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

Week of April 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY of the **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



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:

Very Rev. John O'Connor, Pastor
Rev. Johnson Nedungadan, 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
Msgr. Edward A. Ryan, Pastor Emeritus
Msgr. 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 - Friday: 9:00AM
Saturday Morning: 9:00AM
Holydays: Vigil Mass: 7:30PM
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
Miss Jennifer Kalin, Parish Receptionist
Mrs. Patricia McMenamin, Parish Secretary
Office Hours:
Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesdays 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Saturdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Sundays 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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: sgtgea.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.

A WARM WELCOME. If you are new to our parish please feel free to introduce yourself to one of the priests or deacons after Mass today. We kindly invite you to come to the Parish Office and register as a member of St. Gregory's. Registration is important for all parishioners because then we are able to issue sponsor letters for



Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We also can give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. We can also help you with letters of recommendation for employment, schools, etc. Your registration will also help us with our parish census in knowing the number of Catholics in the Bellerose/Floral Park/Queens Village area. Thank you and welcome.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS - As part of the Church's call to evangelization, we invite you to take an extra bulletin to a friend or neighbor in the community who may inquire about St. Gregory's. Also, check in on our elderly folks and those others who may not be getting out by making a phone call or visit.



CHURCH IS OPEN - The church is open for Mass. We have the regular Sunday schedule and the 9:00AM weekday Mass. Because of the limited 50% capacity, you will see that rows have been designated by the staff to ensure social distancing. The church is divided into three sections for families, couples living under the same roof, and individuals. Please make sure where you are sitting has blue tape in front of you. We ask everyone's patience, cooperation and flexibility in your routine. Also, please do not feel the rush to receive Holy Communion. Blue lines have been placed in the center aisle to help give you perspective. This distancing is for everyone's safety and well-being. We will continue to update information as we are directed by civil government and share diocesan norms as we receive them. Thanks again for your cooperation and don't forget your mask!

CHURCH ETIQUETTE - A reminder to all parishioners to turn off cell phones before entering the church. Also, a reminder, that it's long been part of the Christian tradition that men do not cover their heads in church. Please don't forget to take off your hats, Gentlemen.



FAITH FORMATION

To register for classes or for any questions, please contact Sr. Patricia Anglin at 718-347-0525 or email stgregsfaithformation@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION - Do you know a family member of friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish and available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith.



The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who have not yet received First Eucharist or Confirmation. Please call Sr. Patricia Anglin (718-347-0525) for additional information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of April 4, 2021

SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

MONDAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:45AM Church
CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space
PENANCE 1:00PM Church

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2021. APRIL IS EASTERTIDE, THE SEASON OF PURE CHRISTIAN JOY. No need to wait! If you would like to have an Announced Mass offered for a loved one or for a Special Intention this month please contact the Parish Office with your request. The following dates are currently available:

- Sunday, April 18th – 8AM
- Sunday, April 25th – 8AM



THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES burning throughout the week of April 4th, have been donated in loving memory of the Moroney & Higgins Family, requested by Eleanor Moroney.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 4, 2021

SUN. APR. 4TH

8AM Easter Mass Remembrance
 9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
 11AM Estella & Gertrudes DeLaTorre & Marites Ngo; Margaret Ann Nicoll (Never Forgotten); Kelleher & Breslin Family; Shankar Das, Edwin John Barroso
 12:30PM John & Ann Fernbacker & Family

MON. APR. 5TH

9AM Eileen Maloney (1st Anniv. Rem.)

TUES. APR. 6TH

9AM Helen & Bill Slavin

WED. APR. 7TH

9AM George A. Van Buskirk (40th Anniv. Rem.)

THURS. APR. 8TH

9AM Gloria Brown

FRI. APR. 9TH

9AM Msgr. Gerard Arella

SAT. APR. 10TH

9AM George DeHaven; Frank Rosalie; Mary Floyd Lorenzo
 5PM Karen Grasso & Elizabeth Castello

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Sandra Hickey, Anne Previdi, Lynn Luckner, Theresa Cuddy, Lori & Peter Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Mary Fallon

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THE PASTOR'S DESK

4/4/2021

Alleluia!

Since I have been a pastor, I have included the lyrics of a song or chant to help express the wonder of Easter. Poets do the Resurrection better justice than my prose. This year I thought to explore or remind ourselves about a one word musical work entitled "Alleluia" composed by Randal Thompson in 1940. "Alleluia" is a word which we haven't heard in church since Lent began.

"Alleluia" is a Hebrew word which means: "Praise ye Yah" or "Praise Jah, you people;" "Yah" or "Jah" comes from the name of the Lord, which in Jewish Tradition is not written, for God's Name is held in highest reverence. In the Christian Tradition "Alleluia" is most significantly associated with praising God for His most remarkable work: The Resurrection. While we have abstained from the "Alleluia" during Lent, it is found everywhere during the Eastertide.

As we gather on such a joyous day, there is so much to praise God for. For me as your pastor, much of that has to do with you. Despite the many challenges of the pandemic, it is obvious that our Catholic Faith is so alive here. The weather is beginning to cooperate as Spring blossoms and our parish, city, country and, really, the entire world is beginning to cast aside the chains of Covid-19. Our liveliness is our way of sharing in the vibrancy of the Resurrected Lord. For young and old, for old timer or newly arrived, our parish is powered by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary! Remember, we all reflect the face of the Risen Lord.

On behalf of Father Johnson and the entire Parish Staff, I wish all of you the Peace and Blessings which the Risen One first brought when He left the stone-cold grave.

God Bless! The Lord is Risen. It is true! He has appeared to Simon!

Father O'Connor

EASTER PLANTS that will decorate the church during the Easter Season may be donated. You may wish to donate IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF a loved one. Easter flower donation envelopes are in the church today and the donation is \$15.00. Please return your donation in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office.



EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH. Your all important "Easter Gift to My Church" is being collected at this time. The Easter letter from Father O'Connor asks that everyone prayerfully make a fair share offering during this holy season of Joy and Hope. If you did not receive the mailing, extra "Easter Gift to My Church" envelopes are in the church today. Thank you in advance for your support of this vital parish collection during Easter.



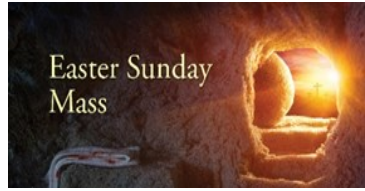
HOLY TRIDUUM COLLECTIONS. The offering received on Good Friday is given in support of the Shrines in the Holy Land. The Easter Sunday offering will assist the Saint John Vianney Fund in support of retired priests in the diocese. The collection Holy Thursday evening remains local and assists St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Society in its charitable works throughout the year.



COLLECTIONS - The collections for the week of March 28th, Easter Gift, amounted to \$13, 890. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

EASTER SUNDAY of the LORD'S RESURRECTION

To better social distance and accommodate those who wish to attend Mass, each Mass is being livestreamed downstairs in the Oak Room.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS. The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, Easter Monday. Religious Education Classes resume next Sunday, Apr 11th. St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy will reopen after Easter Recess on Monday, Apr 12th.



OPERATION RICE BOWL has concluded. Please write out a check to St. Gregory's for the contents of your Rice Bowl and return it to the church in an envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. Next Sunday, April 11th, is the last opportunity to give in your sacrificial donation as all monies will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks to everyone who was part of our parish almsgiving efforts this Lent!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 11th. Based on the Divine Mercy message shared with St. Faustina Kowalska which asks the faithful to implore God's mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in our church at 3PM next Sunday. Sung Easter Vespers and Benediction to follow. Come with family and friends and pray this devotion which has helped many.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the Zoom meeting that will take place on Monday, April 12th, is *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright. The selection for the May 10th meeting is *Inland* by Tea Obreht.

The PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY'S



next meeting will take place Monday, April 26th, at 7:30PM in the Church Gathering Space. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Come and see what it's all about.

HEROES RECOGNITION: BLESSING OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS—MAY 2ND -



May 6th is Nurses' Day. A great opportunity to celebrate the dedicated men and woman who take care of us in the healthcare

professions. There will be a special blessing for all doctors, nurses and healthcare providers at the 12:30PM Mass on May 2nd. Please mark your calendars now and spread the word.

CALLING ALL ANGELS! The parish is looking for



volunteers who could help those seniors in need to sign up for their Covid-19 vaccinations. While many seniors have family members who can assist them, there are others in need of a helping hand to navigate the many online

registration sites. Could you be an Angel? Please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The sooner everyone is vaccinated the better it will be for all of us!

PILGRIMAGE TO IMPERIAL AUSTRIA AND BAVARIA WITH THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU.



Fr. O'Connor is leading a pilgrimage, which was supposed to take place last year but has been postponed because of the pandemic, to Austria and Bavaria culminating in the Passion Play of Oberam-

mergau. The rescheduled dates are for September 19-29, 2022. There are only 14 places available and in high demand for this once in a decade (now 12 year) event. More information may be obtained at the Parish Office. Don't be left disappointed.

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GIVECENTRAL- St. Greg's is now accepting online donations through GiveCentral, a new safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contributions. GiveCentral is designed specifically for Catholic organizations and hundreds of parishes have found success with it. It is used widespread throughout our diocese. The site allows you to make one time or recurring payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit or debit card or electronic (ACH) bank withdrawal. It's similar to automatically paying other bills you might have. Having flexible giving options will make it easier for you to support St. Gregory's.

Please visit GiveCentral and take a few minutes to set up your contributions. Your generosity and support at this time are both much needed and greatly appreciated!

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP FOR GIVECENTRAL:

1. Visit www.givecentral.org and click on the **FIND MY CHARITY** button.
2. Type our parish name or our zip code (**11426**) in the search box and click on our picture when it appears below.
3. Choose an **EVENT** to which you would like to donate, entering the amount, frequency and date, then click **ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET**. You may **ADD MORE** or **CHECKOUT** at any time.
4. When you're ready, click **CHECKOUT** to view and verify your pending gifts.
5. Click **CONTINUE** then **COMPLETE PROFILE**.
6. Complete the simple registration form, then click **REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT** to submit. That's it-you're registered! Check your email inbox for a GiveCentral welcome email from support@givecentral.org (Sometimes your computer might place that first email in the "Spam" folder.) You can return to GiveCentral at any time to make changes to your information or contributions. It's that simple. Visit www.givecentral.org/login and enter your username and password to log in – any time, any place.

CAR REBATES – “MY CAR WENT TO HEAVEN.”

The St. Vincent DePaul Society will give \$50-\$100 to St. Gregory's for each car, truck or van (running or not). If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that needs disposal, please call the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at 718-491-2525 and mention St. Gregory's.



BULLETIN ADVERTISERS.

We are grateful to those merchants & businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants & anyone is welcomed to take an ad by calling The Bulletin Company at (631) 249-4994.



MOLLOY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE for prospective students and their guests will take place virtually, due to COVID-19, on Sunday, April 18th, at 1:00PM. For additional information visit www.molloy.edu.

NYC COVID-19 RESOURCES:

To locate COVID-19 Testing Sites visit: NYC.gov/COVIDTEST or text “COVID TEST” to 855-48.
To arrange for an appointment for a COVID-19 Vaccine visit: NYC.gov/COVIDVACCINE.
Also available is Americare, located in Garden City, call 516-292-7948 for an appointment for a vaccine.

