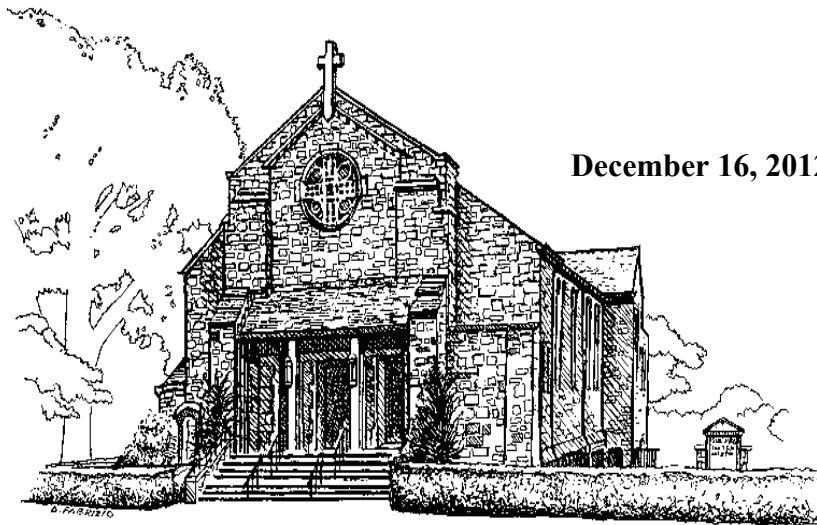


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 16, 2012

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**Mrs. Rita Verrino**

*Parish Manager*

**Professor Pierluigi Sampietro**

*Organist*

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**Mrs. Iris Perez**

*Coordinator of Religious Education*

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**Religious Education Office**

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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 Tuesday 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 7:30 p.m. for the Rosary, and 8:00 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 7:30 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*

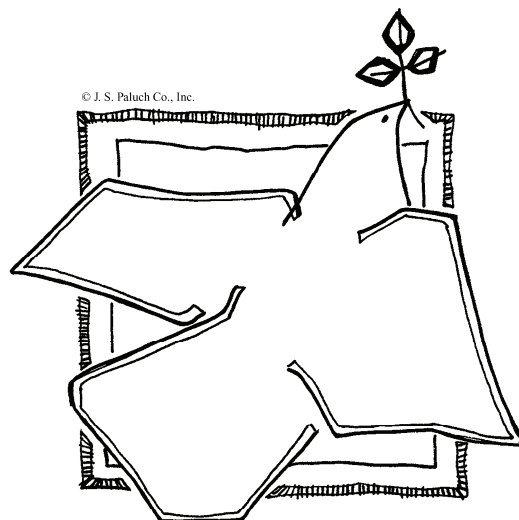
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

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

All Other Times: On Request

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2012  
Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/15	5:00 p.m.	JOAN DONOVAN
SUN. 12/16	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	DOM & LEE MIGLIACCIO
	10:00 a.m.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILIES
	11:30 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA TOSTO
	5:00 p.m.	ANTONIO ANTOLINO
MON. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	MARY DUNN
	9:00 a.m.	LOUISE LABELLA
TUES. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	ANTONIO ANTOLINO
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
WED. 12/19	6:45 a.m.	PASQUA PRISCIANTELLI
	9:00 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
THU. 12/20	6:45 a.m.	MINISHI & FORSTER FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	ROSA & UMBERTO MASI
FRI. 12/21	6:45 a.m.	JOHN SELVAGGIO, SR.
	9:00 a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
SAT. 12/22	9:00 a.m.	THE ARCARA FAMILY
	5:00 p.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL & MC QUADE FAMILIES
SUN. 12/23	7:00 a.m.	VICTOR ARCARA & FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	VERA ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	PAUL SICONOLFI
	11:30 a.m.	VERRINO & ELICATI FAMILIES
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY



**Rejoice in the Lord always**

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

**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 Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

**A CHRISTMAS WISH** As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your goodness, kindness and generosity. We pray that God will bless you with health, happiness and peace during this holy season and throughout the new year. You will all be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Francis J. McAree  
Father James Teague, Father John Edison  
And Father Soosairaj Michael

