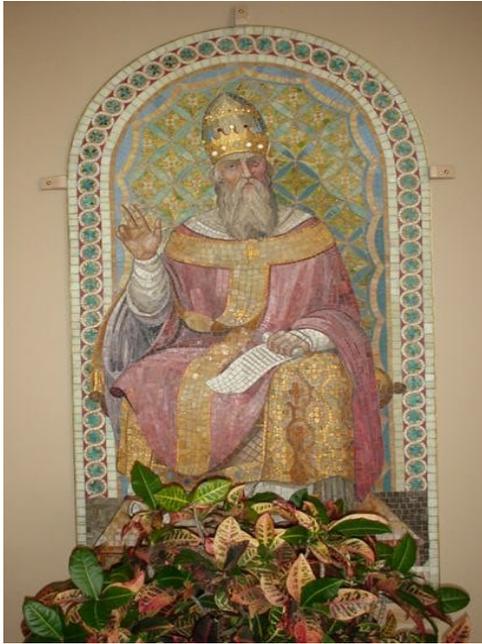
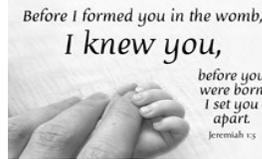


**CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT**  
**242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426**

**Week of September 26, 2021**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**  
**5:15PM MASS**  
**CHURCH**



Before I formed you in the womb,  
I knew you,

before you  
were born  
I set you  
apart.  
Jeremiah 1:5

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**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**  
**4:00PM**  
**IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**



*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. 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 begin this Sunday.** 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.



**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.**

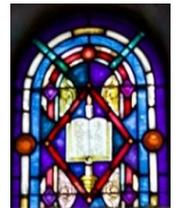
**Please contact me as soon as possible at 718-347-0525 if you are able to help us.**

**Please pray about this and pray for us.**

**Blessings,  
Sr. Pat Anglin**

**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?*



**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 staying in-doors 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 26, 2021**

**SUNDAY**

No events scheduled

**MONDAY**

No events scheduled

**TUESDAY**

**ADORATION** 9:30AM Church

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

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

**CHOIR** 7:30-9:30PM Office Basement

**WEDNESDAY**

**FOLK GROUP** 7:15PM Church

**THURSDAY**

**QIGONG** 6:30PM Oak Room

**FRIDAY**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** 9:30AM Church

**SATURDAY**

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

**PENANCE** 1:00PM Church

**OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.** No need to wait! If you would like to have an Announced Mass offered for a loved one or for a Special Intention in 2021, please contact the Parish Office with your request. The following dates are currently available:

Sunday, October 24th – 11AM Mass  
Sunday, November 7th– 11:00AM Mass  
Sunday, November 7th - 12:30PM Mass  
Sunday, November 14th – 11AM Mass  
Tuesday, December 7th – 7:30PM Mass  
Sunday, December 12th – 11AM Mass  
Sunday, December 19th – 8AM Mass  
Friday, December 24th – 9AM Mass  
Friday, December 24th – 10PM Mass  
Saturday, December 25th – 11AM Mass  
Saturday, December 25th – 12:30PM Mass  
Sunday, December 26th– 8AM Mass  
Friday, December 31st – 9AM Mass

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Week of September 26, 2021**

**SUN. SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>**

8AM Lillian M. Smith  
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society  
11AM Stephen Michael Becker  
12:30PM Cornelius Cronin  
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

**MON. SEPT. 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM George Kielb

**TUES. SEPT. 28<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Iype (Anniv. Rem.)

**WED. SEPT. 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Sarah Walsh

**THURS. SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Guillermo Martinez

**FRI. OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

9AM Kenneth Carey (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Rem.)

