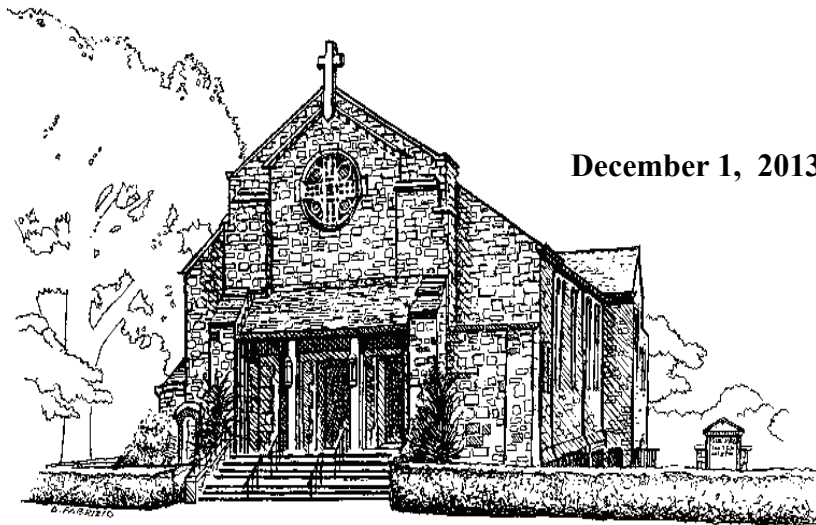


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 1, 2013

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**Professor Pierluigi Sampietro**

Organist

**Ms. Maria Gaudelli**

Director of Early Childhood Program

**Mrs. Iris Perez**

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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.

## 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 Tuesday 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.

## Baptism

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

## Penance

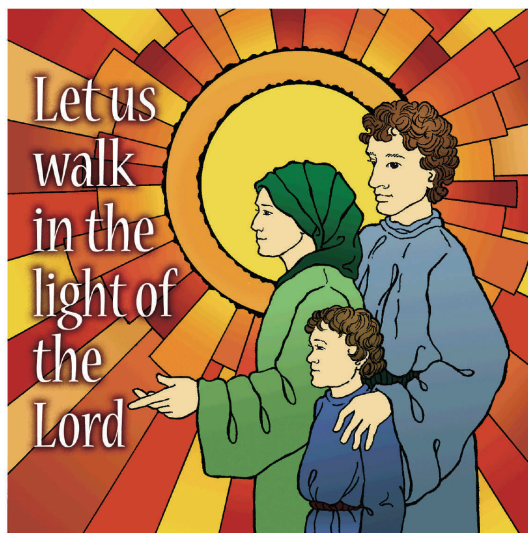
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

Day Before a Holy Day: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All Other Times: On Request

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2013  
Mass Intentions**

<b>SAT.</b> 11/30	5:00 p.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
<b>SUN.</b> 12/1	7:00 a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	8:30 a.m.	CAMILLA & FRANCESCO DE GREGORIO & SONS
	10:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	11:30 a.m.	GINO RAINA & TARY CER- RUTI
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPHINE & CHARLES CAMPO
<b>MON.</b> 12/2	6:45 a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
	9:00 a.m.	CAMILLE & JOHN SCHIRMER
<b>TUES.</b> 12/3	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA FRACCAROLI
	9:00 a.m.	DR. JOSEPH BISCEGLIA & SALVATORE BRUNETTI
<b>WED.</b> 12/4	6:45 a.m.	ANGELA DE SIMONE
	9:00 a.m.	ANGELO MASTROGIACOMO
<b>THU.</b> 12/5	6:45 a.m.	RAYMOND SALVESTRINI
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
<b>FRI.</b> 12/6	6:45 a.m.	TULLIO SCOCCHERA
	9:00 a.m.	FRANK C. SPOSATO
<b>SAT.</b> 12/7	9:00 a.m.	DIANE SCOTT
	5:00 p.m.	GIACONDA SLOAT
<b>SUN.</b> 12/8	7:00 a.m.	VICTOR, SUE, MARINA & PAULINE ARCARA
	8:30 a.m.	RICHARD HICKS
	10:00 a.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
	11:30 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	5:00 p.m.	FR. JAMES FLYNN



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

**VESPERS** Starting Saturday, November 30th 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.

**TRIDUUM** To honor Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our country, we will have three evenings of prayer beginning on Wednesday, December 4th and concluding on Friday, December 6th. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. The service will consist of the Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, prayers and benediction. This is a wonderful way to honor Our Lady. All are invited to attend.

