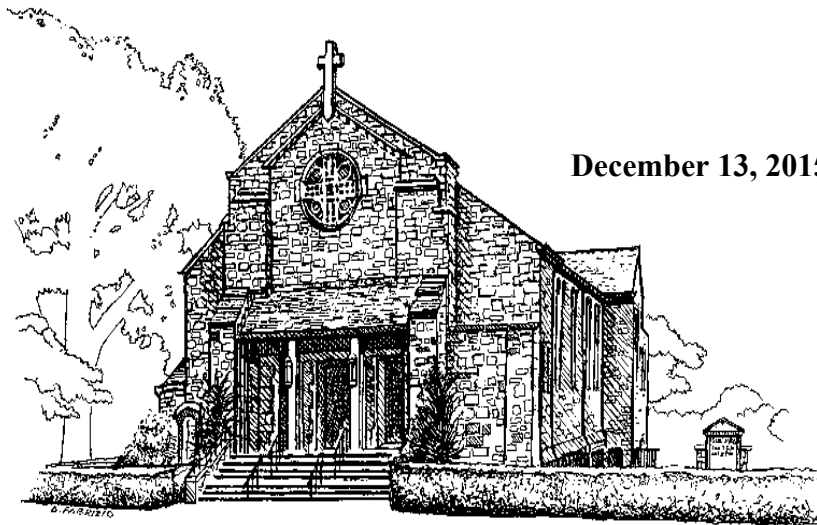


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December 13, 2015

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Mass Schedule

Masses for Sunday

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
& 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday to Friday: 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

7:30 p.m. (eve), 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon,
7:30 p.m.

Devotions to Our Lady

Novena

Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Baptism

Celebrated every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal information

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.
Day Before a Holy Day: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
All Other Times: On Request

Matrimony

The engaged couple is to inform the Parish priest usually one year prior to the celebration. A marriage preparation program is required.

Religious Education Program

Grades 5 & 6	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 3 & 4	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 7 & 8	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2	Thursday	2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Meetings

Parish Council: Third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary, and 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Legion of Mary: Meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Folk Group: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

St. Gregory's Choir: Thursdays - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

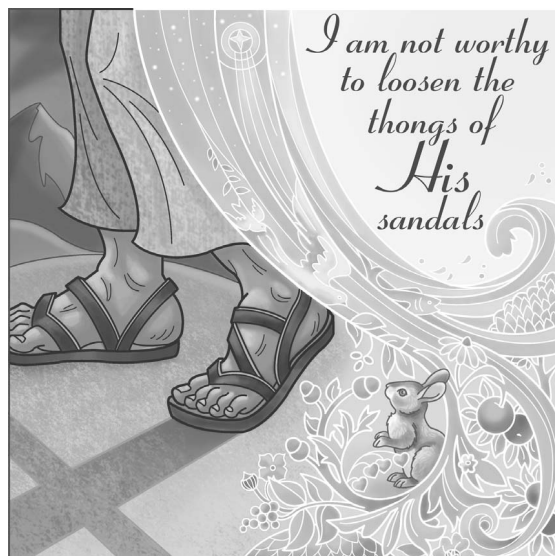
RCIA: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Respect Life: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

December 13, 2015
Third Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/12	5:00 p.m.	ADOLPH "BILL" GRABLEY
SUN. 12/13	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
	10:00 a.m.	ANTONIO ANTOLINO & ANGELO & JOSEPHINE MASTROGIACOMO
	11:30 a.m.	PAUL VALLARELLI
	5:00 p.m.	PAUL SICONOLFI & ROSA & DOMINICK D'AMIANO
MON. 12/14	6:45 a.m.	MARIE COVAIS
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL C. LUSARDO
TUES. 12/15	6:45 a.m.	WILLIAM JOSEPH BATHE
	9:00 a.m.	DR. PHILIP A. MARRACCINI
WED. 12/16	6:45 a.m.	DENNIS SMITH
	9:00 a.m.	ROSA & UMBERTO MASI
THU. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	ADELINA COCCOLI
	9:00 a.m.	MARY DUNN
FRI. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	BARBARA DEEGAN
	9:00 a.m.	VITO GIRONDA
SAT. 12/19	9:00 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
	5:00 p.m.	FRANK POLICRITI
SUN. 12/20	7:00 a.m.	EMMA & JOSEPH RUTO & PATRICIA MARCHESANI
	8:30 a.m.	VERA ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILY
	11:30 a.m.	PAUL VALLARELLI
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY



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FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION As some of you may already know, Fr. Edison will be leaving us at the end of this month. His transfer comes as a result of the Incardination Process which includes two terms of five years in two different parishes. Fr. Edison will be going to the Church of St. Theresa in Briarcliff Manor. Fr. Edison will say his last Sunday Mass on December 27th at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to attend a reception in the Lower Church following the Mass.

