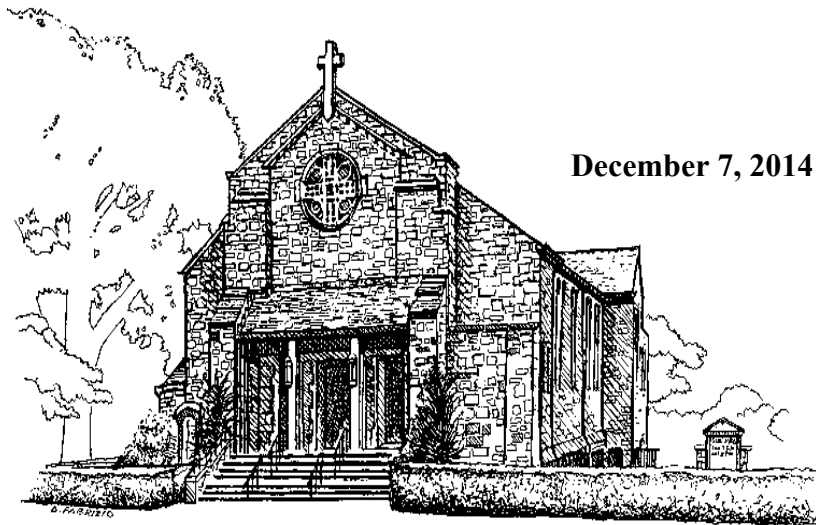


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 7, 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.*

## *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.

## *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

**December 7, 2014**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

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*Like a shepherd  
he feeds his flock*

SAT. 12/6	5:00 p.m.	MURRAY FAMILY
SUN. 12/7	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	CAMILLA & FRANCESCO DE GREGORIO & FAMILY
	10:00 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE U.S.S. SOLEY
	11:30 a.m.	ROBERT JOHN MARINO
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPHINE & CHARLES CAMPO
MON. 12/8	6:45 a.m.	MARY ANN SPOSATO
	9:00 a.m.	FR. JAMES P. FLYNN
	12:00 a.m.	DONOVAN & GANNON FAMILIES
	7:30 p.m.	FREDERICK LYNCH
TUES. 12/9	6:45 a.m.	JOSEPH CANTONE
	9:00 a.m.	DENISE FUGAZY
WED. 12/10	6:45 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO LAGANA
	9:00 a.m.	CARMELA LONGO & FAMILY
THU. 12/11	6:45 a.m.	SHARON MINISHI SCHWARTZMAN
	9:00 a.m.	ANNAMAY COLLETTI
FRI. 12/12	6:45 a.m.	GIUSEPPE PIZZIMENTI
	9:00 a.m.	JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO
SAT. 12/13	9:00 a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	5:00 p.m.	SORICELLI & CECCARELLI FAMILIES
SUN. 12/14	7:00 .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

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

**VESPERS** Starting Saturday, November 29th 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** In honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our country, we will have three evenings of prayer beginning on Wednesday, December 3rd and concluding on Friday, December 5th. 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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Monday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Monday will be at 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m. There is no Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception this year.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 23rd was \$7,753.00 and Sunday, November 30th was \$8,308.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**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 on December 6th and 7th and on the following weekend, December 13th and 14th, 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.

**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, we will have Angel Cards with a gift listed for a child. Please select an Angel Card on December 6th and 7th and return the gift on December 13th and 14th. This initiative has become the "feel-good" project of the year, bringing our very own community together to help neighbors in need.

**THE RESPECT LIFE GROUP...**will be hosting the National Night of Prayer for Life in St. Gregory the Great Church on December 8th from 9 p.m. to midnight. There will be Eucharistic adoration, the recitation of the Rosary, Marian hymns and other pro-life prayers. For more information or if you would like to join the respect life group, which meets ever second Monday of the month at the parish house, contact Michael Tiesi at (914) 649-9303.

**POSITION AVAILABLE** Iona Preparatory School K-12 has a maternity-leave position available for immediate hire in the Upper School. An English position will be available from January 5, 2015 through February 16, 2015 and may go until March 5, 2015. Please send all resumes to the attention of Upper School Principal Mr. Edward O'Neill.



**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 the Santucci and Stout Families and have been requested by Jean Stout.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of the Marone Family and have been requested by Gloria R. Marone.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Paul Giancamilli and have been requested by the D'Alliessi Family.

**In Memory**



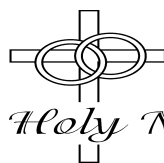
The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss

Bill Angarano  
Virgilio Di Nardo  
Agata Savone



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

Alexander Augustine Enaye  
*Child of Marianna and Innocent Enaye*



*Holy Matrimony*  
Christine Vita and Frank Santorelli

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday:** St. Juan Diego

**Wednesday:** International Human Rights Day

**Thursday:** St. Damasus I

**Friday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Saturday:** St. Lucy

## 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.

## Why isn't Jesus' conception called "immaculate"?

*I know the term "Immaculate Conception" refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to his conception as well?*

*The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived.*

Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's immaculate conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution *ineffabilis deus*: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God...has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR*  
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Dear Parishioners,

Our warm and personal greetings for a holy and happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

We are sending you our Christmas schedule with the hope that some of our parish family who have been away for a while might be encouraged to take advantage of this special season of grace.

We want you to know that you will be welcomed with love and understanding. It would be nice if each of you would bring a friend or relative to share the spiritual benefits offered in the Sacrament of Penance and at our Christmas Masses.

We who serve you thank you for your talents freely given, your cooperation, your financial support and, most of all, your prayers.

A Blessed and Holy Christmas,

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

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Reconciliation Monday, December 15

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Monday, December 22

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 24

9:30 – 10:15 AM

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM and 12:00 MIDNIGHT

#### **Christmas Day**

Thursday, December 25

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

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

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, December 31

4:00 – 4:55 PM

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

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

Wednesday, December 31 – 5:00 PM

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

Thursday, January 1, 2015

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