



ST. GREGORY BARBARIGO

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GARNERVILLE

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES IN NORTH ROCKLAND

The year 2015 was an historic one for the archdiocese as it completed the first phase of the pastoral planning process, *Making All Things New*. In August of that year there was the restructuring of 368 parishes into 295. Part of that process included the gathering of church communities into geographic groups. In North Rockland, Immaculate Conception, St. Gregory Barbarigo and Ss. Peter and Mary were formed into Cluster 51. In a spirit of collaboration, Cardinal Dolan has asked us to cooperate with each other to ensure vibrant parish life by sharing resources and personnel and eliminating the duplication of some services.

With no talk of merging, but because of the similarity of two of our parishes and their proximity to each other – less than two miles away, Father DeGaris and Father LaMorte have been discussing creative and resourceful ways for us to join our daily Mass schedules together. After each of us consulted our finance and pastoral councils, it was agreed that, beginning Monday, July 3, we would enter an inter-parochial partnership with regard to the Monday-through-Friday morning Masses.

Presently, St. Gregory Barbarigo offers two Masses at 7:30 and 9:00 AM. At Immaculate, there is a Mass each day at 8:30 AM; and a Mass at 7:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday and Thursday, many of the Stony Pointers have been driving over to Garnerville for this early morning Mass with little or no inconvenience. It appears to have worked out very well for the past eight years.

As such, the Mass at 7:30 each Monday through Friday will now be celebrated either by Father DeGaris or Father LaMorte at *Immaculate Conception Church* for all the North Rockland Catholics who wish to attend. A second Mass at 9:00 will be offered by either priest at *St. Gregory Barbarigo Church*. On Saturdays, Immaculate Conception will maintain its 8:30 Mass and SGB will hold on to its 9:00 Mass. Thus, there will still be two weekday Masses celebrated in the area – one at Immaculate and the other at St. Gregory. The schedule for Ash Wednesday and holy days of obligation will be set and announced prior to these feasts.

Some people may ask, “*Why make this change by taking Mass away from us?*” It is true that we all desire to preserve a place of our own and Masses as we always had them. But we also have a legitimate hope of fuller Masses and a real need for better stewardship of our parish resources.

Adjustments are always hard, but let’s give this a chance and then offer us your fair and balanced opinion during the summer? And whisper a little prayer, too. It couldn’t hurt.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN NORTH ROCKLAND PARISHES BEGINNING JULY 3

MONDAY

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception, Ss. Peter and Mary
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo
7:30 PM Ss. Peter and Mary (Spanish)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception, Ss. Peter and Mary
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo, Ss. Peter and Mary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception, Ss. Peter and Mary
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo
5:30 PM Ss. Peter and Mary

THURSDAY

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception, Ss. Peter and Mary
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo
7:30 PM Ss. Peter and Mary (Spanish)

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception, Ss. Peter and Mary
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo
5:30 PM Ss. Peter and Mary

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Ss. Peter and Mary
8:30 AM Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM St. Gregory Barbarigo