

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

Week of August 29, 2021
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD.



JOIN US AT THE
9:00AM SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC
CELEBRATION IN CHURCH FOLLOWED BY A
LIGHT BREAKFAST
IN THE CHURCH GARDENS

Parish Mission Statement:

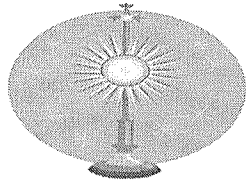
St. Gregory the Great Parish, established in 1936, is a welcoming Catholic community serving the people of Bellerose, Floral Park, and environs. Pursuing holiness through the Eucharist, we strive to live out Jesus Christ's mandate of service, evangelization, and establishment of justice for all. Embracing 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: sgtgca.org
Ms. Lynn Alaimo, Principal
Mrs. Catherine McMahan, 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 we will be able to issue sponsor letters for Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony. We can give end of the year statements of your contributions to the church through regular use of the envelopes. We can help you with letters of recommendation for employment, schools, etc. Your registration will also help us with our parish census in knowing the number of Catholics in the Bellerose/Floral Park/Queens Village 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 affected by the warm weather by making a phone call or visit.



PARISHIONER CHECK-IN - Father O'Connor recently sent a letter to all registered parishioners to let them know that the parish has "re-opened," so to speak, and to welcome them back to our little red tiled roof church. All of St. Gregory's is encouraged to reach out to those who are still "missing." They are the people you sat across from in church or would chat outside with after Mass and have yet to resurface from the pandemic. Kindly touch base with those individuals and families who are part of our larger Parish Family. It's important to find out how they are doing and see if there is anything that the parish can offer them at this time. Who knows? They might simply want you to share your experiences about returning to Mass. Please note that all parish organizations, groups and societies have been given the "green light" to reawaken from the pause of the pandemic.

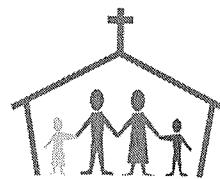


SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING - Looking for a greater opportunity to explore and appreciate Sacred Scripture. Now is the time! So come and join us on Saturday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM under the chandelier of the Gathering Space as we spend time with the readings that will be proclaimed at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday. Through prayer and sharing we hope to have the Scriptures come more alive. Saturdays - beginning September 18th. *WERE NOT OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?*



FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION



CLASSES for September has begun. Registration forms have been emailed home. Please complete forms and return as soon as possible.

We are now into August, if you have not registered your child, please call the Faith Formation Office and follow the voicemail instructions or call the Parish Office at 718-347-3707.

For new registrations, please call 718-347-0525 to schedule an appointment. All new registrations must be done in person. If registering for First Grade, please bring the child's baptismal certificate (with official stamp), original birth certificate and parish envelope number. If registering a child for grades other than First Grade, please bring the child's baptismal certificate (with official stamp), original birth certificate, verification of attendance in a prior faith formation program, verification of sacraments received and parish envelope number.

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.



MINISTRY FAIR - Weekend of September



Ministry Fair

18th/19th - Join us after all the Masses the weekend of September 18th/19th, in the Gathering Space, for light refreshments and to explore the many opportunities for ministry and support right here in our parish community of Bellerose, Floral Park and Queens Village. Representatives from all

parish ministries, groups and organizations will be present to answer your questions. Stop by to see how you can become a greater part of our vibrant Parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of August 29, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM
Oak Room

WEDNESDAY

FOLK GROUP 7:15PM Church

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

**FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
BREAKFAST IN CHURCH GARDENS** following
9:00AM Mass

SATURDAY

PENANCE 1:00PM Church

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11th & 12th - All our families are invited to worship together especially supporting that bond between Grandparents and Grandchildren. Make a call, send a text, plan a brunch afterwards. Let's Celebrate the Foundations of Our Families! Light refreshments in the Gathering Space after each Mass. **SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE.**



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

ATTENTION SUMMER TRAVELERS. For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1-800-Mass Times (1-800-627-7846) or www.MassTimes.org. Please don't ignore the importance of Sunday Mass every weekend of the year. "The Lord's Day-as Sunday was called from Apostolic Times-has always been accorded special attention in the history of the Church because of its close connection with the very core of the Christian Mystery: the Resurrection." Don't miss out-wherever you are!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of August 29, 2021

SUN. AUG. 29TH

8AM Thomas P. Lally
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Mary Fahey, Elena Alipio
12:30PM Jeanette Dunbar
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. AUG. 30TH

9AM Kathleen Leonardi

TUES. AUG. 31ST

9AM Gertrude & John Eiffe

WED. SEPT. 1ST

9AM Anna & Frank Tierney

THURS. SEPT. 2ND

9AM Fermin Adolfo

FRI. SEPT. 3RD

9AM Lawrence P. Dowd

SAT. SEPT. 4TH

9AM Catalina, Quintin, John Fernbacker
Jewel Gerdin DelaTorre,
Clara Barrella

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

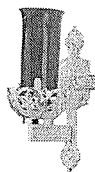


FOR THE SICK

Loretta & Dennis Winnie, Philip, Nina & Joe Sgori, Joe Murzek, Anne Previdi, Lori Ferrara, Helen Hurley, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Marie Brandt



THE SANCTURARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES burning

throughout the week of August 29th have been donated in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Attanasio, requested by the Fajardo Family..

