THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 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 Isabella Munoz, Tom Zerecker, Abigail Dopico, Barbara Sutera, Donald Toscano, 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, USMC; MAJOR MATTHEW COYNE, USA; SRA DANIEL J. DWYER, USAF; PVT SHAWN GLEASON, USMC; LCDR DAVID J. HANEY, USN; PO3 HUNTER MORALES, USN; CAPTAIN ERIKA NOYES, USA; LTJG JOHN PETR, USN; 2LT NICHOLAS PISANO, USA; SGT RICHARD PISANO, USMC; TSgt CHARLES VANDERBILT, NYANG; CPR JOHN C. WAMSLER JR., USMC, PRIVATE MICHAEL JOSEPH YOUNG, USA.

I’VE GONE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU Please remember Sister Catherine Florence O’Connor OP, John Kollar, Maximilliani Olivo, Pasquale Ignaffo, Mary Ellen Ferraro, Racquel Singson, the Gulf War II casualties and these souls for whom Mass will be offered:
MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
7:30 AM (IC) Thomas Vetter
9:00 AM (SGB) Ann Hanus
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
7:30 AM (IC) The Ramos and McCormick Families
9:00 AM (SGB) The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM (IC) Rosina Castronovo
9:00 AM (SGB) Ann Hanus
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
7:30 AM (IC) Ann Hanus
9:00 AM (SGB) Jimmy and Peggy Hartiman
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
7:30 AM (IC) Mary Butler
9:00 AM (SGB) Ann Hanus
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
9:00 AM (SGB) Antonio DellaPosta
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Fourth Sunday Per Annum
5:30 PM George Winchell
7:30 AM Eugene Granata
9:30 AM Michael Gonoud
11:30 AM Thomas Vetter
*(IC) Immaculate Conception (SGB) St. Gregory Barbarigo

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, JANUARY 21
1:00 PM Baptism, Church
6:00 PM Discovering Christ Session #1, Immaculate
MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
6:30 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting, Gymnasium
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
6:30 PM Children’s Hummingbird Choir Rehearsal, Church
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Church
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
3:00 PM Bible Study, OLV
7:00 PM Bible Study, School Room 101
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
7:30 AM Men’s Quarterly Breakfast, Lynch’s
11:00 PM First Penance, Church
1:00 PM First Penance, Church
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
National Catholic School Week Begins
6:00 PM Discovering Christ Session #2, Immaculate

QUESTION FOR THE RIDE HOME
What do you need to catch fish? How has God called you to be a fisher of people? What equipment do you still need?

MEN’S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST on Saturday, January 27 at 7:30 AM at Lynch’s of Stony Point. Guest presenter will be Kenneth Zemsky, author of his new book, Angel’s Noel. The cost of the breakfast is $15 per man. RSVP by January 23 to diego.f.aviles@gmail.com.

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 write via e-mail to cherylms59@gmail.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND Penance will take place on the anniversary of the legalization of abortion on demand on Monday, January 22. There are multiple ways of observing this day, such as fasting, praying the rosary or chaplet for the unborn, praying for those who have been wounded by abortion, visiting the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (always open), and becoming involved with respect life organization in the county.

WELCOME to all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will this Church open wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD

Tomorrow is the official day when we come upon the anniversary that we would rather not observe. In 1973, the Supreme Court of our United States handed us a decision which is now infamous. Roe v. Wade struck down all state laws banning abortion, making it legal at any stage of pregnancy. For 45 years, we have been grieving.

Injustice to babies and the mistaken insistence on the priority of an adult’s choice over the right to life of an unborn baby is the reason why more than 100,000 young people and adults converged on Washington, DC last Friday. The first march was held in 1974 and it has a life of its own. The majority of participants are young adults and teens. They are attracted to social justice issues and abortion is the most important social justice issue of our times. Youth see themselves as a pro-life generation. So sadly, we do not hear much or anything about their witness for human rights. The media do not cover this story or tell us about how many diverse groups attend. Though the march is nonsectarian and welcomes many Protestants, Jews, Muslims and non-believers, we should be proud that Catholics have been among the leaders from the beginning, with our cardinals always speaking the truth and leading the prayers. And in an historic change last year, deeply pro-life Vice President Mike Pence came to the march. He spoke to crowds and to the people watching at home about his own beliefs and about the President’s commitment to the sanctity of human life.