VESPERS Starting Saturday, November 28th and for all the Saturdays of Advent, we will have Vespers sung before the 5:00 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:30 p.m. Vespers are the evening prayer of the church and consist of hymns, prayers and the blessing of the Advent Wreath. All are invited to attend. Vespers would be a good way to prepare for Christmas. The Vesper ceremony lasts about 20 minutes.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED St. Gregory the Great School is looking to hire a custodian 5 days a week to work at 94 Broadway, Harrison, NY. Hours are flexible. Please call the Rectory at 914-835-0677 if you are interested to set up an appointment.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 6, 2015 was \$9,006.00, Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

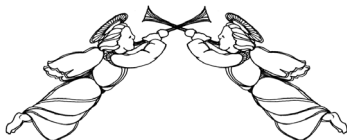
ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBER 14TH Every parish in the Archdiocese including St. Gregory the Great Church will be hearing confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE The Christmas Giving Tree will benefit the following charities: Cardinal McCloskey Home, Sisters of Life, Hour Children's Center, Elinor Martin Home for Unwed Mothers and the Franciscans. The name of an item is written on each tag on the tree that would benefit someone in need. Please put your gift under the giving tree this weekend, December 12th and 13th, The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great. The gifts will be given to the above organizations on Monday, December 14th for distribution.

COAT DRIVE The Sts. Peter and Paul - St. Ursula Men's Club is currently sponsoring a winter coat drive until December 21st to benefit those in need in the local community. We are in need of new or gently used adult and children's coats. Coats can be brought to the Sts. Peter and Paul - St. Ursula Rectory, 129 Birch St., Mt. Vernon, or you can call 914-668-9815 to schedule a pick-up of your donation.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP St. Augustine Church's Bereavement Group, 381 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and will have a session Coping with Grief During the Holiday, The 3 C's Choose, Communicate, Compromise on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the St. Augustine School Library. Refreshments and Q's and A's. \$10 offering to seed the St. Augustine Remembrance Garden.

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Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Andrew Anixt and Dr. Concetta Tina Marone and have been requested by Joan Anixt.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Dr. Philip A. Marraccini and have been requested by Tim and Linda Zuccarelli.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of the Arra, Leo and Moretti Families and have been requested by Lenore and James Moretti.

In Memory



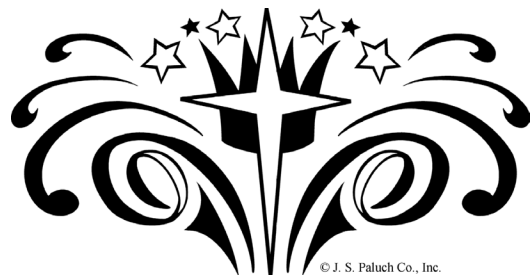
Mary Fiore Naccarato



We
welcome into the St. Gregory the Great Family through the
waters of Baptism

Bella Rose Klein
Child of Cristina and Colby Klein

Cristian Amato Seemer
Child of Tina and John Seemer



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*With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.*

— *Isaiah 12:3*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Susan Di Silvestro, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Mary Gill, Martha Hamilton, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciantie, Angela Margiotti, Stephanie Merenda, Regina Riberio Minck, Joanne Opava, Mary O'Sullivan, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Concetta Vasile, Elizabeth West, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Why do we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

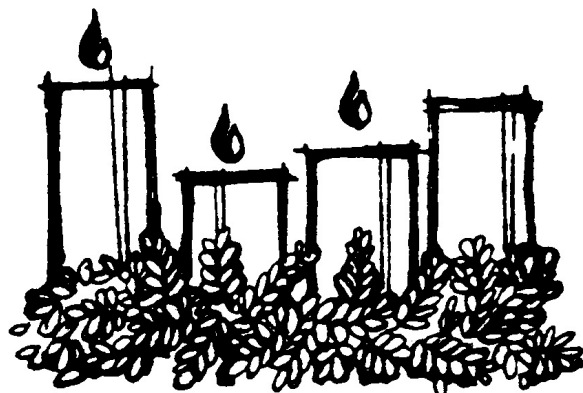
I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

In 1531 The Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation.

Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular.

In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church.

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