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February 12, 2017

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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

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 Jerry O'Sullivan, Mariann Albin, Edward and Ann Hanus, Robert Howard, 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: *LT JAKUB BIALEK, USN; MAJOR EDWARD CARDINALE, USAF; SGT CHRISTIAN CARLE, USMC; CAPTAIN MATTHEW COYNE, USA; 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 Monsignor Patrick Brown, Brian Lanigan, Ralph Berardi, Thomas Dicks, Irene Vigilanti, Gino Lucadamo, Joseph Valente, the Gulf War II casualties and these souls for whom Mass will be offered:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
7:30 AM The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo
9:00 AM Dixie Rodrigues

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
7:30 AM Laudina Rodrigues
9:00 AM Gene Rocco

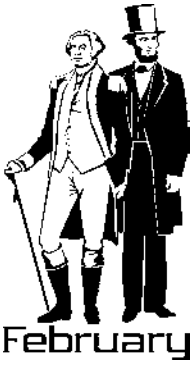
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Weekday
7:30 AM Ramos and McCormack Families
9:00 AM Thomas and Genevieve Kelly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Weekday
7:30 AM Ruth Navarro
9:00 AM Mary Rynne

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
7:30 AM Rev. Raymond J. McNulty
9:00 AM Edward and Gloria Wasielewski

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Weekday/BVM on Saturday
9:00 AM James Fitzgerald

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Seventh Sunday Per Annum
5:30 PM Lauren Gould
7:30 AM Albert Guelcher
9:00 AM Peter Branti
10:30 AM Enza Amicucci
12:00 PM Catherine Twibell



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 12 (formerly *Septuagesima* Sunday)
11:30 PM RCIA, St. Dominic
7:00 PM TCC, Library

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7:00 PM Women's Prayer Group, Church

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:30 PM Children's Hummingbird Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
11:00 AM Prayer Shawl Apostolate, OLV
7:30 PM RCIA, OLV

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
3:00 PM Bible Study, OLV
7:00 PM Bible Study, 101

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7:00 PM Sharing Christ Facilitator Training, Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
1:00 PM Baptism, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (formerly *Sexagesima* Sunday)
11:30 PM RCIA, St. Dominic
1:00 PM Baptism, Church

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 her at *cherylm59@gmail.com*.

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!

BAPTISM SEMINAR Our parish offers a seminar for those parents awaiting the birth or adoption of a child, or have an infant ready for baptism. Please call our parish office (947-1873) to make your reservation. The next seminar will be held on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 PM in the OLV room in the undercroft of the adoration chapel. The upcoming dates for Sunday baptisms at 1:00 PM are February 19; March 5 and 19.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Father Backes will be leading this pilgrimage to the Holy Land called, *In the Footsteps of Jesus* from October 12-23. Tourists will visit Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Ein Karem, Bethlehem and Emmaus. For more information, call Father Backes at St. Stanislaus (635-1700).

BE A BENEFACTOR One important way is by your Sunday contribution. Another is by including our parish in your Will. Every adult should have a Will. We respectfully ask that St. Gregory, and other institutions your admire, be included in your Will.

OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD

Last week, the superintendent of Catholic schools published the new tuition schedule for the coming year and a parishioner grant of $1,450 is being offered. The verification form reads, *"In order to receive the grant, at least one parent must be registered and an active parishioner in a Catholic Church in the archdiocese. Regular Mass attendance and financial participation is expected. Active membership will be determined by the parish in which the family is registered."* Pastors have been asked to acknowledge that each family requesting the grant is registered and fulfills the obligations for active status. For those who worship at and contribute to St. Gregory Barbarigo, this is a rather easy process. Sadly, of the 181 families enrolled in the school, fewer than 50 are seen with any regularity at parish Masses on Sunday.

What does it mean to be a parishioner? These definitions might help you:

REGISTERED IN THE PARISH CENSUS Registering in a formal way as belonging to a group is very common in our society. People register that they are among those who own cars, that they are a credit card holder, a member of a club or school, a citizen of a country or school district and yes, a member of a parish. The census tells us who has made a commitment to membership at St. Gregory Barbarigo and who we should be most concerned about serving. It provides the parish staff the ability to contact parishioners. When the census form is completely filled out, it gives someone a sense of the needs of the parish. The census is the official record of those who are members of the parish. If you think you are a parishioner, the census is the means by which that is verified.

