



Church of Saint Gregory Barbarigo

21 Cinder Road
Garnerville, New York 10923

November 30, 2014

My dear sisters and brothers in the Lord:

On October 1, I completed four years as your pastor. I know I have said it before, but it is worth repeating – it has been a delight for me to be here with you.

Each year at the beginning of Advent, on behalf of our trustees, pastoral and finance councils, I like to report to you the sacramental and financial state of the parish. I am awed by your generosity and commitment to the parish. I appreciate the sacrifices involved in choosing to offer your time, talent and treasure and I'm deeply grateful for your dedication. We are blessed with a healthy operating surplus again this year. Ever mindful of prudent spending, the primary ingredient for such a successful year was the increase in your tithe. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish.

It is anticipated that Cardinal Dolan will initiate an archdiocesan-wide capital campaign in 2016 and many projects needed in our parish will be on the list. Our beautifully resurfaced parking lot couldn't wait that long and the cost for that was taken out of our savings and will be reflected in the report next fiscal year. Also, there is no longer a subsidy to the school. Our obligation is satisfied by the school tax of \$67,567.

We continue to depend upon your willingness to support the good work of your parish with your regular weekly offering. May I encourage you to explore the benefits of on-line giving? ParishPay is used by many of our parishioners. There is a freedom in automatic deductions from your bank account. Visit www.paritypay.com for more information. I am grateful to Mrs. Connie Culliney, the financial administrator of the parish, and to Victor York and the entire finance council.

On the pastoral and spiritual side of the house, it has been another active year at St. Gregory.

Baptisms	68	Funerals	46
First Eucharist	112	Anointing of the Sick (Individual)	30
Confirmations	110	Regional School (9/14)	310
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	1	Religious Education (9/14)	504
Marriages	8	Holiday Meals to the Hungry	4,610

The Eucharist was distributed to thousands and thousands in Church, to the aging sick at home and to the hospital-bound. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated by hundreds. We remain a strong Catholic presence in Rockland County. In many good ways, we are a parish of great renown.

I end where this letter began, by thanking you for sharing your material blessings with your parish community. I will do all that I can to maintain your confidence and trust that I will be a good steward of our parish funds, and use them carefully and well for the things that we need. May God continue to bless all of you.

Sincerely,
