



Church of St. Gregory the Great

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, January 28, 2024

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

Church of St. Gregory the Great

"Where there is love, great things happen!"



Our Vision

*We strive to be a vibrant, welcoming and faith-filled community.
Guided by the Holy Spirit and centered on Word and Sacrament, we are called by Baptism to serve
as disciples of Jesus Christ so that all will experience the empowering and healing love of God.*

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Hall, Pastor
Rev. Cyril Johnson, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Stanley "Stas" Lukaszewski, Assisting Priest
Deacon John DiLissio, Deacon John Isaac, Deacon Paul La Plante,
Deacon Joe Latini, Deacon Joe Moore

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM; Saturday Daily Mass: 8:30 AM
Live-stream: Sunday 10:30 AM
Children's Liturgy: 2nd Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM
in the Chapel.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday & Wednesday at 6:30 PM; Saturday at 3:30 PM

Marriages: Please contact the Rectory Office at least one year in advance to make arrangements.

Baptism: Sunday at 1:30 PM

RCIA: For those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments contact Deacon Joe Latini at 609-577-4295.

Holy Orders: Considering the priesthood? Visit www.GodIsCallingYou.org

Eucharist for the Homebound: For information please email ngangone@stgregorythegreat.org

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please contact the Rectory Office.

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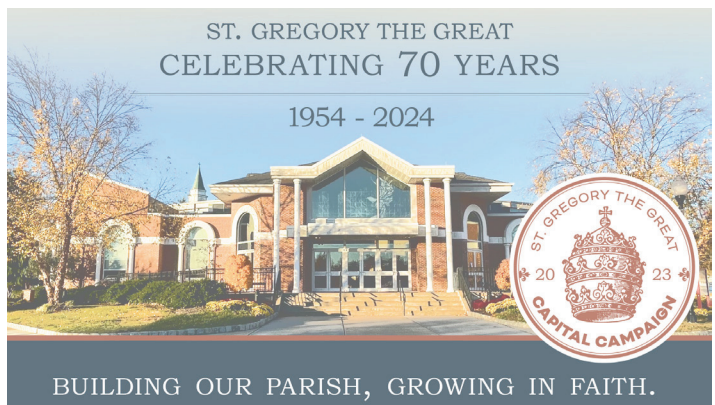
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Catholic Charities

If you or someone you know is in need of food, rental assistance, mental health/addiction services, or domestic violence services, we are here to help. Please call 800-360-7711.



Our Promise to Protect

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 2024

Saturday, January 27

5:00pm Francis D. Bucich by loving husband Joe and Family
T & M Costantini by Betty and Al Pontani, Tomasso and Maria Costantini

Sunday, January 28; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Joseph Raimondo, II by the Spero Family
Kevin M. Gallagher by Carol Carvale

9:00am Angelo Recine by the Delle Grotti Family
David McLeod by his loving Children

10:30am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00pm Phil Damiano by loving daughter Denise
Dr. Theodore Maniatis by the Gulino Family Sunday,

Monday, January 29

7:00am Mary Schuchardt by Pat and Guido
Joan Southwick by Gayle Birsini

8:30am Matthew Mairs by Bob and Erika Schaefer
Bob Eltringham by loving daughter Judi

Tuesday, January 30

7:00am Anna and Joseph Rak by loving Grandchildren
Nicholas Delre by Lori and Deacon Paul LaPlante

8:30am David Trail by Lori and Deacon Paul LaPlante
Gerardo Ortega by Fred and Suzette Rysz

Wednesday, January 31; Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00am Connie Schmidt by friend Jim
Frank M. Mauro by Pat Colamarino

8:30am Mary Ericksen by Marilyn Ericksen
Mary Schuchardt by Jim and Judy Tymon

Thursday, February 1

7:00am Vicki Elkins by Mark Ciccone
Donald Uveges by brother Jim

8:30am S.I. Mary Grace Agtuca by Mary Grace Agtuca
Amy Isaac by Bill and Maureen Sutterlin

Friday, February 2; The Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Richard Patrick Norton - Happy 50th, Love Mom and Dad
Bill Wilson by Pat and Dot Capone

8:30am William Brennan by Sam and Clarice Risoldi
Antonia Steckel by loving Grandchildren

Saturday, February 3; Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop, BVM

8:30am Joan Meszaros by loving Children and Grandchildren
James DeLuca by Deacon John and Mary Ann

5:00pm Anthony Carabelli by the family members of the Provenzano and Kuhn Families
Mary Cardinale by Achille and Chris Costantini and Family

