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

Week of September 19, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MINISTRY FAIR

THIS WEEKEND

Join us after all the Masses in the
Gathering Space
to explore the many opportunities for ministry
and support here in our Parish.

Representatives from all our ministries, groups
and organizations will be present.

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. 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.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will begin on Sunday, September 26th.



If you have not registered your child, please call the Faith Formation Office at 718-347-0525. 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.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are presently registering our children for their Faith Formation sessions. Unfortunately, I am in need of two catechists/teachers for the coming year. If your schedule permits, please volunteer to work with us each week.

As you know, we have previously had many good catechists who have generously given their time for several years but now their children have grown up and are in high school or even college. Therefore, they feel it is time to move on.

I am asking you to help us and your children. If you can volunteer, please do so. If you have another person who would be willing to teach with you, it would be fine to have two catechists in a classroom. I will meet with you and give you a teacher's guide that will help you plan lessons.

If no one volunteers, I may be forced into a position where a specific grade will not have a catechist and alternative plans may have to be found but this is certainly not what I would like to have happen.

Please contact me as soon as possible at 718-347-0525 if you are able to help us.

Please pray about this and pray for us.

**Blessings,
Sr. Pat Anglin**

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.



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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of September 19, 2021

SUNDAY

MINISTRY FAIR Gathering Space
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY Blessing of Catechists
9:15AM Mass
SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS 3:00PM Rectory
Basement

MONDAY

ROSARY BOARD MEETING 6:30PM Office
Basement

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM
Oak Room
CHOIR 7:30-9:30PM Office Basement

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space
PENANCE 1:00PM Church

**WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY
WELCOME TO THE CHURCH!**



St. Gregory's would like to welcome those newly baptized in the month of August -

*Lukas Iglhaut
Tyler Livingston
Arthur Salamone*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of September 19, 2021

SUN. SEPT. 19TH

8AM Michael Buttigieg
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Leonor Victoria DeCarlo;
Brendan Rush
12:30PM Thomas Crimmins
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. SEPT. 20TH

9AM Helen Fries

TUES. SEPT. 21ST

9AM Msgr. Gerard Arella

WED. SEPT. 22ND

9AM Irene Dochych

THURS. SEPT. 23RD

9AM Douglas Foerst (Birth. Rem.)

FRI. SEPT. 24TH

9AM Antonio Puzon

SAT. SEPT. 25TH

9AM Adrian Salonga (L)
5PM Ernest Ramirez

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK



Joan Devaney, Michael Gonzalez,
Ralph Segarra, Loretta & Dennis Win-
nie, Joe Murzek, Anne Previdi, Lori
Ferrara, Helen Hurley, Grace & Ken-
ny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Matilda Ammendolea

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. *WERE NOT OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WHILE HE SPOKE TO US ON THE WAY AND OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?*



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THE PASTOR'S DESK

9/19/2021

“The best laid plans of mice and men”

I'd imagine that most of you have heard or even use that phrase from “To a Mouse,” by Robert Burns. Basically, it means that things don't always go as planned in life. Well, that sure is happening with this Covid-19 virus.

When the staff met at the end of May, the levels of the virus not only in New York but around the country were dropping significantly. At that Staff Planning meeting we were very optimistic in our outlook and ambitious in our planning for this parish year. Even though there were a lot of smart and inciteful people in the room (honestly there were!), the spike of the virus has forced us and the diocese to change some of our plans. The areas most effected concern large social gatherings inside and gatherings with our children.

The following events will either be cancelled or rescheduled:

Msgr. Ryan's 50th Anniversary Celebrations (October 10th)

Octoberfest (October 22nd & 23rd)

Halloween Party (October 30th)

Alumni Homecoming (November 27th)

While it is frustrating to report that to you, my biggest concern is for the safety of all. Nevertheless, there are other smaller opportunities that the parish continues to offer. I invite you to find out more about how we are nurturing the Faith with various small group endeavors that explain our long-held beliefs (The Feast of Faith Series), enrich our knowledge of the Bible (Sunday Scripture Sharing) and deepen our understanding of the Community of the Church (Sundays with the Saints Film Series). These are just a part of what awaits you at St. Gregory's. The Ministry Fair this weekend, in the Gathering Space, is filled with opportunities.

The virus does not keep us from meeting in smaller vaccinated groups and it sure won't keep us from donating socks, food, toys, clothes, or even blood to the needy. The generosity of heart for the people here is part and parcel of who we are as Christians!

While the lingering of the virus might seem to be stumbling blocks, hopefully, we can use them as steppingstones to something greater. Perhaps it's not the plans of mice and men but a larger Divine Plan we can be part of.

God Bless!

Father O'Connor

THE TABLET HAS A NEW HOME IN THE GATHERING

SPACE. The parish has received from DeSales Media a stand for *The Tablet*. The stand is currently located in the Gathering Space under the chandelier. *The Tablet*, one of the oldest Catholic Newspapers in America, is \$1.00 an issue and you can subscribe to have it delivered to your home at substantial savings.

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.



LITURGY OFFICE TRIP. As I think I mentioned last autumn, I go to two conferences each year in my capacity as Diocesan Director of Liturgy. I will be away from St. Gregory's while I attend a conference of the Society for Catholic Liturgy at Notre Dame followed by the Annual Meeting of the Federation Diocesan Liturgical Commissions in San Diego. Please say a prayer for the success of these two occasions to study and reflect on the Sacred Liturgy. - JOC



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SERVING BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of September 12th amounted to \$7,623 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY TODAY our catechists receive a special blessing at the 9:15AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers, as they endeavor to share their Catholic Faith with all our students and to assist our parents in the challenging task of keeping alive the Teachings of Jesus in the present culture. Under the leadership of Sr. Pat, these dedicated individuals can have a lasting impact on the young people entrusted to their care. St. Gregory's is blessed indeed!

