

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

Week of May 2, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
at the
9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM MASSES

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HEROES RECOGNITION:
BLESSING OF DOCTORS, NURSES
AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
12:30PM MASS

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.

“IT’S TIME TO GET BACK TO MASS”

BY CARDINAL TIMOTHY M. DOLAN

God told us, “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day!”

For two millennia, we Catholics have believed that we best keep Holy the Lord’s Day by Sunday Mass!

Yes, for the last year, we have prudently been able to decide that the emergency health crisis can allow us to excuse ourselves from that God-given obligation.

Our elderly, or people with compromising conditions that weaken them can still excuse themselves, as has always been the case.

But for the majority of us - are we going to restaurants? To the kids’ soccer and little league games? To the store? To the beauty parlor? To gatherings with family and friends? Well, then, it’s time to get back to Mass.

One of our fine pastors gave me this incident. He stopped at the supermarket in his neighborhood for a bit of shopping. There he kept meeting parishioners who greeted him and told him how they missed Sunday Mass and wanted to get back. Finally, exasperated, he replied, “Here you are in a crowded store shopping, taking your time, in contact with items touched by hundreds of people. Church is a lot safer! Come back to get food for your soul!”

A year ago, we, your pastors, advised you not to come to church. We had no choice, since wise health guidelines required us to close our church buildings. We reminded our people that protecting our health, and that of others, in the midst of an international pandemic was a very good moral reason not to attend Mass. Our parishes responded with live-stream Masses, but all know those, however much appreciated, are not the same as “being there.” In the summer, those health precautions eased up a bit, and we could re-open and invite a limited number back. Our parishes rose to the occasion with scrupulous cleaning, sanitation, ventilation, distancing, and restrictions - masks, no holy water or sign of peace, no contact or communion from the chalice - and you gradually began to return.

No more gradual about it! It’s time to get back to Sunday Mass!

Last Sunday we celebrated our highest holy day—Easter! Jesus has risen from the dead! That very night, the gospel tells us, He celebrated Mass with the two disciples He had met on the road to Emmaus. He did that evening what He had done the Thursday before at His Last Supper. And, “They recognized Him in the breaking of the bread!”

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We recognize Jesus at Mass and Holy Communion. We enter again the eternal, infinite mystery of His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Every Sunday Mass is a renewal of the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter.

It’s time to get back to Sunday Mass!

Wear masks, yes!

Get tested, you bet!

Wash hands, please!

Get vaccinated as soon as you can, sure!

Keep social distancing, of course!

Don’t go if you’re sick, elderly or your health is shaky, obviously!

Don’t shake hands!

Be grateful good folks carefully sanitize the Church after each Mass.

But, for God’s sake, get back to Sunday Mass!

We need medicine!

We need food for the soul!

We need vaccination from sin, Satan and eternal death!

We need herd immunity as sheep under Christ our Good Shepherd.

All this we behold at Mass!

How can we stay away?

Easter blessings!

See you at Mass!



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 of 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of May 2, 2021

SUNDAY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at 9:15AM, 11:00AM
& 12:30PM Masses

HEROES' BLESSING at 12:30PM Mass

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:45AM Church

GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM
Oak Room

CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9:45AM Church

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space

LITURGY COMMITTEE 11:00AM Gathering
Space

PENANCE 1:00PM Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of May 2, 2021

SUN. MAY 2ND

8AM William & Mary Murphy
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Timothy Kelly
12:30PM Gardeopatra, Eugenio &
Beatriz Quijano
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. MAY 3RD

9AM Gerard Clark

TUES. MAY 4TH

9AM Eileen M. Lafferty (Anniv. Rem.)

WED. MAY 5TH

9AM Bobby Ablaza

THURS. MAY 6TH

9AM John Gayron

FRI. MAY 7TH

9AM Elizabeth A. Haggerty

SAT. MAY 8TH

9AM Miguel Torres; Jonathan Quintero;
Maria Cecilia Loreto; Romulo Obado
5PM Josephine Buttigieg

THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of May 2nd, have been donated in loving memory of Joseph O'Doherty, requested by Members of the Consolation Team.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES burning throughout the week of May 2nd, have been donated in loving memory of Joseph O'Doherty, requested by Members of the Consolation Team.



THE FLOWERS THAT ADORN OUR ALTAR throughout the week of May 2nd, have been donated in loving memory of Joseph O'Doherty, requested by Members of the Consolation Team.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Helen Hurley, Sandra Hickey, Anne Previdi, Lynn Luckner, Theresa Cuddy, Lori Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Julia Banchon Faye, Dennis O'Hagan, Susan Cook

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2021. MAY IS THE MONTH ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER. 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 of May, please contact the parish office with your request.

The following dates are currently available:

Wednesday, May 12th – 7:30PM

Thursday, May 13th – 7:30PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE PASTOR'S DESK

5/2/2021

Across the pond they seem to use the phrase “jab” while we in the States are more inclined to say “shot.” Of course, I am speaking about vaccinations and I am happy to report that the parish staff has all received theirs. I know I was relieved when I got mine and it certainly was not as traumatic as when I received my mumps, measles, and rubella shots as a kid. Besides relief I was also excited when I got “the jab” because it is only through vaccinations will we be able to move to the “new normal” for ourselves, families, parish, country, and world. Vaccinations are not just for individuals but for all of us collectively.

