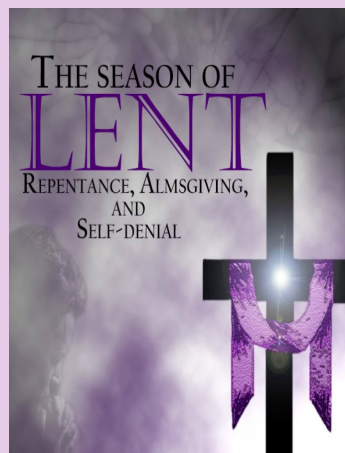
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On Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence

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These several weeks of prayer, fasting and
abstinence—including works of charity—are in
preparation to celebrate Christ's Resurrection this
Easter.

All Catholics age 14 and older are obliged to
abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, including
the Paschal fast of Good Friday. To fast is to limit
oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals
(which together do not equal a full meal) and no
solid-food snacks in-between. The drinking of ordi-
nary fluids does not break the fast. Excused are the
sick and infirm and those for whom these rules do
not meet their real physical needs and who may
therefore adjust their fast as necessary.



Lent Confession

Mondays during
Lent:

4:00-5:00 p.m.

(in addition to 3:00p.m.
Saturdays)



With the crisis in Ukraine worsening every day, people are asking how they can help. Some have offered to give clothing and other items; however we also remember seeing reports about donations to previous disaster zones which created more of a problem than gave help.

So what can we do to help the suffering people of Ukraine?

It seems the best way is a **cash donation** to trusted charities that will apply your gift to suit the current need.

Below are just a few recommended ways in which you can help.

Archdiocese of Hartford – Knights of Columbus/ Ukraine Solidarity Fund—<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

Catholic Relief Services—<https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/ukraine>

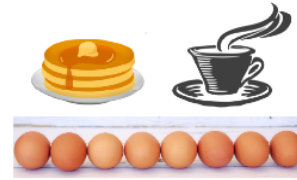
Doctors Without Borders—<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/countries/ukraine>

Mercy Corps.— <https://www.mercycorps.org/donate/crisis-ukraine-give-now>

Project Hope— <https://www.projecthope.org/crisis-in-ukraine-how-to-help/02/2022/>

Save the Children—<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/where-we-work/ukraine>

Join us for Breakfast



This Breakfast will Benefit
St. Paul High School and St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, 3-27-22, 8 am till Noon
Location: St. Gregory's CCD Center Hall
1043 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

Sponsored by the Bristol, CT
Knights of Columbus Palos Council 35

We are serving: Eggs, Home Fries, Ham, Sausage,
Pancakes, Bread, Fruit Cup, Orange Juice and Coffee.

Tickets are Available at the Door
or you can call in advance to reserve your Tickets:
Ken 860-690-1516

Donation: Adults -\$10.00 Kids (under 10) -\$5.00



You Can Still Join!

The 300 Club accepts new members all year so, if you missed the October sign-up, *it's not too late!* There are over **50 drawings left**—you could be a winner!

1st New Member:

NAME: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2nd New Member:

NAME: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fee: \$50.00 per person at sign-up
Checks payable to: St. Gregory's 300 Club
Complete form and return with payment to the collection basket, drop-off box at the Rectory, or mail to the Rectory: 235 Maltby Street, Bristol.
Questions? Contact Laurie at 860-583-8599.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday evening at 6:30pm during Lent, we will meet in the lobby at St. Paul Catholic High School.

The Bible Study will be on the Eucharist using a program from **Formed**.

Please bring a Bible with you!

All are Welcome.



Mondays 9:30 A.M. At the Rectory

The 1st meeting of 2022 will be March 21st.

Do you knit or crochet? If yes, come join us. Those who gather create Prayer Shawls, mini Prayer Shawls, lap robes, baby blankets for Baptisms, chemo hats, mittens and hats and gloves; all to bring warmth and spiritual comfort to those who are in need. Meetings are once a month.

Call Pat @ (860) 673-4495 or
Lois @ (860) 589-1762 with any questions.

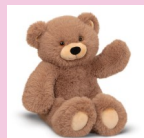


Pins & Earrings



When you are spring cleaning, please think of us. We are in need of small to medium size pins and earrings to decorate our chemo hats; anything from religious themes to other designs. Any donations can be left at the Rectory.

