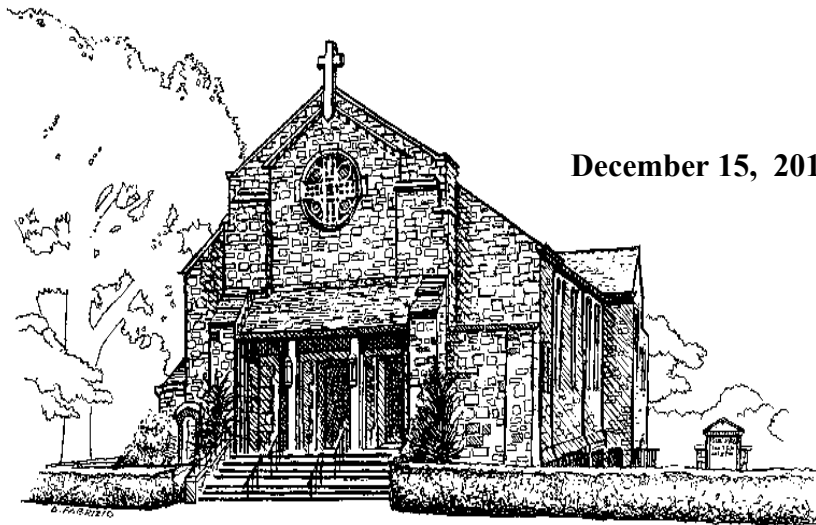


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 15, 2013

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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:** Sundays, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

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

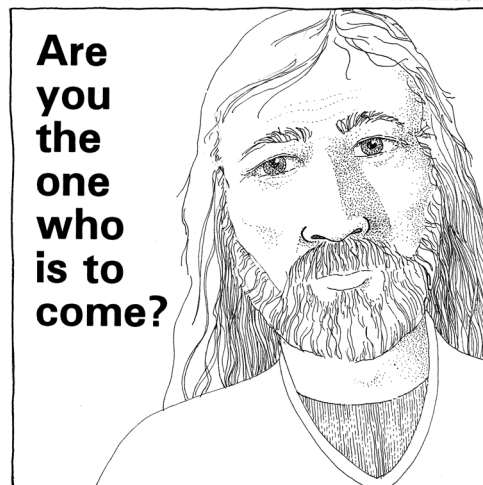
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Youth Ministry:** Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2013**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/14	5:00 p.m.	LYNN CUTTS
SUN. 12/15	7:00 a.m.	ADOLPH BILL GRABLEY
	8:30 a.m.	SALVATORE MASTROGIACOMO & GUISEPPINA TOSTO
	10:00 a.m.	FRANCESCO PARRELLI
	11:30 a.m.	CLEMENTE, FILOMENA & EMELIO SCATENATO
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
MON. 12/16	6:45 a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
	9:00 a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
TUES. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	MARY DUNN
	9:00 a.m.	SCAPPATICCI & TAURO FAMILIES
WED. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
	9:00 a.m.	VICTOR ARCARA & FAMILY
THU. 12/19	6:45 a.m.	JOHN R. SELVAGGIO, JR.
	9:00 a.m.	ANDREW ANIXT & MICHAEL MARONE
FRI. 12/20	6:45 a.m.	ROSEMARY "CHICKIE" SARLO
	9:00 a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
SAT. 12/21	9:00 a.m.	ANTHONY CARDONE
	5:00 p.m.	LYNN CUTTS
SUN. 12/22	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	PAUL, DOMINICK, ROSA & MARIO DAMIANO
	10:00 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILIES
	11:30 a.m.	LEE MIGLIACCIO
	5:00 p.m.	ROSE "BABE" SHAVER



**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. 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.

**VESPERS** The Vesper Service started on Saturday, November 30th and will continue 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.

**GIVING TREE** We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great for their giving tree gifts which were distributed to the following charities: Cardinal McCloskey Home, Elinor Martin Home for Unwed Mothers, The Children's Center, Sisters of Life and the Franciscans. Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas Season.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 8, 2013 was \$8,221.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**MAKING ALL THINGS NEW** The goals of the Making All Things New process promoted by Cardinal Dolan include:

1. To enhance the vibrancy of parish life throughout the Archdiocese of New York.
2. To strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church in the urban, suburban and rural areas of the archdiocese.
3. To foster an appreciation for and participation in Sunday Eucharist.
4. To promote new evangelization efforts throughout the archdiocese.
5. To realign parishes within the archdiocese considering the number of priests available to serve, financial resources and changing demographics.
6. To ensure that all parishioners have opportunities for quality lifelong Christian education and formation.
7. To strengthen service to those who are most in need.
8. To promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministry.
9. To support new initiative for youth, young adults and seniors.
10. To build a greater sense of unity among Catholics from all cultures within the local Church.
11. To increase collaboration among all entities in the local, national and universal Church.

**SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM...**presents Our Family Catechesis Event. Join us for a night of fun and prayer on Saturday, January 11, 2014 immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass or on Sunday, January 12, 2014 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Gregory the Great Parish Center/School. RSVP no later than December 19th to the Religious Education Office (914) 835-1278.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...**will have A Night At The Movies on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The film is An Ounce of Courage (A great Christmas movie). Admission is \$3.00 and includes coffee and refreshments after the film. Reservations a MUST - NO WALK-INS. Please RSVP: 914-450-0315 (Ralph).

## Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist 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 Henry, Mary and Richard Zuccarelli and have been requested by their son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Linda.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Anthony Portanova and have been requested by his wife, Judith Portanova.

In Memory



The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss.

John McGowan

**Baptisms**

We

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

Sasha Guaglianone  
*Child of Tina and Mario Guaglianone*



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. (Matthew 11:2-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

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

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** Las Posadas begins

**Saturday:** St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Joelen Becker, Mary Ellen Beyer, Clara Biehl, Frances Bodycott, Maria Cardascia, Silvio Catalano, Maureen Coster, Matthew Coulter, Mary Crescenzi, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Susan Di Silvestro, Barrett Dorn, Dolly Mae, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Elaine Noll, Mark O'Donnell, Maria Sisca, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Frank Volpe, Gregory Westfall—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

## What are “O Antiphons”?

*My sister says that singing the “O Antiphons” is her favorite part of Advent. Can you explain what they are?*

*An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An “O” antiphon is an antiphon that starts with O, as in “O Come O Come Emmanuel” - each verse of that song is made up of an “O Antiphon.”*

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours - the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The “O Antiphons” your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17 - 23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the “O Antiphons” are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells sarcore, which is ero cras (Latin for “tomorrow I come” or tomorrow I shall be”) spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the “O Antiphons” have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as the verses of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

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