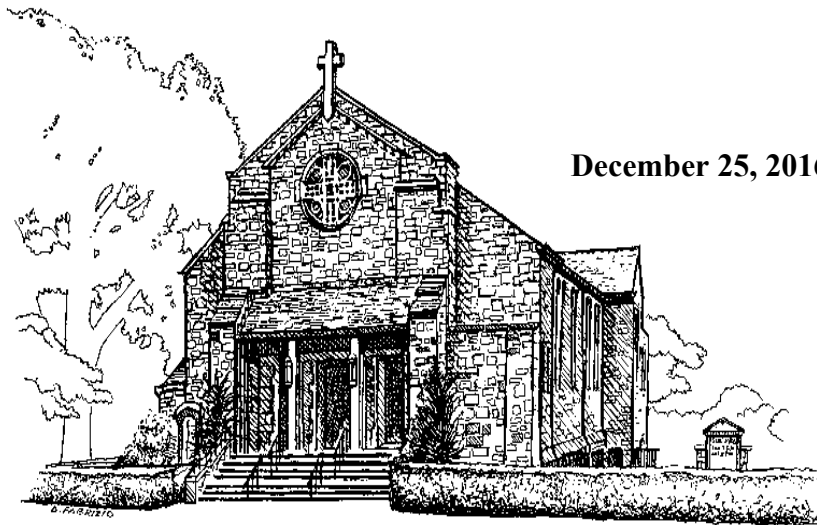


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 25, 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 25, 2016**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/24	4:00	p.m.	RALPH ATTILIO
	12:00	Mid-Night	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
SUN. 12/25	7:00	a.m.	SALVATORE & FELICIA SORGE
	8:30	a.m.	PETJA MARIA KRONER & MADJA KOROSSEC
	10:00	a.m.	JOSEPH TELLA
	11:30	a.m.	AL CORCILLO
	5:00	p.m.	NO 5:00 P.M. MASS
MON. 12/26	6:45	a.m.	VICTOR ARCARA & FAMILY
	9:00	a.m.	RALPH DE ROSA
TUES. 12/27	6:45	a.m.	HARRY & DOROTHY RUDY
	9:00	a.m.	EVA FERRARO
WED. 12/28	6:45	a.m.	BARBARA & FAITH DEEGAN
	9:00	a.m.	FRED S. TORTELLO
THU. 12/29	6:45	a.m.	WILLIAM FUGAZY
	9:00	a.m.	PETER SCAPPATICCI
FRI. 12/30	6:45	a.m.	JOHN MC GILLICUDDY
	9:00	a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
SAT. 12/31	9:00	a.m.	JOANN FRANCES SANTORO
	5:00	p.m.	VICTOR ARCARA & FAMILY
SUN. 1/1/17	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	PASQUALE & PASQUALINA D'ANTONA
	10:00	a.m.	ANTONIO & VIRGINIA COCCOLI
	11:30	a.m.	PAUL VALLARELLI
	5:00	p.m.	FRANCO SALVATI



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

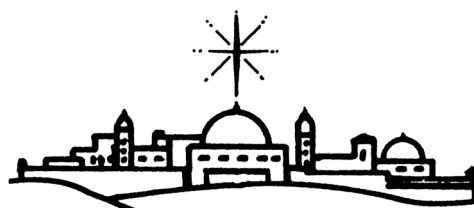
**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY** The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and also on Sunday, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**FINANCIAL CORNER:** Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 18, 2016 will be posted at a later date.. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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

**New Year's Eve** - Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Vigil

**New Year's Day** - Sunday -

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**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 the Cefaloni, Gibbons and Sposato Families for their help with our Giving Trees this year. We would like to give a special thank you to John Wagner for all his 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 your generosity.

**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.

**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.

**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 and children.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Petja Maria Kroner and Madja Korosec and have been requested by her niece, Vivian G. Kroner.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Giovanni Sagliocco and have been requested by his wife and family.

**In Memory**



Florence L. Angeletta  
Jerry Bisceglia



III Diana Litos and James Cianci

II Mariah Kyrillos and Peter Genovese

**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, Brody Ryscik, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margiotti, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, 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.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalms** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

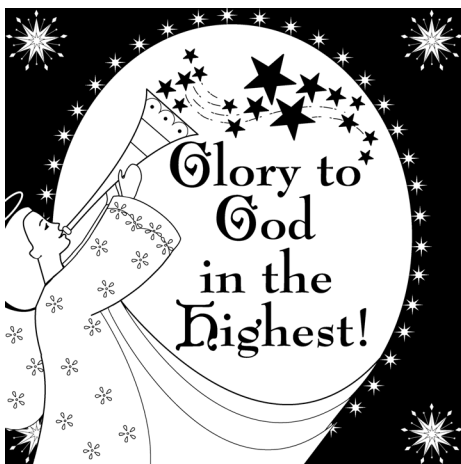
Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;  
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve  
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



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Dear Padre  
December 25, 2016

*Should a Catholic school teach both evolution and creation?*

*A Catholic school should teach* in a style that conveys Catholic Tradition. It also cannot ignore the insights and questions or the disagreements and misunderstandings that occur when the arts and sciences rub shoulders with Catholic teachings and perspectives. Our belief in God's creation of humanity and the scientific understanding of evolution are not fundamentally at odds with one another, as long as our Catholic vision of life is preserved. However, "faith obliges us to hold that souls are immediately created by God" (Humani Generis, 36).

Science is the careful study of details and theories that leads to the development of generalized statements (or hypotheses). If so many scientists, many of whom are people of faith, can intellectually justify the creation of humans through an evolutionary process, this itself shows the application of thought and discovery to deepen an understanding of our world and ourselves.

We need our faith to harmonize with other branches of knowledge, and this means respecting their proper domain of research and methods. It would seem prudent for a Catholic school to teach evolution in science class and the stories of creation in religion class. A calm, reasoned discussion that respects the limits of each discipline and espouses a unified search for God's revealed truths would be best. The attitude should be that evolution and creation are not mutually exclusive but complementary explanations for our human origins that arise from different perspectives.

*From Liguorian, 2003,  
Sundaybulletins@liguori.org*



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