Servus Servorum Dei
Servant of the Servants of God

Kids, I realize that there are a whole nine more days, including the big Labor Day Weekend, till school opens. I realize that kids are supposed to groan when you mention back to school but I have had some tell me quietly on the side that they can't wait for classes to begin. They miss their friends and even some teachers! I know I miss my weekly visits to the second, seventh and eighth grades, as we prepare for the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Academy opens its doors September 8th, you might want to call the office if you would like to send your child(ren) for a quality Catholic Education here at St. Gregory's. It's an investment that has a lifetime of dividends.

The new parish year will be choc-full of opportunities for the entire parish family. We will even get a jumpstart before Labor Day as we celebrate our patron, Pope Saint Gregory the Great, with a Festive Mass and Celebratory Breakfast on Friday, September 3rd, beginning at 9:00AM.

I think it's both symbolic and practical that we begin our new pastoral year before Labor Day. I say that because I think there will be just countless opportunities for everyone this coming year. Through either familiar or novel initiatives, our parish shows its vitality as we join together to worship the Lord, recognize him in those around us and bring the message of the Gospel to all those we meet. It's exciting. It's fulfilling. It's hard work. It's in obedience to the Lord's divine mandate: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." And just precisely how do we do that? Gregory gives us the key: Be a servant of the servants of God!

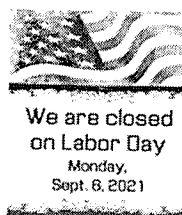
True, everyone deserves a break. But it feels like we have been on a break forever! Nevertheless, we have nine more days till the Academy begins and with that, a new Pastoral Year. I hope everyone is well rested because Jesus has asked us to do some work. And I know the people of St. Gregory's will not disappoint Him. God Bless and Happy End to Summer!

Father O'Connor

A COOL PLACE - As we move further into summer and temperatures rising, how fortunate we are to have an air-conditioned church in which to worship daily and on Sundays. **The Summer Air Conditioning Assistance Collection is being received at this time.** We rely on your generous contribution to meet our air-conditioning expenses. Please use the pink envelopes in the church today and keep cool!



WELCOME **WHITE WELCOME ENVELOPES** are located in the church for those who are new in the parish, for those who would like to receive weekly envelopes and for those who may have forgotten their envelope today. Thank you for all your support for your parish as we try to meet our weekly needs.



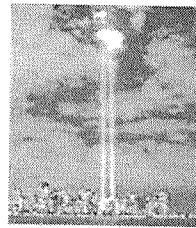
LABOR DAY WEEKEND OFFICE HOURS - The Parish Office will be closed Saturday and Monday, September 3rd & September 6th). Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday. Please remember to call ahead if you would like an appointment with one of the priests or deacons.

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of August 22nd amounted to \$ 4,586 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.



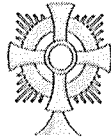
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - LAST CHANCE! DRIVE ENDS AUGUST 31ST - PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS BY THIS WEDNESDAY. All Supplies Collected will be Distributed to Needy Children by Catholic Charities.

PRAYER OF PEACE & REMEMBRANCE. Plan to spend some time in church on Saturday Morning, September 11 as we commemorate the Twentieth 9/11 Anniversary in Prayer - at Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament. The commemoration will begin with a Solemn Mass for "Peace and Justice" at 9AM followed by a Holy Hour of



Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to have someone who died on September 11, 2001 remembered by name at the Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Spread the word it might be the best thing you do that weekend.

NO FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR - There will be no communal First Friday Holy Hour this month as we will celebrate the Parish Feast Day Mass and Breakfast. The Holy Hour will resume on October 2nd.



FEAST CELEBRATION - You are invited! Join in a Celebration on the Feast of St. Gregory the Great - Friday, September 3rd, beginning at the 9:00AM Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Church followed by a light Breakfast in the Church Gardens. There is no better way to begin Labor Day Weekend than with your Parish Family and Friends, as we celebrate our Patron and each other as we strive to imitate the Great Pope, who strove to be a "Servant of the Servants". Spread the word and invite others to come and join us as we celebrate Pope Saint Gregory the Great!

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:30PM, in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Everyone is invited as we explore Gospel Teachings and strive to put them in practice in our community. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Come and see what it's all about.



