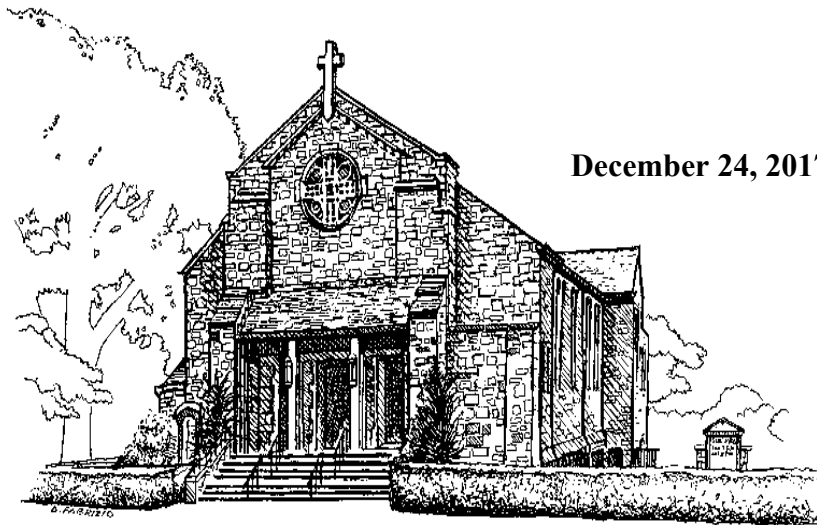


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 24, 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 24, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/23	5:00 p.m.	RAYMOND & AL DONOVAN & FAMILIES
SUN. 12/24	7:00 a.m.	JEAN C. STOUT
	8:30 a.m.	AL CORCILLO
	10:00 a.m.	FRANCES A. ROBERTO
	11:30 a.m.	ANGELINA & ANTHONY DELOSA
		<b><u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u></b>
	4:00 p.m.	RALPH ATTILIO
	12:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
MON. 12/25	7:00 a.m.	THE ARCARA FAMILY
	8:30 a.m.	HENRY, MARY & RICHIE ZUCCARELLI
	10:00 a.m.	FR. PETER J. RINALDI
	11:30 a.m.	JOHN T. CONDON
TUES. 12/26	6:45 a.m.	MARIA & ALFONSE CILENTO
	9:00 a.m.	RITA VERRINO
WED. 12/27	6:45 a.m.	GIOVANNI & ANGELA MESSINA
	9:00 a.m.	STEPHEN GELLER & PATRICIA & DONALD ALLEVA
THU. 12/28	6:45 a.m.	BARBARA & FAITH DEEGAN
	9:00 a.m.	FRED S. TORTELLO
FRI. 12/29	6:45 a.m.	JOHN F. MC GILLICUDDY
	9:00 a.m.	RITA VERRINO
SAT. 12/30	9:00 a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH RAIMONDO
	5:00 p.m.	KIM CORTAZAR & ROBERT VALENTZAS
SUN. 12/31	7:00 a.m.	SALVATORE & FELICIA SORGE
	8:30 a.m.	RITA VERRINO
	10:00 a.m.	NELLIE BATTIPAGLIA & SAMUEL ETRE
	11:30 a.m.	WILLIAM DENNIS FUGAZY
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY



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**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

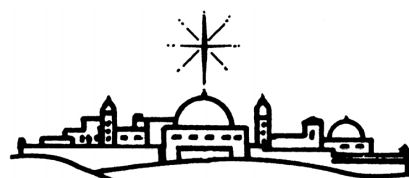
**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY** The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

**A CHRISTMAS WISH!**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we would like to express our gratitude to you, our parishioners, for your goodness, kindness and generosity. We pray that God will bless you with health, happiness and peace during this holy season and throughout the new year. You will all be remembered in our Christmas Masses.

Very truly yours,

Father Richard M. Guarnieri  
 Father James B. Teague  
 Father Soosairaj Michael



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 17, 2017 will be posted at a later date. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

**ST. GREGORY'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

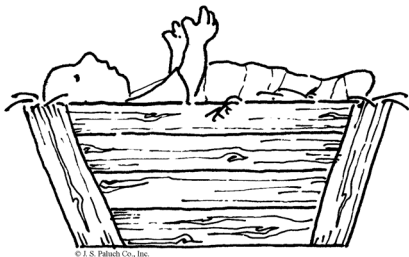
On-site registration for **CURRENT STUDENTS** and **incoming FIRST GRADE ONLY** - January 16th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; January 17th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and January 18th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Registration will be **CLOSED** after January 18th for current students and 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 or 914-835-3685.

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

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

**Christmas Day** - Monday, December 25th  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.  
(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

**New Year's Eve** - Sunday, December 31st  
Regular 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR**



*The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—Luke 1:35*

**Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers**

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Petja Maria Kroner and Madja Korosec and have been requested by their daughter and niece, Vivian G. Kroner.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Fred S. Tortello and have been requested by his wife and daughters.

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

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Caterina Labrosciano and have been requested by the Della Posta Family.

In Memory



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

Joan Cianci  
Joseph Gareri



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

Devyani Agravat  
*Child of Terri and Jay Agravat*

Brielle Marie and Brayden Gomez  
*Children of Brenda and Carlos Gomez*



III Samantha Giraud and Michael Valente

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
**During the Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins  
Wednesday: St. John  
Thursday: The Holy Innocents  
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket  
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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 24, 2017

*An antiphon in the Christian breviary states, "The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph" (December 20). Was she married or not when Jesus was conceived?*

*Much of the confusion is due to what constituted marriage at the time of Jesus.*

Mary was betrothed to Joseph when she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. During the usual betrothal period of a year, the woman remained with her family. However, the bond between the couple was already as permanent as marriage. That's why Mary was legally known as Joseph's wife, even though they didn't yet live together or have all the rights belonging to a husband and wife. In fact, the arrangement during betrothal was so binding that it could only be terminated by divorce.

Moreover, in that patriarchal society, a betrothed woman who had sexual relations with anyone other than her husband was accused of adultery. Had Joseph ended this betrothal in disgrace, Mary would have been deprived of marriage for the rest of her life and dependent on her extended family upon her father's death. But Joseph was an upright man who intended to divorce her quietly without publicly stating the reason, in order to spare Mary and her family's reputation. That's when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to have no fear about taking Mary as his wife, for the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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