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Christmas Eve**—Monday, December 24th—  
4:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**—Tuesday, December 25th—  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 9th, was \$6,690.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

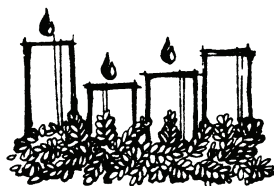
**FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY** In times past, St. Gregory's had a fund for the needy. In recent days this fund has been depleted. If you are able to contribute to this fund, it would be a great help to many. Checks should be made out to Church of St. Gregory the Great with the notation "Fund for the Needy".

**THE CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**  
We are reactivating our Junior Division and cordially invite you to attend a meeting for Spiritual and Social Support at St. Pius X Church, 85 Palmer Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10538 on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. Mass for deceased spouses is at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:45 p.m. For information, call 914-948-4682.

**LIFE CHAIN** Please join us in this prayerful presence for unborn babies and their Mothers on Sunday, December 16, 2012, at Kohl's Plaza Port Chester, NY from 2:00—3:30 p.m. Sponsored by Respect Life Ministry, Holy Rosary Parish, Port Chester, NY.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Vito Arace, Douglas Arnold, Clara Biehl, Frances Bodycott, Theresa Butler, Silvio Catalano, Matthew Coulter, Mary Crescenzi, John Curtin, Louise Devine, Donna DiMaggio, Barrett Dorn, Jerry Flanagan, Dolly Mae, Sabrina Marciante, Mark O'Donnell, Antoinette Rolandi, Maria Sisca, Carmine Spedaliere, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thompson, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Eddie Vidal—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.



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### 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 Peter Scappaticci and have been requested by Rose De Rosa.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Michael and Gary Delzio and Michael Lusardo and have been requested by Mildred Delzio and Family.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of the Santucci and Stout Families and have been requested by Jean and Joe Stout.

### In Memory



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

Roland Chiarella  
Marge Amelio Dreckmann



**The Lord is near**

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*The King of Israel, the LORD,  
is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— Zephaniah 3:15b

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalms** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent; *Las Posadas* begins
- Tuesday:** International Migrants Day
- Friday:** St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

## What does the Bible say about Jesus' birthplace?

*Dear Padre,*

*My Nativity set has six animal statues. Does the Bible say there were animals in a stable with Jesus? And when did we start setting up Nativity scenes in our homes?*

*Esther*

Dear Esther,

In Luke 2:7 we find the story of the infant Jesus being laid in a manger, which is a feed trough for animals. The verse notes that Mary placed Jesus in this unusual bed because there was no room at the inn and that Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes. It doesn't mention animals.

Other details of the scene are elements of our active imaginations. The manger appears again in Luke 2:16 when the shepherds come to find the Christ child lying there, but again, no animals.

In Matthew's Gospel, we don't even have a manger: The Magi find Mary and her child in a house (2:11).

Of course, none of this is to say we shouldn't picture the infant Christ surrounded by oxen, sheep, and camels, some of which would be quite natural around a manger in Bethlehem or during any visit from shepherds or eastern wayfarers. But the Gospel narratives don't give us every detail of Christ's birth.

As for when we started setting up Nativity scenes, tradition links the growth and popularity of this practice to the moment Saint Francis of Assisi set up a live manger scene in the town of Greccio, Italy, in 1223.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR*  
*sundaybulletins@liguori.org*

## THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



Thank you to all who attended our third showing of the film series "Catholicism—The Journey of A Lifetime", by Fr. Robert Barron. We hope that you found it enlightening. To those who have not had a chance to attend the viewings, be aware that they stand on their own and do not need to be seen in sequence. This is such a great opportunity to come to a richer understanding of our faith.

### Upcoming Schedule—7:30 p.m.

- January 14 Episode IV: "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother of God"
- February 11 Episode V: "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure"
- March 11 Episode VI: "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious"
- April 8 Episode VII: "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy"