

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

Week of January 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

Tuesday, February 2nd
9:00AM Mass

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FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE
BLESSING OF THROATS

Wednesday, February 3rd
9:00AM Mass

Please read Bulletin for details

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 McMenam, Parish Secretary
Mr. Peter Varol, Parish Bookkeeper
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: 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.

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 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 by knowing the number of Catholics in the Bellerose/Floral Park 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 REOPENING. The church is now open for Mass. We have the regular Sunday schedule and the 9:00AM weekday Mass. Because of the limited 25% 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 during the winter months 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.



Thomas F. Van Buskirk
Board Chair

Lynn M. Alaimo
Principal

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Dear Alum of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy:

We can all agree that St. Greg's has graduated many outstanding students, who have gone to do well in life.

As everyone is aware, the year 2020 was devastating to so many people due to COVID. One effect on the St. Gregory community was the cancellation of the June 2020 Annual Gregorian Festival, our largest school fundraiser.

We need your help! Each day St. Gregory's continues to provide an in-person, excellent, faith-based education to hundreds of terrific, happy children. Parents, similar to yours, continue to make great sacrifices to send their children to St. Gregory's. Annual tuition per student is an average of \$5,800 per year.

St. Gregory's is blessed to have wonderful, highly qualified, dedicated teachers and staff who provide individualized instruction so that each child in grades Nursery through Grade 8 reach their highest potential. You can visit the school website at <https://sgtgca.org> to see the phenomenal work that is going on and get a view of the Academy in action.

As an alumnus, please join us in keeping the "Green and Gold" legacy of St. Gregory's alive for today's students.

Add your family name to the list of alumni on our Academy website and consider a donation.

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy Levels of Giving:

Angel - \$2,000	Trustee - \$1,000
Educator - \$500	Patron - \$250
Scholar - \$100	Benefactor - \$50

All contributions may be made by online at <https://sgtgca.org/donate>.

Thank you in advance for whatever donation you can provide.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely,
**St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy
Board of Directors**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 24, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 12:00Noon Green Room

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

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

The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every week at St. Gregory's. **Confessions** are heard every Saturday at 1:00PM, and by calling the Parish Office for an appointment. Don't neglect God's Gift of **Reconciliation**. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!"



THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of January 24th, have been donated in loving memory of Grace Tassiello, requested by The Members of the Craft Group.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 24, 2021

SUN. JAN. 24TH

8AM Bridget Peters
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Doris Crum; Genevieve Kelleher; Anne & Bob Hall, Deceased Members of the Mazza & Leabo Family
Josepfina Perez
12:30PM Peter Pizzicarola
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. JAN. 25TH

9AM Pedro Changco Jr.

TUES. JAN. 26TH

9AM Bee & Bill Huisman

WED. JAN. 27TH

9AM Stephanie Gradillas

THURS. JAN. 28TH

9AM Thomas J. Delendick

FRI. JAN. 29TH

9AM John & Maude DiLeonardo

SAT. JAN. 30TH

9AM Charles & Mary DiLeonardo; Sergido & Modesta Pena (58th Wedd. Anniv.)
5PM Julia & Rae Belfioro and Lucy & Vito Cattaro

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK

The Motchkavitz Family, Robert & Lynn Luckner, Henry London, Josephine Dermot, Mildred D. Lawson, Diane Carroll, Mary & Angie Dimambo, Angie Delrios, Molly Delrios, James Lewis, Lori Ferrara, Anne Previdi, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Joseph O'Doherty, Grace Tassiello, Thomas Doherty



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THE PASTOR'S PEN

1/24/2021

Time and time again during this pandemic I have been reminded how important Catholic Education is. But not Catholic Education in the abstract but rather as evidenced in the faces of the people gathered around me through the years. So many of the men and women I encounter attended Catholic Schools and are filled with a joy and faith that's very palatable and very much rooted in the person of Jesus Christ.

We are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful faculty at our Academy, and are equally blessed to have such fine students coming and going through our school doors today. One of my more enjoyable aspects of my week, when the pandemic protocols allow, is when I can get under the parkway to visit the Second, Seventh and Eighth grades and help them prepare for the Sacraments. Each child is special as parents and educators come to realize. Each child needs to be nurtured in so many ways and we at St. Gregory's are so privileged to assist in that growth. The school children of today will not only be the St. Gregory alumni of the future but they will be future leaders of our Church and community.

Catholic Schools' Week 2021 will take place in February this year. It is a time to thank God for the gift of Catholic Education. It is a time to thank God for the people we know who went to Catholic Schools since that time and education helped them be the people they are. It is a time to celebrate a valuable aspect of the Church whether or not we have kids or have them in Catholic Schools.

