

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

**Week of March 21 2021**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**LENTEN VESPER SERIES**

**MY LENTEN JOURNEY  
WITH JESUS**

*Jesus, My Lord*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th**  
**7:30PM**

**Guest preacher:**  
**Msgr. Al LoPinto**

*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 provide end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. In addition, we can 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 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 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.



## 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 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.

**39th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK Way of the Cross** - The Way to Peace, April 2nd, at 9:00AM by Zoom. Join with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. This year our theme is "As we look to the Cross, Jesus is our Hope" The Walk will take place from 9:00AM to 11:00AM on Good Friday, April 2nd. We will gather via Zoom this year, because of the Corona Virus.



**Abstinence:** The Church requires all the faithful who have reached their 14th year of age to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the fasting regulation on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken at two other occasions during the day.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of March 21, 2021

### SUNDAY

No events scheduled

### MONDAY

No events scheduled

### TUESDAY

**ADORATION** 9:45AM Church

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** 12:00PM Green Room

**CUB SCOUTS** 6:30PM Oak Room

### WEDNESDAY

**LENTEN VESPER SERIES - *Jesus, My Lord***  
7:30PM Church

### THURSDAY

**STABAT MATER DOLOROSA: The Lenten Sorrows of The Blessed Virgin Mary** 9:45AM Church

### FRIDAY

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 7:30PM Church

### SATURDAY

**SCRIPTURE SHARING** 9:45AM Gathering Space

**PENANCE** 1:00PM Church

### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> -**



After the 9:00AM Mass, at 1:00PM, then from 3:00PM to 9:00PM. Join with Catholics from Brooklyn Heights to Montauk in celebrating the Sacrament of God's Mercy. Prepare to join in the Celebrations of Holy

Week free from sin.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of March 21, 2021

### **SUN. MAR. 21<sup>ST</sup>**

8AM Camillo Gallo  
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society  
11AM Edward M. Lindner  
12:30PM Edmund Crimmins  
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

### **MON. MAR. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

9AM Louise M. Barrett (Anniv. Rem.)

### **TUES. MAR. 23<sup>RD</sup>**

9AM Deogracias Dayao

### **WED. MAR. 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Florence Seeger (Birth. Rem.)

### **THURS. MAR. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Msgr. Gerard Arella

### **FRI. MAR. 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM James G. Frank III

### **SAT. MAR. 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Vincent E. Toner; Helen Cosentino (Birth. Rem.); Epifanio Cabello; Serge Orlando; Annie Chua; James Cunningham  
5PM Clara Barrella



### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

#### **FOR THE SICK**

Mary Fallon, Lynn Luckner, Theresa Cuddy, Lori & Peter Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

#### **FOR THE DECEASED**

Anna Cronin



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES** burning throughout the week of March 21st, have been donated in loving memory of Helen Cosentino, requested by Barbara Cosentino

**OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH/APRIL 2021. MARCH IS THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND APRIL IS EASTERTIDE.** No need to wait! If you would like to have an Announced Mass offered for a loved one or for a Special Intention, please contact the parish office with your request. The following dates are currently available:

Holy Thursday, April 1st – 7:30PM  
Sunday, April 11th – 12:30PM  
Sunday, April 18th – 8AM  
Sunday, April 25th – 8AM

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### *THE PASTOR'S DESK*

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Last Saturday, we celebrated First Penance with our children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time later this Spring. It was a wonderful occasion! There was plenty of excitement as the 11AM starting time for the prayer service approached. The children were not only reminded of how special they are in the eyes of parents and the St. Gregory's Family, but they were more importantly introduced to the never-ending Mercy of God. It was a tremendously beautiful event.

It would be both silly and sad to think that God's Mercy is limited to innocent children. This Fifth Sunday of Lent begins a period of the Church Year formerly called Passiontide. From now until Easter we focus anew on the historical reality of the Suffering and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we rediscover the Mystery of the Lord's Passion, one question always comes to my mind: why? Why did this all happen? Why did Jesus suffer? When I ask myself that question the only response I find is Love.

To be re-immersed in that Love and Mercy is the gift that God gives not only as we approach our High Holy Days but at every turn in our lives. The larger question is do I take advantage of that gift of Love and Mercy? While the celebrations for First Penance are rightly special, every time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is a celebration. Next Monday, March 29th, is one such extraordinary opportunity. Confessions will be offered in churches from Brooklyn Heights to Montauk, and from the Battery up past Poughkeepsie. Most parishes will have priests available from 3PM to 9PM as we will here at St. Gregory's. This idea of "Reconciliation Monday" as it has come to be known, is rooted in the need within all of us for the Sacrament of God's Love and Mercy in preparation for the great days of Holy Week. I hope you will take advantage of it!

