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

Week of October 31, 2021
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH MISSION 2021

NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH

**Monday through Thursday:
Mission Mass at 9:00AM
Mission Hour at 7:30PM, in Church**

**Presented by Fr. Fr. Jerry Fitzsimmons
and the Monfort Missionary Team**

All are invited to attend.

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.



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.



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.

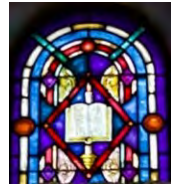


CHRISTIAN INITIATION - Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish and available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who 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?*



REMEMBER: The Sacrament of **Penance** is celebrated every week at St. Gregory's. **Confessions** are heard every Saturday at 1:00PM 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!"



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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of October 31, 2021

SUNDAY

RCIA 12:30PM Green Room

MONDAY

ROSARY SOCIETY 7:30PM Oak Room

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 12:00-3:00PM Green Room

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

BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE MASS 7:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY

ADULT CHOIR 7:30PM 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of October 31, 2021

SUN.OCT.31ST

8AM Elizabeth Quinn

9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society

11AM Joseph O'Doherty, Souza & John Family

12:30PM Loretta Callan

5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. NOV. 1ST

9AM Ruth & James Kane

TUES. NOV. 2ND

9AM Adele Schaefer

WED. NOV. 3RD

9AM Edy & Rodolfo Dayao

THURS. NOV. 4TH

9AM John A. Barrett Sr. (Anniv. Rem.)

FRI. NOV. 5TH

9AM Timothy Geraghty

SAT. NOV. 6TH

9AM Msgr. Gerard Arella, Himaya, Maximo Bas, Junric Quijano, Susan & Robert McGuckain

5PM Joseph Horne (10th Anniv.Rem.)



THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of October 31st have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Horne, requested by Carolyn Horne.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES burning throughout the week of October 31st have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Horne, requested by Carolyn Horne.



THE FLOWERS THAT ADORN OUR ALTAR throughout the week of October 31st have been donated in loving memory of Joseph Horne, requested by Carolyn Horne.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Mary DiMambro, Aramas Family, Janet Littlefield, Joan Devaney, Lori Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

FIRST FRIDAY is November 5th. There will be an Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:00AM Mass. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction at 10:30AM. All are welcomed to prayer.



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THE PASTOR'S DESK

10/31/2021

1937 – November 7 – 2021

The parish of St. Gregory the Great, Bellerose was established in 1936. Father William J. McLaughlin was installed as the first pastor.

The cornerstone of the church was blessed on March 7, 1937, by Monsignor Maurice Fitzgerald, Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Church in Brooklyn. The church was completed in 1937 and was solemnly dedicated Sunday, November 7, 1937, by Bishop Thomas E. Molloy.

These first words of our parish history only begin to tell Our Story as St. Gregory's Church. So much has happened in the 84 years since its dedication and 85 years since its founding. So much is contained in the story because we are all a page in the large tome of St. Gregory's Parish. We have been and continue to be the Broken and Imperfect Presence of Christ in Bellerose, Floral Park and Queens Village.

Over the years the church building has been re-oriented from east to west but the faith of the People Worshiping here has never lost its direction, purpose or meaning. While rarely celebrated by Parish Communities, the Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church is one of the more important observances on a Parish Calendar. Why is it so important? Because the Church sees and understands the Dedication of a Church and its anniversary as a feast of Christ Himself. Jesus Christ is the Church! The Church is the Body of Christ. Jesus is the Head of the Church and We are Members of His Body.

The Parish Mission, beginning next week, is only a scheduling coincidence; but what a happy one! Fr. Fitzimons, whom you met earlier in the month, is not only a gifted speaker but he definitely "has a clue about things." I'm sure his insights will be beneficial for you and your family and friends that you invite to Parish Mission 2021!

For almost two millennia now, groups of Christians, Local Churches, have gathered, recalled the Lord's Supper, and His Life-giving Passion, Death and Resurrection. It happens here as well: Sunday after Sunday, day after day, for the past 84 years.

