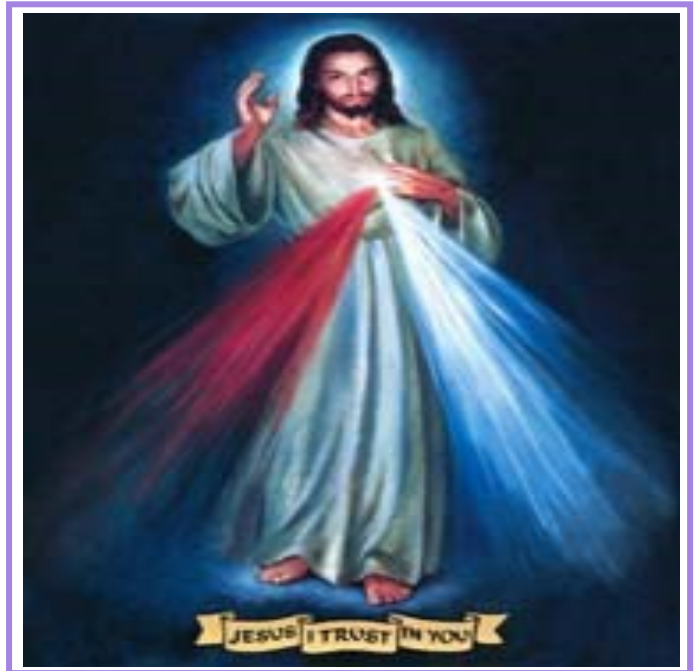


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**CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT**  
**242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426**

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Week of April 11, 2021  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**



*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](http://saintgregorythegreat.com)  
Parish Email: [stgregoffice@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2nd, at the 9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM Masses.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 12th.

Please remember to keep those children receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation in your prayers.



We welcome those newly baptized into our faith community.

*Luca Oliver Bousaid  
Lorenzo Kai Fanelli  
Dominick John Cavallo*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of April 11, 2021

### SUNDAY

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** 3:00PM Church

### MONDAY

No events scheduled

### 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 PUR**  
**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 date is currently available:

Sunday, April 25th – 8AM

**THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE** which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of April 11th, have been donated in loving memory of George DeHaven, requested by Doris DeHaven.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 11, 2021

### **SUN. APR. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

8AM Alice O'Brien  
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society  
11AM Patricia Kowalewski, Dan O'Connor  
(7th Anniv. Rem.)  
12:30PM Sally Cunningham  
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

### **MON. APR. 12<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Thomas & Catherine Mahoney

### **TUES. APR. 13<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Marie & Charles Soos

### **WED. APR. 14<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Joseph & Patricia Cullen

### **THURS. APR. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Lawrence P. Dowd

### **FRI. APR. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Michael Migliozi (9th Anniv. Rem.)

### **SAT. APR. 17<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Marguerite (Claire) Duffy,  
Elizabeth Lindner, Mary K. Carroll,  
K.O. Lonappan, Christine Eigner  
5PM Carol Bisci

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



### **FOR THE SICK**

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

### **FOR THE DECEASED**

Marian Vierling

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

### *THE PASTOR'S DESK*

4/11/2021

The exuberance of Easter Sunday might have diminished some but the realities are more lasting. The power of the Resurrection is not weakened by time and the sparkle of Easter is not dulled by pandemic or wilting flowers. For those throughout the Church who received sacraments on Easter Weekend: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion and Matrimony - their lives have been changed forever.

For those who renewed Baptismal promises, hopefully it was a rekindling of the excitement and enthusiasm of being a follower of the Risen One. While not at pre-pandemic levels, attendance has been up during Lent and Holy Week. People like you and me sang out "Alleluia" in our beautiful church at Easter but also "Were You There" on Good Friday. We bowed our head and knee as Jesus went from the Upper Room to the Garden on Holy Thursday Night or as we revered His Cross on Good Friday. And don't forget it all began as we came to church bringing our "Rice Bowls" and leaving with palm branches!

My brothers and sisters, you might take it for granted or be used to it, but the Catholic-Christian Faith is alive and very tangible here at St. Gregory's. And rightfully so because the Person of Jesus is the mystery of the intangible God becoming one like us in our world. But there are still so many in our area, under our roofs, at our tables who can't feel it; who don't recognize His presence and action in the world. The accounts in the Acts of the Apostles which we follow all throughout the Easter Season remind and challenge us to spread the Good News about Jesus Risen. In a sense Jesus' work culminates on Easter Sunday but our work just begins.

Are people truly happier by leaving Jesus and the Church behind? Are their lives better? We might not be perfect but hopefully we are trying to be perfected - to be more Christ-like. That is what is so exciting - at least for me - that together we can take our rightful place as the Body of the Risen One. I am certain that is why people still keep coming by the hundreds: God came to us and accomplished unimaginable things, we come to God to offer unimaginable things - our very selves.

To all who worked so hard to make our Holy Week Celebrations special, I want to thank you on behalf of everyone who was prayerfully moved by them. Your time, talent and attentiveness has been a concrete and inspiring gift to us all.

God Bless! The Lord is Risen.

It is true! He has appeared to Simon!

*Father O'Connor*

### **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.

**COLLECTIONS** - The weekly collections for the week of April 4th amounted to \$8,345. The totals for the special collections are as follows:

Easter Gift	\$29,598.00
Holy Places	\$ 1,412.00
Retired Priests	\$ 1,713.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 3,127.00

Thank you sincerely for your generosity.



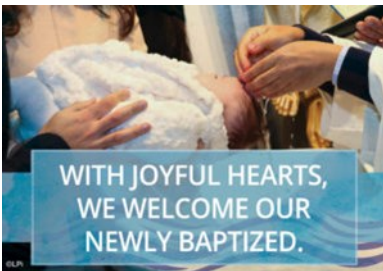
**TODAY is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Based on the Divine Mercy message shared with St. Faustina Kowalska, which asks the faithful to implore God's mercy for the entire world, to be merciful and forgiving towards others and to trust completely in God, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in our church at 3:00PM today. Sung Easter Vespers and Benediction to follow. Come with family and friends and pray this devotion which has helped many.



**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. All monies will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks to everyone who was part of our parish almsgiving efforts this Lent!

**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.

**WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED** - Beginning next Sunday at the 11:00AM Mass, we will welcome the newest members of our St. Gregory's Family. Each Sunday at that Mass we will invite the newly Baptized to be introduced at the end of Mass where we



can pray over them and their ever-growing family, congratulate them and present their parents with their Baptismal Certificate. You will also get to see these newest members of our family as their pictures will be posted on the main bulletin board in the Gathering Space. So Welcome to Our Family! Welcome to the Church!

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 Oberammergau. 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.

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.molloy.edu).

**HOME CARE - The Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus** will minister and care for the elderly in their own home. For additional information, please call 646-434-9325.

### NYC COVID-19 RESOURCES:

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