PARTICIPATING AT SUNDAY MASS A visible participating member of St. Gregory Barbarigo regularly joins in the communal celebration of the Eucharist (goes to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day and is absent only for serious reasons like sickness.) It doesn't include Mass attendance at a retreat house, hospital chapel, high school or neighboring parish. He or she is known to the pastor and to other members of the parish community.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE PARISH OFFERTORY Receiving and using weekly envelopes to financially support the parish to the best of one's ability; volunteering, participating in parish activities with time, talent and resources as means allow for the benefit of all other members of the community. The minimum standard for church support is $520 per year which is tax deductible. If you are giving more than this, nice going! This helps us to pay our school assessment to the archdiocese. Dropping cash into the offertory basket is impossible for us to record and is not tax deductible.

It is important to state that we pastors are not deciding which tuition rate will apply. That is the responsibility of the regional school board. All we are asked to do is testify that a family is registered, attending and contributing.

We 16 pastors in Rockland County will be meeting soon to discuss a fair an equitable way to deal with these requests. In the meantime, if you are not registered as a parishioner and wish to do so, please call the parish office (947-1873). If you are not coming to church at SGB, it's time to come back home. If you are not contributing, now is the time to begin. Why not jump on board?

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RENEW + REBUILD CAMPAIGN PLEDGE PAYMENTS If you made a pledge to this campaign, please remember to stay current with the reminders that are being sent from the central office. Your campaign pledge can be honored in any combination of cash, trust, appreciated securities or property. Your gift has made it possible to address the critical needs of our parish, as well as support the greater community of the Archdiocese of New York. Thank you. Statements which you could use for your income tax have been mailed from the central office. If you still haven't received one, please call Linda at the parish office.

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.

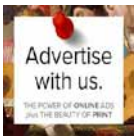
BURNING OF PALM BRANCHES Where do the ashes which begin the Season of Lent come from? They come from the palm branches that were blessed and distributed during Holy Week. Because they are a "sacramental", they must be disposed of in a proper way. There is a basket in the narthex. You may leave your palm branches there, and we will burn them on Tuesday, February 28 in anticipation of Ash Wednesday. Please do not leave palm in baggies or with rubber bands. These will be discarded and not burned for the ashes.

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*.

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*. Visit *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

BEST LENT EVER Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Join *Dynamic Catholic* for *Best Lent Ever*, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will get short inspirational videos, practical tips and study guide for groups or individuals. Based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness and what to do about it. Are you ready for the best Lent ever? Sign up at *bestlentever.com*.

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.



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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT USING PARISH PAY TO SUPPORT ST. GREGORY? Automated giving is not new, but it sure is an 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 Barbarigo. 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) or call (1-866-727-4741) to enroll in this 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.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE SIGN OF PEACE With usual concerns about the cold and flu season where people might transmit germs to one another with the exchange of the sign of peace, we remind everyone to always exercise good judgement if you are sick. Let all understand now that a verbal greeting, *"The peace of the Lord be with you"*, with a smile but no handshake, is not being unfriendly, but more likely shows care and consideration about possibly transmitting illness, or receiving it. Maybe you have good reason, after watching someone go through a pocketful of tissues, to be fearful of his or her germs and not want to shake hands at the sign of peace. In such a case, even if that person is oblivious to his or her condition, put your hands in your pockets and just verbally wish him or her the Lord's peace.

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). We are also asking for help with the laundering of the small altar linens (purificators, hand towels, corporals). Directions on ironing will be provided.

HAVE A WASHING MACHINE? Would you help clean the altar server albs, especially if your son or daughter wears one? Please speak with Father to volunteer.

A HEARTY CHRISTIAN WELCOME Welcome and hospitality are part and parcel of our Christian life. The greatest welcome we ever received was during baptism when we were welcomed into the heart of our faith community. The next time you see a stranger at church or in your neighborhood, smile and say "hello." Jesus said, *"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me"* (Matthew 10:40).

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the support of our parish. We are responding quickly if you want a statement from St. Gregory Barbarigo that you can use with your tax return. Just indicate this on the face of your contribution envelope. Linda Neilson will email it to you. Please note that your statement from SGB is just for contributions you made directly to our parish. It does not include what you have already given to the *Renew + Rebuild* Capital Campaign. Everyone who sent in more than $250 during 2016 to *R+R* will receive a tax statement directly from the development office in the next two weeks. Campaign bookkeeping and pledge reminders are handled at the archdiocesan level. But we will help anyone who contributed any amount to the capital campaign to receive a statement if they wish it.

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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 Thursdays at 8:00 PM (Spanish) at Ss. Peter and Mary; and 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*.

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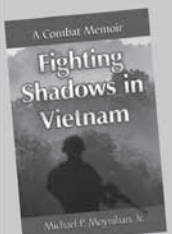

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