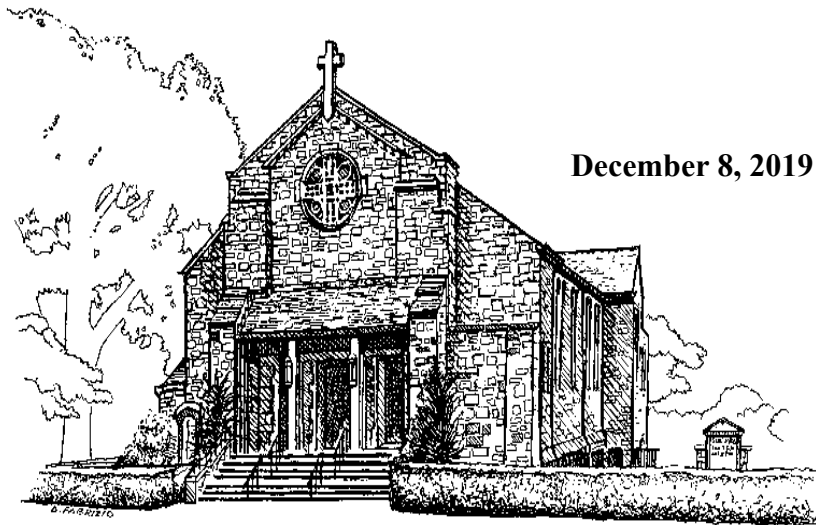


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December 8, 2019

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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.

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 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.

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday Of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/7	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
MON. 12/9	6:45	a.m.	MARY ANN SPOSATO
	9:00	a.m.	JAMES JOSEPH JUERGENS
TUES. 12/10	6:45	a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO MASI LAGANA
	9:00	a.m.	MONICA CARUANA PULIS
WED. 12/11	6:45	a.m.	CARLO & SILVANA ANTONETTI
	9:00	a.m.	VITO & ROSA BUONSANTE
THU. 12/12	6:45	a.m.	MINISHI & FORSTER FAMILY
	9:00	a.m.	SCAPPATICCI & TAURO FAMILY
FRI. 12/13	6:45	a.m.	JOANNE SIERAD
	9:00	a.m.	ANGELA DI BIASI
SAT. 12/14	9:00	a.m.	ANNA & JOSEPH DI SILVESTRO
	5:00	p.m.	CICCARELLI & SORICELLI FAMILIES
SUN. 12/15	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	GAUDELLI & GATTO FAMILY
	10:00	a.m.	CONNIE & RALPH SIRANI, SR.
	11:30	a.m.	ANTOINETTE VITRO
	5:00	p.m.	ANTONIO & MARIA LOIZZO



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.

ST. JUDES'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) today, 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.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, November 24, 2019 was \$7,469.00 and Sunday, December 1, 2019 was \$8,029.00 Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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 the Great.

12 STEP WORKSHOP WEEKEND December 13 - 15, 2019 - Step Study is an essential part of recovery for people in Al-Anon. During this weekend you will complete an intensive study of the 12 Steps in fellowship and a spiritual environment, sharing our experiences, strength and hope. For more information, please visit our website at www.GraymoorCenter.org. or call 845-424-2111. The Graymoor Spiritual Life Center is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement.

WINTER COAT DRIVE The Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Ursula Church Men's club is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to benefit those in need in the Mount Vernon community. We are in need of new and gently used adult and children's winter coats. Donations may be brought to the Church, 129 Birch St., Mount Vernon or call 914-668-9815 for a pickup of your donations (5 coats or more). Please help us to help others in need. Coat drive ends December 18th.



Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.

—Don Bosco

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Nunzia and Paolo Schillace and Calogero Muscarella and have been requested by the Family.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Carlo & Silvana Antonetti and have been requested by Carissa, Nicholas, Antonio and Brianna.

The Altar Flowers this week have been donated in memory of Raphael and Magdalena Amelio and have been requested by their Daughters.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Connie Maltese and have been requested by Lenore and James Moretti.

In Memory



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

Evelyn Collins
Antoinette Flouty
Mary Anna Scanlon



I Danielle De Rosa and Anthony Scalere



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).

Psalm — 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

- Mon. Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
- Tues. Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wed. Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thurs. Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Fri. Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sun. 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
- Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
- Wednesday: St. Damasus I
- Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Friday: St. Lucy
- Saturday: St. John of the Cross

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janine and Addie Angelo, 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, Carmen M. Gambacorta, 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 8, 2019

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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