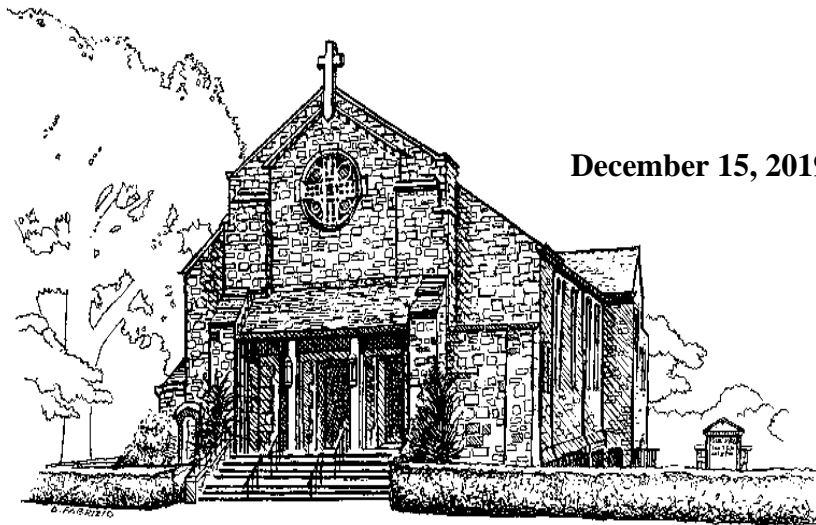


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December 15, 2019

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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 Wednesday 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.

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

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday Of Advent
Mass Intentions

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**Be patient until the
coming of the Lord**

SAT. 12/14	5:00 p.m.	CICCARELLI & SORICELLI FAMILIES
SUN. 12/15	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	GAUDELLI & GATTO FAMILY
	10:00 a.m.	CONNIE & RALPH SIRANI, SR
	11:30 a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
	5:00 p.m.	ANTONIO & MARIA LOIZZO
MON. 12/16	6:45 a.m.	PASQUA & JOSEPH CANTONE
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
TUES. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	CONCETTA & SALVATORE TARASCIO
	9:00 a.m.	CONCETTA & GIUSEPPE VASILE
WED. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	ANTONIO SCOTTI
	9:00 a.m.	JOSEPH TARASCIO
THU. 12/19	6:45 a.m.	EVAN JOSEPH FRAIOLI
	9:00 a.m.	ROSA & UMBERTO MASI
FRI. 12/20	6:45 a.m.	BETTINA & ANTONIO ROSSITTO
	9:00 a.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
SAT. 12/21	9:00 a.m.	ANTHONY CARDONE
	5:00 p.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
SUN. 12/22	7:00 a.m.	CHICKIE SARLO
	8:30 a.m.	HON. JOSEPH CANNELLA
	10:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	11:30 a.m.	JENNIE & MARIO RICCARDI & NICHOLAS & JULIA CONTRATA & STEPHENA DE VICO
	5:00 p.m.	FRANCIS PIATEK

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBER 16TH 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 16th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

CHRISTMAS EVE... masses are at 4:00 p.m. and Midnight. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Choir Concert starting at 11:30 p.m.

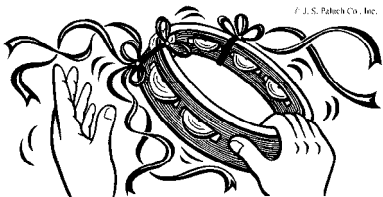
VESPERS Starting Saturday, November 30th and for all the Saturdays of Advent, we will have Vespers sung before the 5:00 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:30 p.m. Vespers are the evening prayer of the church and consist of hymns, prayers and the blessing of the Advent Wreath. All are invited to attend. Vespers would be a good way to prepare for Christmas. The Vesper ceremony lasts about 20 minutes.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 8, 2019 was \$10,544.00 Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

THANK YOU...to everyone who so generously donated to the Giving Trees at St. Gregory the Great Church. We received many donations which were given to the appropriate charities. We would like to thank all the families who helped with our Giving Trees this year. We would also like to give a special thank you to John Wagner and George Romero for their help in setting up the Christmas Trees. A job well done as usual. The trees looked beautiful. Many people enjoyed a wonderful Christmas due to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Church.

THANK YOU...very much to all of the parishioners who donated a sleeping bag last month. We collected and distributed over two dozen sleeping bags to homeless individuals in The Bronx and Manhattan. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION CHORAL SINGERS! Taconic Opera invites you to collaborate on an upcoming Premier Performance of an original oratorio composed by our own director, Dan Montez: **Esther**. Performance Dates/Venues: Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 3 p.m. - White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 North Broadway, White Plains, NY and Sunday, March 15, 2020 - 3 p.m. - Congregation Sons of Israel, 1666 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor. Rehearsal Schedule - Starting Saturday, January 4, 2020 - Wednesdays - 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays - 3-5 p.m. Rehearsal location- Cortlandt School of Performing Arts, 24 Old Albany Post Road, Croton-on-Hudson. Mandatory dress rehearsal - Friday, March 13, 2020, 7 p.m. White Plains Presbyterian Church. If interested, contact Mary Corda - email: divamaryc@aol.com.



*Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
— Isaiah 35:10a*

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Vincent Scappaticci and have been requested by his wife, Terry and children, Tom, Richard and Terri.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Andrea Straface and have been requested by Jackie Castellano.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of the Marone Family and have been requested by Gloria Marone.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Joan Marone Anixt.

In Memory

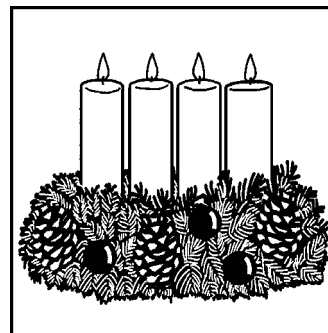


The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss

Adele Savone
Richard Turso



II Danielle De Rosa and Anthony Scalere



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — 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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

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: Las Posadas begins

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janine and Addie Angelo, Elizabeth Bartzick, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Margaret C, Dennis Cantrell, Silvio Catalano, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Carmen M. Gambacorta, Amanda Mora, Stephanie Merenda, Paul Matturo, Joseph Opava, Sr., Joanne Opava, Bruce Page, Lisa Provenzano, Frank Radogna, Joel Rivera, Carol Sheridan, John Sposato, Lee Ann Thomas, Monica Toro, Eliana Rose Valenti, Mark Valentino, James and Vivian Weidinger—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.



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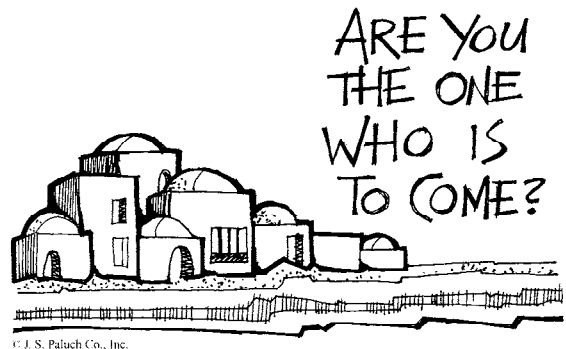
Dear Padre December 15, 2019

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a psuedohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 16). The dignity and importance of worshipping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well - especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy - Sacrosanctum Concilium - 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR



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