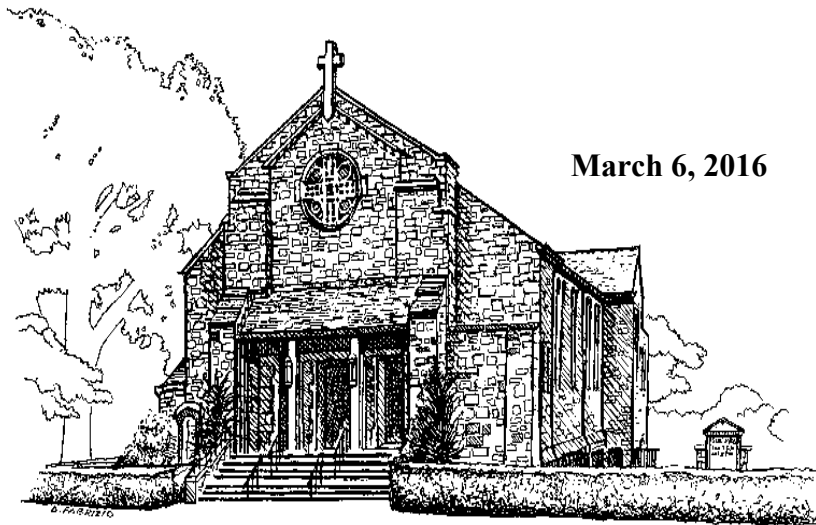


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March 6, 2016

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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

6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

Devotions to Our Lady

Novena - Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Baptism

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

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.
All Other Times: On Request

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 5 & 6	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 3 & 4	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Grades 7 & 8	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2	Thursday	2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Meetings

Parish Council: Third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Thursday 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.

Respect Life: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 3/5	5:00 p.m.	FRANCESCO COSENTINO
SUN. 3/6	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	VICKI CONDRIO
	10:00 a.m.	BILL HAMMEL
	11:30 a.m.	ROCCO SCHEPIS
	5:00 p.m.	AL CORCILLO & ROSE DE SUZA
MON. 3/7	6:45 a.m.	COPPOLA & DI GUGLIELMO FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	FRANCESCO COSENTINO
TUES. 3/8	6:45 a.m.	LORETTA FARRELL COUGHLIN
	9:00 a.m.	ROCCO SCHEPIS
WED. 3/9	6:45 a.m.	TOMMASO ROSSINI & ANGELA GIORGI
	9:00 a.m.	CARMELA PISCOPO
THU. 3/10	6:45 a.m.	SALVATORE & FELICIA SORGE
	9:00 a.m.	FR. MICHAEL SEPP
FRI. 3/11	6:45 a.m.	THOMAS PITTA
	9:00 a.m.	HELEN MC CAFFREY
SAT. 3/12	9:00 a.m.	JOSEPHINE & JOSEPH DE MAIO
	5:00 p.m.	MURIEL HASSEL
SUN. 3/13	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	VICTORIA "COOKIE" BRUNETTI & GILDA CASTELLI
	10:00 a.m.	GEORGE MEYERS
	11:30 a.m.	AGNES FORREST
	5:00 p.m.	MARY PALUMBO



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SPRING FLING Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program will be hosting its annual "Spring Fling" Children's Carnival on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parish Center. Come one, Come all to this fun filled family event. There will be lots of enjoyable child-centered games, inflatable rides, Chinese Auction, prizes, arts and crafts. Also, Vendors and scrumptious food of all kinds, (meatball, sausage/pepper wedges, hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza frita, Carvel ice cream and beverages. We guarantee you will have a great time.

VENDORS NEEDED Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program is looking for vendors for their 2016 "Spring Fling Children's Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Parish Center. Please contact Ms. Gaudelli, Director, at 835-1278 or at stgregoryecep@gmail.com for info.

