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*February 14, 2016*

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## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Lord's Day**

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday Morning..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon

### **Weekday**

Monday thru Friday ..... 7:30 and 9:00 AM  
Saturday..... 9:00 AM

**Holy Days**..... 7:00, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

**THE PARISH OFFICE**     21 Cinder Road ♦ 947-1873  
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## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

First and third Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism seminar at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of the month to help them understand the beauty and responsibilities of the sacrament. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP). Registered, participating and contributing parishioners may contact the parish office to begin the process.

## **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, call the parish office to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home, also available every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM Mass. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at Mass each April and October. Notify us or the Catholic chaplain at Good Samaritan, Helen Hayes and Nyack of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance. Be sure to tell the admitting office that you are a Catholic patient and a member of St. Gregory Barbarigo parish.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL** is open all day and night for Eucharistic adoration and is located at the south end of the campus on Cinder Road in front of the parish house. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to become adorers or to stop in and spend some time in quiet prayer with the Lord.

**WELCOME** The St. Gregory Barbarigo faith community warmly welcomes you. Please introduce yourself to Father LaMorte as you leave church so that, on behalf of the entire community we may greet you. You may register at the parish office and pick up an informational packet. Kindly notify us of any change of address.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Gregory Barbarigo parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to witness it to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** The sick are comforted knowing that we pray for them. In your charity, please remember Tony Alva, Florence Novaro, Kathleen O'Brien, the petitions on the Wailing Wall and the intentions on the prayer network.



**THE BLUE STAR BANNER**, created in 1917, hung in a family's window to show pride in a loved one serving in the armed forces. St. Michael the Archangel, keep safe those protecting our liberty: *LTJG JAKUB BIALEK, USN; PFC SCOTT M. BREWER, USA; MAJOR EDWARD CARDINALE, USAF; SGT CHRISTIAN CARLE, USMC; CAPTAIN MATTHEW COYNE, USA; LCPL JAMES GARCIA, USMC; PVT SHAWN GLEASON, USMC; LCDR DAVID J. HANEY, USN; 1LT DANIEL KELLY, USA; CAPTAIN ERIKA NOYES, USA; 2LT NICHOLAS PISANO, USA; SGT RICHARD PISANO, USA; SGT ZACHARY SENTER, USMC; TSgt CHARLES VANDERBILT, NYANG; CPL JOHN C. WAMSLEY JR., USMC.*

**I'VE GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU** Please remember Father Terzo Vinci SAC, Father Lino Gussoni, Luis O. Suarez, Jimmy Gainor, Carmela Stemkowski, the Gulf War II casualties and these souls for whom Mass will be offered:

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 AM The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo  
9:00 AM Gene Rocco

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 AM John Daly  
9:00 AM Mary Rynne

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

### *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

7:30 AM Father Raymond J. McNulty  
9:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 AM Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quintiliani  
9:00 AM James Fitzgerald

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

### *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_  
9:00 AM Patrick Smith, Sr.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

### *Lenten Weekday*

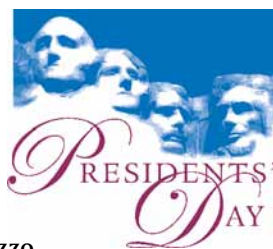
9:00 AM Umberto Pirone

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

### *Second Sunday of Lent*

5:30 PM Thomas Mukalel  
7:30 AM Cesare Lucia Medaglia  
9:00 AM Rose and Bartolomeo Suozzo  
10:30 AM Moira Phillips O'Brien  
12:00 PM Agnes, Lawrence and Pat Ricci

*If you have arranged an intention for Mass, consider presenting the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration and kindly inform the usher.*



## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00 AM RCIA, OLV

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

*Presidents' Day (Parish Offices Closed)*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:45 PM Children's Hummingbird Choir Rehearsal, Church  
7:15 PM Adult Choir, Church