It's a shame that when vaccinations were first created, they did not have a marketing team like, let's say, the Hershey Corporation. Just think for a moment. Instead of talking about “shots” and “jabs” we could be talking about “Kisses” and “Hugs!” Delicious! And yet that is precisely what vaccinations are. They are a way of loving, not just ourselves, but those dear family and friends with whom we spend the most time and intimacy.

I know for some this pandemic has struck some raw chords. Besides the inconvenience and hardships this past long year, many have felt helpless. Perhaps that might be why some are so resistant to the recommendations of the healthcare community. Others might be tested in their faith in government or even their fellow human beings. I, for one, don't believe anyone is asking anything that would be detrimental to me. Living together we have to make sacrifices all the time and, especially in crowded places like the cities of the US, we have to make many sacrifices.

I make those sacrifices each day mindful that they can help others during this pandemic. It is literally life and death for many as the numbers of those taken by this horrific virus continue to increase. As we honor our “Healthcare Heroes” this weekend, I am reminded about how much they have sacrificed for all of us. Sadly, too many healthcare professionals have given their lives in their ministry of healing this past year. I know you join me in thanking them for their herculean efforts joined with their colleagues throughout our country and indeed, the world.

In the end it's all about hugs and kisses! Now that they are more easily available, I hope that everyone lines up for them! If you have any concerns, just call your trusted family doctor for questions and consultation. May the light at the end of this long tunnel only be outshined by the Light from the Empty Tomb!

God Bless!

The Lord is Risen. It is true! He has appeared to Simon!

Father O'Connor

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 collection for the week of April 25th amounted to \$5,822 for the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today, May 2nd, at the 9:15AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM Masses.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 12th.

Please remember to keep those children receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation in your prayers.

TODAY - HEROES RECOGNITION: BLESSING OF DOCTORS, NURSES AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS - A great opportunity to celebrate the dedicated men and woman who take care of us in the healthcare professions. There will be a special blessing for all doctors, nurses and healthcare providers at the 12:30PM Mass. May 6th is Nurses' Day.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR POLICE OFFICE BRIAN MOORE -



There will be a Memorial Mass here at St. Gregory's on Tuesday, May 4th, at 1:30PM for P.O. Brian Moore. While Covid-19 protocols do not allow for parishioners to attend this Mass, we ask that you pray for

the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family and friends. Please remember and hold in prayer those in the 105th Precinct and all those devoted civil servants who keep us safe in our Great City.

GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP will meet beginning this Tuesday, May 4th, at 1:00PM in the Oak Room. All members are invited to attend. Covid protocols will be followed. Please wear a mask.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION continues this Friday. Exposition will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and will continue until 10:20AM Benediction. All are welcome to the Fountain of All Blessings.



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE begins on Mother's Day, May 9th, at the 9:15AM Mass. This is a beautiful way of remembering our mothers, living or deceased, with a special Novena of Masses. Offering envelopes are available in the church today.



PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, May 8th, at 11:00AM in the Gathering Space.

BOOK CLUB - The selection for the Zoom meeting that will take place on Monday, May 10th, is *Inland* by Tea Obreht.

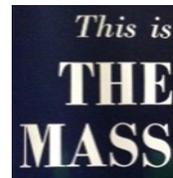
HOLY DAY - The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated next Thursday. Mass at St. Gregory's will be Wednesday Evening at 7:30PM and on the Feast at 9:00AM and 7:30PM. Mass is also offered frequently at churches in the city. Make plans to celebrate the return Jesus to His Heavenly Kingdom together.



COME HOLY SPIRIT! A NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT will be prayed on the days between Ascension and Pentecost - beginning Friday, May 14th, after the 9:00AM Mass. Come join Mary and the Apostles for the First Novena of the Church.



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 — "Everything You Wanted to Know About Mass – Having Loved His Own In The World, He Loved Them To

The End" takes place Wednesday, May 19th, at 7:30PM. All are warmly welcomed to explore the Feast of Faith. Those attending are more than welcome to submit questions beforehand for Father O'Connor to answer.

MAY CROWNING will take place on Sunday, May 30th. Plan to join us after the 11:00AM Mass as we crown the statue of Our Lady in the Marian Shrine on the parish grounds: A fitting tribute for the Mother Jesus gave us from the Cross as we conclude the Month Dedicated to her.



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED - Every



third Sunday of the month, at the 11:00AM Mass, we will invite the newly Baptized to be introduced at the end of Mass where we can pray over them and their ever-growing family,

congratulate them and present their parents with their Baptismal Certificate. You will also get to see these newest members of our family as their pictures will be posted on the main bulletin board in the Gathering Space. So Welcome to Our Family! Welcome to the Church!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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.

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 (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 and mention St. Gregory's.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS.



We are grateful to those merchants & businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants & anyone is welcome to take an ad by calling The Bulletin Company at (631) 249-4994.

HOME CARE - The Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus will minister and care for the elderly in their own home. For additional information, please call 646-434-9325.

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. Also available is Americare, located in Garden City. Call 516-292-7948 for a vaccination appointment.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE - A reminder to all parishioners



to turn off cell phones before entering the church. Also, a reminder, that it has 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.