

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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April 3, 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.

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**2nd Sun. of Easter & Divine Mercy Sun.
Mass Intentions**

SAT. 4/2	5:00 p.m.	ILEANA & GINO ELICATI
SUN. 4/3	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	ENIA & FRANCA CAPPARELLI
	10:00 a.m.	JAMES FORREST
	11:30 a.m.	LUIGI FERRARO
	5:00 p.m.	JOANNE MAYNE
MON. 4/4	6:45 a.m.	SALVATORE & FELICIA SORGE
	9:00 a.m.	LINDA HOUSTON & ERMINIO FIORE
TUES. 4/5	6:45 a.m.	ROGER HICKS
	9:00 a.m.	VERA FIORE-ROCCO
WED. 4/6	6:45 a.m.	IN THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLY FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	CARL TURZIANO
THU. 4/7	6:45 a.m.	IN THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLY FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	LUIGI BLASI
FRI. 4/8	6:45 a.m.	FAITH & BARBARA DEEGAN
	9:00 a.m.	EVA GZIK
SAT. 4/9	9:00 a.m.	MICHELE MINICHELLO
	5:00 p.m.	JOAN DONOVAN & DEBBIE MC AULIFFE
SUN. 4/10	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	PAUL TAYLOR
	10:00 a.m.	ELIZABETH BAKAY
	11:30 a.m.	ANNA MARIA, ROSA & GIOVANNI GASPARRINI
	5:00 p.m.	LENA ROSCIA



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

PARISH MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK A special Mass for the Anointing of the sick will take place today, Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Those who may benefit from the Sacrament of the Anointing are adults 65 years and older, anyone undergoing surgery, or adults and children with serious illness.

2016 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL Remember, if you have not made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please do so this week. Do not forget that you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. Again, thank you to all who have made their gift. To make an online gift, visit www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, March 20, 2016 was \$10,653.00 and Easter Sunday will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR Thank you so much for welcoming us to St. Gregory's on January 30th and 31st. We wish to thank those who donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor's collection. We are pleased to report that as of this date, the amount donated was over \$6,500.00. We are so very grateful. We promise to keep all of the parish intentions in our prayers and in those of the elderly we serve.

STEPINAC DRAMA CLUB Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents the tri-state regional premiere of the Broadway hit, **SISTER ACT**. Show dates are: April 29th, 30th, May 6th, 7th at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee on May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Major Bowes Award night will honor all Good Counsel Academy Alumnae at the April 30th performance. All religious nuns are invited to "Nun Night" on May 6th and can pre-order one complimentary ticket. For all ticket reservations, please call 914-946-4800, ext. 200. For further information, email theatre@stepinac.org.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE Sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Harrison Men's Club. Do you want to lower your auto insurance at least 10% and reduce as many as 4 points on your license? Take the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course. Monday, April 11th and April 18th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. @JCCH - \$65 per person. No requirements or testing required. Must bring license/learner's permit. Both classes must be taken to complete the course. To register, please call 914-835-2850.

PILGRIMAGE OF NY 2016-YEAR OF MERCY The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan! We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy. The walk is a total of 13.5 total miles. Saturday, April 16, 2016 (rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016). 9:00 a.m. Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Ave., New York, NY 10004. You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in the event.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Tillie and Salvatore Lombardi and have been requested by Joan and Norman Peck and Donald and Maureen Lombardi.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Caterina Trogone and have been requested by Ida Scatenato and Family

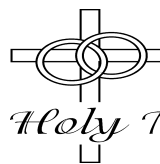
The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Fred Neale and have been requested by Lenore and James Moretti.

In Memory



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

Santino Gaudio

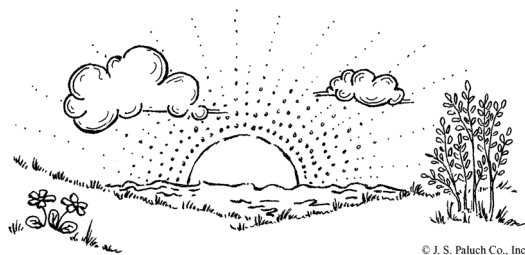


Holy Matrimony

Jacquelynn Frances Burke & Daniel S. Wong



|| Lauren Fox and Gregory Alphin



**Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.**

— *Revelation 1:18a*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Carmelita Briotte, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, Camdon Joseph, Mary Gill, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margiotti, 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.

Why Blessings Are Given?

Why won't my priest bless my Bible? Don't Catholics bless objects all the time?

“Through all the words of sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely...For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 102-103).

The Bible as the inspired word of God is living and holy. Technically, it does not need a ritual blessing; it is inherently a “sacramental” and set aside for God's purposes. Perhaps it is this unique, sacred nature of the Bible that caused your priest to deny your request. Moreover, some view the Bible as the source of all blessings, since blessings derive meaning and effectiveness from the word of God.

That said, “every baptized person is called to be a ‘blessing’ and to bless. Among sacramental blessings (of persons, meals, objects and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts “ (CCC 1669,1671). To that end, ordained ministers who wish to give praise and bestow benefit to adults and children preparing for the sacraments - their catechists, or liturgical ministers, for example - may choose to bless such persons, giving thanks for the gift of God's word and its work in their lives. Blessings, after all, “are invoked always with a view to the people who use the objects to be blessed” (Book of Blessings, General Introduction, 12).

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**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**

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