

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

UPDATE

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Some of you may be curious as to why there were a lot of trailers and tractor trailer trucks in the parking lot this past week. HBO is producing a series called, The Gilded Age and are filming at Cloud Hill Farm and in Newport. They asked if they could rent our parking lot for those 3 days to park their equipment and use our hall downstairs. It worked out very well as they provided 24 hour security and paid us very well for the use of the property; which as contributions are down, came at a very good time.

Our weekday Mass at 8:30 will resume on Mondays and Wednesday starting February 22nd.

We are now limited to 125 people per Mass. The Saturday Mass and the 8AM Masses are usually not as crowded as the 10:30. Please keep in mind, once our count reached 125, you will not be let in the Church.

Please observe the regulations for attending Mass. You must wear a face mask, at all times in the Church and attached buildings, this include the Gathering Space. If for some reason, any reason, you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending Mass.

Protocol for attending any and all Masses:

- a. Must wear a mask
- b. Must sanitize hands
- c. If you have any trace of illness, please stay home
- d. No congregating before, during or after Mass
- e. Practice social distancing

As we figured during the epidemic, our revenue has fallen. We are still responsible for many bills (heat, electric, insurance), Diocesan taxes and salaries. We thank those who have continued with their ongoing support, and ask all families to try to catch up with their giving if possible.

REMINDERS!!!

Our Mass counts for last weekend were as follows: At the 4pm Mass, 100, at the 8am Mass, 84 and at the 10:30 Mass, 92.

As ALWAYS if you are feeling ill in any way, cough, sneezing, or temperature, please do not come to church.

The Church is open daily Monday – Thursday 8am-2pm. Office hours are Monday –Friday 9-4. Reconciliation is one half hour before the Saturday Mass.

There is also a safe and secure drop off box (brown) located on the outside of the office. You may use that to drop off any notes or your budget if you wish.

Our Masses are Saturday 4 pm and Sunday at 8 am and 10:30 am. Masks must be worn during Mass. Communion

will be at the end of Mass. **After you receive Communion, you should immediately exit the church.** Live streaming of Mass is on Sunday at 10:30 through our website at www.stgregorychurchri.com

In closing, we pray that everyone keeps safe, listens to the medical community, continues to pray, and is kind and loving to one another.

**Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alfred Ricci**

PRAYER DURING A PANDEMIC

Loving God, Holy One,

Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon,

You, the Holy One, breathing within us, breathing among us, breathing around us in our beautiful yet wounded world.