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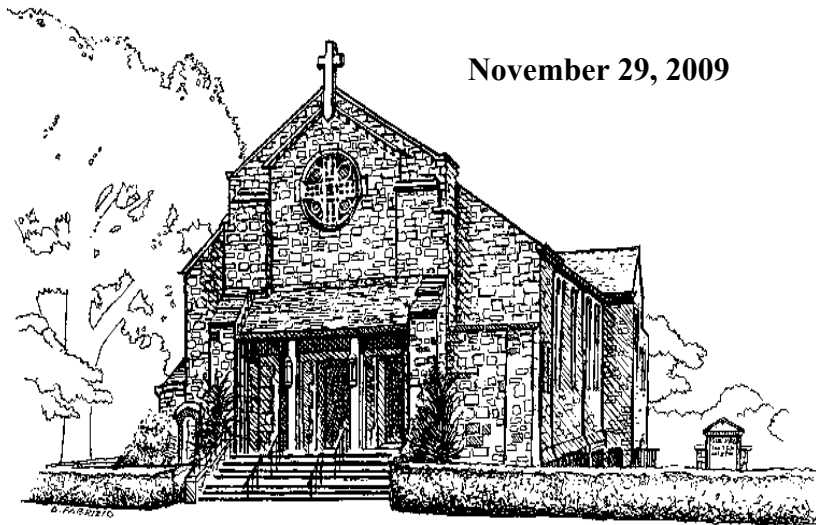
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Mass Schedule

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

7:30 p.m. (eve), 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon,
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 Parish House to make an appointment for Pre-Baptismal instructions.

Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:55 p.m.

Day Before a Holy Day: 7:00 - 7:30 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 3 & 4 Monday 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 5 & 6 Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1 & 2 Thursday 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Meetings

Parish Council: Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

Finance Committee: Meets periodically.

Rosary Altar Society: First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for the Rosary, and 8:00 p.m. meeting.

Legion of Mary: Meets every Wednesday at 7:40 p.m.

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

St. Gregory's Choir: Sundays, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

RCIA: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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

Youth Ministry: Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2009
Mass Intentions**

SAT. 11/28	5:00	p.m.	PAT & GAETANO R. PROTANO
SUN. 11/29	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	VERA ROCCO
	10:00	a.m.	ORANZIO, MARY & JERRY TRAMONTANO
	11:30	a.m.	MSGR. JOSEPH J. RAIMONDO
	5:00	p.m.	OFELIA LIGOTTI
MON. 11/30	6:45	a.m.	ANNA & MICHAEL MC GILLICUDDY
	9:00	a.m.	MARIA & LIBERATO TAVOLETTI
TUES. 12/1	6:45	a.m.	CARMELA FAVA ROSSINI
	9:00	a.m.	JOSEPH BISCEGLIA
WED. 12/2	6:45	a.m.	MARY STEPHENSON
	9:00	a.m.	MARIA GRAZIA DI BERARDINO
THU. 12/3	6:45	a.m.	FAITH DEEGAN
	9:00	a.m.	VINCENT SCAPPATICCI
FRI. 12/4	6:45	a.m.	JOAN FUGAZY
	9:00	a.m.	ANTONIO CAMERLENGO
SAT. 12/5	9:00	a.m.	FRANK C. SPOSATO
	5:00	p.m.	MARIO TARANTINO
SUN. 12/6	7:00	a.m.	PEOPLE OF ST. GREGORY
	8:30	a.m.	RICHARD HICKS
	10:00	a.m.	CAMILLE & FRANCESCO DE GREGORIO
	11:30	a.m.	SANTUCCI & STOUT FAMILIES
	5:00	p.m.	JOSEPHINE & CHARLES CAMPO



THERE WILL BE SIGNS
in the sun, the moon, and the stars

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

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY: The Rosary is prayed in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Each Monday morning after the 9:00 Mass, a novena is held in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. The Rosary is prayed following the novena.