**BAKE SALE** 8th Annual Bake Sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place at the Veterans Building, 210 Halstead Ave, Harrison (across from St. Gregory's Church) on December 8, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will also be sold.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 24, 2013 will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**ST. GREGORY EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM** Open House and Registration for 2014/2015 school year will take place for 3 year old Students on Monday, December 2 to Friday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. New 4 year old students are invited to visit on Monday, December 9 to Friday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Any questions contact, Maria Gaudelli, Director at 914-835-1278.

**GIVING TREE** As the holiday season approaches, our parish community will once again have a Giving Tree. Please select a tag from the Christmas trees in Church this weekend, November 30th and December 1st, and on the following weekend, December 7th and 8th, place your gift under the tree. All gifts will be donated to the following charities 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.

**COAT DRIVE** Sts. Peter and Paul Church is collecting clean, reusable coats to help those in the local community. They will be collecting coats until December 21. If you wish to make a donation, you may drop off coats to Gina Mirra at 74 First Street, Harrison.

**CAMP FATIMA AND CAMP BERNADETTE** Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2014 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drum at 603-364-5851 or email [mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org](mailto:mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org), or visit us on the web at [www.campsfatimabernadette.org](http://www.campsfatimabernadette.org). Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

**ADOPTION** Baby girls and boys in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

## 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 Luigi Chieffallo and have been requested by his wife, Maria and his children, Susan Bilotta and Gino Chieffallo

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Andrew Anixt and have been requested by his wife, Joan.

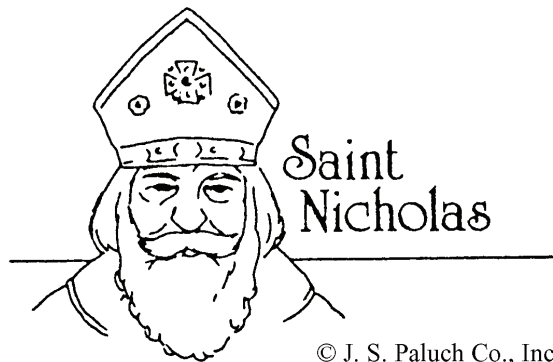
The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Kendrick Anderson and have been requested by his Mother-in-Law, Gilda Salamone.



Jeffrey Michael Straface  
*Child of Nancy M. and Vincent J. Straface*



III Elena Di Sisto and Daniel Phrsai



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;  
World AIDS Awareness Day  
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier  
Wednesday: St. John Damascene  
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday  
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

## 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, Giuseppe Fameli, Dolly Mae, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Elaine Noll, Mark O'Donnell, Johnna Rocca, 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 do Advent-wreath candles signify?

*Why are the candles in the Advent wreath different colors? And why do some wreaths have five candles and some have four?*

*Most Advent wreaths* have three purple candles and one rose to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, and we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Guadete Sunday* or *Rejoice Sunday*, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Phillippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the action in the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

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Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a special time for us – a time to recognize the love and goodness of God; a time to know that Christ has come among us; a time to remember that God now shares the same joys and sorrows that we do; a time to rejoice in the hope of eternal life that Jesus brings to each of us.

We welcome all of you, those who celebrate with us daily and weekly, and those who have been away for a while. We invite each of you to celebrate with us, and we ask that you please bring a friend to celebrate with us as well.

Thank you for all the kindness, support, encouragement and generosity you've shown during the year. May the newborn Christ Child bless you, your families and your homes.

A Blessed and Holy Christmas,

*Rev. Richard M. Guarnieri  
Rev. James B. Teague, Rev. John Edison  
and Rev. Soosairaj Michael*

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2013**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Reconciliation Monday, December 16

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Friday, December 20

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Monday, December 23

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 24

9:30 – 10:15 AM

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 and 10:00 PM

#### **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

### **NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 – 4:55 PM

### **NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

#### **New Year's Eve**

Tuesday, December 31 – 5:00 PM

#### **New Year's Day**

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON & 5:00 PM