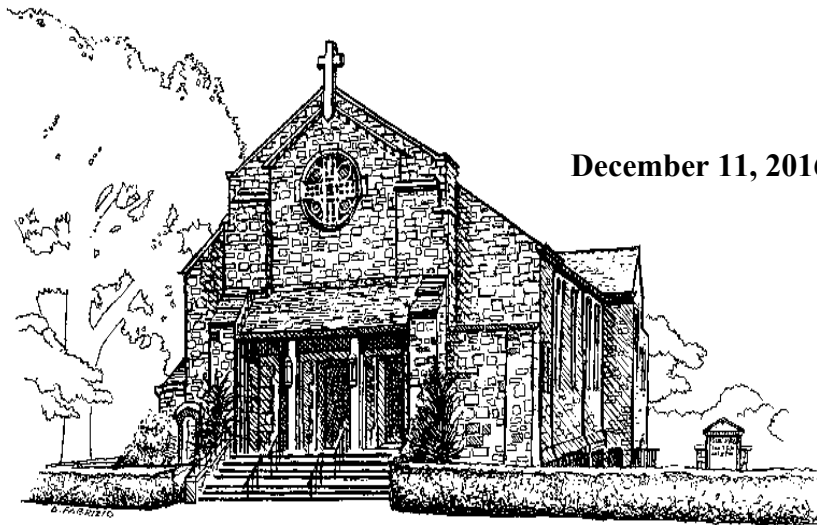


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December 11, 2016

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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	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 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.

December 11, 2016
Third Sunday Of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/10	5:00 p.m.	SPECIAL INTENTION
SUN. 12/11	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	MARIO & PETER SCAPPATICCI
	10:00 a.m.	LAURA O'CONNELL
	11:30 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA STABILITO
	5:00 p.m.	IN THANKSGIVING
MON. 12/12	6:45 a.m.	FRANCES BRACCIO
	9:00 a.m.	GIUSEPPE SANTO LAGANA
TUES. 12/13	6:45 a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	9:00 a.m.	MONICA CARUANA PULIS
WED. 12/14	6:45 a.m.	GILDA SALAMONE
	9:00 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
THU. 12/15	6:45 a.m.	GILDA SALAMONE
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
FRI. 12/16	6:45 a.m.	GILDA SALAMONE
	9:00 a.m.	SORICELLI & CECCARELLI FAMILIES
SAT. 12/17	9:00 a.m.	MARY DUNN
	5:00 p.m.	ADOLPH GRABELEY
SUN. 12/18	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	JOHN, ELIZABETH & ROBERT RUBEO
	10:00 a.m.	GATTO & GAUDELLI FAMILY
	11:30 a.m.	SAMUEL ETRE & NELLIE BATTIPAGLIA
	5:00 p.m.	RALPH TANCREDI



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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.

VESPERS Starting Saturday, November 27th 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Saint Gregory the Great's Religious Education Program is in need of volunteers. We need teachers, assistant teachers and hall monitors. We especially need people on Tuesday from 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Please contact the PREP office at 835-3685.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 4, 2016 was \$9,905.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBER 19TH Every parish in the Archdiocese including St. Gregory the Great Church will be hearing confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE The Christmas Giving Tree 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 3rd and 4th. On the following weekend, December 10th and 11th, 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.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. GREGORY THE GREAT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017/2018 This program is at capacity for every grade level and we anticipate new students enrolling. 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 envelope number to complete registration. **WE CANNOT GUARANTEE PLACEMENT FOR LATE REGISTRATION.** **Phase 1:** Current students and incoming 1st grade only - January 15-31; **Phase 2:** New students - February 1-16; **Phase 3:** Late Registration - March 1-15 (**LATE FEE: \$100**). Fees: \$300 per child, \$375 per family; Communion Fee \$125/Confirmation Fee \$150.

DR. MALONEY'S AND ST. RITA'S CLINIC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY Dr. Kevin Maloney and St. Rita's Free Medical Clinic volunteers give toys to thousands of children every year. This year the event will be held on December 16th at 6:30 p.m. in front of Dr. Maloney's office. Unwrapped new toys for children of all ages can be dropped off at Dr. Maloney's office at 144 E. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. For details call: 914-381-2091.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Andrew Anixt and Dr. Concetta Tina Marone and have been requested by Joan Anixt.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Rudy Russo and have been requested by The Moretti Family.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Peter Scappaticci and have been requested by Diane and Valerie.

In Memory



Mary Kaczmarek
Marie Shofi



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

Gia Marie Ruscio
Child of Nicole and Jason Ruscio



I Diana Litos and James Cianci



*Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joan Anixt, Marianne Yusi Barber, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Silvio Catalano, Adrian and Marisa Colon, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Mary Gill, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margiotti, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Concetta Vasile, Beatrice Victory, Irma Vidal, Elizabeth West, Gregory Westfall, Donna Williams, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Dear Padre
December 11, 2016

When I was younger, my faith was very important; but lately I don't feel that closeness to God. Is this a crisis of faith?

How has your life changed since childhood?

Do you feel, react, and appreciate things today as you did then? Spirituality is an ordinary part of human experience, and I hope you discover that the God of your youth, although remembered fondly, is not the God of your adult experience.

Many adults discover that their understanding, decisions, and behaviors have expanded and matured. In the interplay of the demands of society and culture, we are forced to grow and develop. What worked for us as a child of five is not usually what we would choose today.

In the spiritual journey, we are not so much forced but invited to grow and mature. Some people miss the invitation and get stuck in a rut. They may cling to childlike images of God and still expect such images to serve them well. The consequences of this are not easily recognized until moments of crisis or dramatic change, when the result is often reflected by the question, "Where is God?"

So it's not so much a crisis of faith but a realization of the desire to pursue (again) the spiritual journey. Begin to relate to God as an adult. Use your skills and knowledge to build a new relationship with God, the Church, and the community of believers. You will discover a living faith, an experience of God, that is important and meaningful for you now.

*From Liguorian, 2003,
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