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Apostolate, OLV  
7:30 PM Christian's First Mass Committee, OLV  
7:30 PM RCIA, St. Dominic

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:00 PM Bible Study, OLV  
7:00 PM Bible Study, 101  
7:30 PM Campaign Executive Committee, OLV

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30 AM Stations of the Cross, Church  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, St. Peter  
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Immaculate Conception

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:45 AM Men's Basketball  
9:30 AM Discovering Christ Small Group Training, OLV  
1:00 PM Baptism, Church

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00 AM RCIA, OLV  
1:00 PM Baptism, Church  
1:15 PM Women's Cornerstone, Library  
4:30 PM TCC Ice Skating Trip

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN PASTA DINNER** on Friday, February 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner includes assorted pasta, salad, bread, dessert, wine, soda, coffee, tea. Adults \$10; under 12 \$5. 56 Broad Street, Haverstraw.

**PRESIDENTS' DAY** will be observed on Monday this week and the parish offices will be closed until 9:00 AM on Tuesday morning. There will be a recorded greeting on the telephone with the opportunity for you to leave a message in our frequently-monitored voice mailbox. Pray for President Obama and all of our elected officials, that each may do God's good work. Like every president before him, he is a single human being, created and loved by Our Father in heaven and he needs our prayers.

**YOUR PARISH BULLETIN** An inexpensive medium that hundreds of people take home and look at when they have a need is this parish bulletin. You might be surprised at how affordable a six month or year-long contract can be. Our bulletin is published by Bon Venture Services of Flanders, New Jersey. To find out more, and maybe to be found by more of your fellow parishioners, call Tom Kilroy who represents our bulletin company at 800-364-0684, x89 and inquire about buying a box on our back pages. You may be very satisfied with the results, our parish will benefit at the same time.

## OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD

There is an old rabbinic story about a faithful Jew who every morning would write down on a piece of paper the words *I am but dust and ashes* and place the paper in his pocket. Throughout the day he would take out the paper and read it: the words, spoken by Abraham in the Book of Genesis (18:27) served as a prayerful reminder of his unworthiness and humility before God. One day, he showed the paper to his rabbi who took out a second piece of paper and wrote the Hebrew words *Bishvili Novra haslam* – “For my sake, the universe was created. “Take these words, as well, and carry them too,” the rabbi said. “Let there be balance in your life. Realize that of yourself, before God, you are nothing – but because you are created in God’s image, out of love, you possess the greatest dignity imaginable: you are a child of God.”

Our Lenten desert experience is a time for striking that balance between realizing our humility before God and our identity as God’s beloved. When we are consumed by the notion that we are in total control of our lives, when we have arrogantly self-absorbed because of what we possess and what we have achieved, we should take out the first piece of “paper” and remember: *I am but dust and ashes*. But when we feel abandoned, when hope seems far away, when we feel lost in the Lenten wilderness, we need to embrace the message of the second sheet: *For my sake, God created the universe. I am God’s beloved; I am created in God’s image*. May these next six weeks before Easter be a time for striking that balance in our lives: a balance between humility that leads to selflessness and joy in the ever-present love of God among us.

Father LaMorte



**MASS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** Last year, we learned of the murder of twenty-one Coptic Christians in the hands of ISIS terrorists in Libya. During this season of Lent, Cardinal Dolan has asked the faithful to pause in prayer to remember all those who face the stark reality of religious persecution in the Middle East and elsewhere. In solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world, Mass tomorrow will be taken from the prayers for them.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** Beginning today, we will begin using the Apostles’ Creed instead of the Nicene Creed at Mass. The church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles’ Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.



**DISCOVERING CHRIST 2016: APRIL 3 TO MAY 22** Come to me all you who are weary and heavily burdened and I will give you rest. Matthew 11-28. Come and be refreshed. Join us for a new seven-week series that explores the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Enjoy dinner, a dynamic lesson in the faith and a table discussion. The evening begins at 6:00 with the supper meal and fellowship and will conclude by 9:00. Information? Mariann Albin (362-1982), Frannie Grasso (304-0623), Joe Agosto (786-3128).

