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

Week of October 17, 2021
TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH EVENTS FOR TODAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

BLOOD DRIVE
8:30AM - 2:30PM - Oak Room

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
11:00AM MASS - Church

SUNDAYS WITH THE SAINTS:
Brother Sun, Sister Moon
3:00PM - Rectory Basement

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.



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 indoors 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 re-awaken from the pause of the pandemic.



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - 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.



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. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Sr. Patricia Anglin (718- 347-0525), and she will be happy to assist you.



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?*



WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY..... WELCOME TO THE CHURCH! St. Gregory's would like to welcome the newly baptized of September:

Owen Cavalier, Mariana Depena, Michael Glaser, Jr., Caleb Lopez, Angelina May, Isabella Nicoll, Mason Racheed, Sabastian Vasconez, Peyton Weber.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of October 17, 2021

SUNDAY

BLOOD DRIVE 8:30AM-2:30PM Oak Room
RCIA 12:30PM Rectory/Green Room
SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS 3:00PM Oak Room

MONDAY

SOCIAL JUSTICE 7:30PM Rectory Basement

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 12:00|Noon Green Room
GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM Oak Room
BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room
CHOIR 7:30-9:30PM Church
CHAMBER SINGERS 9:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

QIGONG 6:30PM Zoom

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

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



THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of October 17th, have been donated in loving memory of Mary Mancini, requested by Lucy Viviani.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES burning throughout the week of October 17th have been donated in loving memory of Mary Mancini, requested by Lucy Viviani.



THE FLOWERS THAT ADORN OUR ALTAR throughout the week of October 17th have been donated in loving memory of Mary Mancini, requested by Lucy Viviani.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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SUN. OCT. 17TH

8AM Brand & Grein Deceased Family Members
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Carol Benison,
Thomas Pinder Jr. (Birth. Rem.),
Geraldine Valencia Go
12:30PM Mary Mancini
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. OCT. 18TH

9AM Eva Molese

TUES. OCT. 19TH

9AM Stephanie Payawal

WED. OCT. 20TH

9AM Louise & John Barrett

THURS. OCT. 21ST

9AM Ellie Cronin

FRI. OCT. 22ND

9AM Peggy Keevins (2nd Anniv. Rem.)

SAT. OCT. 23RD

9AM Anne & Bob Hall, Inez Stanga,
Edward & Elizabeth Lindner
5PM Ernest Ramirez

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:

Friday, December 24th – 9AM Mass
Sunday, December 26th – 8AM Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Aramas Family, Janet Littlefield,
Joan Devaney, Michael Gonzalez,
Anne Previdi, Lori Ferrara

FOR THE DECEASED

Elaine Miles

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PASTOR'S DESK

10/17/2021

When I was little, I always wanted to be a missionary. It was simple: They were the coolest priests and religious, period. In my eyes, missionaries were the superheroes of the Church. In fact, there were times that I would parade around the big weeds in my backyard pretending to be a missionary in the jungle. In that imaginary world, my rosary beads protected me from both pagan and panther!

Almost fifty years later I still see missionaries as the superheroes of the Church. Today, though, I have a different perspective on what makes them so special. Bishop Walsh of Maryknoll, a Brooklyn native, (whose cause has been introduced to be counted among the canonized saints of the Church) said: "A missionary goes where he is not wanted and leaves when the people want him to remain." Many missionaries today are in places where they are not welcomed and thus, they live lives that are in danger of death. Sadly, many of them—men and women of great faith—are brutally murdered because of the Gospel message that they share with the local peoples.

Missionaries not only share the Gospel with those whom they serve, they also stand in solidarity with the people: living, praying, celebrating, and mourning with the larger community. They work to eradicate injustices and to better the lives of the local communities whether it is Christian or not. That is heroic as it closely reflects the Ministry and Mandate of Christ Himself.

I wonder if any of you ever "played missionary" growing up? I doubt if many of you did. Next weekend we can all be missionaries for real as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Not only is there the special collection for the missions taken up for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, but we also can turn our thoughts to pray for the missions and perhaps even use the internet to find out more about our Catholic Missions and Missionaries. In doing so, the Missions and the tremendous work they do, move from being a mere child's fantasy to a greater reality.

God Bless!

Father O'Connor

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.



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.. **There is currently a promotion that the parish will receive a one-time gift of \$10 per subscription. Subscription cards are in the church today.**

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are available in the sacristy today for those who did not receive them in their mailing. In November we remember and pray for the souls of the dead, especially our family members, friends and fellow parishioners. Feel free to take an envelope and fill in the names of your beloved dead whom you wish to have prayers offered during November. Return the envelope with your offering in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. All Souls' Day is Tuesday, November 2nd.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been **206 pledges made totaling \$68,393.** 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 and we will deliver it to the Appeal Office. No pledge is too small. Together "We Are The Church!"

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of October 10th amounted to \$7,133 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.



SHARE WITH THE HOMELESS THIS “SOCK-



TOBER!” - During October, the Social Justice Ministry is 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.

