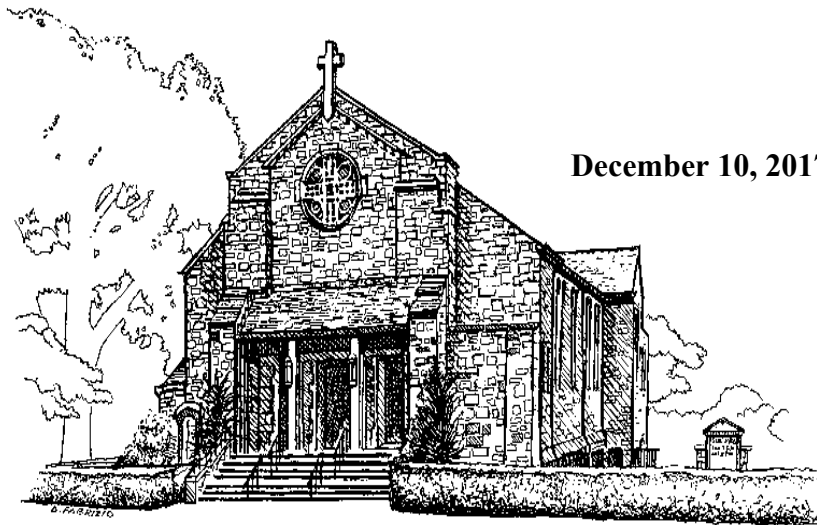


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 10, 2017

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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	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Meetings**

**Parish Council:** Fourth 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 2:00 p.m. for the Rosary, and 2:30 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:** Friday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

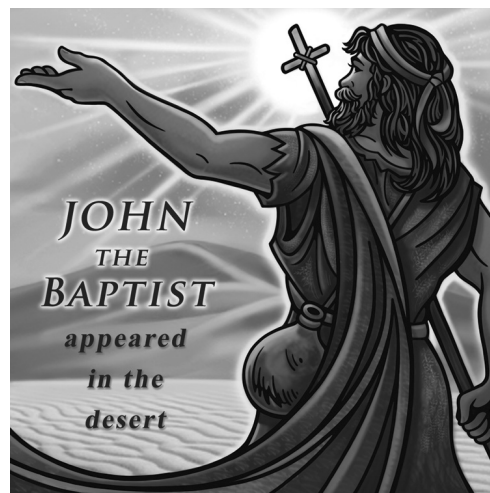
**RCIA:** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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

**December 10, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/9	5:00	p.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
SUN. 12/10	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	VERA FIORE ROCCO
	10:00	a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO MASI LAGANA
	11:30	a.m.	ANTOINETTE & MICHAEL SORACIN
	5:00	p.m.	LUCILLE FIORILLO
MON. 12/11	6:45	a.m.	ANN DONIGER
	9:00	a.m.	MONICA CARUANA PULIS
TUES. 12/12	6:45	a.m.	MARIE SHOFI
	9:00	a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
WED. 12/13	6:45	a.m.	IN THANKSGIVING
	9:00	a.m.	ROONEY, PURCELL, GARRETTO & MC QUADE FAMILIES
THU. 12/14	6:45	a.m.	CONNIE & RALPH SIRANI, SR.
	9:00	a.m.	RITA VERRINO
FRI. 12/15	6:45	a.m.	ANTONIO & MARIA LOIZZO
	9:00	a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
SAT. 12/16	9:00	a.m.	CARL PORTALE
	5:00	p.m.	ROBERT LOVALLO
SUN. 12/17	7:00	a.m.	ADOLPH GRABLEY
	8:30	a.m.	GAUDELLI & GATTO FAMILY
	10:00	a.m.	ALFRED & MEL ROSE & DENISE CLARK
	11:30	a.m.	MARY DUNN
	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.

**VESPERS** Starting Saturday, December 2nd 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.

**ST. GREGORY'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - REGISTRATION INFORMATION** On-site registration for **CURRENT STUDENTS** and **incoming FIRST GRADE ONLY** - January 16th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; January 17th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and January 18th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration will be **CLOSED** after January 18th for current students and 1st graders. Due to limited classroom space and volunteer recruitment, a strict registration timeline is necessary. Placement is not guaranteed when registration is not received in the time frame offered. *Please note that you will be required to have your parish envelope number to complete registration.* New student registration is open **January 30th by appointment only.** For additional information - [stgregprep@gmail.com](mailto:stgregprep@gmail.com) or 914-835-3685.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 3, 2017 was \$8,718.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**GIVING TREE** The Christmas Giving Tree this year will benefit the following charities: Cardinal McCloskey Home, Sisters of Life, Hour Children's Center, and St. Anthony's Shelter. The name of an item is written on each tag on the tree that would benefit someone in need. Simply select a tag from the Christmas trees in church on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. On the following weekend of December 9th and 10th, place your gift under the tree. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory's.

**CYO AWARD 2016-17** The CYO of the Archdiocese of NY wishes to congratulate St. Gregory the Great for being one of the teams named co-recipients of the 2016-17 CYO Sportsmanship Award. Both parishes go to great lengths to instill a strong sense of sportsmanship and community service in their CYO Programs. St. Gregory has an outstanding CYO Program that strives to promote strength of character among its youngsters while involving them and their families in the parish community. Their "Hoops for Hope" Basketball Tournament has raised over \$64,000.00 in the past four years for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society in the honor of Isabel Homem (a former parishioner whose husband Manny Homem is the CYO Program Director). The parish also awards scholarships of \$3,000.00 each to two high school seniors from the parish who submit the best essays on the subject of "what playing CYO Basketball means to me". In addition, the CYO players in the parish collect and distribute food and clothing to the less fortunate throughout the year. Congratulations to the parishes and thank you for your wonderful example and selflessness.

**REGINA PACIS ACADEMY** It's not too late to discover how different this school year could be for your son or daughter. Consider Regina Pacis Academy a K-8 independent, Catholic, classical education school in Norwalk, CT. Small class sizes, authentically Catholic, Classical education and affordable. To schedule a tour or to learn more, please call 347-840-1553 or email [k.quatela.rpa@optimum.net](mailto:k.quatela.rpa@optimum.net). [www.reginapacisacademy.org](http://www.reginapacisacademy.org). Forming scholars and saints since 2005.

## Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of the Victor Arcara and Nicholas Bilotto Families and have been requested by their daughters, Linda Arcara and Diana Bilotto.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Virginia Marie Montesione and have been requested by Eleanor and Tom Tedone, Sr.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Joseph Cannella and have been requested by Bob and Ellen Galante.

### In Memory



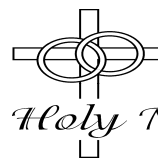
The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss

Dominick Ferraro  
Angela Margiotti  
Isabel Vallarelli



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

Alessia Guglielmo  
*Child of Tina Marie and Anthony Guglielmo*



*Holy Matrimony*

Santa Vita and Angelo Pennella



III Melissa Bottiglieri and Silverio Pacifico

I Samantha Giraud and Michael Valente

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: 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 any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
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: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Angela Caparelli, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Mary Gill, Brody Ryscik, William Lawrence, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Diana Pugliatti, Frank Radogna, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Elizabeth West, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Dear Padre  
December 10, 2017

*Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.*

*Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed* in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may “carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner” (General Instruction of Roman Missal, 45).

During Mass, “Let us pray” is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to “place themselves in God’s presence and make their personal petitions (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they’ve heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (GIRM 45). In other words, there’s a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there’s no singing after Communion, the antiphon “may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful” (GIRM 87).

Without liturgical silence, “the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song” (Introduction 48).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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