**BE WITH ME, LORD** It’s hard to think of a practice more beneficial than daily Mass. May we urge you to join those who come faithfully to our beautiful church to celebrate Eucharist at 7:30 and 9:00? You will find the half hour you give to Mass each day most rewarding. Every morning, people are welcome to meet in silence and quiet prayer before the 7:30 Mass. Our common reflective silence and meditation prepares us to hear God’s voice in the liturgy. Are you coming to 9:00 Mass? Why not join us for Morning Prayer at 8:45? This is the official prayer of the church and is said all over the world. The Rosary is recited each morning at 9:30 in front of the statue of Mary. Remember, too, that the chapel is always open, every day and night for your personal prayer.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** On Friday night, February 19 we will be offering this very beautiful and moving presentation of “LIVING STATIONS,” featuring the eighth graders from St. Gregory Barbarigo Regional School who will dramatically capture the challenge of the mystery of the cross as they move from pose to pose. This presentation of the final journey of Jesus is enhanced with effective use of narration, period costumes, make-up, lights and music. The production offers a unique and inspiring experience for all. We will begin at 7:00 PM and it will last about 30 minutes. Please join us.

### STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE ~ GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

For the Lord’s generosity, we returned to His Church  
A Week Ago ..... \$10,336.00  
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#### GIFT CARD PURCHASES

Total Purchased by 35 Families ..... \$4,435.00  
5% Commission to Parish ..... \$221.75



**HELPING HANDS OF ROCKLAND** needs our help. Helping Hands is a program that provides dinner, overnight shelter and necessities of Rockland County. There is a receptacle in the narthex for travel/trial size toiletries to be given to our “guests”. We need items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, powder, shampoo, combs, razors and shave cream, soap, tissues, white socks, wash cloths, towels, hats and gloves. To help, contact Bonnie at [koopcake@gmail.com](mailto:koopcake@gmail.com).





**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT** The three North Rockland parishes are joining hands again this Lent as we offer our people the opportunity to pray the stations of the cross at various times throughout the day. This handy schedule is sure to meet everyone's needs. Stations of the Cross will be offered on the Fridays of Lent at 9:30 AM at St. Gregory Barbarigo, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter and at 7:30 PM at Immaculate Conception. We expect to be collaborating with each other much more as we continue with the planning process called *Making All Things New*.

**DID YOU EVER ATTEND CATHEDRAL COLLEGE/PREP** to prepare for ordination to the priesthood? Do you know someone who did, even for a year? The alumni association would like to add you to its mailing list so that you can receive notifications of upcoming events such as Memorial Masses or class reunions. This also includes members of the Morgan Fraternity. To register, visit <http://bit.do/cccpaa>.



**RICE BOWL** Our parish is participating in this official Lenten program of the Catholic Relief Services with the theme, *For Lent, For Life* and calls us to reach out in solidarity with the poor around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving. We can understand our call to be part of one global community. Rice bowls will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and may be returned to us on Holy Thursday.

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE** This winter, Spring Valley will be one of the 314 cities participating in the *FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE* Campaign at 3:00 PM from Ash Wednesday, February 10 thru Palm Sunday, March 20, *the largest ever*, as believers pray, fast, stand vigil and spread a positive pro-life message in the community. The Lord has blessed this campaign with amazing results! To learn how you can be part of this life-saving effort, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/springvalley](http://www.40daysforlife.com/springvalley). Come to Planned Parenthood, 25 Perlman Drive in Spring Valley from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Later, come to our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel from 6:00 PM until 8:00 AM.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** On the second Sunday of Lent, since they are already our baptized sisters preparing for Confirmation and the Eucharist, John Paul Kolesar, Denise and Destiny Price will participate in the celebration of the penitential rite. This is especially meaningful for those who will approach the sacrament of penance for the first time because they are going to hear the comforting message of pardon for sins, for which they will praise the Father's mercy. They are also being sent to Transfiguration Church in Tarrytown for the rite of calling candidates to continuing conversion and will join those from other parishes in our mid-Hudson area.

**PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by the priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the archdiocese is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford (212-371-1011, x2949) or Deacon George Coppola (917-861-1762). Both may also be reached at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Visit [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). This website also has valuable information on the Archdiocesan SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM as well as tips for parents. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse, we provide this information to assure that all, especially our children, are safe and secure



**MASS OF CHRISM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22 AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL** This Mass at 4:00 PM, a tradition which goes all the way back to the fifth century of our church, is only celebrated once a year, during Holy Week. The Mass, which manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop, will be celebrated by our archbishop, Cardinal Dolan, who will be joined by his auxiliary bishops and hundreds of our parish and religious order priests. During the Mass, the cardinal will also bless three sacred oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the sacred chrism. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire archdiocese during the upcoming year. The faithful of our Rockland parishes are urged to make attendance at this Mass of the Chrism a special part of their Lenten observance. For your convenience, the Rockland deanery is sponsoring a coach bus and there will be more information in upcoming bulletins.

**GROCERY STORE SHOPPING CARDS** for ShopRite and Stop 'n' Shop are made available to parishioners. This is a great fund raiser for the parish. When you buy a card at face value, St. Gregory receives 5% back. Of the many who come to church, only 40 cards are sold. Wouldn't it be great if everyone bought cards for their weekly shopping? Father uses them for all rectory purchases. And thank you for supporting this important effort.



**CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED** Every house needs an occasional cleaning. The Lord's house is no different. Can you help to keep His house tidy by running the vacuum, dusting, arranging the hymnals, discarding old flowers, cleaning the bathroom? It is only a few Saturdays a year. Call the parish office (947-1873).

**BOY SCOUTS AWARDS MASS** Next Sunday at 9:00 AM Mass, we observe the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and award emblems to those who have completed their requirements. *Light of Christ* recipients are *Thomas Cahill, Alexander Carpenter, Kieran Jones, Sean McDermott, James Moetzinger, and Cameron Stolze and Thomas Moetzinger*. *Parvuli Dei* recipients are *Liam Brown, Nicholas Delarm, Cannon Gannon, Thomas Moetzinger and Matthew Purackal*. What a pleasure for us to recognize these fine young men.



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT USING PARISH PAY TO SUPPORT ST. GREGORY?** Automated giving is a new and easier way to support the good and charitable works of our parish. This is a strictly voluntary alternative means of making donations to St. Gregory. In lieu of weekly collections, the *PARISHPAY* program will collect contributions from your checking or savings account or credit card on a monthly basis. There is no cost to you to participate in this program, but there are many benefits. Visit a secure website ([www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)) or call (1-866-727-4741) to enroll in this new program. The three best things about *PARISHPAY* are (1) not having to write a check; (2) not having to remember to bring the envelope to Mass; (3) you can change the amount whenever you want.

**WHY SEND THEM?** If they don't go to church on Sunday, why send them to school on Monday or Religious Education during the week? Learning facts and receiving sacraments are of little value if the children are not being allowed to practice the faith, even in the least way – by gathering in prayer at Mass. Come as a family each Sunday. It's for their future!



**COLD AND FLU SEASON** With the usual concern about the influenza season, the following information is offered for your consideration: the prime method to avoid the spread of germs is the thorough and proper washing of hands; the exchange of the sign of peace among the congregation is clearly optional. If you must avoid direct physical contact of the hands, please do so. A verbal greeting will suffice. Participation in communion with the cup is always a personal choice and never a requirement.

**URGENT PRAYER NEEDS?** When faced with a crisis situation, people need as many prayers as possible. If you have an urgent prayer need, call Cheryl at 429-4223 or e-mail [cherylm59@gmail.com](mailto:cherylm59@gmail.com).

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