Lastly, I extend an invitation to everyone in the parish to come out Thursday morning for the 9AM Mass. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, we recall the Incarnation of God's Only Begotten Son in the womb of the Virgin. It is a wonderful day to recall the cooperation between heaven and earth in the Mystery of Salvation. Certainly, a Lenten Goal but more importantly a Lifetime Goal! That union of the Divine and Human was perfected when Mary said "Yes." It continues today when we present ourselves to confess our sins and ask for God's Love and Mercy.

God Bless! Please let's keep each other in prayer this holy season!

Blessed Lent to all!

*Father O'Connor*

**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.

**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 collections for the week of March 14th amounted to \$733 for Catholic Relief and \$9,658 for the Sunday offering. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS -**

The parish walks in the footsteps of Jesus each Friday evening of Lent at 7:30PM. The celebration of the Via Crucis – Way of the Cross – is one of the Church’s most beloved devotions. Come out and Journey with Jesus on the Friday evenings of Lent.



**STABAT MATER DOLOROSA: The Lenten Sorrows of The Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Come out Thursday morning March 25th at 9:45AM in the church to prayerfully reflect on the sufferings of Our Lady by using the beautiful poem composed by Jacopone di Todi in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century. The pointed poetry has assured its inclusion in the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th and has made the *Stabat Mater* (At the Cross Her Station Keeping) a favorite devotional hymn for Christians through the centuries.



**PALM SUNDAY -**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. To better social distance and accommodate those who wish to attend Mass, each Mass will be livestreamed downstairs to the Oak Room. Additionally, this year out of an overabundance of caution all palms will be distributed after Mass in the Gathering Space. No palms will be brought into church. This is to ensure that palms are not touched by more than one person. All palms will be blessed Saturday afternoon and will be distributed to everyone as you leave the church after Mass.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL** concludes next week at St. Gregory’s.

This final week you can add a little to your rice bowl as you prayerfully deny yourself so that other can have needed food & supplies. **Please write out a check to St. Gregory’s for the contents of your Rice Bowl and return it to church next week.**

**Please drop it in the basket by the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your sacrifice this Lent.**



**THE PAPAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be presented by the Confirmation Candidates of the Faith Formation Program and members of **St. Gregory’s Young Adults.**

Please join us for an evening of scripture, reflections from individuals in the Bible and music, as the **Passion of Jesus** is presented and brought to life. The Stations will be presented on **Wednesday evening, March 31st**, at 7:30PM in the Church. Masks and social distancing will be observed. **It will touch your heart.**



**LENTEN VESPERS SERIES**

*My Lenten Journey with Jesus* continues this Wednesday at 7:30PM. We are happy to welcome back to St. Gregory’s Msgr. Al LoPinto, Diocesan Vicar for Human Services and Head of Catholic Charities – Brooklyn and Queens. Msgr. LoPinto will reflect on: **Jesus, My Lord.**

Lenten program will conclude on March 31st, as our Young People reflect on *Jesus, My Cross-Bearer* and lead the Living Stations of the Cross. Make plans to join us as we sing the Evening Prayer of the Church and Journey with Jesus this Lenten Season.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is Sunday, April 11th.

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 3PM on Sunday, April 11th. Sung Easter Vespers and Benediction to follow. Come with family and friends and pray this devotion which has helped many.



**BOOK CLUB** - The selection for the Zoom meeting that will take place on Monday, April 12th, is *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright.

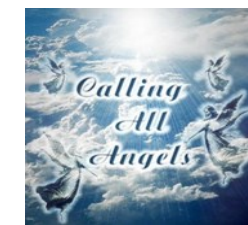
**CALLING ALL ANGELS!** The parish is looking for volunteers who could help those seniors in need to sign up for their Covid-19 vaccinations.

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!

**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.



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**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.



**MONDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**  
After 9:00AM Mass, 1:00PM & 3:00-9:00PM

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Young Adults Group**  
7:30PM Church

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
9:00AM Morning Prayer  
7:30PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
9:00AM Morning Prayer  
12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross  
3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
7:30PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
9:00AM Morning Prayer  
1:00-2:30PM Sacrament of Penance  
8:00PM Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:00AM  
8:00AM., 9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM  
No 5:15PM Mass