FINANCIAL CORNER: The average weekly church expenses are \$12,168.00. Our Sunday collection for November 22, 2009 will be listed next week. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT RELIGIOUS ED CONFESSION SCHEDULE Confessions for Grades 5A and 5B will be held on Tuesday evening, December 1st, from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT...is sponsoring a Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Building across the street from the church. Please come and join us for some holiday cheer.

2009 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE The Welcoming Committee's Thanksgiving Food Drive led by Anne Giorgi and chaired by Andrea and Ron Bakay was once again a tremendous success. Thanks to all the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great for their unselfish generosity. In a time of need, you have come through once again!

ADVENT—A TIME FOR WAITING—A SEASON OF HOPE

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 85 Harrison St., West Harrison will present An Evening of Reflection, Prayer and Song on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Special guest will be Fr. Anthony Ciorra, P.h.D., Dean of Religious Studies at Fordham University. Refreshments will be offered in the Lower Church Hall after the service. Save the date—bring a friend!

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION...for St. Gregory the Great Early Childhood Enrichment Program will be held on Tuesday, December 1, to Friday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the school located at 94 Broadway. We will be accepting reservations on a “first come, first serve” basis for the 2010/2011 academic year. For further information, please contact Ms. Gaudelli, the Director, at 835-1278.

THE GIFT OF GIVING As the holiday season swiftly approaches, St. Gregory the Great Parish will once again have a Giving Tree. The gifts collected will be donated to the needy and unfortunate in the name of the parishioners of Saint Gregory the Great. On December 5th and 6th, simply select a tag from the Christmas tree in Church, and on the following weekend, December 12th and 13th, place your gift under the tree.

A PRE-CHRISTMAS DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Come alone or bring a friend to the Motherhouse of The Dominican Sisters at Blauvelt, NY for a Pre-Christmas day of prayer and reflection on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a quiet day of spiritual renewal and comfort to nourish you during the sometimes too hectic days leading to the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. A \$25 donation will cover morning coffee, lunch and the program of the day, *Do You Hear What I Hear?* To register (by December 1), or for more information, contact Sr. Dorothy Maxwell, OP at 845-359-6569 (or) dmaxwell@opblauvelt.org. Website: www.opblauvelt.org.

Wine & Hosts, Candles & Flowers

The Wine and Hosts to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist this week have been donated in memory of John McGillicuddy and have been requested by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rigano.

The Altar Candles this week have been donated in memory of Leonard Sauro and have been requested by his wife, Barbara.

The Flowers at the Shrine of Saint Anthony this week have been donated in memory of Filomena Reali and have been requested by Arduino, Johnny, Sandy, Luca and Massimo Reali.

In Memory

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



Philip Latella

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

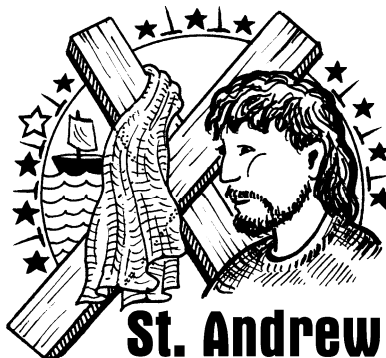
Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew
Tuesday: World AIDS Day
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday



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What do Advent wreath candles Signify?

Dear Padre,

Why are the candles in the Advent wreath different colors? And why do some wreaths have five candles and some have four?

Philip

Dear Philip,

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the pattern established by the Sundays of Advent.

Just as the vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, the first two candles of the wreath to be lit (one for each week) should be purple. On the third Sunday of advent, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy. At that point, at home or at church, we light the rose candle in our wreath to reflect the action in the liturgy. The fourth week of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families have begun to add a fifth candle to their Advent practices, placing a white candle in the center of their wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and our life to our world.

Father Matthew Allman. C.Ss.R.



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