When you come to Mass next week take a closer look around. After 84 years you'll notice that our church needs some work (and we will soon get to that) but still is so warm, welcoming, and beautiful. When you look around next weekend, you'll notice others, some new faces (like mine) and some faces recognized for years. We are the Church of St. Gregory the Great and while we all need some work too, we are warm, welcoming, and beautiful in God's eyes!

Please actively extend an invitation to a friend or neighbor to the Parish Mission beginning next weekend.
God Bless!

Father O'Connor

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.

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.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been **216 pledges made totaling \$73,393**. So we are just at 54% 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**. Please help us close the \$23,000 gap to our goal. 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 directly to the Appeal Office. No pledge is too small. Together "We Are The Church!"

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of October 24th amounted to \$5,603 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.



SHARE WITH THE HOMELESS THIS "SOCK-TOBER!" Next Sunday, November 7th, is the last opportunity to bring 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. After next Sunday the socks will be given out for distribution. Thank you for everyone's generosity.



REMINDER: Clocks fall back one hour next Sunday as we conclude daylight savings time. Please take a moment to remind someone else.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - Monday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints. The Mass will be at 9:00AM. While there is no obligation to attend Mass when the Holy Day falls on a Monday, you are still invited to attend Mass as we honor all God's Holy Ones throughout the ages!



ROSARY SOCIETY will meet this Monday at 7:30PM, in the Church, for a special remembrance of those deceased members who died last year. A general meeting will follow in the Oak Room with refreshments. Dues for 2021, if not yet paid, will be collected. Please bring an item for the food pantry.

Christmas Party - We are happy to announce that we will once again celebrate the Christmas season as a group on Monday, December 6th, at 7:00PM at Olivetto's Restaurant in Franklin Square. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes pasta, salad, choice of entrée and dessert. Reservations will be taken at the November meeting or by contacting Lydia at Pastorimc@aol.com.

ALL SOULS' DAY BEYOND THE GRAVE REMEMBRANCE MASS will take place this 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."



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.



**FOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER DONATIONS**

COLLECTED IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Items Needed: canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, spaghetti, tomato sauce, boxed stuffing and gravy mixes, cake mix, brownie mix, muffin and bread mixes, hot and cold cereals, coffee, tea, hot chocolate mix and boxed milk.

Money/Gift Card donations will be used for buying turkeys, ham, etc.

PLEASE NO OUTDATED FOOD

If you are in need of food, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message for Sr. Pat Anglin.

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 on Love, Happiness, Forgiveness, and our Shared

Baptismal Calling. Monday through Thursday: Mission Mass at 9:00AM and Mission Hour at 7:30PM, in Church. 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 with special needs. It will be offered

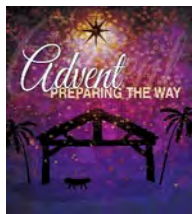
on the first Sunday of the month at the 12:30PM parish Mass followed by Hospitality in the Oak Room. An American Sign Language interpreter will sign the Mass. The next celebration is next Sunday, November 7th, at 12:30PM. We welcome all individuals and families with children and adults with special needs 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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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 **November 10th at 7:00PM**, in the Oak Room. All participants must pre-register at virtusonline.org.



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.



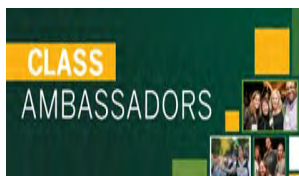
An Afternoon with Jesus on the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: 4:00PM Adoration and Vespers - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Sunday, November 21st. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00PM with Quiet Prayer and Solemn Vespers concluding with benediction. Please join fellow parishioners and friends to honor Jesus Christ the King.



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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY of St. Gregory & 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. The remaining dates are: 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 questions and to register, please 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 3PM in the Rectory Basement Conference Room and will conclude with a short discussion. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments. Next Presentation is November 14: *Therese* the 2004 film directed by Leonardo DeFilippis about the life of Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Duration: 96 minutes.

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).

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