Sunday, February 4; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Debbie Militch by Chuck and Ro Grabowski
Cheri J. Baez by Steven and Denise Iaccarino

9:00am David Larkin by Deacon Joe and Jane Latini
Aranka Sutyszky by Lee Grodzki

10:30am Dorothy M. Kelly by loving Granddaughter Linda Azara
Patricia Biondi by Eileen and John O'Keefe

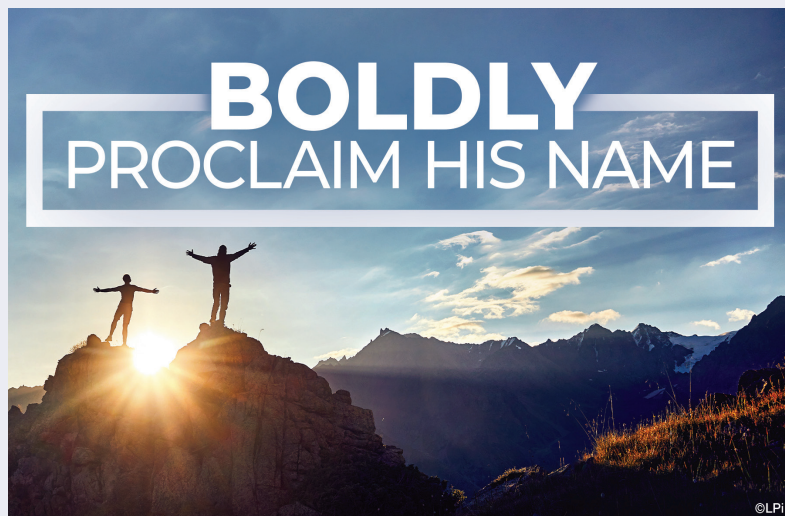
12:00pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

St. Gregory the Great Purgatorial Society

February 2024 Enrollments

The following names will be remembered for a year beginning February 2024:

Margaret A. DeSandre
The Lynch and Martell Families
William Nicely



I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity – him – and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

John Muir, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Avondale, Arizona, is a published author and speaker in the Catholic community and contributes to the weekly Gospel Meditations for LPi Parish Communications.

Prayers & Praise

Pray for the Sick:

America Rivera, Virginia Di Balsi, John Vinicombe, Mary Gleason, Mary Ann Smith, Lorraine Nero, Jeffrey Debous, Ann Szostak, Robert Kowalski, Rosemary Campbell, Alex Federovitch, Anita and Craig Pulaski, Kathy Siskin, George Schuchardt, John Costino, Phil Kaplan, Tara Civitillo, Theresa Budd, Maureen Leonard, Doris Buckley, Dennis Cabrillo, Sandra and James Sheridan, Mary Fedorchak, Ellie Meeks, Kathy Esque, Keith and Val Preston, Barbara Tafrow-Gerrity, Lauren Pelleriti, Terri Sophy Zelinsky, James Cunningham, Marie Hagen, John Pietras, Janice Szelich, Mary Muha, Tony Cajigas, Vincent Duino, Carl Gilbert, Carmela Gervasio, Robin Olson, Michael Santilla, Donato Diacinto, Mary Ann DeBlasio, Mary Ann Sullivan, Daniel DeRose, Joseph Maida, Mickey Shanklin, Cecilia Bayless, Doug and Cynthia James, Barbara Pela, Jacqueline Restucci-DiBiasi, Robert and Meadow Golding, Nancy Eggert, Joanne O’Malley, Eugenia Zubeck, Audrey DiBella, Lucas D’Apice, Alex Matt, Sue Ruff, Teresa Rinehold, Philomena Mellody, Susan Vogtman, Robert Phelan, Jim Nader, Grace Ann Sabados, Kathleen McGowan, Anthony Pelle Jr., Damien Perrone, Joelly Torres, Alice Chizek, Jennifer Myer, Gabriel Ricci, Patricia Matt, Kelly McLaughlin-Barnes, Margaret Kennedy, Frank Peloso, Carrie Lertch, Kate Nelson, Noah Rybak, Evelyn Quinn, Myles Blackman, Dee Stein, Helene Valli, James Kiernan, William Statz, Rebecca O’Brien, Maclin Cogbill, Pat Burns, Maryann Eltringham, Karin Callan, Michelle Benzenhafer, Bill Sutterlin, Timothy Gallagher, Rocco Gallagher, Lillian Kimtis, Patricia Bayless

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased:

Maryann Cannon, Nancy Palma, Rosemary Campbell

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized:

Gabriella Marie Alleman, Kenna Shea Kaminskas

In Our Nation’s Service:

