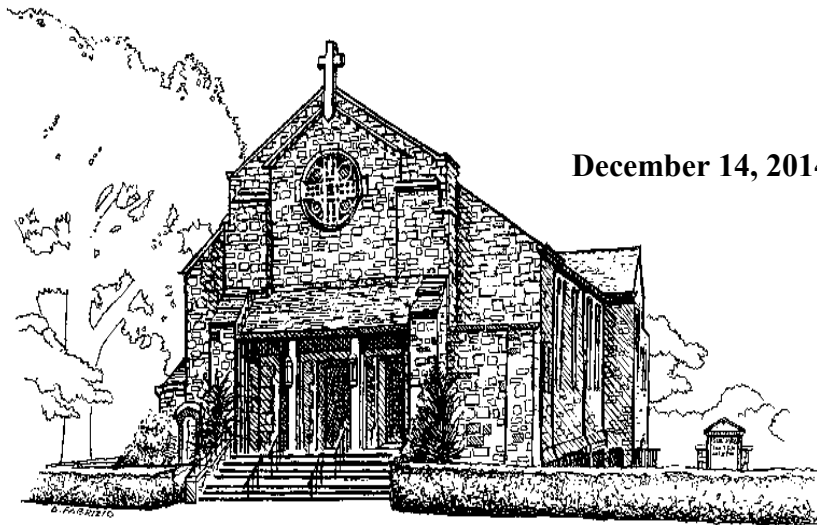


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December 14, 2014

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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 Parish House to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal instructions.

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 3 & 4 Monday 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6 Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 Thursday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Meetings

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

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Monday 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.

Youth Ministry: Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

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

December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/13	5:00 p.m.	SORICELLI & CECCARELLI FAMILIES
SUN. 12/14	7:00 a.m.	ADOLPH "BILL" GRABLEY
	8:30 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILIES
	10:00 a.m.	FRANCESCO PARRELLI
	11:30 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA STABILITO
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
MON. 12/15	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA & ANTONINO FRACCAROLI
	9:00 a.m.	GIACONDA & JAMES SLOAT
TUES. 12/16	6:45 a.m.	MINISHI & FORSTER FAMILIES
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL C. LUSARDO
WED. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	ADELINA COCCOLI
	9:00 a.m.	MARY DUNN
THU. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	BARBARA DEEGAN
	9:00 a.m.	ANDREW ANIXT & MICHAEL MARONE
FRI. 12/19	6:45 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
	9:00 a.m.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF SCAPPATICCI & TAURO FAMILIES
SAT. 12/20	9:00 a.m.	FRANK C. SPOSATO
	5:00 p.m.	JOAN DONOVAN
SUN. 12/21	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	ANTHONY CARDONE
	10:00 a.m.	DAMIANO & SICONOLFI FAMILIES
	11:30 a.m.	SPECIAL INTENTION
	5:00 p.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL, MC QUADE & GARRETTO FAMILIES



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

BUDGET FOR ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH Copies of the 2013/2014 budget for St. Gregory the Great Church is available in the rear of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBER 15TH Every parish in the Archdiocese including St. Gregory the Great will be hearing confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 7th was \$8,393.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

GIVING TREE Please place your gift under the tree this weekend, December 13th and 14th. All gifts will be donated to the following charities on Monday, December 15th in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great. Cardinal McCloskey Home, Elinor Martin Home for Unwed Mothers, The Children's Center, Sisters of Life and the Franciscans.

THE HOLIDAY PROJECT St. Gregory the Great Church will be participating in the Holiday Project which was started several years ago to spread holiday cheer to needy families right here in Harrison. Along with our Giving Tree Gifts, please, place Angel Card gifts under the trees on December 13th and 14th. These gifts will be collected on Monday, December 15th and distributed to needy families in Harrison.

VESPERS On Saturday evening during 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.

NEW MEMBERS The Father O'Sullivan Columbiettes would like to welcome any member of St. Gregory the Great Parish to join our charitable organization. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus building on West Street. If you would like to become a Columbiette, please contact Vivian LePino at 835-4917.



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2014
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Peter Scappaticci and have been requested by Corinne and Nancy.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Betty Marie and Salvatore Leo and have been requested by Lenore and James Moretti.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Stella Ercole and have been requested by her niece, Diana Bilotto.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Charles Pascal and have been requested by Susan and Marianne Cipolla.



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

Vincent Secchiano
Child of Josephine and Vito Secchiano



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

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

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

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

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: *Las Posadas* begins; Hanukkah begins at sunset

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, James Castaldi, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Lou Coviello, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Stephanie Merenda, Robert Rubeo, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Gregory Westfall, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

What is las posadas?

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual posadas event. What is that?

Las posadas, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

Posada is Spanish for “inn.” The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph’s trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. Posadas are celebrated in many different ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the “pilgrims,” going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for posada. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging - it’s a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

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