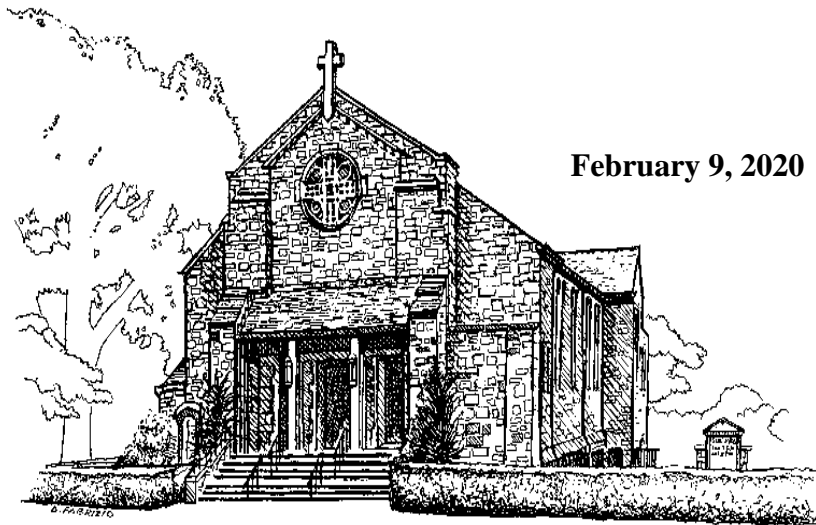


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Mass Schedule

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.

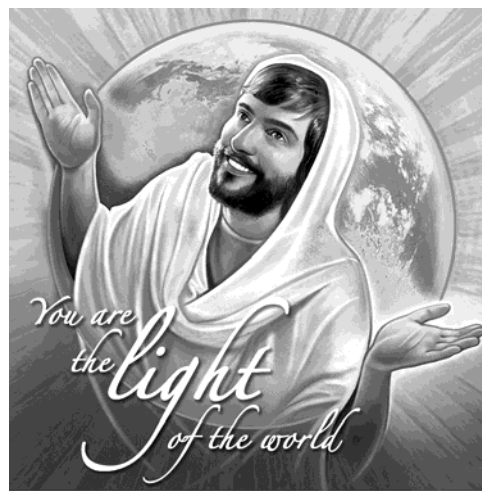
Folk Group: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

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

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

February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions

SAT. 2/8	5:00	p.m.	MICHAEL MASCIOLA, JR.
SUN. 2/9	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	RUDY RUSSO
	10:00	a.m.	JOHN BARBIERI
	11:30	a.m.	MICHELE ANTOLINO
	5:00	p.m.	LORENZO RELLA
MON. 2/10	6:45	a.m.	ANN GODFREY HALLORAN
	9:00	a.m.	MARIA CAVALIARI
TUES. 2/11	6:45	a.m.	ANTOINETTE FLOUTY
	9:00	a.m.	ANGELA DI BIASI
WED. 2/12	6:45	a.m.	JOSEPH M. CLARKE
	9:00	a.m.	ROSSI & DE GREGORIO FAMILY
THU. 2/13	6:45	a.m.	ANGELO & THERESA CATULLO & LIVING FAMILY
	9:00	a.m.	ANNE LEONE
FRI. 2/14	6:45	a.m.	GERTRUDE & FIORE ARAGONA
	9:00	a.m.	CARLO & SILVANA ANTONETTI
SAT. 2/15	9:00	a.m.	MICHELE SALVO
	5:00	p.m.	HELEN OLIVA
SUN. 2/16	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	ROSARIA MAURO
	10:00	a.m.	OROSIL DUARTE
	11:30	a.m.	MICHELE "MICHAEL" MINICHIELLO
	5:00	p.m.	MICHELE ANTOLINO



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.

12TH EDITION OF NEW YORK ENCOUNTER The 2020 New York Encounter themed Crossing the Divide, draws attention to events and realities in today's ideology-stricken world which break the bonds of solitude and isolation and expose the possibility of a deep and surprising unity in the common desire for meaning, will take place February 14-16 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day cultural event organized by members of Communion and Liberation featuring panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. The events and highlights can be found at newyorkencounter.org. All events are FREE and no registration is required. All are invited!

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, February 2, 2020 was \$7,787.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL The 2020 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! The goal for St. Gregory the Great Church is \$89,500.00. Each year, your generous support towards the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal promotes the health and vitality of the Archdiocese of New York through the works of the pastoral and charitable efforts in our parishes, schools and more. To become a sustaining donor today, visit cardinalsappeal.org. Scan the QR code with your phone. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. GREGORY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM...is looking for teachers for Grades, 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the 2020/2021 School year. Anyone interested in helping can email stgregprep@gmail.com or call 914-835-3685.

ANNUAL VALENTINE DANCE Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council 16838 invites you to the Annual Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. at OLMC Church Hall, 92 S. Lexington Ave., White Plains, NY 10606. \$75.00 per couple/\$40.00 individual, Buffet Dinner, B.Y.O.B. Live Entertainment (playing all of your Italian and American favorites) and headlining NY's #1 Elvis Tribute Artist - Gene Dinapoli. For questions, please contact Andrea via email: andrea@sjeolmc.org or call the rectory, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (948-5909 or 949-0439).

HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (HAP) Fordham Preparatory School Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for rising 8th graders will take place from June 29 to July 29. The unique five-week program for any male student entering 8th grade combines academics, athletics and creative enrichment activities that prepare participants for 8th grade, the high school application process and beyond. Application is required - visit: fordhamprep.org/HAP. Fordham Prep is located on the Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, adjacent to Fordham University. (718) 367-7500, ext. 263 or HAP@fordhamprep.org.



Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Rudy Russo and have been requested by his wife, Eleanor, and Children.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Ralph DeRosa, Sr. and have been requested by his loving wife, Rose.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Ralph DeRosa, Sr. and have been requested by Diane and Valerie.

In Memory



Ignatius Bonanno
Maria Rosa Perri
Jack Gioacchino Ricotta



We

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

Jaelyn Lucia Farias
Child of Lorena Yasmin and Mario Farias
Austin Ciprian
Child of Christine and Cristian Ciprian
Layla Zoey Desai
Child of Amanda and Kunal Desai
Noah Abel Leff
Child of Jessica Abel and Adam Leff

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Janine Angelo, Elizabeth Bartzick, Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Margaret C, Dennis Cantrell, Silvio Catalano, Mark Davis, Gabrielle Di Carlo, Barrett Dorn, Brendan Dowd, David Fraioli & Family, Richard Frame, Carmen M. Gambacorta, Stephanie Merenda, Joanne Opava, Bruce Page, Frank Radogna, Joel Rivera, Carol Sheridan, John Sposato, Cathy Stubenvoll, 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick
Wednesday: Lincoln's Birthday
Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

Dear Padre February 9, 2020

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments - both fixed and movable - flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration. “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

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