MARIAN EVENING - September 8th: Feast of the Birth of Mary - Come out Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:30PM, to celebrate the Birth of Mary. The evening service will be filled with Scripture, songs, prayers and grateful sentiments as we recall the birth of the one who was so open to God's plan of salvation. Bring the whole family as we show our affection to Our Blessed Mother by celebrating her birth.

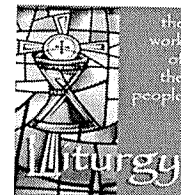


STROKE LIFE SUPPORT GROUP meets every second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 8th, at 1:30PM, in the Gathering Space.



MINISTERS' MEETING - Father O'Connor will meet with all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors on Thursday, September 9th, at 7:30PM, in the church. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE - The parish is seeking creative people who would like to help gather ideas and put them together for the various times and seasons of the Church Liturgical Year as well as various Parish Celebrations. The Committee will address themes, musical contributions, decorations and other aspects of our Liturgical Celebrations. The year's first meeting will take place Saturday, September 11th, at 11:00AM, under the chandelier in the Gathering Space. Please contact Fr. O'Connor at the Parish Office 718-347-3707 to find out more.

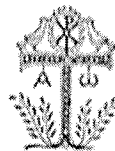


BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING - A Blessing of Students and school supplies will take place Sunday, September 12th, at the 11:00AM Mass. All our parish children are invited to bring their knapsacks and new school supplies as we ask God's Blessing for all our youngsters at the beginning of a new academic year.

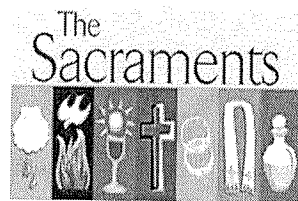


BOOK CLUB - The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 13th, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement. The selection for this meeting is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

HOLY CROSS CELEBRATION - Tuesday, September 14th, at 7:30PM. Be there Tuesday night, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, to give thanks and praise for the Victory won by Jesus' Cross. Through scripture, prayer and song recall and celebrate that Tree that brought new life to all the world. Service will end with blessing of Crosses and Crucifixes - so bring them from your homes and join us on the 14th. Mark your calendars now!



Feast of Faith Series: *The Church & the Sacraments . . . Perfect Together* ~ We invite everyone who would like to explore our Catholic Faith more deeply to come and reflect on the Sacraments through out this coming year. The first of the



five sessions - "The Sacraments: I have touched you and you have grown" takes place Wednesday, September 15th, at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on November 17th, January 26th, February 23rd, and May 18th, all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM, in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, AGED AND INFIRMED - Saturday, September 18th - 11:00AM. The annual Mass of Anointing is for any parishioner who is burdened by illness or the aging process, and those preparing for surgery. Perhaps you might even



know someone who would like to attend Mass but who might need your assistance in coming to Mass that day. A light reception will follow in the Gathering Space. Mark your calendars and join us in prayer that day.

Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with Heavenly Themes. Come out on a Sunday afternoon once a month to spend time with the saints as they are depicted in popular movies from both large Hollywood productions to small independent films. Some are Academy Award nominated and winners while others are more obscure. The showings will be on Sunday afternoons at 3:00PM in the Rectory Basement Conference Room and will conclude with a short discussion. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments. First presentation is September 19th: *Teresa of Calcutta* about the life of Mother Teresa.

CAR REBATES. 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-

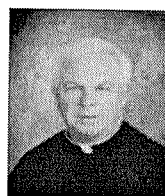


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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY is offering Hearing Aid help & free Speech & Hearing Screenings. For an appointment or additional information, please call 718-990-6480. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: MONSIGNOR RYAN DAY -



OCTOBER 10TH - Join Msgr. Ryan at the 12:30PM Mass as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee and thanks God for 50 years of priesthood, so much of which has taken place at St. Gregory's. Light refreshments will follow in the Oak Room. Mark your calendars now and spread the word.

OKTOBERFEST - Friday & Saturday, October 22nd & 23rd -



Two evenings of fun with music, food and gambling. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Adults only. This event will take place in Gregorian Hall. More information to follow in

upcoming Bulletins.

St. Gregory's School Homecoming - Saturday Evening, November 27th (Saturday After Thanksgiving)

Save the date now and start spreading the word for a special celebration of old friends and great memories - all to take place in the familiar halls of St. Gregory's!



FROM THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Vaccine Locations and Appointments - All U.S. residents 12 years of age and older are now eligible to be vaccinated in NYC. Use the City's Vaccine Finder to search for a location near you (*not accessible with*



Internet Explorer). Note, people who are 12-17 years old can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Most City-run sites are offering walk-up vaccinations without an appointment. You can also schedule an appointment for certain vaccination sites by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877- 829-4692).

Free transportation to vaccination appointments in NYC is available for city residents 65 and older and those with disabilities who have no other way to get to a vaccination site. To arrange for transportation, call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).

For NYC residents who cannot leave their home, you can sign up for an in-home vaccination online or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).