Thank you, in advance, for any donations you are able to make.



HOLY HOUR EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00PM

COME FOR 10, 20, 30 MINUTES OR 1 HOUR

TO SPEND TIME WITH

JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

A GOOD SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

FORMED®

St. Gregory the Great now has a subscription to FORMED.ORG, the premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has material (English and Spanish) that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism.

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Our hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
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- Enter your name and your email address



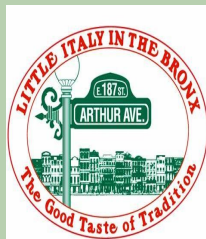
We welcome into the Church and the Parish Family of St. Gregory, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Travis John DiMartino

May the grace of God remain with him and may he grow in the love and friendship of their loving Father. Congratulations!

ST. GREGORY'S ON THE GO

***A Taste of Italian
New York
Saturday,
May 21, 2022***



***Zabars Gourmet
Market***

Lunch at Carmine's

Arthur Avenue in the Bronx

Bring a Cooler!

***Visit 3 New York
Food "Hot Spots"
All in One Fun Day***



***Cost: \$133pp
Non-Refundable
Mandates Lifted***

***For more information, please call:
Marie Gonsalves—(860) 589-7888
Angela Rakowski—(860) 677-7074***



**The New
Word of God Prayer Group
St. Gregory Church
Every Thursday Evening**

**From 6:30—7:45pm—Upstairs
in the St. Gregory Wing**

JOIN US FOR:

- * Live Worship Songs
 - * Teaching from the Word of God
 - * Prayers for Individual Needs
 - * Fellowship with Other Believers
- All Ages Invited——**



**We Pray For
All Our Military
Personnel**

**COLONEL KIRSTEN G. AGUILAR,
SSGT JAKE E AKERLEY,
SGT TYLER D AKERLEY,
CAPTAIN GREGORY W. ALLEN,
LANCE CORPORAL, MICHAEL BANKS,
CAPTAIN JASON BARBER,
LT COL PAUL T BARTOK ,
SERGEANT BRANDON BELIVEAU,
W2 TODD BOEHM, FT2 JOSEPH BOMBASSEI,
MASTER SERGEANT DAVID BONACCORSO,
COLONEL RUSSELL BONACCORSO,
MASTER SERGEANT,
MARY BONACCORSO CONKLIN,
WO 3 PETER CONKLIN RETIRED
STAFF SERGEANT MICHAEL CORRY,
E1 FRANK DENOTO,
E2 MICHAEL DENOTO,
CORPORAL WILLIAM T DOYLE IV,
LANCE CORPORAL JOHN DUNCAN,
LT STEPHAN D'URSO,
LANCE CORPORAL EVAN FASOLO,
MAJOR MELISSA FOX,
LT DANIEL GOLSCHNEIDER,
AIRMAN HUNTER R GOSLIN,
AIRMAN ABEAA DAKOTA GREGER,
LANCE CORPORAL JARED GREGER,
PFC STACEY LYNN GUERRETTE,
STAFF SERGEANT DAVID GULINO,
E-2 STEPHANIE LANDRY,
SERGEANT KAREN-ROSE LEWIS,
PRIVATE PIETR LEWIS,
PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS
JONATHON MARCHETTI,
SERGEANT TAYLOR MARTEL,
E1 JACK MCCARTHY,
PFC JOSEPH MORELLI, JR.,
U.S. NAVY BRANDON MYERS,
BRIAN PAGE, JACOB PELLETIER,
PV2 RICHARD PERRI,
LANCE CORPORAL JAMES RIDER,
PVT JULIEN ROBERGE,
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5
PETER W RONDEAU,
LT JAKE SHEEHY,
SERGEANT STEFAN SQUILLANTE,
E3 SEAMAN B J SULLIVAN,
STAFF SERGEANT CASSIDY WARD,
STAFF SERGEANT KEITH ZANETTI,
LT COMMANDER CRAIG ZECCHIN**

**(If you know of anyone serving in the
military, please call the office and
we will be honored to list them.)**