Happy Memorial Day! As you might know, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades, though of course this year there will be no parades. Unofficially, Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer season.

Turning to Church news; on Ascension Thursday, Cardinal Dolan had a news conference about the gradual return to public worship in our parishes. The plan for return is called: Faith Forward. Msgr. LaMorte outlined the more specific details and in a subsequent email included the following:

“What follows is a series of recommended sacramental guidelines for archdiocesan parishes as we foresee a return to public worship in the forthcoming weeks and months. It is anticipated that the reopening of our churches and the resumption of the public celebration of the sacraments will be a gradual process marked in phases:

**Phase I** – Churches Open for Private Prayer and Confessions
**Phase II** – Celebration of Baptisms and Marriages (limited to 10 attendees)
**Phase III** – Celebration of the Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass
**Phase IV** – Celebration of Daily and Funeral Masses with Limited Attendance
**Phase V** – Celebration of Sunday Mass with Supervised Attendance

Resumption of Full Parish Mass Schedules and Sacramental Activities

Commencement dates and a detailed description of each phase will be announced by the Vicar General’s Office in the coming weeks.”

I’ve gone to prepare a place for you: Please remember our recently deceased John Sullivan, Paul Piperato, Jenny Morpf, Thomas Westervelt, Hilda Cusick, Martin Bornstein and all the souls for whom Mass will be offered:

**MONDAY, MAY 25**
Easter Weekday
Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Saint Gregory VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalen de’ Pazi, Virgin
9:00 AM  John Donovan

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**
St. Philip Neri, Priest
9:00 AM  Lorraine Gillen

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**
Easter Weekday
St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
9:00 AM  James McGuiness

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**
Easter Weekday
9:00 AM  McNicholas Family

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**
Easter Weekday
9:00 AM  Frank Lyons

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**
Easter Weekday
9:00 AM  Patricia Horan
5:30 PM  Kathleen Sweeney

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**
Pentecost Sunday
7:30 AM  The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo
9:30 AM  Dr. Frank Migliorelli
11:30 AM  Virginia & Albert Guelcher

I bolded the phrase “in the coming weeks” to highlight the fact that we are on the way, but we are not there yet. The Archdiocese has provided a helpful roadmap and of course we will implement the protocol which have been provided, but the one thing not provided is a start date. So until further notice, things will continue as is: no public Mass, etc. As soon as we get permission, we will, of course, proceed.

Progress on the school extension (cafeteria/community room) is happening; the space has been measured and marked, permits acquired, and next the work site has to be prepared. Hopefully we will soon see some tractors at the school, getting the job done!

Finally we congratulate all of our High School and College graduates! And sadly they don’t have the benefit of the Graduation ceremony, but we acknowledge all their hard work and achievements all the same. Eight graders from St. Gregory School don’t graduate until June.

Have an enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Fallon
STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

~ GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING ~

For the Lord's generosity, we returned to His Church

Last Sunday (5/17/20) envelopes.......................... $6,016.00
We Share ..................................................... $3,715.60
Total Weekly .................................................. $9,731.60
A Year Ago (5/19/19) ......................................... $12,220.24

Easter Sunday (to date) ....................................... $25,484.00
Easter Sunday last year 2019 ................................. $38,536.50

GIFT CARD PURCHASES
Total purchases of $1,650
5% commission to the parish $82.50

SEND ENVELOPES WHERE? Your continued support is certainly appreciated and essential. For some of our community, there appears to be confusion as to where collection envelopes can be sent, so here are the options.

1. You can mail them to: St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish, 21 Cinder Rd. Garnerville NY 10923
2. Another option is to bring them to the front door of the rectory and put them in the mail slot.
3. Also – if you like – you can go to the church and slip the envelope under the door for the kitchen in the Narthex.
4. There is also the option to support the parish electronically by the use of Parish Pay. There is a simple link found on the parish website.

Whatever your choice, thank you for your efforts to sustain our parish.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: The sick are comforted knowing that we pray for them. In your charity, please remember James Newman, Donna Lodi, Tracey Pappalardo, Mercedes Greenleaf, Marie Margies and the Wailing Wall and the intentions of our prayer network.

CARDINAL’S APPEAL UPDATE: to date we have received $64,370 in pledges from 216 families, for our goal of $107,500, which means we are at 59.88% of our goal – and that is pretty good considering we are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic.

For this appeal to really be successful, we need to have support from all our families. As you might recall, the appeal is an essential source of funding to sustain the programs and ministries of the Archdiocese as well as parishes that have financial difficulties. Please be as generous as you can, and thank you for your support.

Daily Mass at St. Gregory’s can be viewed via the parish website: StGregoryBarbarigo.org, Monday through Saturday at 9:00 am (except Thursdays) and on Sundays at 9:30 am.

Some food donations for the Food Pantry in Haverstraw

Scholarship Opportunities

MONSIGNOR THOMAS J. DARBY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Applications are available by emailing Father Fallon at sgbrectory@gmail.com at the parish office. We have some school families who are having difficulties as they attempt to meet the financial obligations of tuition at the regional school. A memorial scholarship foundation has been established and named after the first pastor of St. Gregory Barbarigo, Monsignor Thomas Darby. Shortly after his arrival in 1961, he founded the parochial school. This is a fitting tribute in his honor. Are you eligible to apply? Do you attend Mass at SGB each Sunday and contribute to the parish offertory? Do you have continuing financial need? Good attendance, a respectable behavior record, a demonstrated sense of service? In addition to the financial assistance provided, it is emotionally uplifting to know that parishioners find our program at St. Gregory Barbarigo worthy of patronage. If you would like to make a contribution to this foundation, please contact Fr. Fallon.

Some food donations for the Food Pantry in Haverstraw