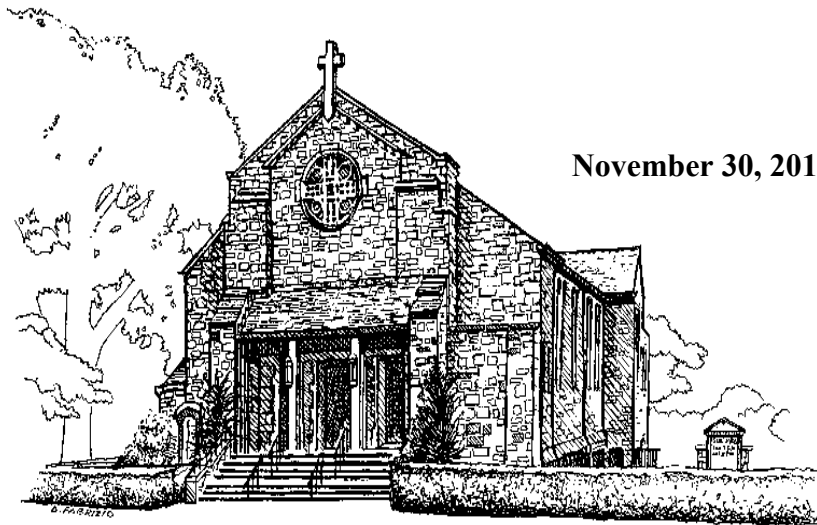


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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November 30, 2014

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**Professor Pierluigi Sampietro**  
*Organist Emeritus*

**Ms. Maria Gaudelli**

*Director of Early Childhood Program*

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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*

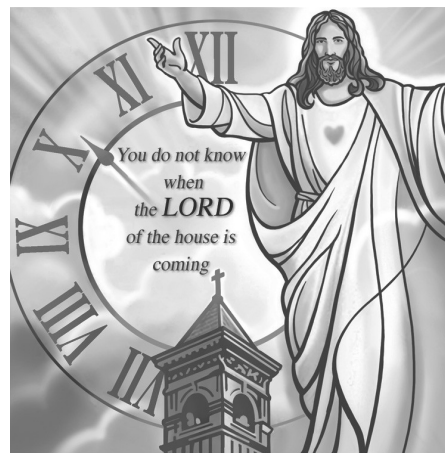
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

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

All Other Times: On Request

**November 30, 2014**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 11/29	5:00 p.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL, MC QUADE & GARRETTO FAMILIES
SUN. 11/30	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
	10:00 a.m.	FRANK, ANTOINETTE & ANTHONY GUCCIONE
	11:30 a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH RAIMONDO
	5:00 p.m.	LEONARD SAURO
MON. 12/1	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	9:00 a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
TUES. 12/2	6:45 a.m.	ANGELA DI BIASI
	9:00 a.m.	DR. JOSEPH BISCEGLIA & SALVATORE BISCEGLIA
WED. 12/3	6:45 a.m.	LORRAINE ARCARA
	9:00 a.m.	ROSEMARIE LOCKWOOD
THU. 12/4	6:45 a.m.	GINO RAINA & TARY CERRUTTI
	9:00 a.m.	TULLIO SCOCCHERA
FRI. 12/5	6:45 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE U..S.S. SOLEY
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
SAT. 12/6	9:00 a.m.	VINCENZO PAGNOTTA
	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



**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.

**BAKE SALE** 9th Annual Bake Sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place at the Veterans Building, 210 Halstead Ave., Harrison (across from St. Gregory's Church) on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will also be sold. Prizes include 32" LED TV, 17 piece Magic Bullet Blender, Martha Stewart Dinner Set and many more prizes.

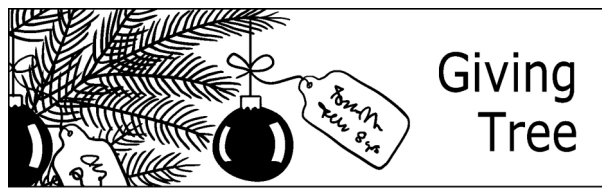
**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 23rd will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**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.

**MUSIC MINISTRIES...**of St. Joseph's Church in Somers will present The Sounds of Christmas at St. Joseph's an Advent-Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Joseph's Church, 95 Plum Brook Rd. Somers, NY 10589. Spectacular holiday reception follows in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$15 at the door or by calling 914-232-2910. For more information, call the music department at 914-318-3268.



## Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been offered for Dominic Matthew Cruz in honor of his birthday and have been requested by Katherine Castillo.

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

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Antonette, Sebastian and Carmine Strange and have been requested by Rose and Bob Lovallo.

### In Memory



Domenick Annunziata  
John F. Johnston, Jr.  
Paul Nardozi  
Aurelio Arce



III Christine Vita and Frank Santorelli

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, James Castaldi, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Matthew Coulter, Lou Coviello, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Donna DiMaggio, Susan Di Silvestro, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Sabrina Marciante, Joanne Mayne, Stephanie Merenda, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Margaret Valeri, Peter Valeri, Concetta Vasile, Gregory Westfall, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

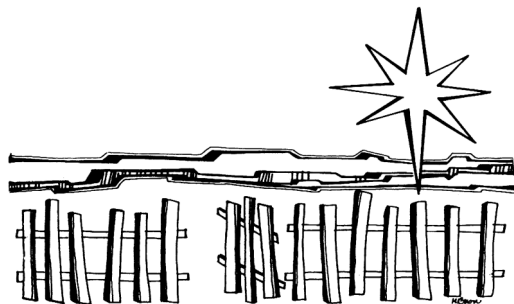
**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

## 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: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Monday: World AIDS Awareness Day  
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier  
Thursday: St. John Damascene  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday



### First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

## When did Advent start?

*When did the Church start celebrating Advent?*

*It's a little complicated*, because our Western Church's celebration of Advent grew up over time in different areas of Europe rather than beginning all at once in one particular spot.

Some of the earliest references to special pre-Christmas practices for Christians come from Spain and Gaul (modern France) in the fourth and fifth centuries, but we also have evidence of a pre-Christmas fast in Rome at the end of the fourth century.

The shape and flavor of these local Advent celebrations were different, with some running as long as six weeks and some being much shorter. In Gaul they emphasized penance and the final coming of Christ in judgment at the end of time, while in Rome there was more emphasis on the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Roman four-week Advent eventually carried the day and shaped the rhythm of our Church's calendar. But if you pay attention to the readings and prayers offered in our Advent Masses, you'll see elements of both the Roman and Gallican Advents in our modern-day celebrations.

In general, during the earlier days of Advent we emphasize the final coming of Christ in judgment. Then we focus more closely on the commemoration of his birth at Bethlehem.

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