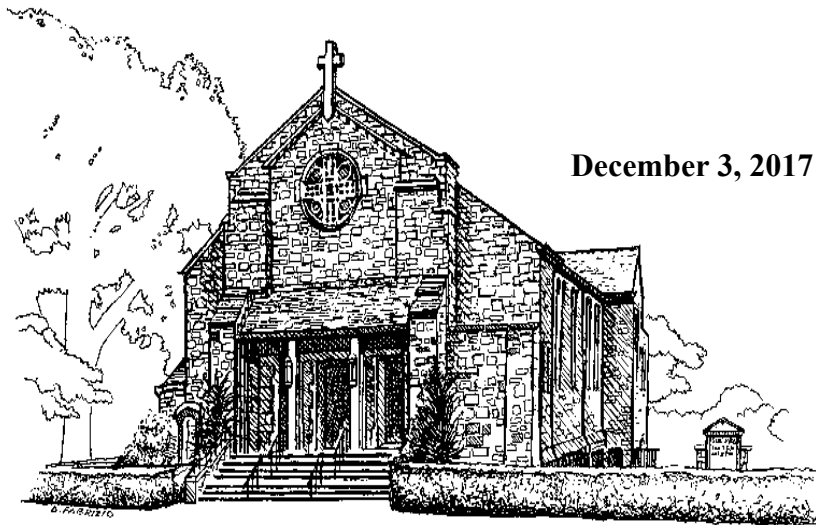


# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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December 3, 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.

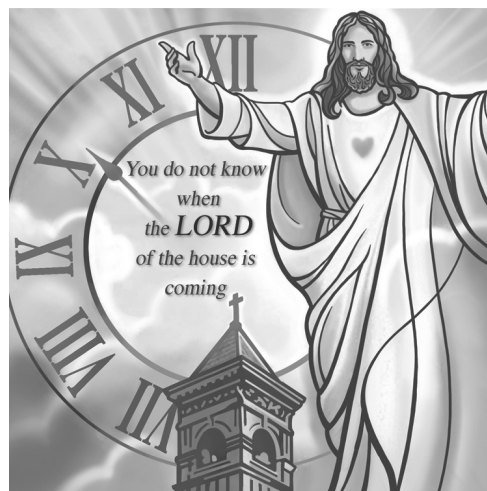
**RCIA:** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Mass Intentions**

SAT. 12/2	5:00 p.m.	CICCARELLI & SORICELLI FAMILY
SUN. 12/3	7:00 a.m.	VICTOR, PAULINE & SUE ARCARA & MARINA GIACOMO
	8:30 a.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
	10:00 a.m.	JOHN (JACK) MC GOWAN
	11:30 a.m.	PAUL & ANNE VALLARELLI
	5:00 p.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
MON. 12/4	6:45 a.m.	RALPH BRANCA
	9:00 a.m.	CAMILLA & FRANCESCO DE GREGORIO
TUES. 12/5	6:45 a.m.	FRANCESCO BLASI
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN & DENISE FUGAZY
WED. 12/6	6:45 a.m.	ANTONIO MESSINA
	9:00 a.m.	SOPHIE & EDWARD NEPPLE
THU. 12/7	6:45 a.m.	PAULINE ARCARA
	9:00 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE USS SOLEY
FRI. 12/8	6:45 a.m.	FR. JAMES P. FLYNN
	9:00 a.m.	RUDOLPH RUSSO
	12:00 p.m.	GIACONDA SLOAT & MARIE SHOFI
	7:30 a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
SAT. 12/9	9:00 a.m.	ANNA & JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO
	5:00 p.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
SUN. 12/10	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	VERA FIORE ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO MASI LAGANA
	11:30 a.m.	ANTOINETTE & MICHAEL SORACIN
	5:00 p.m.	LUCILLE FIORILLO



**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN** Thank you for generously supporting the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice! This collection will benefit parish/community-based efforts to help the poor. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! To donate visit: [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

**VESPERS** Starting Saturday, December 2nd 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, November 19, 2017 was \$8,403.00 and Sunday, November 26, was \$8,215.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Friday will be at 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

**GIVING TREE** The Christmas Giving Tree this year will benefit the following charities: Cardinal McCloskey Home, 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 December 2nd and 3rd. On the following weekend of December 9th and 10th, place your gift under the tree. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory's.

## 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.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima parish proudly presents their annual Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 10th at 2:30 p.m. The afternoon will feature the adult and children's choirs, as well as members of the St. Frances de Chantal adult choir (Bronx). Admission is free. All are welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of prayer and song to ring in the advent season. Annunciation Church, 470 Westchester Ave., Tuckahoe, NY 10701 (924) 779-7345.

## Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Anne M. Vallarelli and have been requested by Kathleen and Patsy Vallarelli.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Victor Arcara and Family and Nicholas Bilotto and Family and have been requested by their daughters, Linda Arcara and Diana Bilotto.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Anne M. Vallarelli and have been requested by Diane Cafiero.

### In Memory



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

Charles W. Ryan, Jr.  
Irma Fusco



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

Gianpiero Alfonso Martone  
*Child of Lauren and Silvio Martone*



III Santa Vita and Angelo Pennella

II Melissa Bottiglieri and Silverio Pacifico



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John Damascene  
Wednesday: St. Nicholas  
Thursday: St. Ambrose;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Marianne Yusi Barber, 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, Diana Pugliatti, 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 3, 2017

*Why do we have Advent?*

*Advent as we know it today developed many* Centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR  
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