MINISTRY FAIR - THIS WEEKEND - Join us after all the Masses for light refreshments and to explore the many opportunities for ministry and support. 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.



SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS - TODAY - at 3:00PM, in the Rectory Basement. The showing today is Teresa of Calcutta about the life of Mother Teresa. There will be a short discussion after the movie.

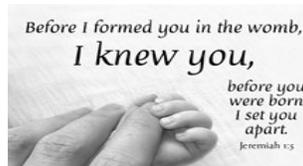
THE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ADULT CHOIR - will meet for rehearsal on Tuesday, September 21st, at 7:30PM in the Church. The Adult Choir rehearses most Tuesdays at 7:30PM and sings at the 11:00AM Mass most Sundays from October-June and for Feasts and special occasions during the year. No experience is necessary, only the ability to "carry a tune," a willingness to come to rehearsals and patience and flexibility as we navigate the "new normal." As always, prospective new members, who are of high school age and up, are most welcome and encouraged to join us. Anyone attending who is not vaccinated must wear a mask. For more information, contact Bart Haggerty, Director of Music Ministry, email at bart@saintgregorythegreat.com, or call the Parish Office.

MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES - As our parish prepares for the new pastoral year, we would like to offer a monthly Mass for individuals and families with children and adults with special needs. It will be offered on the first Sun-



day of the month at the 12:30PM parish Mass followed by Hospitality in the Oak Room. An American Sign Language interpreter will sign the Mass. The first Mass will be offered on "Respect Life Sunday," October 3rd, at 12:30PM. We welcome all individuals and families with children and adults with special needs from St. Gregory's parish and neighboring communities. St. Gregory's church is wheelchair accessible. If you have any questions or would like to offer assistance with this new endeavor, please contact Sue (917) 834-0433 or Cathy (516) 880-4297. We look forward to sharing and celebrating Sunday Mass together!

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS will take place on October 3rd, Respect Life Sunday, at the 5:15PM Mass. Expecting/adopting parents are invited to receive a special blessing and a small gift from the parish. Please call the Parish Office (718-347-3707) by Thursday, September 30th, and leave your name and number so adequate preparations may be made. Know of our prayers for you as you anticipate this blessed moment in your family.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS on ST FRANCIS' FEAST DAY - The annual blessing of our parish pets will take place on Monday, October 4th, at 4:00PM in front of the main entrance to the church on 88th Avenue. Honoring St. Francis, who loved all God's creation, pet owners are invited to bring their precious cats and dogs, birds and guinea pigs and everything else for this special blessing.



ROSARY CELEBRATION on Thursday, October 7th, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Mark your calendars now to join us at 7:30PM that evening as we honor Our Lady and celebrate the prayer of the Church that has been prayed for centuries. Please include an invite to younger generations who might not be aware or appreciate the gift of the rosary. Rosary beads will be blessed during the service.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting to take place on Monday, October 11th, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement, is *Aperirogen* by Colum McCann.

ROSARY RALLY will take place on Saturday, October 16th, at 12:00Noon, by the Statue of the Blessed Mother on the Church lawn. All are invited to gather and pray the Rosary. Rain or shine.



PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will take place on Sunday, October 17th, at the 11:00AM Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th or any 5 year milestone of matrimony, join us at Mass for a special blessing. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and which anniversary you will be celebrating. A light reception in the Gathering Space to follow. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.



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PAUSE TO LARGESCALE GATHERINGS. The Diocese has asked parishes to hold off on large scale indoor gatherings due to the uptick in Covid-19 infections and to help protect those children who are unable to get vaccinated.



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OKTOBERFEST UPDATE - The Diocese has determined that no large gatherings of any kind will be permitted until further notice, therefore, the planned Oktoberfest has to be cancelled. We, Fr. O'Connor, Ms. Alaimo and the Festival Chairpersons, all agreed that having this event would not be safe for all those attending. Unfortunately, this results in another year of us all not being able to support our Academy.

We are still planning to have an Hispanic Night in early 2022. Let's hope and pray we can hold this event.

Lynn Zeuner & Tony Cotroneo
Festival Co-Chairpersons

ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - Anyone interested in helping with our Alumni Association please call Fr. O'Connor at 718-347-3707. We are looking to have at



least one Class Ambassador for Graduating Classes from the Pioneer Class up to the Class of 2010.

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. Next Presentation is October 17th: **Brother Sun, Sister Moon**, the 1972 film directed by Franco Zeffirelli about the life of Francis of Assisi.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been **187 pledges made totaling \$63,691.** So, we are just at 48% of our goal of 400 pledges. Thanks to all who



already have made a pledge to this year's Appeal. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this year's Appeal by making a generous donation so that we can reach our **assigned goal of \$96,587.** Pledges - large and small - can be made by all the working members of the household. Extra pledge envelopes are in the church today. You may mail in or return your pledge commitment in the collection basket and we will deliver it directly to the Appeal Office. No pledge is too small. Together "We Are The Church!"

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS' GROUP - Parents/Guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's are invited to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. Meetings take place on: Wednesday, October 13th, Tuesday, November 9th & Thursday, December 9th. For further information, please contact Georgette Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreled@sacredheartbayside-queens.org.

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 718-491-2525.



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).