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June 24, 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 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: 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.

June 24, 2018
The Nativity Of Saint John The Baptist
Mass Intentions

SAT. 6/23	5:00	p.m.	LAUREEN GREER
SUN. 6/24	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	ALDO GORI
	10:00	a.m.	RAPHAELINA VACCARO
	11:30	a.m.	LAWRENCE RIGANO
	5:00	p.m.	ART DELLAVA & PATRICK BERGIN & THEIR FAMILIES
MON. 6/25	6:45	a.m.	FAITH & T. ALFRED BURTIS
	9:00	a.m.	JOAN MARONE ANIXT
TUES. 6/26	6:45	a.m.	AUDREY L. CLARKE & ALICE E. SEIBERT
	9:00	a.m.	MICHAEL ROSSI
WED. 6/27	6:45	a.m.	JOHN T. CONDON
	9:00	a.m.	LEE MIGLIACCIO
THU. 6/28	6:45	a.m.	ROSA, GIOVANNI, GIACONDA & ANGELO IORI
	9:00	a.m.	LOUIS BELLUSCI
FRI. 6/29	6:45	a.m.	ANGELA DI BIASI
	9:00	a.m.	JOSEPH PISCOPO
SAT. 6/30	9:00	a.m.	FLORENCE & MICHAEL BISCEGLIA
	5:00	p.m.	KIM VALENTZAS CORTAZAR
SUN. 7/1	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	ROBERT & LOUISE CERONE
	10:00	a.m.	NELLIE BATTIPAGLIA & SAMUEL ETRE
	11:30	a.m.	VINCENT DI BUONO
	5:00	p.m.	JOSEPH CARINO & MARY & JOHN NICHOLSON



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is offered each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not offered during June, July and August.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in September.

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.

JOB/CAREER OPPORTUNITY The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their Insurance Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. The Knights of Columbus is the Largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization in the world. In order to qualify, candidate need not be a current member but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, General Agent Bill Schneider, at 914-420-6836 or email: William.schneider@kofc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION The 1968 graduating class of the Academy of the Resurrection, Rye, NY, is celebrating their 50th high school reunion on Saturday, September 15. For more information and to RSVP, please send an email to: 1968academygrad@gmail.com by July 15.

FINANCIAL CORNER: Our Sunday collection for Sunday, June 17, was \$7,841.00. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Mary Ellen Beyer, Frances Bodycott, Sue Burger, Denis Cantrell, 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, Elizabeth West, Maggie Wunderlick—and for all who have requested a remembrance in our prayers.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts this week have been donated in memory of Raffaele Tammaro and have been requested by Maria Gaudelli.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Nicholas Liantonio and have been requested by Mary Corrado.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Fred Corrado and have been requested by his wife, Mary Corrado.

In Memory



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

Lilly Weston



III Jeanette Orsini and Adam Straface



Erin Keane and Daniel FitzGerald



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalms — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday: St. Irenaeus
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary



Dear Padre June 24, 2018

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was not baptized in the Jordan River for the same reasons we are baptized today. Exactly why Jesus received baptism is known to him alone. Your question will be one that goes into the "everything you wanted to ask Jesus when you meet him in heaven" category. But scholars studying this question have reasonable assumptions about why Jesus requested baptism.

When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified with his people's search for God. Scholars speculate that after years of performing the duties of home and the carpenter's trade, Jesus had become increasingly conscious of his life's mission. It was time to seize the moment and begin his ministry. John balked, thinking he should be accepting baptism from Jesus - the long-awaited one. But Jesus prevailed, and a voice from heaven ratified his action. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished. Jesus took center stage, identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized to demonstrate his solidarity with the people, signaling the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to baptize all nations. This would be a baptism of water and the Spirit, signifying that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

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