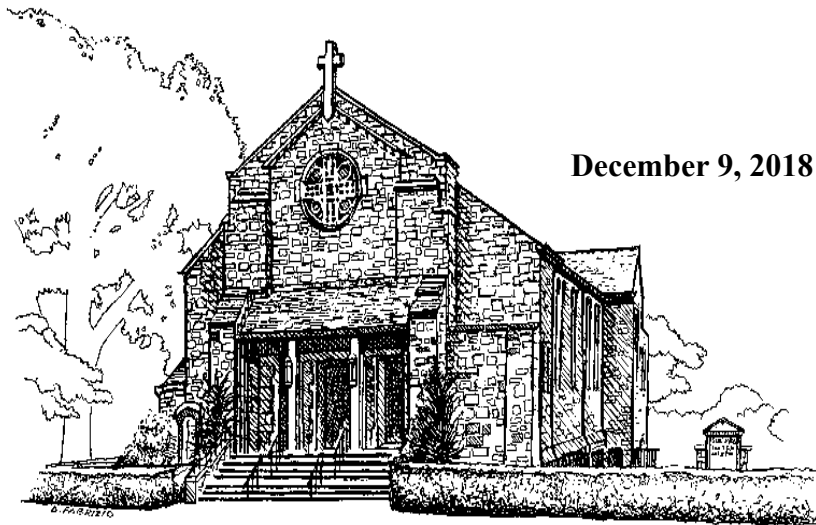


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December 9, 2018

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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.

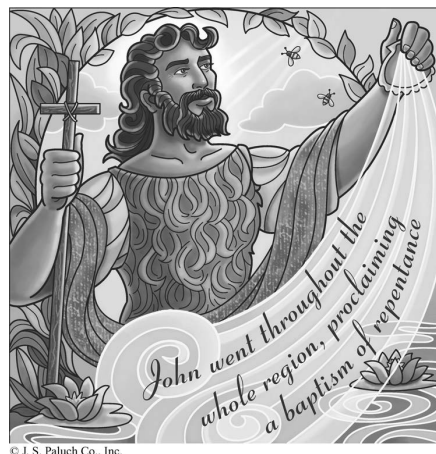
St. Gregory's Choir: Friday - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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

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

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
Mass Intentions

SAT. 12/8	5:00 p.m.	ANTHONY J. FRAIOLI
SUN. 12/9	7:00 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30 a.m.	VERA FIORE ROCCO
	10:00 a.m.	DENISE FUGAZY
	11:30 a.m.	ANGELO & THERESA CATULLO & LIVING FAMILY
	5:00 p.m.	JASON BERGIN & MARY ELIZABETH FRAIOLI & FAMILIES
MON. 12/10	6:45 a.m.	GIUSEPPINA & ANTONINO MASI LAGANA
	9:00 a.m.	CARMELA LONGO & NICOLA NOCITO & FAMILY
TUES. 12/11	6:45 a.m.	JOHN BUONSANTE
	9:00 a.m.	SCAPPATICCI & TAURO FAMILY
WED. 12/12	6:45 a.m.	FLORENTINE GIANNONE
	9:00 a.m.	ANGELA DI BIASI
THU. 12/13	6:45 a.m.	MARIA MORANO
	9:00 a.m.	GUS FRANZESE
FRI. 12/14	6:45 a.m.	MINISHI & FORSTER FAMILY
	9:00 a.m.	MICHAEL LUSARDO
SAT. 12/15	9:00 a.m.	CONNIE & RALPH SIRANI, SR
	5:00 p.m.	COPPOLA & DI GUGLIELMO FAMILY
SUN. 12/16	7:00 a.m.	LEONIDA (DELORES) DESIMONE
	8:30 a.m.	ADOLPH GRABLEY
	10:00 a.m.	MARY, HENRY & RICHIE ZUCCARELLI
	11:30 a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	5:00 p.m.	GIUSEPPINA & LUIGI TOSTO



ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY - DECEMBER 17TH Every parish in the Archdiocese including, St. Gregory the Great Church, will be hearing confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17th. This Sacrament is the best way to prepare for the joy of Christmas and celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

VESPERS Starting Saturday, December 1st 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.

MOVIE NIGHT...Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Church. When a well-intentioned stranger, **Joshua**, shows up in a new town, the locals are first suspicious, then overjoyed with his presence. **JOSHUA** is a Christian drama directed by Jon Purdy. It is based on the first novel of Joseph Girzone's wildly successful Joshua series which has sold over 40 million copies worldwide.

REBOOT! LIVE! World-renowned Catholic author and speaker Chris Stefanick will present a life-changing event called REBOOT! Live! In Rye. It will be a fun, inspiring and practical experience for the whole family. Wednesday, December 12 from 7-9:30 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 910 Boston Post Rd., Rye, NY. Tickets available online: www.RealLifeCatholic.comreboot.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, December 2, was \$8,838.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

PARISH EVALUATION This year Fr. Richard Guarnieri will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Church. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun.

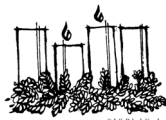
Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to:

The Office of Priest Personnel
Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than December 31, 2018. Any correspondence received after the deadline will NOT be included in the evaluation process.

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 1st and 2nd. On the following weekend of December 8th and 9th, place your gift under the tree. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy in the name of the parishioners of St. Gregory.

WINTER COAT DRIVE The Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Ursula Men's Club is sponsoring a winter coat drive until December 19th, to benefit those in need in the local community. We are in need of new or gently used adult and children's coats. Coats can be brought to the Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Ursula Rectory, 129 Birch Street, Mt. Vernon, or you can call 914-668-9815 to schedule a pick-up of your donation (five or more coats).



Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Peter Scappaticci and have been requested by Corinne and Nancy.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Robert Livallo and have been requested by Laura Valentzas.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Francis Piatek and have been requested by his wife Dorean Piatek.

In Memory



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

Christopher Doern

Arlene Perazzini



|| Michele Coppola and Santino Ciatto



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: 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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: International Human Rights Day

Tuesday: St. Damasus I

Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday: St. Lucy

Friday: St. John of the Cross

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Dennis Cantrell, Danielle Camarda, Silvio Catalano, Anna Coppola, Matthew Coulter, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Mary Gill, Brody Ryscik, William Lawrence, Amanda Mora, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Billy Minck, Joanne Opava, Frank Radogna, Joel Rivera, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, Mark Valentino, Marie Valentino & Family, Elizabeth West, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Dear Padre

December 9, 2018

Why doesn't the word immaculate also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, immaculate comes from the Latin immaculatus, which breaks down further into in (meaning "not") and maculatus (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son - including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin in anticipation of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death and resurrection.

-Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR
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