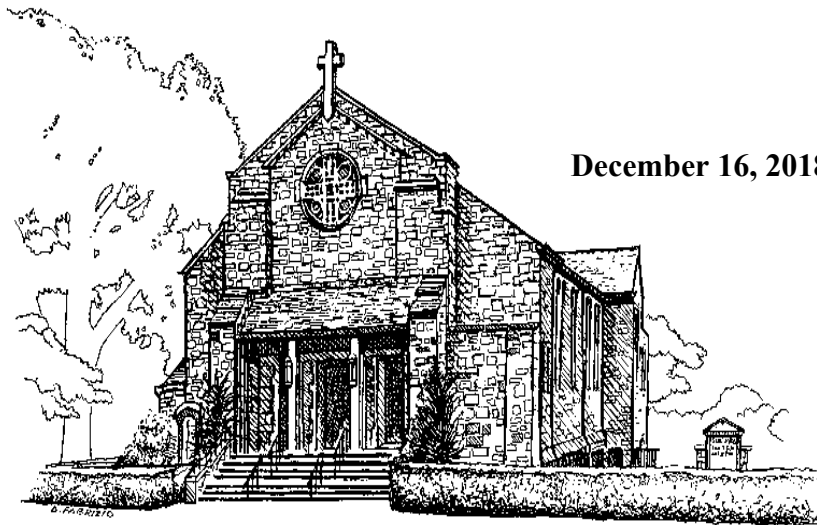


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 16, 2018

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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.

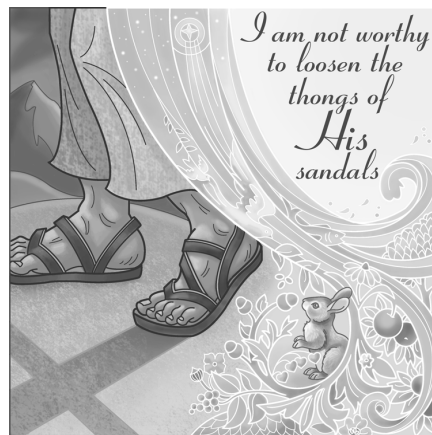
**St. Gregory's Choir:** Friday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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

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

**December 16, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/15	5:00 p.m.	COPPOLA & DI GUGLIELMO FAMILY
SUN. 12/16	7:00 a.m.	LEONIDA (DELORES) DESIMONE
	8:30 a.m.	ADOLPH GRABLEY
	10:00 a.m.	MARY, HENRY & RICHIE ZUCCARELLI
	11:30 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	5:00 p.m.	GIUSEPPINA & LUIGI TOSTO
MON. 12/17	6:45 a.m.	MARIA MORANO
	9:00 a.m.	THERESA GASPARRINI
TUES. 12/18	6:45 a.m.	ELIZABETH MINISHI
	9:00 a.m.	ROBERT RUBEO
WED. 12/19	6:45 a.m.	RITA VERRINO
	9:00 a.m.	ROSE & DOMINICK CAPERELLA
THU. 12/20	6:45 a.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
	9:00 a.m.	CHICKIE SARLO
FRI. 12/21	6:45 a.m.	JOHN SELVAGGIO, JR.
	9:00 a.m.	ANTHONY CARDONE
SAT. 12/22	9:00 a.m.	ROSA & UMBERTO MASI
	5:00 p.m.	ROSEMARIE TURZIANO
SUN. 12/23	7:00 a.m.	ARCARA FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	GAUDELLI & GATTO FAMILIES
	10:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	11:30 a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
	5:00 p.m.	RALPH ATTILIO



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**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 17TH** 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 17th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve** - Monday, December 24th  
4:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

**Christmas Day** - Tuesday, December 25th  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve** - Monday, December 31st  
5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day** - Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
6:45, 9:00 a.m., 12:00 and 5:00 p.m.

**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 9, was \$11,027.00. This is a combined Sunday Collection and Immaculate Conception Collection. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**PARISH EVALUATION** This year Fr. Richard Guarnieri will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Church. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel  
Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than December 31, 2018. Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY**  
Through our Adopt-A-Family program, Catholic Charities matches volunteers who purchase essential items (coats, blankets and more) for families in need. The volunteers who purchase these essential items are directly paired with the families they will be shopping for this holiday season. Volunteers can adopt one family or more with friends, family members, co-workers or fellow parishioners. Parishioners just need to register for the 2018 Adopt-A-Family program online at [catholiccharitiesny.org](http://catholiccharitiesny.org).

**LIFE CHAIN** A peaceful, prayerful presence for Unborn Babies and their Mothers will take place on Sunday, December 16th from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Kohls Plaza, Port Chester, NY. The Life Chain is sponsored by Respect Life Ministry, Church of St. John Bosco, Port Chester, NY.

**VESPERS** Starting Saturday, December 1st 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.

## Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Bob Amelio and have been requested by Bob and Ellen Galante.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Mary, Henry and Richie Zuccarelli and have been requested by Linda and Timothy Zuccarelli.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Rita Verrino and have been requested by Gloria Marone.

### In Memory

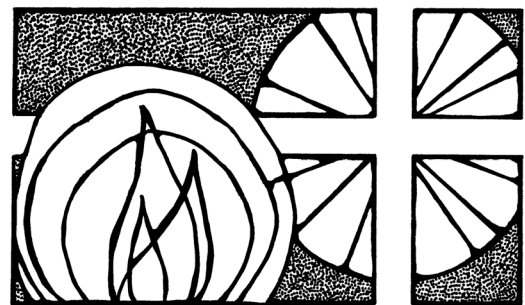


The parish community of St. Gregory the Great extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones on their loss

Nunzio Salvati



III Michele Coppola and Santino Ciatto



*The King of Israel, the LORD,  
is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;  
*Las Posadas* begins  
Tuesday: International Migrants Day  
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Dennis Cantrell, Silvio Catalano, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Mary Gill, Brody Ryscik, William Lawrence, Amanda Mora, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Billy Minck, Joanne Opava, Frank Radogna, Joel Rivera, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Mark Valentino, Marie Valentino & Family, Elizabeth West, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.



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Dear Padre  
December 16, 2018

What do we really know about John the Baptist and how do we know it?

*What we know about John The Baptist comes from* a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

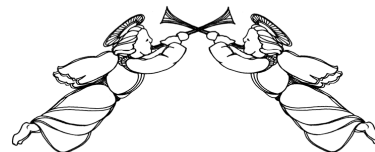
John's parents were Zechariah, a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. During his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a desert hermit. In his late twenties John began his public ministry in the Jordan River Valley. He followed a long line of Jewish prophets who preached against evils of the day, demanding inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued to preach in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him. He is the patron of monastic life, people with epilepsy and other compulsive disorders, lambs, printers, blacksmiths and tailors.

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