Tomorrow is also a day of prayer for the legal protection of the unborn. Say a rosary for a change of heart in our nation, come to Mass at 7:30 (at Immaculate) or 9:00 at (SGB). Both prayers and action are needed to change hearts so that justice and peace can prevail.

Actor Jon Voight, who once famously depicted St. John Paul II is slated to play a Supreme Court justice in a feature film that is seeking funding. It is detailing the true story behind Roe v. Wade. In fact, it is called Roe v. Wade: The Movie. It is the untold story of how abortion activists lied and manipulated Jane Roe, the media and the courts into the decision to allow abortion in 1973. They searched the country to find a pregnant girl whom they could use to sue the government for her right to have an abortion. She was a broke girl with a 10th grade education named Norma McCorvey. They all convinced Norma that she can have an abortion if she sues, knowing full well that her case will never get to the courts in time. She sues Henry Wade, the district attorney of Dallas County. Roe v. Wade was born.

Spend some time tomorrow in penance and prayer so that this terrible injustice called abortion on demand will be overturned.

Father LaMorte

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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
The search begins for the longest married couple in the archdiocese. To enter, couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the archdiocese. They will be honored at a Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. Contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or izabella.nagle@archny.org.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the USA since 1974. It runs during the last week in January and the theme is LEARN. SERVE. LEAD. SUCCEED. Have you thought about a Catholic school education for your children? Why not consider sending them to St. Gregory Barbarigo School, one of five Catholic elementary schools in the St. Dominic region. Catholic values are infused across the curriculum which follows the NYS common core standards for K-8. We offer universal pre-k, full day kindergarten, Spanish, art, music, computers, library, physical education and after school programs that include enrichment and day care. Our Catholic faith is taught every day. Come visit our school on Tuesdays, January 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Evening tours are also available by appointment. Speak with Principal Dana Spicer at 947-1330. New students and all rising kindergarteners may apply to our Regional Catholic Elementary Schools online via www.applycatholicschoolsny.org and learn about financial assistance by calling our bilingual number at 646-794-2885. Faith-Based, Future-Focused! The regional school community will join us at 9:30 Mass next Sunday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Next Saturday, the youngsters of our parish religious education program and the regional Catholic school will be confessing their sins to the priest for the first time. Since this is a big step, we ask for your prayers for them and their parents. We congratulate them, their families, teachers and catechists and offer thanks to Mr. Donald Ruzzi, Mrs. Dana Spicer and all who assist them with their religious education.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SCHOOL PARENTS
of those who are preparing for the sacrament of confirmation with Bishop Dominick Lagonegro in October will meet on Monday, January 22. Participation is a necessary preparation for the reception of the sacrament and a good opportunity for parents to learn more about this aspect of life in the church. Please call Mr. Ruzzi (429-2775) with any questions.

ROSE MASS FOR EIGHTH GRADERS
from the five regional schools (Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, St. Gregory, St. Margaret, St. Paul) was celebrated here at St. Gregory Barbarigo on Friday at 10:00 AM. The young Catholic students of Rockland County meet each year at the church of one of their schools to foster our belief in the sanctity of human life.
WELCOME ALL! We welcome strangers and travelers and guests; students home from college for a good winter’s rest; parishioners who have moved away, but join us today as old friends; those who, for one reason or another, have not been active of late in their catholic faith -- may they will find new hope and inspiration to come back to join us again and again; our faithful parishioners, loyal and true (words cannot express our love and appreciation for you). Welcome to all. May our gathering today gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: A CATHOLIC RESPONSE Cardinal Dolan is calling on every Catholic institution in the archdiocese to join the seventh annual FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN and to dedicate the last week of January 28 to February 4, Sunday to Sunday, to increasing the supply of food available to feed hungry New Yorkers. Unfortunately, the high demand for emergency food continues this year. We need to recognize and praise the generous and dedicated work that our parish is already doing. Without these efforts, our current crisis would be much worse. This initiative cannot resolve the problem, for it is impossible to make up all the reductions in resources. However, the fact that we cannot do everything is not an excuse to do nothing. There is a special box in the narthex and your food may be left there. This program is also being held simultaneously in all of our regional schools. Mr. Ruzzi will coordinate with the religious education children. Thank you so much for your participation in this very worthy effort.

