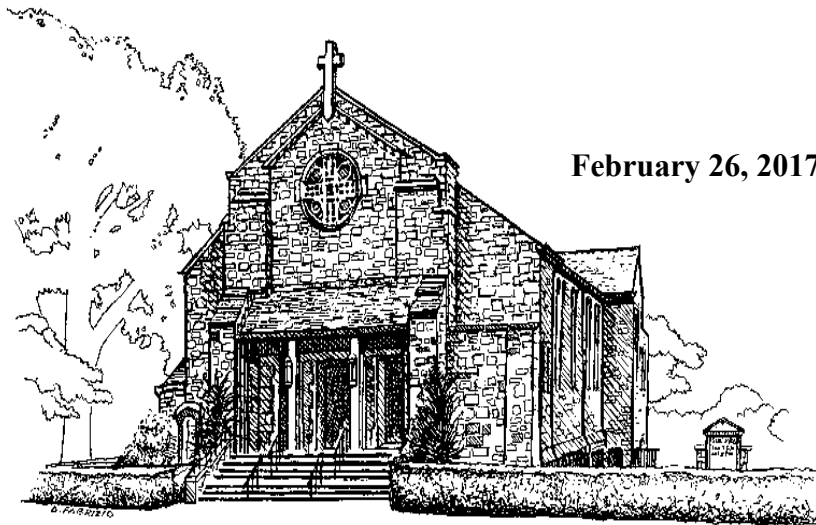


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February 26, 2017

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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: 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.

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions

SAT. 2/25	5:00	p.m.	TILLIE LOMBARDI
SUN. 2/26	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	ANNA & DOMENICK GATTO
	10:00	a.m.	GIUSEPPINA MIELE
	11:30	a.m.	FRANCES & VITO FAGA
	5:00	p.m.	STEPHEN SULES
MON. 2/27	6:45	a.m.	GIUSEPPE & ANTOINETTA MIELE
	9:00	a.m.	JAMES FORREST
TUES. 2/28	6:45	a.m.	STEFANO PRIOLO
	9:00	a.m.	MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
WED. 3/1	6:45	a.m.	JAMES P. FLYNN
	9:00	a.m.	ANGELO & THERESA CATULLO & LIVING FAMILY
THU. 3/2	6:45	a.m.	RITA VERRINO
	9:00	a.m.	CAROL METZ STANCE
FRI. 3/3	6:45	a.m.	EVA & WILLIAM LOPAC
	9:00	a.m.	FRANK VITRO
SAT. 3/4	9:00	a.m.	ANTONETTA LEMBO
	5:00	p.m.	FRANCES COSENTINO
SUN. 3/5	7:00	a.m.	D'IMPERIO & MERCURIO FAMILY
	8:30	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	10:00	a.m.	WILLIAM HAMMEL
	11:30	a.m.	HELEN MC CAFFREY
	5:00	p.m.	CARL A. LAMBIASI, SR.



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

ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 6:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Ashes will also be given out at 12:00 Noon, 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

LENTEN VESPERS We will have Vespers sung before the 5:00 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:30 p.m. all Saturdays during Lent. Vespers are the evening prayer of the church and consist of psalms and prayers. All are invited to attend. Vespers would be a good way to prepare for Easter. The Vesper ceremony lasts about 20 minutes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m. beginning on March 10th.

THE 2017 CARDINAL'S APPEAL The Cardinal's Appeal supports our Needy Parishes with \$4 Million. Our parishes are the lifeblood of the archdiocese. The Cardinal's Appeal supports our spiritual homes during times when they cannot support themselves. Funds raised by the Cardinal's Appeal assisted 85 parishes in need last year. Your gift helps tend to the spiritual needs of our Catholic communities. Make an online gift today - www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you for your generosity.



FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, February 19, 2017 was \$8,255.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL Saint Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program will be holding its Annual Children's Carnival on March 25, 2017 in the school gymnasium. The rain/snow date is March 26, 2017. The theme this year is "It's A Small World." Come and enjoy the following: games, prizes, music, the balloon man, Chinese Auction, face painting, 50/50 raffles, vendors, and various foods (pizza frita, sausage/meatball wedges, hotdogs, hamburgers, Carvel). The Carnival is a wonderful way to spend a day with your family in a safe and secure environment.

DISCOVERING CHRIST St. Anthony of Padua Church presents Discovering Christ a new 7 session course on the most important questions of life. Sundays at 6:00 p.m. from March 5 to April 30. Please join us in Fr. Peter Hall for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Registration required. For more information contact the parish office at 948-1480 or website at www.saintanthonyofpaduawh.org or our Facebook page "Saint Anthony of Padua West Harrison".

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 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 Gilda Salamone and have been requested by Rita Verrino.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of The Marone Family and have been requested by Gloria Marone.

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

In Memory



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

Caterina Labrosciano
Joseph Zuccarelli
Anthony N. Cimaglia



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

Piper Louise Webber
Child of Nicole and Jordan Webber

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, William Lawrence, Sabrina Marciante, Angela Margiotti, Kristen McRedmond, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Raymond Recchia, Carol Sheridan, Lee Ann Thomas, Monica Toro, Robert Travers, 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 — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

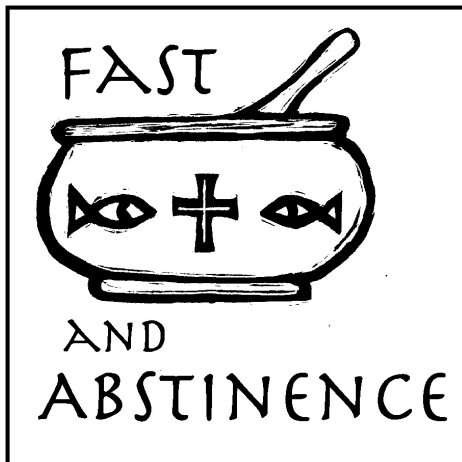
Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday



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Dear Padre
February 26, 2017

I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding onto me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate...Now If (I) do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me...Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

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