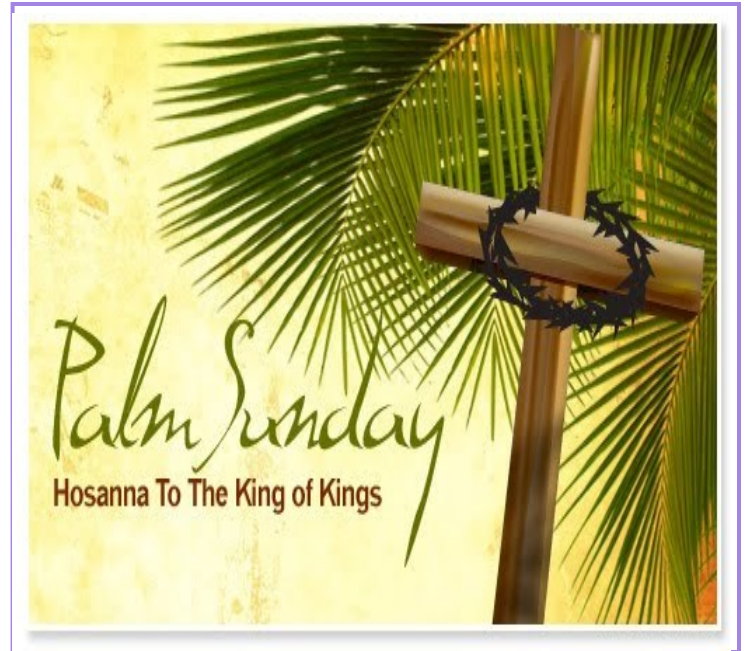

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of March 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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 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 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 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'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.

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.

Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

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 28, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - Confessions after 9:00AM Mass,; at 1:00PM; 3:00-9:00PM

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:45AM Church
CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

WEDNESDAY

PAPAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM Church

THURSDAY

PRAYER SERVICE 9:00AM Church
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30PM Church

FRIDAY

PRAYER SERVICE 9:00AM Church
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12:00Noon Church
COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00PM & 7:30PM Church

SATURDAY

PRAYER SERVICE 9:00AM Church
PENANCE 1:00PM Church
EASTER VIGIL 8:00PM Church



RECONCILIATION MONDAY - This Monday of Holy Week - Confessions will take place after the 9AM Mass, at 1PM, and from 3PM to 9PM. 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 28, 2021

SUN. MAR. 28TH

8AM Peter Csepes
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Grace Tassiello; Margaret Ann Nicoll (Never Forgotten); Barbara & George Dean (Anniv. Rem.)
12:30PM Salvatore Cocchi
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. MAR. 29TH

9AM John & Elizabeth Haggerty

TUES. MAR. 30TH

9AM Gelacio Puzon

WED. MAR. 31ST

9AM Joseph O'Doherty

THURS. APR. 1ST

7:30PM

FRI. APR. 2ND

No Mass

SAT. APR. 3RD

8:00PM All the People of the Parish

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

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

FOR THE DECEASED

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2021. APRIL IS EASTERTIDE, THE SEASON OF PURE CHRISTIAN JOY. 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:

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THE PASTOR'S DESK

3/28/21

In the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy sets out on an adventure and after three hours and some wonderful songs and cinematography she returns to realize all the wonderful things she was looking for she had in her own back yard. Sometimes as Catholics we can be a lot like Dorothy. Going on pilgrimage or retreat, taking bus trips or staying with nuns and monks close by or at great cost we think will help us. And maybe it will. I want to remind you of what you have in your own "Parish Back Yard" as we arrive at Holy Week. Don't make it any more difficult than it has to be. For we can celebrate these profound mysteries together in a little country church in a village called Bellerose. Here again is the schedule:

Reconciliation Monday, March 29 - Confessions offered after the 9AM Mass, at 1PM and from 3PM until 9PM

