

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

Week of January 31, 2021
FOURTH 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 McMenamain, 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 31, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9:00AM Mass Church

ADORATION 9:30AM Church

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9:30AM Church

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space

PENANCE 1:00PM Church

THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of January 31st, have been donated in loving memory of Robert O'Connor, requested by Mr. & Mrs. James O'Reilly.



THE FLOWERS that adorn our Altar throughout the week of January 31st, have been donated in loving memory of Thomas Pinder Jr., requested by Joan Pinder.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 31, 2021

SUN. JAN. 31ST

8AM

Msgr. Gerard Arella

9:15AM

Members of the Purgatorial Society

11AM

Giuseppe & Dominic DiLeonardo;

Joyce Bowe; Grace Tassiello;

Thanksgiving in Honor of Infant Jesus;

William & Kathleen Hefferon

12:30PM

Giuseppe Sorino

5:15PM

All the People of the Parish

MON. FEB. 1ST

9AM

Anne Crimmins

TUES. FEB. 2ND

9AM

Peter & Nina Yevoli (L)

(Wedding Anniversary.)

WED. FEB. 3RD

9AM

Eugene Kobel

THURS. FEB. 4TH

9AM

John & Mark Neston

FRI. FEB. 5TH

9AM

Jo & Albert Sferra

SAT. FEB. 6TH

9AM

Connie & Aldo Salustri; Sally Molloy

5PM

Joseph & Maryann Buttigieg

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY. 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:

Wednesday, February 17th – 7AM Mass

Wednesday, February 17th – 7:30PM Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK

The Motchkavitz Family, Robert & Lynn Luckner, Henry London, Josephine Dermot, Mildred D. Lawson, Mary & Angie Dimambo, Angie Delrios, Molly Delrios, Lori & Peter Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PASTOR'S PEN

1/31/2021

One of the things I have missed during the pandemic has been inviting our religious from the parish over to the rectory for dinner. When I was at Incarnation, I would invite our Dominican Sisters over to dinner three or four times a year and they would reciprocate inviting me over. In fact, even after they moved out to their Mother House, Fr. Chris, who was then assigned to me, and I would visit them for lunch. In fact, one of the last "missions" I would send Fr. Chris on, before he left Incarnation and the pandemic came, would include kidnapping. More precisely, "nunnapping"!

In December 2019, I invited the Incarnation Dominican Sisters to the rectory to celebrate during Christmastide. It's something that I had done each year since I arrived there. Somewhere in conveying the invitation to them, they thought we were going out to dinner at a restaurant near their Motherhouse in Amityville. When Fr. Chris picked them up they were concerned that he was lost when he made a turn to get on the highway heading west. It was only when they confronted him did they realize that he was taking them across county lines. Thank God the sisters chose not to press any charges!

Why the rectory and not a nearby restaurant? Well, it simply would not have been Christmas without them coming over for a meal at our table! We had a wonderful time and each day since their departure I realize the deep sense of loss for the Incarnation community. That loss for the Church is magnified in our country as there are fewer and fewer religious sisters in our parishes, school and hospitals. We are very blessed to have so many religious at St. Gregory's. It would be a shame even during the pandemic to overlook such blessings in our midst.

This Tuesday, the Feast of the Presentation, is also the World Day for Consecrated Life. Instituted by Pope St. John Paul the Great, the observance is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels." One way to show them our esteem would have been to invite our religious at St. Gregory's over to the rectory for dinner. After the pandemic has subsided that will be a big priority. Nevertheless, I would like to recognize their many years of service to God's People and thank them for all that they do for us here at St. Greg's, particularly worshipping with us and giving us such a wonderful example. We are indeed blessed and should not be shy about celebrating our wonderful religious.

Here they are by community:

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC

S. Patricia Anglin S. Janetta McAlevey S. Eileen Stattel S. Alice Byrnes S. Judy Flanagan

SISTERS OF THE HANDMAIDS OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS

S. Faustina S. Patience

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS - Bro. Bill Boslet

SISTERS OF CHARITY – *(These sisters do not live in our parish properties but still worship with us).*

S. Susan Dean S. Kathleen Kull S. Barbara Lynch S. Ann Woodford

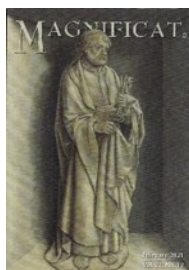
Please keep them in your prayers and remember to thank God for them in our shared life together.
God Bless!

Father O'Connor

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS - Parishioners who need a total of their 2020 church contributions, using the envelopes, 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.

COLLECTIONS - The collections for the week of January 24th amounted to \$560 for Churches in Need and \$4,985 for the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

MAGNIFICAT - Complementary copies of the monthly prayer missal *Magnificat* for the month of February are available by the doors of the church. It's a collection of daily prayers, poetry and scripture. It is an ideal addition as the Holy Season of Lent approaches. Please take home a copy for yourself or a loved one.

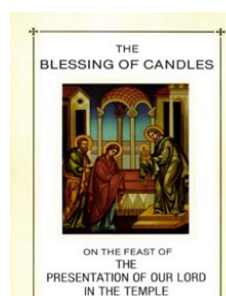


FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION continues this Friday.



Exposition will begin after the 9AM Mass and will continue until 10:20AM Benediction. All are welcomed to the Fountain of All Blessings.

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 Saint 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.



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!"

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

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. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 9th, at 12:00Noon in the Green Room. New members are welcomed. For questions, Maria Altamuro at 516-782-6278.

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.



The schedule of Services for Ash Wednesday are: Mass at 7:00AM & 9:00AM, 7:30PM; Liturgy of the Word at 4:00PM. Ashes will be distributed after the Homily at all the Services. Confessions will be available after each Mass.

SISTERS OF ST. DOMINIC of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night on Saturday, March 6th. This year's festivities will take place virtually and will offer you an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance and Irish spirit! Event ticket, raffle tickets and more will be available on the website, www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021.

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.



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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.