
CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of January 3, 2021
THE EPIPHANY 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 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!

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY. Those who are interested in the Ministry of Hospitality to welcome visitors and parishioners to our doors at Sunday Mass are asked to contact Father O'Connor for more information.



This ministry is a result of the Parish Assembly and parishioners' desire to make St. Gregory's a more welcoming place.



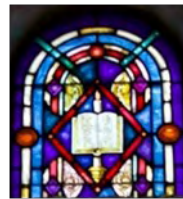
FAITH FORMATION

To register for classes or for any questions, please contact Sr. Patricia Anglin at 718-347-3707 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 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. Pat Anglin (718-347-3707) for more information.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING will resume



meeting on January 9th. If you are looking for a greater opportunity to explore and appreciate Sacred Scripture, now is the time! Come and join us on Saturday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM, in the Oak Room, as we spend time with the readings that will be proclaimed at

Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday. Through prayer and sharing we hope to have the Scriptures come more alive. ***WERE NOT OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?***

CHURCH ETIQUETTE - A reminder to all parishioners to turn off cell phones before entering the church. Also, we ask that before and after Mass we keep our greetings to one another to a minimum as some parishioners are still in private prayer with the Lord present in the tabernacle.



As we move further into the winter months, the men of the parish reminded that it has been centuries' long tradition that they remove their hats upon entering church. Also kindly help the ushers to keep the church doors shut so the church will be warm for those worshipping at the next celebration. Thank You.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 3, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:30AM Oak Room
PENANCE 1:00PM Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 3, 2021

SUN. JAN. 3rd

8AM Edward McKenna
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Benjamin F.D. Hannigan;
James Lynch
12:30PM Eileen Maloney
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. JAN. 4th

9AM Teresa & Frank Jurcsak

TUES. JAN. 5th

9AM Connie & Aldo Salustri

WED. JAN. 6th

9AM Michael O'Donald Jr.

THURS. JAN. 7th

9AM Jo & Albert Sferra

FRI. JAN. 8th

9AM Frances Matukonis

SAT. JAN. 9th

9AM Jose DeLaFuente
5PM Robert & Lucy Petruzzo;
Frances Barbaro & Ralph Cataro



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Mildred D. Lawson, Diane Carroll, Mary & Angie Dimambo, Angie Delrios, James Lewis, Grace Tassiello, James Petro, Anna Cronin, Mary Mancini, Violeta Bernal, Lori Ferrara, Rosemary Vasques, Anne Previdi, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Reimer Southerland, Maria Mancini

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

1/3/20201

Baby Jesus, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
I am a poor boy too, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
I have no gift to bring, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
That's fit to give a king, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
Rum, pa, pa pum, rum, pa, pa, pum
Shall I play for Thee, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum –
On my drum

Mary nodded, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
The ox and ass kept time, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
I played my drum for Him, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
I played my best for Him, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
Rum, pa, pa, pum, Rum, pa, pa, pum
Then He smiled at me, ba, rum, pa, pa, pum
– Me and my drum

These last verses of “The Little Drummer Boy” beautifully sum up the feast of the Epiphany. Even if at first we don't recognize it, we all have something to give the Christ-Child. Better yet, we all have something to assist in God's Plan of Salvation. The challenge is to realize what we have to offer and then to freely give it over to the Lord. The treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi brought were worldly gifts from worldly leaders. But not all of us are worldly leaders. More like the “Drummer Boy” we are all called to give our time and talents to be placed at the service of Christ and his Church. 2021 might be the year to do so as we slowly stir from the hibernation of this terrible pandemic.

Sadly, though, not all Christians give of themselves. I'm not sure why. Perhaps they fear that their gifts are not good enough or they don't see the connection between God's Son and God's People. Maybe more simply they feel they don't have the time to give. The manner of giving is infinite as each of us is a unique creation.

The extraordinary events of Christmas are received with extraordinary faith through the centuries. Now is our time to act heroic. The reality of God's Gift to us must be matched by our gift to us. If God gave Himself to us then we must do the same: give ourselves. As the new year begins take a moment to reflect on what you will give the newborn King of the Jews?

Do your best and give of your time, talent and treasure.
May God Bless you in this new year!

Father O'Connor



Parish Goad	\$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 so far.

COLLECTIONS - The collections for the week of December 20th amounted to \$4,107. Christmas Day, Christmas Gift and Flowers will be announced in next week's Bulletin.

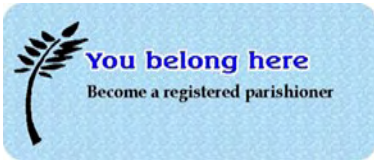
THANK YOU! Father O'Connor and the entire staff express sincere thanks for the wonderful gifts you gave at Christmas. The many cards, candies, baked goods and wrapped gifts under the Christmas tree were greatly appreciated. God bless you!



CALENDARS for 2021 are available for parishioners. They can be found by the doors of the church and we ask you to take one for your household. It has all the parish information on it. We thank Thomas F. Dalton's Funeral for the beautiful Catholic calendar this year.



PARISH REGISTRATION ~ We invite anyone who attends our Masses to register in our parish. This will give you the opportunity to be acquainted with the various events, ministers and activities of



our parish and enable us to serve you better with your needs.

GIVING TREE - Despite the pandemic, which has kept many from participating in Mass and other events in person, our parish members have clearly responded to helping the poor. You gave hundreds of carefully chosen gifts and gift cards, which were distributed to Providence House, St. Vincent DePaul Society and Immaculate



Conception Helping Hands to meet the needs of the men, women and children they serve. In addition, our parish homebound members received gifts to brighten their Christmas season and to remind them that they are not forgotten. This year the Boy Scouts also provided new socks, which were added to the Giving Tree gifts and the 400 pair of socks were delivered to the Mary Brennan Inn for the individuals and families currently using their services.

Thank you for your generosity.

BOOK CLUB - The selection for the Zoom meeting that will take place on Monday, January 11th, will be *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkerson.

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, January 20 at 7:30PM. All are warmly welcomed to explore the Feast of Faith. Save the dates for future sessions on Feb 10 and May 19 - all Wednesdays at 7:30.

RECENTLY ENGAGED? If you or someone you know was engaged over the holidays don't forget to contact the rectory once a wedding date is decided. Allow plenty of time for the preparations for the Sacrament of Marriage.



THE HOLY SPIRIT FOLK GROUP - Due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to continue at this time. We look forward to the time when we can return to you. You can follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Spirit-79946636266>.

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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.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE—Being Good Neighbors!

**Please
DON'T BLOCK
DRIVEWAY**

When coming to St. Gregory's please don't park in, or, obstruct anyone's driveway. Also, remember to exit the parish grounds quietly after evening functions. It's the considerate and Christian thing to do! It's the neighborly thing to do!

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK (MGN) is a support group for all those in any way affected by abuse (physical, sexual, mental, emotional, financial, etc.) to experience healing in God's love and freedom through forgiveness. Abuse is never your fault and you are not alone. Contact nyc@mgoretti.org for more information or visit www.mgoretti.org.

FRIENDS KEEP HOPE ALIVE, run by the Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, offer both a home cleaning service and compassionate caregiving for the elderly in their own home. For additional information, please call 646-434-9325 or 917-349-2471.

