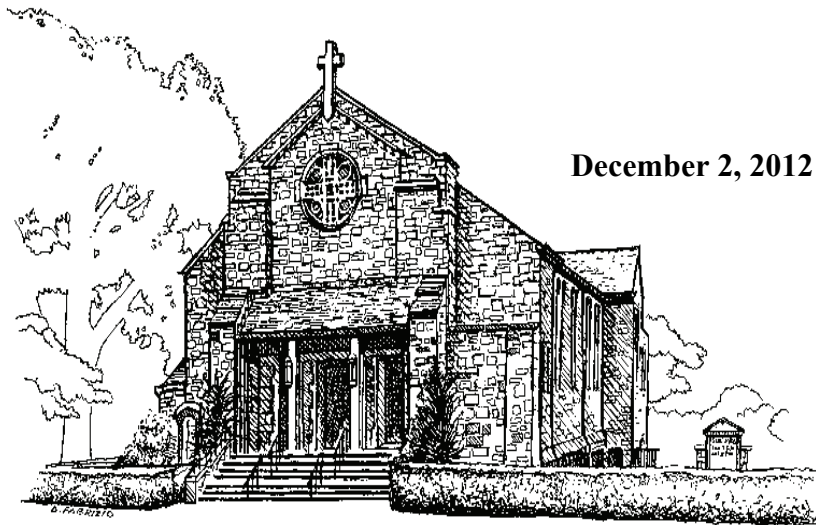


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December 2, 2012

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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

**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2012
Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/1	5:00 p.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
SUN. 12/2	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	VERA ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	CAMILLA & FRANCESCO DE GREGORIO
	11:30 a.m.	SORECELLI & CICCARELLI FAMILIES
	5:00 p.m.	JOSEPHINE & CHARLES CAMPO
MON. 12/3	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA FRACCAROLI
	9:00 a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
TUES. 12/4	6:45 a.m.	MARK GARRETTO
	9:00 a.m.	ELSA GAUDREAU
WED. 12/5	6:45 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
THU. 12/6	6:45 a.m.	TULLIO SCOCCHERA
	9:00 a.m.	GIACONDA SLOAT
FRI. 12/7	6:45 a.m.	PAULINE ARCARA
	9:00 a.m.	CATHERINE MEANEY
	7:30 p.m.	IN THANKSGIVING
SAT. 12/8	6:45 a.m.	SPECIAL INTENTION
	9:00 a.m.	FR. JAMES FLYNN
	12:00 p.m.	ETTORINA SAMPIETRO
	5:00 p.m.	RICHARD HICKS
SUN. 12/9	7:00 a.m.	ADOLPH (BILL) GRABLEY
	8:30 a.m.	HENRY CIPOLLA
	10:00 a.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
	11:30 a.m.	MARGE GIOVANNETTI
	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. 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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Saturday will be at 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon. The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 8th, is the Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 9th. The Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.

ST. JUDE RESEARCH HOSPITAL The 7th Annual Bake Sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on December 2, 2012 from 7:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. will take place at the Veterans Building, 210 Halstead Avenue, Harrison (across from St. Gregory's Church). Raffle tickets will also be sold. All proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

FINANCIAL CORNER: The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 18th was \$7,280.00 and Sunday, November 25th was \$6,584.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

SOME OF THE BASIC GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH ETIQUETTE:

1. Please arrive on time. If you are late, to avoid drawing attention to yourself, please wait for appropriate break in Mass before entering the pew.
2. Please turn off cellular phones, pages and game gadgets.
3. Please do all socializing outside the church.
4. Please be respectful of people praying before and after Mass.
5. Please do not bring any food or beverages to the church.
6. Please be an active participant in the liturgy.
7. Please stay until the final blessing of the Mass.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2013—2014 REGISTRATION DATES Open House and Registration for the 4 Year Old Program—December 10th to December 14th. If you would like to visit/register your child for the 2013/2014 school year, please join us for a tour.

Re-registration for current students will be December 3rd to December 6th. For additional information, contact Maria Gaudelli, Director, or Linda Rinaldi at 914-835-1278.

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, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thompson, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Eddie Vidal—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.



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 Marano Tauro and have been requested by his wife, Phyllis Tauro.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of the Santucci and Stout Families and have been requested by Jean and Joe Stout.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Dr. Concetta Tina Marone and have been requested by her sister, Gloria Marone.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Fred Castaldi and Frank Perazzini, Sr. and have been requested by Arlene Perazzini.

In Memory



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

Angelina T. Muollo



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

Elle Rose Carney
Child of Sarah and John Carney

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: Third Sermon for Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Does the United States have a patron saint?

Dear Padre,

I was just reading that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico. Who is the patron saint of the United States?

Erin

Dear Erin,

In 1846 the bishops of the United States decreed that the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived without sin would be the patron of the United States. That decision was approved by Pope Pius IX in 1847. The move by the American bishops was somewhat prophetic, because it predated Pope Pius's 1854 declaration of the Immaculate Conception as an infallible teaching.

Unlike the Solemnities of Mary the Holy Mother of God (January 1), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and All Saints (November 1), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remains a holy day of obligation even when it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

This year the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on December 8, falls on a Saturday. Saturday-evening Masses that include the Sunday readings don't "count" as Saturday Masses, so attending normal Saturday-evening Mass does not meet your obligation for our nations patronal feast day.

Therefore, next week you'll need to adjust your schedule to include a daytime Mass on Saturday, and if you can't attend Mass on Sunday you'll need to go back for Saturday-evening Mass.

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Please join us on December 10th for our third showing in the film series, "Catholicism—The Journey of a Lifetime", by Fr. Robert Barron.

"Faith is above all a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, and to experience his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more and to love and follow him ever more. May this happen to each one of us".

Pope Benedict, 10/21/09

Upcoming Schedule

December 10

Episode III: "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought—The Ineffable Mystery of God"

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"