Lt. Cdr. Matthew O’Reilly, Lt. Nicholas Layton, Michael Arcangelo, Steven J. Arkuszewski, PFC Jonathan Bussi, Col. James P. Challender, Senior Airman Colleen Daily, Lt. Col. James Dunphy, Lt. Lauren Eanes, Staff Sgt. Douglas M. Eckert II, Cpl. Steven M. Edwards, MM3 Victor Frazier, Specialist Mark Gonzalez, Sgt. Michael Joy, Sgt. John Lawrence, Staff Sgt. Justin Magariello, Staff Sgt. Ryan McSorley, Sgt. Frederick Joseph Miller, Cpt. Patrick Rogers, 1st Lt. Sean Rogers, PFC Zack Pappas, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Pinzino, LCpl Jose D. Sandi, Cpl. Christopher R. Singer, Col. Stanley J. Sliwinski, 1st Lt. Patrick Whitty

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 2024

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading:

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

Gospel:

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

Abide in Me

The MARIAN SERVANTS® of the Holy Family present 8 themes by Fr. John Wickam, a program for spiritual growth that will help deepen your prayer life and bring you into a closer union with Our Lord. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. 9 Tuesday evenings: January 30-March 26, 2024; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. For further information, please email Mary Ann at: maryannisaac51@gmail.com and/or visit:

StGregorytheGreatChurch.org/MarianServants

Choral Anthem

The St. Gregory the Great Choir will perform the choral anthem **O Love of Whom Is Truth and Light** by Danish composer Finn Videro (1906-1987) at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 28.

O Love of Whom Is Truth and Light

O love of whom is truth and light, The word and spirit, life and power, Whose heart was bared to smite, To Shield us in our trial hour: O love I give myself to thee, Thine ever, only thine to be.



El Greco. *Christ Carrying the Cross*. 1580. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ACADEMY
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**Catholic
Schools Week**
January 28 -
February 3, 2024



SGGA OPEN HOUSE: JANUARY 28
1:30 - 3:00 PM



Altar Server Training

Altar Server training is held on the first Saturday of the month (**February 3**) from 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM in the church. All children in Grades 4 and up are invited to attend. With any questions please contact Dn. Joe Moore: joem331@gmail.com.

MINISTRY & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 2024

Knights of Columbus

This Valentine's Day, SGG Parishioners can help local families in our area by assembling a box of food to help feed families in need: 1) Pick-up a large box, usually available at most grocery stores, Costco, BJ's. 2) Place items from the "Most Needed Items" list, below. No expired or damaged products please. 3) Drop off the box at the Knight's tent or shopping carts on **Saturday, February 10**, from 9am-11am or in the church Gathering Space at your convenience. 4) If you cannot bring the box to church, let a Knight know and someone will pick it up from your porch. *Most Needed Items:* Cereal, Rice, Coffee, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Instant Potatoes, Jelly, Stuffing, Tuna, Pasta or Rice Sides, Canned Soups, Cake Mixes, Canned Vegetables, Jello, Kidney Beans, Snacks, Tomato Sauce, Shampoo, Canned Fruits, Bar Soap, Gravy, Paper Products, Cranberry Sauce, Baby Diapers and Wipes, Spaghetti, Laundry Detergents, Pasta, Cleaning Products. Thank you for your generosity.

For all men over 18 who feel the call to help their fellow neighbor, now is the time to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Alex Dinh, Chancellor, at chancellor@kofc7677.org for further details.



PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests please contact Tom & Pat Krosnowski at 609-586-2320 or tekpak59@yahoo.com.

KoC: 4th Degree Exemplification

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights. The Knights of Columbus will be holding a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center in North Brunswick, NJ. This event is open to all 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus who are in good standing. The registration fee for the ceremony and luncheon is \$100 per candidate. The registration form for the Exemplification is due by February 7, 2024. For more information, please contact the Bishop Ahr Assembly's Faithful Navigator, Mark Ciccone, at markciccone63@gmail.com or 609-468-2432.

You are invited to join a community of like-minded Catholic men who share their faith, hands, hearts, and prayers, providing support and communing with each other. You may also bring your families along and get to know other members. Membership is FREE to join online.



Project Appalachia Information Meeting

There will be a Project Appalachia information meeting on Sunday, **February 4** from 4 - 5pm in O'Connor Hall (Parish Center) for all interested teens, their parents and prospective adult volunteers who are considering participating in the 2024 trip tentatively scheduled from July 13 - 20, 2024. Trip details, participation requirements, and a question and answer session will be held. Please contact Rich Pieslak: Rpieslak@optonline.net or 609-468-1487 with any questions.

