
CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of December 15, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Christ our Joy.
Brighten our homes with Your presence.
Clarify our vision so that we might see You in the
people we cherish.
Make every holiday activity an opportunity to
spread Your light and love.
We await Your coming with delight..*

Amen

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Gregory the Great Parish, established in 1936, is a welcoming Catholic community serving the people of Bellerose, Floral Park, and environs. Pursuing holiness through the Eucharist, we strive to live out Jesus Christ's mandate of service, evangelization, and establishment of justice for all. Embracing the diversity and talents of our members, we seek the participation of everyone on the journey.

Parish Staff:

Msgr. Edward A. Ryan, Pastor
Rev. Johnson Nedungadan, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Szymon Galazyn, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Arthur Cutter
Deacon Robert Zeuner
Sr. Patricia Anglin, O.P., Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Ms. Lynn Alaimo, Academy Principal
Mr. Bart Haggerty, Director of Music Ministry
Rev. Joseph Cunningham, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. John Reh, Civil Trustee
Mrs. Patricia Brandt, Civil Trustee

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM; 9:15AM; 11:00AM; 12:30PM; 5:15PM
Weekdays:
Monday 9:00AM & 7:00PM
Tuesday - Friday: 7:00AM & 9:00AM
Saturday Morning: 9:00AM
Holydays: Vigil Mass: 7:30PM
7:00AM; 9:00AM; 7:30PM



Eucharistic Devotion: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Tuesday from the conclusion of the 9:00AM Mass until 10:30AM. Every First Friday of the month, there will be Eucharistic Adoration for Divine Mercy from the conclusion of the 9:00AM Mass until 10:30AM.

Contact Information:

Parish Office:

242-20 88th Ave.
Phone 718-347-3707
Fax 718-347-0583
Parish Website: saintgregorythegreat.com
Parish Email: stgregoffice@aol.com
Mrs. Lois Brady, Parish Receptionist
Miss Jennifer Kalin, Parish Receptionist
Mrs. Patricia McMenamin, Parish Secretary
Mr. Peter Varol, Parish Bookkeeper
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Fridays 9:00AM - 6:30PM
Saturdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Sundays 7:30AM - 1:00PM

Office of Faith Formation

Gregorian Hall
Phone 718-347-0525
Sr. Patricia Anglin, O.P., Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Ms. Kathy LaVache, Secretary
Office Hours:
Tuesday 10:30AM - 3:30PM
Wednesday 10:30AM - 3:30PM
Thursday 10:30AM - 3:30PM
Sunday 10:15AM - 11:30AM

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy of Bellerose

Address 244-44 87th Ave.
Phone 718-343-5053
School Website: sgtgca.org
Ms. Lynn Alaimo, Principal
Mrs. Camille Gunning, Secretary

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated on the Second Sunday of each month at 2:00PM and on the Fourth Saturday of each month at 12:00Noon. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to meet with Deacon Zeuner.

Sacrament of Penance: The Sacrament of Penance is offered each Saturday at 1:00PM. and at other times by appointment with one of our priests.

Marriage: A couple planning marriage must make an appointment with one of our priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance of the marriage.

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



FAITH FORMATION

Spanish Class Grades 1-8

During the month of December, we are studying Spanish Christmas traditions and customs in all of the Spanish speaking countries.

The younger grades (1-3) are learning this through reading The Legend of the Poinsettia, and The Night of Las Posadas, by Tomie DePaola. Both are followed up by Christmas crafts based on the stories.

In grades 4-8 the students are researching one Spanish Christmas tradition or custom, and presenting their findings to the class.

The Spanish classes at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy would like to wish you all Feliz Navidad!

Mrs. Sande, Grades 1-8 Spanish

ADULT CHOIR - Our Adult Choir sings at the 11:00AM Mass most Sundays from September-June and rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM in the Church. Membership is open to men and women of high school age and adults. No experience is necessary—just a love for singing and a willingness to come to rehearsals. Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:30PM in the Church. If you've ever considered singing in the choir, please consider this opportunity to join us now in time for Christmas. Just come to rehearsal on Tuesday, contact Bart Haggerty through the Rectory Office 718-347-3707, see him in the Choir Loft following any of the Sunday morning Masses or e-mail barthaggerty@hotmail.com.



Religion classes for children in Grades 1 through 8 attending public school are held on Sunday mornings following the 9:15AM Family Mass at the Church.

Diocesan guidelines require two years of preparation for First Holy Communion. Children 6 years of age or older who have not been baptized must receive two years of instruction before receiving the sacrament of Baptism.

