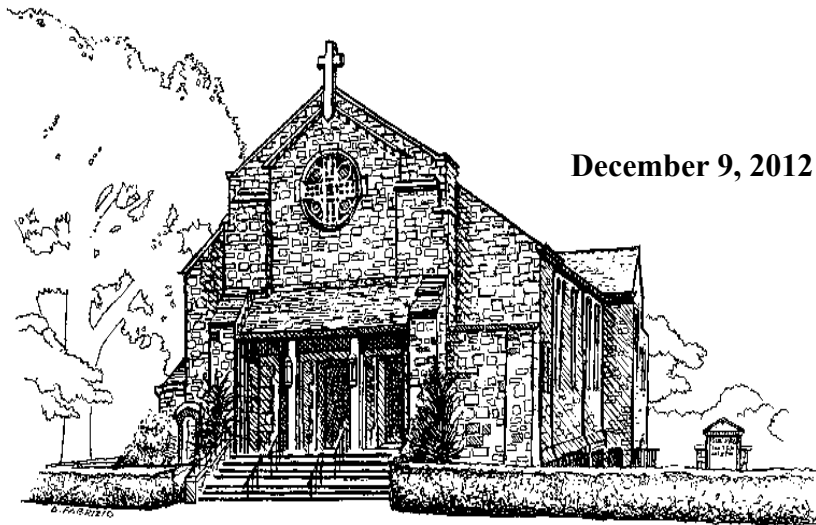


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 9, 2012

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*Organist*

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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

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2012  
Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/8	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
MON. 12/10	6:45 a.m.	ANTONINO & GIUSEPPINA MASI LAGANA
	9:00 a.m.	EDWIN K. & BRIDGET TAYLOR
TUES. 12/11	6:45 a.m.	LINDA CIPRIANO
	9:00 a.m.	TULLIO SCOCCHERA
WED. 12/12	6:45 a.m.	JOSEPHINE TOSTO
	9:00 a.m.	JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO
THU. 12/13	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN DONOVAN
FRI. 12/14	6:45 a.m.	ANDREW ANIXT & MICHAEL MARONE
	9:00 a.m.	EUGENE D'IMPERIO
SAT. 12/15	9:00 a.m.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SCAPPATICCI & TAURO FAMILIES
	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

All people shall see



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**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.

**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 JOY OF GIVING** Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. Please be sure to place your gift under the Christmas Tree in Church this weekend, December 8th and 9th. Place your gift under the tree with the gift tag you removed from the tree last week. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy and unfortunate in the name of the parishioners of Saint Gregory the Great.



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**FINANCIAL CORNER:** The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 2, was \$7,948.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**THE GIANNA MASS** On Sunday, December 30th at 12:45 p.m., The Gianna Mass will be offered in Spanish on the Feast Day of the Holy Family at the Church of St. Peter, 115 Broadway, Haverstraw, NY 10927 for the intentions of those struggling with infertility and pregnancy-related difficulties. Time for veneration of the relics of St. Gianna will be made available. A light reception will follow at which time Dr. Anne Nolte, MD, from the Gianna Center and additional Creighton fertility care practitioners will be on hand to speak with anyone who is interested. The event is open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

**RECEPTIONIST NEEDED** GAMCO Investors, Inc., a global investment firm headquartered in Rye, NY, is seeking two professional, experienced front desk receptionists to work 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Qualified candidates should send their resume and compensation history to [lmezo@gabelli.com](mailto:lmezo@gabelli.com) for consideration. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident and reside in the metro New York area. EOE.

**OPERATION HEARTS AND HOME** Please consider donating your used sports equipment/attire to help needy children! Operation Hearts and Home is a licensed, (501 C-3) charity in New York that assists homeless and needy children. We will take all and any used sports equipment and give you a tax receipt for your 2012 taxes. We take most every sport; baseball, ice hockey, figure skating, golf, football, tennis, etc. Call to arrange pickup and for more information, call Mary (631) 338-3613 or (631) 659-3468.



## 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 Fred Ciniglia and have been requested by the King and Fortuna Families.

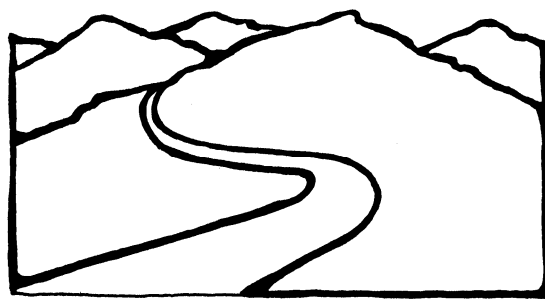
The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Andrew Anixt and have been requested by his wife, Joan.

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

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of the Tarascio and Cantone Families and have been requested by the Cantone Family.

## 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.



*God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.*

*— Baruch 5:7*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalms** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** 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 readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins  
**Monday:** International Human Rights Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Damasus I  
**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Thursday:** St. Lucy  
**Friday:** St. John of the Cross

## Who invented the Christmas tree?

*Dear Padre,  
Did Christians come up with the idea of the Christmas tree, or is it yet another religious custom with pagan roots?*

*Betty Mae*

Dear Betty Mae,

The origins of our Christmas tree traditions are a little hard to pin down. It's connected to different strands of history, and some of its meanings were shaped by pre-Christian cultures well before Christians started bringing evergreen plants indoors and decorating them for Christmas.

Some parts of this tradition are likely rooted in the ancient pagan practice of bringing evergreen plants indoors during winter to encourage thoughts of life while all outside is dormant or dead.

Other parts go back to the story of Saint Boniface, the great eighth-century missionary to Germany. Legend has it that after Boniface cut down an oak tree associated with pagan human sacrifice, he encouraged people to take fir trees into their houses and to use the green, upward pointing branches as symbols of peace and immortality and an indication of God's dwelling place.

But many Christmas-tree traditions come from later, medieval Germany, where a fir tree hung with apples and crushed biscuits symbolized the tree of paradise in annual December 24 productions of a morality play focused on Adam and Eve and anticipating the celebration of our Redeemer's coming on Dec. 25.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR  
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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". Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. To provide a vision, Father invites us to the Sinai desert, mysterious Istanbul, the glittering streets of Paris and the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

### "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"



