

St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) ~ April 19, 2020

What a unique Holy Week it was here at St. Gregory's. Celebrating the Easter Vigil to an empty and dark church, was very strange, but we do the best we can in these strange times to praise God and pray together, even if it takes the help of Facebook. As you might know, we have daily Mass broadcast on the parish website – and with the help of Facebook.

The altar at Easter looked beautiful and thanks are extended to Kate McGee for decorating, with limited resources. Thanks also to our music director David Azarow, for recording the music for Mass, which I then play on a blue tooth speaker during Mass. Also, as you might know, the readings for Mass can be found on the Parish Website – on the left hand side, toward the bottom. Keep in mind, the church is open every day from 9:30 to 5:00, so there is the opportunity to “make a visit” to the Blessed Sacrament

Now today is the Second Sunday of Easter, and is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy reminds us of the love and mercy Jesus Christ has for each of us, and encourages us to reflect on this reality and express it in prayer. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a devotion – a way to pray, a way for us to reflect on the reality of Christ, and turn to him for help. The Divine Mercy prayer would be similar to the devotion of praying the Rosary, or Stations of the Cross, or the Seven Sorrows of Mary; these also are devotions. If you would like to participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the prayer is listed on page two of the bulletin.

Speaking of prayer – our RCIA candidates, who typically receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, will be receiving the sacraments at Pentecost, May 31, presuming we have the All Clear.

Our students who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion will be receiving in October, May 9 was the original date. And although Religious Education classes have been discontinued, we have made an effort to continue Religious Education at home where students have access to their text books on line – that is ebooks.

I'VE GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU: Please remember our recently deceased Karen Harris, Patty Jones, Mary (May) Houlihan, Norma Stagnari and all the souls for whom Mass will be offered:

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM James Conway

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Weekday/Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Anne Coyle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Charles Yelland

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

*Easter Weekday/Saint George, Martyr
Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr*

9:00 AM Simon Perrone

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Easter Weekday/Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

9:00 AM Camille Dunn

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:00 AM Helen Niminski

5:30 PM John Donovan

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Mary & James Duggan

9:30 AM Lesley Spatta Cioffoletti

11:30 AM For the People of St. Gregory Barbarigo



Working with Mr. Ruzzi and the volunteer Religious Education teachers, we will hopefully be able to complete the remaining chapters for school year. Students have been asked to keep a journal for answers to assignments and to track their experience through the pandemic.

And finally – thank you to all our parishioners who continue to support the parish through these rough times. The Easter collection was great, though of course, not what we usually see. Keep in mind, we are making an effort to comply with the request -- not let people go, and it is your generosity that makes that possible.

Please try to be consistent in prayer, maybe try to pray the rosary every day, even as a family. The Blessed Mother will help us through this.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: The sick are comforted knowing that we pray for them. In your charity, please remember Frank White, Donna Lodi, Tracey Pappalardo, Mercedes Greenleaf, Anthony Colistra, Marie Margies and the Wailing Wall and the intentions of our prayer network.



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 19. Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (including Spiritual Communion) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

To fulfill the obligation of the Divine Mercy Devotion it is necessary to: 1. Recite the Divine Mercy Prayer on April 19 which is Divine Mercy Sunday. 2. To go to confession 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday, and receive Holy Communion (including Spiritual Communion) 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information visit divinemercysunday.com.

The Divine Mercy Prayer (Use of Rosary Beads is helpful)
 1. Make the Sign of the Cross 2. On the first bead offer this prayer three times: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!
 3. On the next bead, pray an Our Father 4. On the next bead, pray a Hail Mary 5. On the next bead, pray the Apostle's Creed 6. On the next bead, pray the following: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. 7. On the next ten beads say: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. 8. On the middle bead between decades then say: the “Eternal Father” prayer (as written above). Then on the next ten beads repeat the prayer: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion...” 9. After saying the five decades conclude with this prayer said three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Scholarship Opportunities

MONSIGNOR THOMAS J. DARBY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Applications are available by emailing Father Fallon at sgbrectory@gmail.com at the parish office. We have some school families who are having difficulties as they attempt to meet the financial obligations of tuition at the regional school. A memorial scholarship foundation has been established and named after the first pastor of St. Gregory Barbarigo, Monsignor Thomas Darby. Shortly after his arrival in 1961, he founded the parochial school. This is a fitting tribute in his honor. Are you eligible to apply? Do you attend Mass at SGB each Sunday and contribute to the parish offertory? Do you have continuing financial need? Good attendance, a respectable behavior record, a demonstrated sense of service? In addition to the financial assistance provided, it is emotionally uplifting to know that parishioners find our program at St. Gregory Barbarigo worthy of patronage. If you would like to make a contribution to this foundation, please contact Fr. Fallon.

The **St. Gregory Barbarigo Home & School Association** will be offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who graduated from St. Gregory Barbarigo School. Application and requirements can be obtained by contacting the Home & School Association through the school website <https://stgregorybarbarigoschool.org/home-and-school-association>. Applications are due by May 15, 2020.

The **Sixth Annual Matthew McGuinness Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship is for current 8th graders at St. Gregory's who will be attending Albertus Magnus High School in Fall of 2020. Applications are available at registration at Albertus Magnus High School. Winner will be announced at Freshman Orientation.

The **Heather Leigh Colon Scholarship** is available for 8th grade CYO basketball players that are planning on attending a catholic high school in the fall of 2020. For more information contact Barbara or Mark Colon at (914) 447-5962 or email bcolon3821@aol.com.

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A Week Ago Easter Sunday 04/12/2020	\$13,339.00
We Share Easter (to Date)	\$4,010.00
Total Easter Colletion	\$17,349.00
Easter 2019	\$38,536.50

GIFT CARD PURCHASES

To be included with next week's total.

SEND ENVELOPES WHERE? Your continued support is certainly appreciated and essential. For some of our community, there appears to be confusion as to where collection envelopes can be sent, so here are the options.

1. You can mail them to: St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish, 21 Cinder Rd. Garnerville NY 10923
2. Another option is to bring them to the front door of the rectory and put them in the mail slot.
3. Also – if you like – you can go to the church and slip the envelope under the door for the kitchen in the Narthex.
4. There is also the option to support the parish electronically by the use of Parish Pay. There is a simple link found on the parish website.

Whatever your choice, thank you for your efforts to sustain our parish.