LENTEN CLOTHING AND BABY SUPPLIES The Respect Life Group, together with the Knights of Columbus, is sponsoring a Lenten clothing and baby supply drive for unwed mothers from March 13 - 27th. Supplies needed: bed linens, size 6 diapers and Enfamil Gentlelease formula, towels, utensils, clothing, non-perishable food items. **NO CAR SEATS OR CRIBS.** Items will be donated to Good Counsel Homes. Contact Carmelo Schepis - 403-1288 or Michael Tiesi - 649-9303 for pickup. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF AT RECTORY.**

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for February 28, was \$8,962.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

PARISH MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK A special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up sheets and a box to put tear off portion in is in the rear of the Church.

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The anointing may take place in the family home or a hospital for those who are seriously ill and unable to attend a Mass. The sick person should be encouraged to request this Sacrament, which is only administered by a priest. However, the liturgical celebration of the Sacrament within the Eucharist involving the presence and active participation of the faithful celebrates this Sacrament to its fullest.

During the Mass, the priest prays for the sick and invites all present to participate in this faith filled Sacrament. Those being anointed are invited to come to the altar where the priest then lays his hands on the head of the sick person followed by the anointing with oil on the forehead and hands. This is accompanied by a liturgical prayer in which the priest asks for the special grace of this Sacrament.

The strengthening, peace and courage to endure the difficulties that are encountered with serious illness or the frailty of old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was unable to receive the Sacrament of Penance; and that those who are anointed be healed in body, soul and spirit according to God's will. Through the reception of the Sacrament of the Sick come to see that "Jesus associates them with his own life of poverty and service. He makes them share in His ministry of compassion and healing" (Catechism, 315060).

2016 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Answer God's call to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. In the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion and love. Join in helping others during this **Year of Mercy**. To make an online gift, visit www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Michael John Masciola, Jr. and have been requested by Gary and Patty Drace.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of John F. O'Connell and have been requested by Joanne Taylor and Family

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Robert Valentzas and have been requested by Jackie Castellano.

In Memory



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

Rudolph Russo



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

Amanda Grace Coniglio
Child of Frances and Jonathan Coniglio
Gianni Consigliere
Child of Rochelly and Michael Consigliere
Richard Lambiasi, III
Child of Nicole and Richard Lambiasi, Jr.



II Mariateresa Pennella and Frank Manganello



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;
Girl Scout Sunday

Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Tuesday: St. John of God

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Mary Gill, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margotti, Stephanie Merenda, Jacqueline C. Noonan, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Concetta Vasile, Elizabeth West, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Clarifying Pope Francis' announcement on abortion.

I heard Pope Francis allows priests to forgive the sin of abortion. Aren't priests able to forgive any sin?

In September 2015, the media announced that for the Year of Mercy Pope Francis is giving priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion. However, this is not accurate. Priests are able to forgive any sin; what the Holy Father is granting to priests is the faculty to remit the penalty attached to the ecclesiastical crime of abortion. Let me explain.

Procuring, performing, or facilitating an abortion is always a grave sin. In the Catholic Church, these acts may also constitute a crime in canon law (1398). The sin is distinct from the crime, and those who commit the crime might also incur excommunication.

To incur the penalty, the person who commits the sin must: be Catholic and at least eighteen years old; be aware of the Church's penalty for abortion; and intend in full freedom to end a human life.

If any one of these elements is not present, the person did not incur excommunication. Yet if the priest discovers that the penalty is incurred, he is obliged to contact the local ordinary (usually the diocesan bishop) for permission to remit the penalty - unless the bishop has already given permission, which is the case in many dioceses in the United States. ***For the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is giving all priests the faculty to remove the penalty without contacting the bishop.*** In other words, the Holy Father has extended mercy in the realm of Church law.

No one need believe that confessed sins are unforgiven. Pope Francis' announcement is an encouragement for all, especially people who have committed grave sin, to confess their sins and receive the unfailing mercy of God.

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