**SAT. OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup>**

9AM Patricia, Felicisino, Lilibeth, & Christian Gloria  
5PM Antonia Buttigieg

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**FOR THE SICK**

Joan Devaney, Michael Gonzalez, Ralph Segarra, Loretta & Dennis Winnie, Joe Murzek, Anne Previdi, Lori Ferrara, Helen Hurley, Grace & Kenny Leuze

**FOR THE DECEASED**



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES** burning throughout the week of September 26th have been donated in loving memory of Matilda Ammendolea.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE PASTOR'S DESK

9/26/2021

Before I left for my workshops, I was asked to bless a “canvas yarn picture” of the Divine Mercy, which a woman was going to take the time to pull the yarn through and create. She looked ambitious and excited in her undertaking. I’m sure it will look wonderful. The day prior, Father Johnson was asked to bless a car in front of church. Last week at the 9:15 Mass, I had the opportunity to bless our faithful catechists as Sunday School begins this week and then, at the 11AM Mass, to bless the families of the newest members of the Church as we had our monthly Baptismal Welcome.

All these blessings made me think once again what are blessings all about. In a nutshell, they are asking an extension of God’s Presence, which is beyond our understanding, to dwell with us or others. I guess we are most familiar with blessings when someone sneezes and those around wish and say: “God bless you!” This ancient and universally accepted custom was employed, many believe, because sneezing was thought to precede sickness - even the plague. Others wished God’s blessing on the person who sneezed because they thought the convulsion brought about by a sneeze was a result of the presence or the possession by the Evil One.

Not only in common custom or etiquette do we find these blessings. The Church has hosts of blessings in its tradition. The *Book of Blessings of The Roman Ritual* explains blessings this way. “Blessings, therefore refer first and foremost to God, whose majesty and goodness they extol, and, since they indicate the communication of God’s favor, they also involve human beings, whom He governs and in His providence protects. Further, blessings apply to other created things through which, in their abundance and variety, God blesses human beings” (7). These blessings are not superstition but rather communion with God.

Next Sunday at the 5:15PM Mass we will gather to ask God’s favor on those families expecting or preparing to adopt a child. What an exciting and awe-filled time in their lives. Our hearts go out to them! The following day, Monday, October 4th, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The traditional blessing of animals will take place at 4PM in front of the main entrance to the church.

Whether you’re expecting, or have a pet, or just sneeze a lot, - as the old hymn reminds us – we should never fail to “praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

Happy Autumn!

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 University, 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



**DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**  
SERVING BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

**COLLECTIONS** - The collection for the week of September 19th amounted to \$617 for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fund and \$8,083 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.



**SHARE WITH THE HOMELESS THIS “SOCK-TOBER!”** - During October, the Social Justice Ministry will be collecting new socks for homeless men, women,

and children. All sizes are needed. Please place your donation in the drop off box in the Gathering Space by the chandelier.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is October 1st. There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer after the morning Mass concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to spend some quiet time with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.



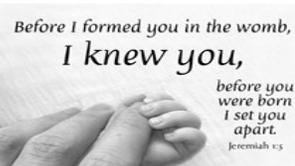
**MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES** - As our parish prepares for the new pastoral year, we would like to offer a monthly Mass for individuals and families with children and adults with special needs. It will be offered on the first Sunday of the month at the 12:30PM parish 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!



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**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 88<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**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.



**BLOOD DRIVE - October 17th - 8:30AM-2:30PM.** Our Autumn Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, October 17th. In addition to saving the date, please extend an invitation to those who don’t attend St. Gregory’s so they can share and give the gift of life. Thank You to the men of the Holy Name Society for carrying out such a vital ministry!



**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.



**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.



[The following events will either be cancelled or rescheduled:](#)

- Msgr. Ryan’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (October 10th)
- Octoberfest (October 22nd & 23rd)
- Halloween Party (October 30th)
- Alumni Homecoming (November 27th)

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ADULT CHOIR** - will meet for rehearsal on Tuesday, September 28th, 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](mailto:bart@saintgregorythegreat.com), or call the Parish Office.

**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 IEPs 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](mailto: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).