Our celebrations will be very different this year for safety reasons but our excitement should not be muted one bit. If anything these stressful months have just reminded us of not only the value of St. Gregory's Catholic Academy and Catholic Education but also the possibilities present in smaller Faith based schools.

It will be a wonderful week to celebrate our school children. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the honored place of Catholic Education in the life of our Church and society. It's a perfect time to Thank God that St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy of Bellerose continues to thrive and serve our children and our world.

So mark your calendars— Catholic School's Week is almost here!

Father O'Connor



Parish Goal	\$99,015
Amount Pledged	\$74,119
Amount Received	\$73,049
Number of Pledges	225

Thank you to all who have been so generous and have participated.

COLLECTIONS - The collections for the week of January 17th amounted to \$5,786. Thank you for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Parishioners who need a total of their church contributions, using the envelopes, in 2020, should feel free to contact the Parish Office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 9:00AM to 12 Noon, and 1:30 - 4:00PM.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? How about spending some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each week? Adoration occurs every Tuesday after morning Mass till 10:30AM and on First Fridays as well from 9:30AM-10:30AM. *O Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

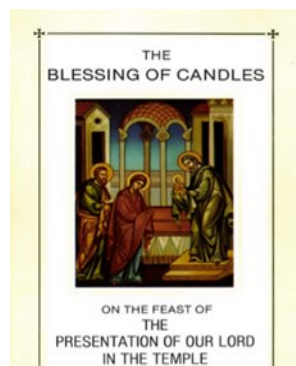
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Prayer Shawls are for those who are in need of comfort, to provide hope and healing to those who are most in need of a reminder of God's love for them. Prayers shawls and lap robes are available at no cost. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 26th, at 12:00Noon in the Green Room. New members are welcomed. For questions, please contact Maria Altamuro at 516-782-6278.

BLOOD DRIVE - On Wednesday, January 27th, from 3:00-9:00PM, there will be a Blood Drive at St. Anne's Council, located at 263-15 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks. Your donation will help to save up to three lives.



Your community hospitals need your help. Please share your lifesaving gift. For information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Charlie Vaicels or Brian Kolb at 718-343-2630. Thanks for caring.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



takes place Tuesday, February 2nd and marks the 40th day after Christmas when Christ was brought to the Temple and seen as a Light to the Nations. The candles and oil lamps that will be used in our church this coming year will be blessed at the 9:00AM Festive Mass. Anyone who would like to bring candles from home and have them blessed is most welcomed to do so. Please keep

your candles with you for the blessing that will take place at the very beginning of the Mass at 9AM.

BLESSING OF THROATS - Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will take place at the intercessions of the 9:00AM Mass. All are invited to ask God's blessing during these winter months and certainly remember the intercession of St. Blaise as we continue to confront the coronavirus pandemic. This year the Blessing will be given collectively and without candles as mandated by the Diocesan Bishop for health and safety protocols.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the Zoom meeting that will take place on Monday, February 8th, is *America Dirt* by Jeanine Cummings.

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 — "The Liturgy of the Word: The Word of God is Like a Two-edged Sword" takes place Wednesday, February 10th, at 7:30PM, in the Gathering Space. All are warmly welcomed to explore the Feast of Faith.

LENT IS ON THE HORIZON - The holy season of



Lent is less than a month away. Ash Wednesday is February 17th; a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. Now is the time to reflect on your own personal penitential regime. Future bulletins will detail how

Lent will be observed as a parish.

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 donated (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.

COVID-19 TESTING will take place now through Thursday, January 28th, at the headquarters of the Bellerose Rescue Volunteer Ambulance, located at 235-01 Braddock Avenue. Hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9:30AM-4:00PM (last appointment 3:30PM). Office is closed for 45 minutes around 12:30PM. No cost, no appointment necessary. An email address will be needed for notification of results.

NYC Health and Hospitals also provides testing seven days a week at the Windsor Park Public Library, located on Bell Blvd. & Union Turnpike. Hours of operation are: 9:00AM-7:00PM. No cost, no appointment necessary.

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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.

In 1791, Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore (whose brother was a delegate to the Continental Congress for Maryland and signed the Declaration of Independence) – the only Roman Catholic bishop and diocese in the nation at the time – composed this prayer and urged American Catholics to recite it. While over 200 years old and sounding a bit archaic, there are some worthy sentiments for prayer and reflection today. JOC

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope *Francis*, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, *Nicholas*, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.