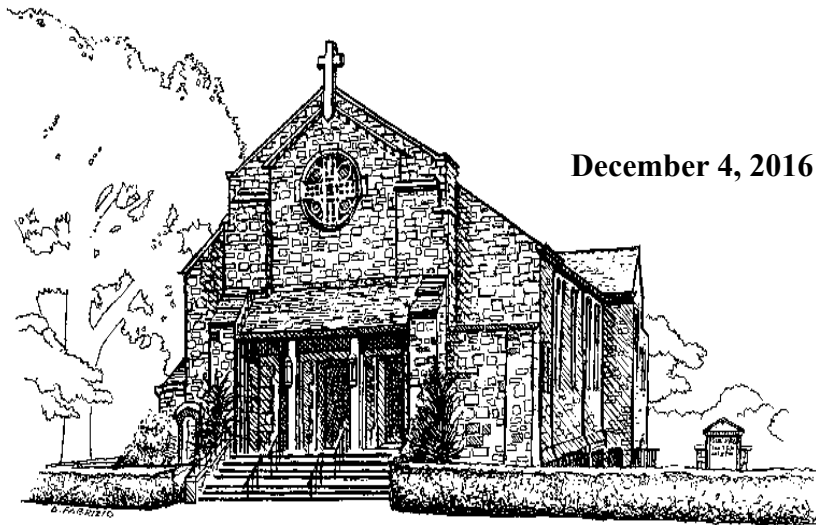


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Mass Schedule

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 4, 2016
Second Sunday Of Advent
Mass Intentions

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

SAT. 12/3	5:00 p.m.	ELLI ALBRECHT
SUN. 12/4	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	JOSEPHINE, ANGELO & SALVATORE MASTROGIACOMO
	10:00 a.m.	BROTHERS TARANTINO
	11:30 a.m.	LOUIS COVIELLO
MON. 12/5	5:00 p.m.	DIANE L. PASCAL
	6:45 a.m.	JOHN & CLARA BIELE
	9:00 a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
TUES. 12/6	6:45 a.m.	MINISHI & FORSTER FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO MASI LAGANA
WED. 12/7	6:45 a.m.	VIRGINIA MASCIOLA & DECEASED MEMBERS OF USS SOLEY
	9:00 a.m.	JACK, ROSE & DR. JOSEPH BISCEGLIA
THU. 12/8	6:45 a.m.	RICHARD HICKS
	9:00 a.m.	CARMELA LONGO & NICOLA NOCITO & FAMILY
	12:00 p.m.	GIACONDA SLOAT
	7:30 p.m.	FR. JAMES P. FLYNN
FRI. 12/9	6:45 a.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
	9:00 a.m.	DENISE FUGAZY
SAT. 12/10	9:00 a.m.	FRANK POLICRITI
	5:00 p.m.	FOR THE CLERGY OF ST. GREGORY
SUN. 12/11	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	MARIO & PETER SCAPPATICCI
	10:00 a.m.	LAURA O'CONNELL
	11:30 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA STABILITO
	5:00 p.m.	IN THANKSGIVING

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Thursday are: 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

VESPERS Starting Saturday, November 27th 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.

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.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 20, 2016 was \$8,608.00. and for Sunday, November 27, 2016 was \$8,335.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.



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REGISTRATION FOR ST. GREGORY THE GREAT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017/2018

Registration available on line for the following dates: **Phase 1** - Current Students January 15-31st; **Phase 2** - New Students February 1-February 16th; **Phase 3** - Late Registration March 1 - March 15th (SUBJECT TO A \$100 LATE FEE). Registrations will NOT be accepted after March 15th - NO ACCEPTIONS). We are at capacity for every grade level and anticipate new students enrolling. To ensure we have enough classroom space we must adhere to a strict registration timeline. We cannot guarantee placement if registration is not received in the time frame offered. Registration and payment can be done online. You will be required to have your parish envelope number to complete the registration. We appreciate your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE The Christmas Giving Tree 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 3rd and 4th. On the following weekend, December 10th and 11th, place your gift under the tree. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great.

BAKE SALE 11th 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 4, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold. Prizes include 32" LED TV, 12 PC Cookware Set, Fitbit Blaze Fitness Watch, and many more prizes!

THANK YOU The Harrison Columbiettes would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Gregory's and friends who purchased goodies at our Bake Sale and also to thank those who baked, donated and helped make it such a Hugh Success.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of William Colangelo, Sr. and have been requested by Vera Scappaticci and Family.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Marie Di Buono and have been requested by Kitty Amelio.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Rudy Russo and have been requested by Linda Arcara and Diana Bilotto.

In Memory



George J. Magnotta



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

Madison Gomez

Child of Jessica and Carlos Gomez

Thomas Anthony Mastro

Child of Jennifer and Anthony Mastro

Gavin Muccino

Child of Elizabeth and Tyler Muccino



Immaculate
Conception

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalms — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Nicholas
Wednesday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego
Saturday: International Human Rights Day

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, Caterina Labrosciano, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marcianti, Angela Margiotti, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Marie Thomson, 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.

Dear Padre December 4, 2016

I have two questions about Christmas. First, why do we use red and green during the season? Second, what does the word Noel mean?

The Church uses colors as symbols to mark the change of liturgical seasons and to remind ourselves of religious themes. White (or gold) is actually the liturgical color for the Christmas season, and violet (purple) for the weeks of Advent.

Red and green were associated with a wintertime feast that predates Christianity. However, since these colors have additional meanings for Christians that relate to this time of year, they are still in use and commonly associated with the holiday (holy) season. December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents, the male children of Bethlehem who were slaughtered by Herod's order. It's color is red, the color of martyrs. Poinsettia flowers and candy canes, popular Christmastime accents, also prominently feature red. Green - most visibly found in evergreen trees and wreaths - is the color of life. During Advent, it witnesses to imminent birth of Jesus, which brings hope for new and eternal life to the world.

In response to your second question, Noel is an old French word meaning "Christmas," the Christmas season," or "yuletide." The French word comes from the Latin for "birth" or "birthday." As we all know, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the incarnation of our Lord and Savior.

*From Liguorian, December 2004,
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