In all cases, parents/guardians must make an appointment to speak with Sr. Patricia Anglin at the Office of Faith Formation 718-347-0525.

RCIA - Have you received all your Sacraments of Initiation? If you are an adult, 18 years or older and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion) now is the time to register. Please contact Sr. Patricia Anglin at 718-347-0525 to make an appointment.

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT. DECEMBER 14TH

5PM Gabriel Tanlioco, Ryan McMenamin,
Mikaela Tanlioco, Matthew Castrillon

SUN. DECEMBER 15TH

8:00AM Connor DeFay, Nicholas Paliwoda
9:15AM Xavier Milano, Mark Moritz,
Enda Heaney, Luke Milano
11:00AM Judee Yanesa, Hally Adinolfi
12:30PM Leo Buzzeo, Ian Guzman
5:15PM Nathan Pichardo, Abigail Roy

SAT. DECEMBER 21ST

5PM Robert & Olivia Brandt,
Matthew Wagner

SUN. DECEMBER 22ND

8:00AM Justin Brown, Travis Bedard
9:15AM Daniel Lewis, Candice &
Royce Mendonca
11:00AM Katherine DeGuzman, Nicholas
Bustamante, Joanthan Joanis
12:30PM Daniel Bunay, Miranda Reilly,
Clarens Zeno
5:15PM Sydney Farrand, J'Adore Hemmings,
Jelani Hemmings

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of December 15, 2019

SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE 11:30AM Gregorian Hall
RCIA 12:30PM Office Basement
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 1:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
ALCOHOLICS ANON. OPEN 7:00PM Convent Basement

MONDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
BOOK CLUB 7:00PM Rectory Basement
PRAYER GROUP 7:30PM Gathering Space

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
CRAFT GROUP 9:30AM Green Room
PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING MINISTRY
12:00-3:00PM Oak Room
GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM Oak Room
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
CUB SCOUTS 6:00PM Oak Room
ADULT CHOIR 7:30PM Church
CHAMBER SINGERS 9:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
FOLK GROUP 7:15PM Office Basement

THURSDAY

GOLDEN AGE SENIORS GHT 12:00-4:00PM Oak Room
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FRIDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
ALCOHOLICS ANON. STEP 7:00PM Convent Basement
TREE LIGHTING 7:00PM Gregorian Hall
ALCOHOLICS ANON. CLOSED 8:30PM Convent Basement

SATURDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 9:00AM-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
PENANCE 1:00PM Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Week of December 15, 2019

SUN. DEC. 15TH

8:00AM John A. Barrett Sr. (Birth. Rem.)
9:15 Members of the Purgatorial Society
11:00 John Olmo, Herbert C. DeGiovine
12:30PM Ann Kielczewski
5:15PM All People of the Parish

MON. DEC. 16TH

9AM Chacko Chandy
7PM Thomas Delendick

TUES. DEC. 17TH

7AM Ellen Jarrett
9AM Chacko Chandy

WED. DEC. 18TH

7AM Rosemarie Russo
9AM Kelleher & Breslin Family

THURS. DEC. 19TH

7AM Mildred & Robert Metzger
9AM Peter Yevoli (L)

FRI. DEC. 20TH

7AM Corinne Say
9AM James Toner

SAT. DEC. 21ST

9AM Mary K. Carroll, Chacko Chandy
5PM Joe Gaughran & Nick McCauley

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK

Patrick McKenna, Cookie Taormina,
Brian Bohn, Charles Leidner, Pat Grippo,
Geo Rangero, Jeannette Previdi, Alysse &
Massimo Crescenzo, Mariead Tully, Robert
Luckner, Philomena Quinn, Grace & Kenny
Leuze, Taylor Reno

FOR THE DECEASED

Erlinda Escoto



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR'S DESK

12/15/19

“We have to transmit these values to the next generation.”
- Nunzia Caputo

Bari, Italy has as one of its claims to fame, the major relics of St. Nicholas, preserved in the Basilica di San Nicola. The other claim to fame is a local pasta known as orecchiette (little ears).



In “Bari Vecchia”—the old town—there are two short alleys, Via dell’Arco Basso and Via dell’Arco Alto, where women of all ages sit in the street outside their houses making the orecchiette. They place their handmade creations in small bags that they sell to tourists, many of them off cruise ships in the harbor.

Many of the older women or “grandmothers” have been doing this for decades, and it is a major source of income for their families. “These women work 10, 15 hours a day, seven days a week to support their unemployed husbands and sons,” according to Francesco Amoroso whose pasta-making mother died last year at the age of 99.

