

NY priest admits taking money from suburban parish

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NEW CITY, N.Y. (AP) - A 45-year-old Roman Catholic priest has admitted stealing nearly \$25,000 in funds from his suburban New York parish for gambling and other expenses.

The Rockland district attorney said Monday that the Rev. Thomas Kreiser of Garnerville pleaded guilty to grand larceny. He could be sentenced to up to four years in prison.

Prosecutors said Kreiser was pastor of St. Gregory Barbarigo Church in Garnerville in 2010 when he used the parish credit card for personal expenses, online gambling and other recreation.

An audit by the New York Archdiocese discovered the money was missing.

The district attorney's office said Kreiser is being treated for a gambling addiction and the money has been repaid to the church.

The archdiocese did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

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