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

Week of April 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
at the
9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM MASSES

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HEROES RECOGNITION:
BLESSING OF DOCTORS, NURSES
AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
12:30PM MASS

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 can provide 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 has 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 or 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.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED - 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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of April 25, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING 7:30PM Gathering Space

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 MAY 2021. MAY IS THE



MONTH ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER. 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 of May, please contact the parish office with your request.

The following dates are currently available:

Wednesday, May 12th – 7:30PM

Thursday, May 13th – 7:30PM

THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of April 25th, have been donated in loving memory of Robert O'Connor, requested by Mr. & Mrs. James O'Reilly.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 25, 2021

SUN. APR. 25TH

8AM John Apuzza
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM John Whelan; Leo Giuntini
(3rd Anniv. Rem.)
12:30PM Joseph O'Doherty
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. APR. 26TH

9AM Cornelio, Maria, Santiago & Laura Martinez; Adiola Jaramillo

TUES. APR. 27TH

9AM Gerald & Kenneth Mulligan

WED. APR. 28TH

9AM Rita Zeuner

THURS. APR. 29TH

9AM Frances Pipino (6th Anniv. Rem.)

FRI. APR. 30TH

9AM Maureen C. Campbell

SAT. MAY 1ST

9AM Mary O'Shea
5PM John A. Neston

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Helen Hurley, Dennis O'Hagan, Sandra Hickey, Anne Previdi, Lynn Luckner, Theresa Cuddy, Lori & Peter Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Joseph Simmons

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE PASTOR'S DESK

4/25/2021

Other than wanting to be a fireman, an astronaut, a baseball player and a superhero all before I reached fifth grade, I can honestly say that I always wanted to be a priest. That desire began in earnest in May 1977, when I became an Altar Server at Holy Innocents Parish in Flatbush, Brooklyn. From serving Mass I was able to see the lives and ministries of the parish priests. As I grew older, I began to help out in the sacristy and then the rectory office. When I was a sophomore at Cathedral Prep, I became the moderator of the Servers at Holy Innocents.

My vocation was not just encouraged through serving. So many people prayed for me or remarked to me that I would be a good priest when I grew older. I was encouraged through my family and our neighborhood. I know that my grandmother, grand aunt and aunts had a special role, too. As I grew older and entered Cathedral Prep and later the seminary, I was inspired by holy priests and began to be encouraged by my peers with whom I went to grade school.

As great as it would be if vocations to the priesthood fell out of the sky, they don't. (Then again I don't think you would want me landing on you from 80 or 90 thousand feet!) Vocations come from families: your immediate family and the parish family! Priests are your grandsons, sons, brothers and nephews. They sit next to you in class and sometimes run over your lawn. They serve Mass as kids or decide that God wants them to do something else when they leave their \$116,000 a year job. Perhaps they were in the armed forces or at one time were seriously thinking about marriage. Whoever they are— one thing is certain: they are in your midst.

I always find it strange when very devout people pray for vocations to the priesthood but never think to pray for their sons or family. "I want to have grandchildren." "I want him to be successful; to make a lot of money. I want him to be happy" they say. But what does God want? We believe that a vocation is precisely that: a calling from God. If God is calling, shouldn't we help people hear? Isn't that part of being a Christian to point others to the Christ?

For the most part, I work hard. I sleep well. I have good days and bad days. But I am extremely happy being a priest 28 years and being your pastor for these crazy 10 months. Moreover, I feel that I have tried to do what the Lord has called me to do.

I don't know who the last person from St. Gregory's was who was ordained a priest. But I can assure you it won't happen in the future without your prayers and support!

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 18th amounted to \$556 for Catholic Home Missions and \$7,018 for the parish. Thank you sincerely for your generosity.

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.

A WARM WELCOME on GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - St. Gregory's is pleased to welcome Rev. Christopher Bethge. Father Chris is our Diocesan Vocation Director. He will be preaching at all the Sunday Masses to help us celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday:" the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please introduce yourself to him after Mass.



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.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE begins on Mother's Day, May 9th, at the 9:15AM Mass. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Novena of Masses. Offering envelopes are available in the



church today.

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, May 9th, at 11:00AM in the Gathering Space.

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

Come Holy Spirit! A Novena to the Holy Spirit will be prayed on the days between Ascension and Pentecost—beginning Friday, May 14 - after the 9AM Mass. Come join Mary and the Apostles for the First Novena of the Church.

Feast of Faith Series: *This Is The Mass: The Source and Summit of Who We Are!*~ We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on Holy Mass throughout this coming year.



The next session — "Everything You Wanted to Know About Mass – Having Loved His Own In The World, He Loved Them To The End" takes place Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30PM. All are warmly welcomed to explore the Feast of Faith. Those attending are more than welcome to submit questions beforehand for Father O'Connor

to answer.

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.

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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 welcome to take an ad by calling The Bulletin Company at (631) 249-4994.



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 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 a vaccination appointment.



The
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1