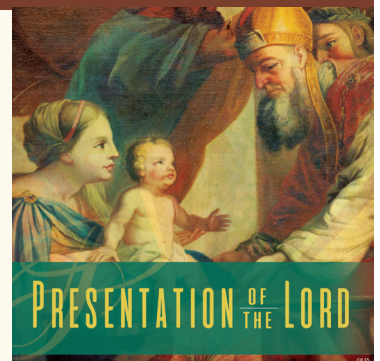
First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion and Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

February 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM

This year the month of February's First Friday falls on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. It is a Christian festival on February 2 that commemorates the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22-35).

Celebrate with us on **February 2** at our 7:00 PM Mass, as we honor Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple 40 days after his birth, so reflecting how he fulfills the Old Covenant as well as honoring his Sacred Heart through this monthly devotion. The Mass will begin with a candle blessing and a procession of lights. (Feel free to bring your own candles from home to be blessed.) Jesus was consecrated to God on this day and professed by Simeon to be, "a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." Simeon knew he could now die in peace, because he had seen the Messiah whom he had awaited - the child who was the Light of the World. And every year on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we recall in a special way that Jesus is the Light of the World when we bless the candles at our Church's liturgy.

All parishioners and ministries are encouraged to join us for this special Mass not only to participate in our monthly Sacred Heart Devotion but to remember the Feast of the Presentation. Refreshments will be served following Mass.



Calling All Soup-R-Bowl Fans!

Social Concerns Ministry

Canned Soup Collection

to support Mt. Carmel Guild

Drop off in the Gathering Space in the Food Collection Bins!



We'll be in the Gathering Space to collect

February 10 & 11

Once the holidays have passed and winter arrives full blast, the Emergency food program at Mt. Carmel Guild faces increased need in serving those with food insecurity. Soup can help by providing a nourishing "meal in one." Members of the Social Concerns Ministry will be on hand the weekend of **February 10-11** in the Gathering Space to receive your soup cans or monetary donation. Cans with easy open lids, full of vegetables and/or low salt soups are especially welcome. For safety and ease of transport, please avoid glass containers or cardboard cartons. Last year we collected over 1,300 cans—let's see if we can do it again! Any questions? Please contact Lauri Harbison at laharbison@yahoo.com.

Presence

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

Learn about the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

Thursdays: February 1 - 22, 2024

(4 Sessions, morning and evening classes will be available)

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Walking for Jesus

Through Jesus we encounter the deepest and truest love. Once again, this year, we will distribute Door Hangers in parish neighborhoods as a reminder of the love of Christ and an invitation to St. Gregory's beautiful Lenten services and liturgies. Do you love your faith? Like to walk? Deliver Good News? Join the Evangelization Team, **Saturday, February 10**. This is a one-day, two-hour commitment that begins with a light lunch at 12 noon, in the **school cafeteria**, followed by instructions, route assignment, blessing, and send off. Rain or shine, please attend the meeting to receive information and materials; you may distribute the door hangers on your own time if the weather does not cooperate. Please contact Jane Latini at 609-890-1098 or momsings@optonline.net.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank You!



Heartfelt Thanks For Your Generosity!

As our Capital Campaign draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who has contributed. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible generosity of our parish family! While we eagerly anticipate sharing the exciting results of the Capital Campaign with you soon, we wanted to pause and extend our sincerest appreciation. Your dedication to our community has made a significant difference and will positively shape the future of our parish for years to come! We look forward to updating you soon with the results of our Capital Campaign. It is truly inspiring to witness the collective impact of your contributions.

Altar Rosary Update

The next Altar Rosary meeting will be on Monday evening, **February 5**, in the Chapel, beginning with a Rosary at 6:30pm. Following the Rosary, Fr. Arockiam Joseph will give a Spiritual Presentation on Mary, our Mother. All are welcome to attend.

Liturgical Ministry Recruitment Weekend

Lector and Extraordinary Minister Training will be on Saturday, **February 10** beginning with Mass at 8:30am and ending around 11:00am. Sign up is required. Current ministers are invited to attend as well. We look forward to welcoming new ministers to our Liturgical Ministry Team.