Wednesday, March 31 - 9AM Mass and Living Stations of the Cross led by our Young People in the church 7:30PM

Holy Thursday, April 1 - Morning Prayer 9AM, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30PM

Good Friday, April 2 - Morning Prayer 9AM, Stations of the Cross 12Noon
Celebrations of the Lord's Passion 3PM and 7:30PM

Holy Saturday, April 3 - Morning Prayer 9AM, **1PM Confessions & No 5PM Mass**
The Great Easter Vigil 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, April 4 – Masses at:

8AM 9:15AM 11AM 12:30PM No 5:15PM Mass

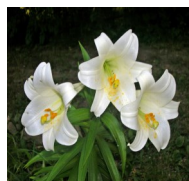
It's all here folks! No long car rides nor plane tickets to purchase. It's all here. Will you be? There are so many ways to be touched and to touch Jesus this week. Avail yourself to them. Plan to come as a family. Invite those who don't regularly attend Mass to come not only for Easter but also Holy Thursday night and on Good Friday. Include 9AM Morning Prayer as part of your routine on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you want to make it more difficult—no planes, trains or automobiles required, take off from work on Friday, keep the paschal fast this week: cut back on food or TV. As we recall Jesus tying up some loose ends—our salvation—how about making that call to someone with whom you have had a falling out?

Even as the pandemic begins to wane, it really is a miracle what you can find in your back yard, especially if your back yard is called Holy Week.

Let's pray for each other this week.

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.

HOLY TRIDUUM COLLECTIONS. The offering



received on Good Friday will be given in support of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

The Easter Sunday offering will assist the Saint John Vianney Fund in support of retired priests in the diocese.

The collection Holy Thursday evening will remain local and assist St. Gregory's St. Vincent de Paul Society in its charitable works throughout the year.

COLLECTIONS - The collections for the week of March 21st amounted to \$6,653 the Sunday offering. Totals for the Easter Gift and Flowers will be reported in the following weeks.

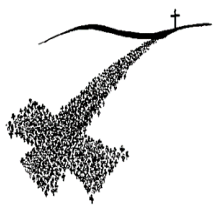
OPERATION RICE BOWL concludes today. Please write out a check to St. Gregory's for the contents of your Rice Bowl and return it to the church in the envelope provided and place it by the basket near the Baptismal Font. Thanks to everyone who was part of our parish almsgiving efforts this Lent!



LENTEN VESPERS SERIES - My Lenten Journey with Jesus concludes this Wednesday, March 31st, at 7:30PM, as our Young Adults and Confirmation Candidates of the Faith Formation Program reflect on *Jesus, My Cross-Bearer* and lead the Living Stations of the Cross. Make plans to join us as we accompany Him and make this Final Journey with Jesus this Lenten Season. **It will touch your heart.** Masks and social distancing will be observed.



39th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK Way of the Cross -The Way to Peace will take



place on 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". We will gather via Zoom this year, because of the Corona Virus. For more information, please visit nypaxchristi.org/events.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection. To better social distance and accommodate those



who wish to attend Mass, each Mass will be livestreamed downstairs in the Oak Room. It was decided for the safety of all that there will be no 6AM Dawn Mass and Breakfast this Easter. And as usual there is no 5PM Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The First Mass of Easter is the 8PM Easter Vigil and the last Mass of Easter Sunday is the 12:30PM Mass. There is no 5:15PM Mass Easter Sunday Afternoon.

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.

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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.



MONDAY, MARCH 29TH RECONCILIATION MONDAY

After 9:00AM Mass, 1:00PM & 3:00-9:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Young Adults Group
7:30PM Church

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

9:00AM Morning Prayer
12:00Noon – Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
7:30PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

9:00AM Morning Prayer
1:00-2:30PM Sacrament of Penance
8:00PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

8:00AM, 9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM
No 5:15PM Mass

PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS NO 5:00PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY AND NO 6:00AM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING.