

**GREGORY THE GREAT  
POPE & DOCTOR (540? ~ 604)  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**



Coming events cast their shadows before: Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was thirty. After five years in office, he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, he became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal nuncio in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of fifty was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

He was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards in northern Italy and to care for persecuted Jews, as well as victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending forty monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, it was he who went to interview the Lombard king.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

His book, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops as physicians whose duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily gospel reading to the needs of his listeners.

Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

**COMMENT:** Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work.

**QUOTE:** "Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot" (Saint Gregory, *Homilies on the Gospels*).

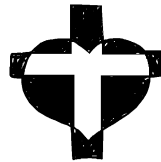
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**PARISH NEWS**

This Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 a.m.



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will provide our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community thanks all who participate. For information on this important effort, please call the Rectory Office.



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these wonderful devotions.



**Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation**

Religious Education classes begin next week on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please register your child now. Classes for public school children run September through June. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



**OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM**

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office listed on the cover for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



**OUR FAMILY MASS** for the month of September will be celebrated next **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, when we will have the opportunity to welcome back our parish and Religious Education families from their summer vacation. The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their first meeting this **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week is donated in loving memory of John DiRodio by Theresa DiRodio.



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering

Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.

**THE HOMEBOUND:** St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of health or infirmity cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all parishioners who are homebound, permanently or temporarily, to be visited by a Priest and/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Often we will hear of someone who is homebound and has not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time, although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person didn't want to "bother anyone" or "put anyone out." Often these individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.

We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. **However, we need your help.** These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and telling them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules. If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist please contact the Parish Office on 965-0566.



*"Take My yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from Me ..."*  
Spend a weekend learning more about what God wants for your marriage. There are upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in September and November. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

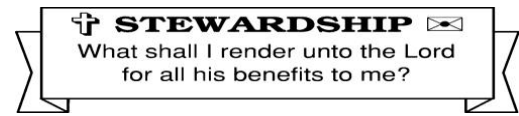
Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.



The Youth Group is proposing a change to its meeting schedule. They intend to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the School building, beginning this Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### August 26, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$5706.80
Children's Contribution	\$49.00
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$5755.80</b>

#### August 25, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$4318.00
Children's Contribution	\$21.50
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$4339.50</b>

### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

*Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Lawrence Girsch, and Fran Romano.

### 2014 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2014 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible Studies is resuming this month and will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. We invite you to come join your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible at these sessions which will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible!



SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 31 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Daniel Pape, Jr. +

**Sunday, September 1**

8:30 AM Mary Ann Berenguer +

10:00 AM Richard Jacob +

11:30 AM Vincent Campisi & Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, September 2**

**Weekday - Labor Day**

9:00 AM Helen Jackson +

**Tuesday, September 3**

**Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Lena Castaldo +

**Wednesday, September 4**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

**Thursday, September 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Frank Salerno +

9:00 AM William & Eva Blasko +

**Friday, September 6**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Kathleen Carmody +

9:00 AM Lucille Kochalein +

**Saturday, September 7**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Albert Baumeister +

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Serricchio Bellino +

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**Sunday, September 8**

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Frances Swetz +

11:30 AM Lena Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

We Love To Serve You!



Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.

If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or (you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church); and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a visitor.
I am interested in parish membership.
Change of Address / Telephone Number.
I am moving out of the Parish.
I am going to the hospital.
I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
Please send me the Catholic New York.
I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

RECOVERY SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Next weekend all parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will celebrate Recovery Sunday. This is the 15th annual day of prayer for all those struggling with and recovering from addictive illnesses. Recovery Sunday was inaugurated in 1999 by Cardinal O'Connor and continues now under the leadership of Cardinal Dolan. Let us share with our brothers and sisters who struggle with this illness the message of hope. Please pray for them daily, but especially next Sunday.