White Mass

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10:30 am

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

3816 East State Street Ext.
Hamilton, NJ

*A special opportunity of blessing, prayer and recognition
of those who work in the Healthcare profession.
Healthcare workers from all faiths are welcome.*



Diocesan Youth Conference: "On Purpose"

The Diocesan Youth Conference is our yearly gathering for ALL teens 8 - 12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. This year's conference "On Purpose" will take place on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 10am-5pm at Red Bank Catholic HS, Redbank NJ. Register today at: dotyouth.org/dyc

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. The next weekend retreat is **February 16-18, 2024**. For more information contact Judy Warenkiewicz 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

A Night Of Worship

Join us for Adoration followed by a concert with singer, songwriter and speaker Dana Catherine at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold NJ on Friday **February 9, 2024**. For more information visit: www.danacatherinemusic.com.

March for Life 2024

On **January 19**, a group of parishioners from St. Gregory the Great and St. Ann's (Lawrenceville) braved the snow to advocate for the unborn at the March for Life in Washington, DC. Let us continue to stand united in prayer and action for the sanctity of life.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT *Liturgy with Children*

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 @ 9:00AM

All children, especially 3rd grade students are encouraged to attend this Mass with their family and friends. Join us for the opening procession and be sure to take a Children's Bulletin. After Mass there will be a craft in the Gathering Space and a sweet treat to take home. We will need one third grade family to bring up the gifts! Adult and children volunteers needed, for more information visit: StGregorytheGreatChurch.org/liturgywithchildren.

Scholarships

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton announces the availability of \$1,500 scholarships to qualified high school seniors of Polish descent to assist in their pursuit of a college education. For details and an application, please visit our website www.trentonpolisharts.org. Applications must be submitted by **February 20, 2024**.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 2024

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Oh, to not be anxious! What would that be like – to not have to worry about how we'll pay the bills or whether our kids are safe or if our health will fail? While anxiety is a very human emotion, we can take comfort in knowing that our God is more powerful than anything that may worry us. It is also important to note that in today's reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, what he means by "anxious" is not a modern psychological concept with only a negative connotation. The connotation is more "to be concerned with," or "caring about" something, and can refer to things that are very good – including spouses and families! But when we care for many things, including our relationship with God, it is only natural for us to be anxious at times. But Jesus Christ gives us the assurance that the troubles of this world are temporary, and the peace of God eternal. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians, and us, to understand the importance of an undivided devotion to God, to care for him above all things – no matter if we are married or single – so that our whole life is devoted to holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am always thankful when something good that has been anticipated, or predicted, comes to pass: The sunshine and mild weather holds true for that outdoor event I hosted; or the generous gift that a longtime friend mailed arrives unscathed. There is some anxiety in the waiting for, but relief in the fulfillment of, these beneficent promises. And while these are somewhat superficial examples, they do point us in the same direction of hope and gratitude that the divine gifts of God elicit in us. In today's first reading, Moses promises the people that the Lord will raise up for them, from among their own kin, a prophet who will speak God's own words and to whom the people will listen. And the Lord did provide numerous prophets, and kings, and judges, and eventually his only begotten Son, to call his people back to himself, and to save them from the wages of sin and death. The hope and anticipation God's chosen people had was fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We share in that gift of hope and of gratitude for our salvation.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9) is a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement. It helps us steer our minds from those things which may make us anxious. Spend time in the morning or evening each day of the coming week, praying and reflecting on the words.



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

	2023	2022	
TOTAL JANUARY	143,807	137,319	Five weekends in both years
TOTAL FEBRUARY	124,052	117,888	
TOTAL MARCH	113,613	114,039	
TOTAL APRIL (not including Easter)	124,360	105,755	Five weekends in 2023; four weekends in 2022
EASTER, April 9	87,604	80,171	
TOTAL MAY	107,398	142,505	Four weekends in 2023; five weekends in 2022
TOTAL JUNE	112,563	108,453	
TOTAL JULY	141,445	142,081	Five weekends in both 2022 & 2023
MISSION - JULY 9	6,835	6,986	
TOTAL AUGUST	105,809	105,135	
DOT RETIRED PRIESTS - AUGUST 6	6,332	5,500	
TOTAL SEPTEMBER	110,350	111,131	
TOTAL OCTOBER	131,786	134,378	Five weekends in both 2022 & 2023
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCT 22	5,848	4,625	
TOTAL NOVEMBER	113,172	108,200	
TOTAL DECEMBER	144,729	116,362	Five weekends in 2023; four weekends in 2022
TOTAL CHRISTMAS 2023	99,290		

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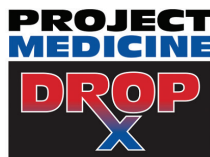


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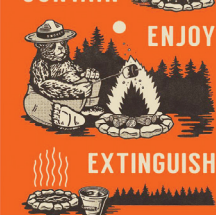


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