2017 DONATIONS TO THE PARISH If you’d like a contribution statement sent to you, we’d be happy to do so. Simply make a note on the front of your weekly envelope when you drop it in the offertory basket and include your email address. Or call 947-1873 or email Linda at sgblinda@verizon.net. Our ability to provide this service is just one of the reasons for you to gift-wrap your donation in a church envelope or use WeShare each week. We Share will be mailing statements directly to you. You may also wish to visit the parish web site www.stgregorybarbarigo.org, click on Online Giving or go directly to www.churchgiving.com/?pc=35ik2m79 where you can verify your account and print your yearly statement yourself. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generous support to our parish all throughout the year.

PARISH PAY IS NOW WE SHARE Visit our parish web site (www.stgregorybarbarigo.org) and click on the online giving tab. You will be directed to the We SHARE site where you can review and add your weekly donations to the parish as well as the second collections. Be sure to include all of them (Communications Catholic University, Solemnity of Mary, Peter’s Pence, Holy Land, Easter, Ascension, Bishops’ Relief, Black and Indian, Assumption, Latin America Home Missions, St. Joseph’s Seminary, Mission Sunday, Campaign for Human Development, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, Christmas, Retired Religious). We want to know if you are having any problems, so Linda is ready to hear from you. Call her at the parish office (947-1873) and she will provide assistance. If you need to speak with We SHARE directly, call Kelly Lawrence, the engagement manager at Liturgical Publications at her direct number (800-950-9952, x2544) or email klawrence@4ipi.com.

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).

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS Traditionally, altar flowers are donated for the Sunday Masses to remember a loved one or for a special intention. You may call the parish office (947-1873) to arrange for a memorial basket for a donation of $50. Reservation cards are also in the narthex. And remember to shop at Stony Point Florist for all your decorating needs.

MEMORIAL CANDLES reach Catholics on a spiritual level and remain a source of inspiration and a symbol of Christ as a worthwhile expression of faith. They have always been seen as sentinels, keeping watch while a person cannot be there. By lighting a candle, people know their prayer will continue throughout the day, long after they leave church. Our candles are designed to also serve as perpetual memorials for a specific intention which will remain lighted day and night for a whole year for a donation of $200. You may inquire at the parish office. If you had a candle for the past year, please let us know if you would like to renew it.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARD PROGRAM FOR SHOPRITE AND STOP & SHOP are sold in the narthex when you come to Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning and at the parish office every day in denominations of $10, 20, 25, 50 and 100. This is an easy and effortless way to raise funds for parish programs with no cost to you. Just purchase the card at face value and 5% is returned to SGB. You can use them like cash – they work on a declining balance system. It is great for gifts or every day use. Father always uses them when he does his grocery shopping. Over $300,000 in cards are bought by parishioners annually and $15,000 is returned to St. Gregory Barbarigo. More information is available at the parish office.

www.stgregorybarbarigo.org
MAY I RECEIVE A BLESSING INSTEAD OF HOLY COMMUNION? A warm and well-intentioned desire of some children and adults who cannot receive communion is to join the procession and expect some sort of “individual blessing” from the minister or priest, like a hand on the head or some other physical touch. There are many good reasons why we should not follow this fad. Touching people’s hair, faces and garments while serving communion (or any other food for that matter) has to be a violation of some health and safety regulations somewhere. Also, lay ministers are not empowered to offer a blessing to non-communicants. Everyone in the church will receive a blessing in a few minutes at the end of Mass and that properly comes from the presiding priest. If you stand before the minister, possibly with arms crossed and not looking to receive communion, he or she will smile, nod and whisper a little prayer without gesture or touching. All will continue to be blessed at the conclusion of Mass. If you desire a second blessing, it can be offered to you in the narthex after Mass.

HELPING US PRAY FOR THE DEAD Giving a Mass Card to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass said for the repose of someone’s soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses said for him than Saint John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial, and if we have people pray for us at Masses in months and years to come. Mass cards are available at our parish office for $15, and $5 for an attractive leather cover. Intentions are printed in the bulletin and often announced out loud.

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