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

Week of December 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Christ our Peace.
Glow brightly in each moment.
Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond the
trappings of the holidays..
Relieve us, if just for a moment, of our worries
and stress.
We await Your coming with serenity.*

Amen

Parish Mission Statement:

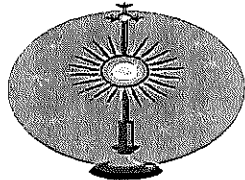
St. Gregory the Great Parish, established in 1936, is a welcoming Catholic community serving the people of Bellerose, Floral Park, and environs. Pursuing holiness through the Eucharist, we strive to live out Jesus Christ's mandate of service, evangelization, and establishment of justice for all. Embracing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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of December 22, 2019

SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE 10:15AM Church
RCIA 12:30PM Office Basement
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 1:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
LESSONS & CAROLS 3:00PM Church
ALCOHOLICS ANON. OPEN 7:00PM Convent Basement

MONDAY

PRAYER GROUP 7:30PM Gathering Space

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 5:45PM Church

WEDNESDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 9:00AM-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
BAPTISM 2:00PM Church
PENANCE 1:00PM Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
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SUN. DEC. 22ND

8:00AM Kevin & Michael Mohan
9:15 Members of the Purgatorial Society
11:00 Cornelio, Maria, Laura & Santiago Martinez, Mary Alice Fitzpatrick Jones, Pat Grippo
12:30PM George DeHaven
5:15PM All People of the Parish

MON. DEC. 23RD

9AM Lawrence Dowd
7PM Connie & Aldo Salustri

TUES. DEC. 24TH

7AM Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus
9AM Anne Clavin

WED. DEC. 25TH

No Intentions

THURS. DEC. 26TH

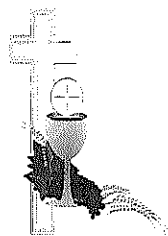
9AM Stephanie Pontosky (Birth. Rem.)

FRI. DEC. 27TH

7AM Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus
9AM Sr. Grace Agate

SAT. DEC. 28TH

9AM
5PM Nazzareno & Antonia Buttigieg



THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of December 22nd, have been donated as a Thanksgiving Offering, requested by Johny Manchery.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Vincent Schaub, 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

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



FAITH FORMATION



On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Gregory's Academy, we wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 26, 2020

Join us as we celebrate the start of Catholic School's week at the 9:15AM Mass in Church followed by the Open House at 10:30AM -12:30PM at the Academy.

Whether you are already part of the St. Gregory's family, or thinking about registering new students, come take a tour and see what we are up to!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

TRIP

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.

ST. JOSAPHAT'S Casino trip to Empire, in Yonkers, on Monday, December 30th. Bus leaves at 9:30AM sharp in front of the Church, located at 210 street & 35 the Avenue. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For info and reservations call JOY 917-921-7631.

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 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

SAT. DECEMBER 28TH

5PM Matthew Aguilar, Sergio Lopez

SUN. DECEMBER 29TH

8:00AM Xavier & Luke Milano

9:15AM Shanel & Sayjel Tan, Enda Heaney

11:00AM Camille & Bryan Perez, Bismi Joseph

12:30PM Candice & Royce Mendonca,
Arianne Soria

5:15PM Calvin & Edwin Abraham
Tiffany Gadais

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

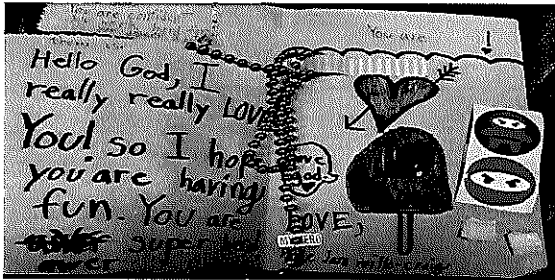
PASTOR'S DESK

12/22/19

**“Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
You have found praise....”
-Psalm 8**

When I visited the shrine of St. Anthony in Padua years ago, I was amazed at the museum adjacent to the church where the saint's tomb is venerated by throngs of the faithful. The museum displays dozens and dozens of what are known as “ex votos.” They are offerings placed near a shrine as a thanksgiving for favors received. At Padua, many wear the usual metallic hearts and medallions, but a surprising number wear handmade cards donated by children.

Ex votos are not as common in this country as in other parts of the world, but a special card appeared near our Blessed Mother's statue in church some weeks ago. It is clearly the work of a young person and it is charming in its innocent simplicity.



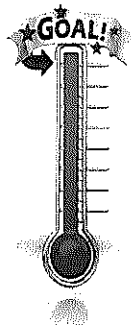
“Hello God, I really really love you! So I hope that you are having fun. You are awer (our) super hero!

Dear God, You are confident. You work hard for us. You deserve (sic) a lot for us.

Christmas is the occasion for all of us to pause for a few moments to say with child-like simplicity, “Hello God, I really, really love You” And it is the season to say that to all of the people who are dear to our hearts.

So, from my heart, I extend to all of you, your families and loved ones my prayers for a Blessed Christmas. And as Christmas morning dawns, I hope that you will all be having lots of fun!

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 - Due to the early deadline of the Bulletin, collection amounts will be posted in next week's Bulletin.

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.

GIVING TREE - This year we provided gifts to our parish homebound, Providence House, Helping Hands of Immaculate Conception, and the families assisted by St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you - Your generosity is appreciated!



LESSONS & CAROLS - Our Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented on TODAY 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.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting, which will take place on Monday, January 13th, at 7:00PM, is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The book is available at the Bellerose Public Library.



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



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)

INDIVIDUAL PENANCE

Saturday, December 28th
1:00-2:30PM

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.

