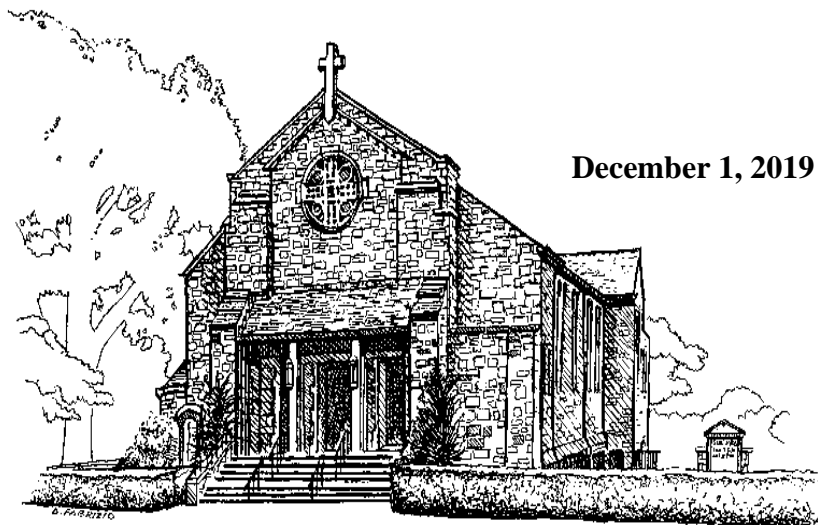


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December 1, 2019

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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.

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.

Baptism

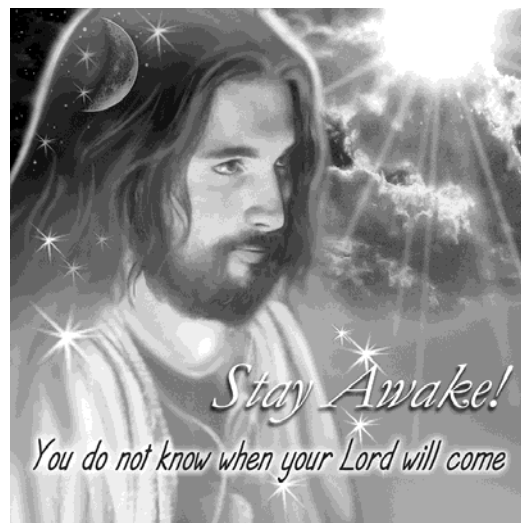
Celebrated every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Rectory to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal information

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.
All Other Times: On Request

December 1, 2019
First Sunday Of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 11/30	5:00	p.m.	CATHLEEN GODFREY
SUN. 12/1	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	10:00	a.m.	MARIO TARRANTINO
	11:30	a.m.	MICHAEL & ANTOINETTE SORACIN
	5:00	p.m.	FRANCIS PIATEK
MON. 12/2	6:45	a.m.	ASSUNTA, SILVERIO & LUIGI SCOTTI
	9:00	a.m.	JOHN (JACK) MC GOWAN
TUES. 12/3	6:45	a.m.	IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FAMILY
	9:00	a.m.	ANGELO & JOSEPHINE MASTROGIACOMO
WED. 12/4	6:45	a.m.	JOHN J. BUONSANTE
	9:00	a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
THU. 12/5	6:45	a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
	9:00	a.m.	LILIAN PELTON
FRI. 12/6	6:45	a.m.	CHIARINA CASCIONE
	9:00	a.m.	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PAGUCCO & VARCA FAMILY
SAT. 12/7	9:00	a.m.	SANTIAGO GARCIA
	5:00	p.m.	FR. JAMES FLYNN
SUN. 12/8	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	VERA FIORE ROCCO
	10:00	a.m.	RICHARD HICKS
	11:30	a.m.	ANGELO & THERESA CATULLO & LIVING FAMILY
	5:00	p.m.	GIUSEPPINA TOSTO



ST. JUDE'S BAKE SALE 14th Annual Bake Sale to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place at the Veterans Building, 210 Halstead Ave., Harrison (across from St. Gregory's Church) on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold. Come show your support for a great cause.

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.

GIVING TREE The Christmas Giving Tree this year will benefit the following charities: Cardinal McCloskey, 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 November 30th and December 1st. On the following weekend of December 7th and 8th, place your gift under the tree. Please don't forget to place the gift tag with the gift. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory's.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 24, 2019 will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many bags were collected, as well as, receiving many gift card and cash donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

HARRISON HOLIDAY HAPPENING

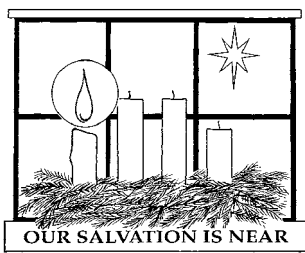
Saturday, December 7, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., the Town-Village of Harrison is sponsoring "Harrison Holiday Happening" in Ma Riis Park across from Town Hall. Enjoy hot cocoa and baked goods, hear the children of Parsons and Harrison Avenue Schools sing holiday songs, visit with Santa and celebrate the lighting of our Christmas Tree and Menorah. This event is free of charge. Please join us! (Snow Date: Sunday, December 8).

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021... will be held on the following dates: **December 2-6** from 9 to 11 a.m. - New families (three and four year olds). **Registration Fee for both groups:** \$225.00 (non-refundable). Call 914-835-1278 to request an interview and tour of the school.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Music Ministries of St. Joseph's Church in Somers will present The Sounds of Christmas, an Advent-Christmas Concert featuring works of Handel, Vittoria, Deford, Mendelssohn, Willcocks and others, on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Joseph's Church, 95 Plum Brook Road, Somers, NY 10589. Program concludes with a wonderful program of traditional and contemporary carols for all to enjoy. Holiday reception follows. Tickets are \$20. For more information, visit the parish website at stjosephsomers.org. or email the music office at sjcsmusic95@gmail.com.



Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Nunzio Salvati.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Gregory Gambino and have been requested by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of the Carnavalla and Casale Families and have been requested by The Family.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Leonard Sauro and have been requested by his wife, Barbara.

In Memory



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

Eileen Veronica Wilson



We

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

Gianna Marie Delgado

Child of Regina and Mark Delgado

Lucia Rose Miceli

Child of Rosanna and Michael Miceli

Alessia Frances Puzzo

Child of Krysten and Frank Puzzo

Stanley Jack Strobel

Child Kaitlin and William Strobel

Isabella Acompora Sperandio

Child of Hilda and Raymond Louis Acompora



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascene
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Mary Gill, Isabel Hoch, Brody Ryscik, William Lawrence, Amanda Mora, Stephanie Merenda, Paul Maturro, Joseph Opava, Sr., Joanne Opava, Bruce Page, Lisa Provenzano, Frank Radogna, Joel Rivera, Carol Sheridan, 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.

Dear Padre December 1, 2019

A Eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight year old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, "No, I refuse!" My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a Eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, it is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice" (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 46-47). Children who have reached the age of reason - normally about age seven - are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of Holy Eucharist.

Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same matter as other members of the ecclesial community. "Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them" (Code of Canon Law, 843). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it's applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive Holy Communion by reason of their Baptism.

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