The good people of Bari fear that the art of pasta making will be lost to the up-and-coming generations of younger women. “You have kids now who can speak two or three languages but can’t do this (make pasta). If you give them a little ball of dough, their eyes light up,” according to Nunzia Caputo, who sits making orecchiette with her mother. Diego DeMeo, who owns a restaurant across the street from City Hall agrees that the little, irregular, handmade pasta ears have “a little magic in them.”

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This Advent, as children eagerly await “a visit from St. Nicholas,” we older Catholics face a challenge of transmitting the value of participation at Sunday Mass – and the Eucharist in general – to the next generation. My father used to say, “Little pitchers have big ears.” Actually, little children have little ears, orecchiette. We pray that we will find new ways to “make their eyes light up” as we fill those little ears with the prospect of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Perhaps we should call on St. Nicholas to persuade our children that the Eucharist is the most wonderful Christmas gift that can be imagined.

Now, I must ask if we can have a plate of orecchiette with our seven fishes on Christmas Eve.

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!



Parish Goal	\$86,100
Amount Pledged	\$86,259
Amount Received	\$81,162
Number of Pledges	301

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have participated so far in the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

COLLECTION - The collection for the week of December 15th amounted to \$8,832 for the parish and \$1,837 for Religious Retirement.

The October Campaign collection amounted to \$31,003. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION - Please support Catholic Charities by using the envelope provided in your monthly packet. There are also envelopes available at the back of the Church. Catholic Charities provides services to families in need and the funds raised helps to sustain the 160 programs and services offered.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY will take place this Monday, December 16th. Times for the Sacrament of Penance will be 4:00-8:00PM in the Church.

GIVING TREE - This year we are providing gifts to our parish homebound, Providence House, Helping Hands of Immaculate Conception, and the families assisted by St. Vincent de Paul. Please don't wrap your gift but place it in a gift bag with the tag from the Giving Tree attached. Please bring your gifts no later than **December 15th**. Thank you - Your generosity is appreciated!



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting, which will take place on December 16th is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. The selection for the January 13th meeting is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The book is available at the Bellerose Public Library.



LESSONS & CAROLS - Our Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented on Sunday, December 22nd, at 3:00PM in Church. This seasonal presentation of word and song of the Advent and Christmas seasons, this year entitled "A Child Is Born in Bethlehem", features our Adult Choir and Folk Group. Admission is free and the program is suitable for all ages. All are welcome.



EPIPHANY PRAYER EVENT CELEBRATION - Don't let the last day of Christmas go unmarked. Come to the celebration on January 11th, at 7:30PM in the Gathering Space of St. Gregory's Church.

GROUP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE 2020 will be held in the Office Basement on Tuesday & Thursday, January 21st & 23rd (two sessions), 7:00-10:00PM and Saturday, January 25th (one session), 9:00AM-3:00PM. Cost is \$45 per person. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Registration forms can be found in the December Gregorian and are also available at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019



INDIVIDUAL PENANCE

Saturday, December 21st
1:00-2:30PM

MASSES

Tuesday - Christmas Eve - December 24th

4:00PM - Church

5:45PM Christmas Pageant

6:00PM - Church

9:30PM (Carols) - 10:00PM Mass - Church

Wednesday - Christmas Day - December 25th

8:30AM, 11:00AM and 12:30PM - Church

(No evening Mass for Christmas Day)

Tuesday - New Year's Eve - December 31st

5:00PM - Church

Wednesday - New Year's Day - January 1st

9:00AM - 12:00PM - Church

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Renaissance Luncheon will be held Sunday, January 26, 2020. All adults are invited! Join the Renaissance Group at our annual luncheon at Villa D'Este on Sunday, January 26, 2020 following the 12:30PM Mass. The \$46.00 per person charge includes a champagne punch toast, salad, pasta and choice of one entrée from a selection of five. A vegetable, soda, coffee or tea, and dessert are also included. Please RSVP to Pat Tweedy at 516 354-4736 or Marion Tannuzzo at 516 358-4102 by January 18th.

GOLDEN AGE LEISURE CLUB presents Overnight in Amish Country - November 4th-5th, 2020 - "Deck the Halls" Christmas Show at the American Music Theatre and guided tour of Amish Country, a visit to an Amish home and Kitchen Kettle Village with the overnight stay at Hershey Farm Inn. Cost is \$240 per person double occu., \$303 single occu., \$224 triple occu. Deposit of \$50 due upon registration. For further information, please contact Finbar O'Sullivan at 718-343-0676.