2022 MASS BOOK. The Mass Book for the next calendar year is now open. The opportunity to pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of a loved one or other prayerful intention is made available each day with announced Mass offerings. You may choose to commemorate a death anniversary, wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance or simply pray in thanksgiving.



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BLOOD DRIVE TAKES PLACE TODAY - 8:30AM-



2:30PM. - Oak Room. Please give someone a call this morning so that they can come to the Oak Room today before 2:30PM and help impact three lives with one donation. If they come out, 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!

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PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will take place today at the 11:00AM Mass. A light reception in the Gathering Space to follow. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS: CLASSIC MOVIES



WITH HEAVENLY THEMES - Come out today at 3:00PM, to the Rectory Basement, to spend time with the saints as they are depicted in popular movies from both large Hollywood productions to small independent films. A short discussion of the movie will follow. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments. This presentation today is *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, the 1972 film directed by Franco Zeffirelli about the life of Francis of Assisi.

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The next meeting of the **PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY** will take place this Monday 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.

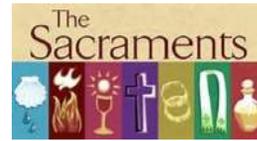


WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday.



Please assist the mission Churches throughout the world with your prayers and generosity. Support infant Church Communities around the world. Help introduce others to Jesus Christ.

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 throughout this coming year. The next of the remaining four sessions—“The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist” takes place Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on January 26th, February 23rd, and May 18th - all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement..



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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY of St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of the Snows is sponsoring a five-week Bereavement Support Group for adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is intended for anyone who has not previously attended a Bereavement Support Program. The sessions will be on Saturdays, 10:00-11:30AM, in St. Gregory’s Rectory Basement meeting room (242-20 88th Avenue, south service road of the Cross Island Parkway). The dates are: October 30th, November 13th, December 4th, 11th and January 8th. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Please note: you must call to register for this program prior to attending. We are unable to accept walk-ins. For any question and to register, please call the Parish Office 718-347-3707.

ALL SOULS’ DAY BEYOND THE GRAVE REMEMBRANCE MASS will take place Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:30PM, in the church. Join for evening Mass as we commemorate all the faithful departed, especially those who were buried from our church this past year. As St Ambrose reminds us: “We have loved them dearly during life; let us not abandon them until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.”



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VIRTUS TRAINING. All those who are ministering to children within the parish and academy communities are required to be Virtus trained. Training at St. Gregory’s will take place on *Wednesday, October 27th and Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00PM.*, in the Oak Room. All participants must pre-register at virtusonline.org.



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RENAISSANCE ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE -

The Renaissance Group will sponsor its Annual Clothing Drive on Saturday, November 6th, from 10:00AM-12:00Noon, in the church's main parking lot. A St. Vincent De Paul Society truck will be parked in the lot ready to accept your donations of clothing items, shoes, sheets, towels, blankets (all items clean and in good useable condition). Please note that donations will only be accepted on that date. Please tell your neighbors and friends! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office .

PARISH MISSION 2021 - NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH -

You and your loved ones are invited to a special opportunity this November: A Mission offered by Fr. Jerry Fitzsimmons and the Monfort Missionary Team. It's a week of Spiritual Renewal focusing Love, Happiness, Forgiveness, and our Shared Baptismal Calling. Monday through Thursday: Mission Mass at 9:00AM and Mission Hour at 7:30PM. Suggest to a friend to share in this unique chance for renewal particularly after all that we have been through over the past 18 months. Prayer cards are by the back of the church. Please pray for the success of our Parish Mission 2021.



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 that have special needs. It will be offered on the first Sunday of the month at the 12:30PM Mass, followed by Hospitality in the Oak Room. The next date for the Mass will be November 7th. An American Sign Language interpreter will sign the Mass. We welcome all individuals and families with children and adults that have 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!

REMEMBER: The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every week at St. Gregory's. **Confessions** are heard every Saturday at 1PM and by calling the Parish Office for an appointment. Don't neglect God's Gift of **Reconciliation**. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!"



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting to take place on Monday, November 15th, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement, is *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. (Please note change of date.)

ADVENT SALE - In preparation for Advent there will be a special table in the Gathering Space on the weekend of November 20th/21st with Advent religious articles for purchase including Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles, etc. We will also have prayer books and novenas, statues and CD's with Catholic classic hymns which many enjoy. Some items will make for ideal Christmas gifts. Sponsored by the Liturgy Committee.



MAKE SOME TIME TO THANK GOD. Mark your calendars now and join us November 24th, Thanksgiving Eve at the 7:30PM Mass or to begin Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 25th, at the 9:00AM Mass.



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.



KARAOKE FOR A CURE will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, from 7:00-11:00PM, at St. Anne's Council 2429, located at 263-15 Union Tpke., Glen Oaks. Tickets are \$15 per person, which include food, snacks, coffee, dessert and a chance for a Door Prize. There will be a Cash Bar. You can sign up to sing or just listen. Raffle tickets and 50/50 will be available for purchase. Non-perishable food items for the local food pantry would be greatly appreciated. Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test with 72 hours of event is required. For more information, please call Cecilia at 917-561-8698.

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