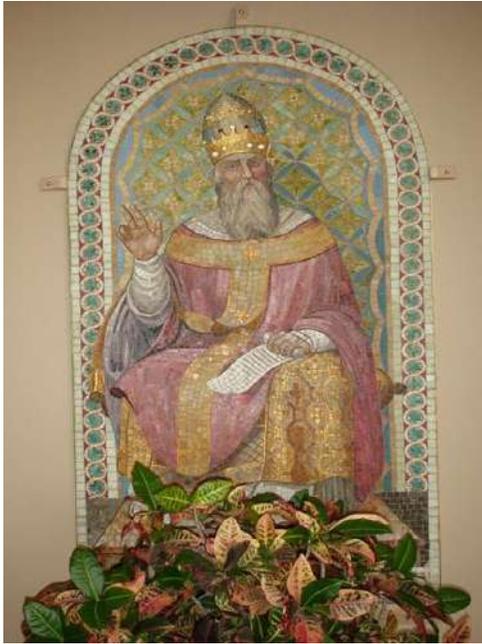


CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of October 3, 2021
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Respect
Life
Sunday**



St. Gregory's
celebrates today:

Mass for Individuals with Special Needs &
their Families at 12:30PM, in Church,
followed by Hospitality in the Oak Room.

Blessing of Expectant Parents at
5:15PM Mass in 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
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 Belerose/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 reawaken 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

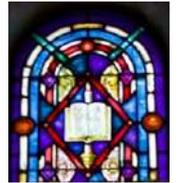
FAITH FORMATION CLASSES begin this Sunday. If you have not registered your child, please call the Faith Formation Office at 718-347-0525. All new registrations must be done in person.



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?*



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of October 3, 2021

SUNDAY

MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS & THEIR FAMILIES 12:30PM Church followed by Hospitality in Oak Room

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS 5:15PM Mass

MONDAY

BLESSING OF ANIMALS 4:00PM In front of Church

ROSARY SOCIETY 7:30PM Church/Oak Room

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 Church

CHAMBER SINGERS 9:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled

THURSDAY

QIGONG 6:30PM Oak Room

MARIAN EVENING - ROSARY CELEBRATION 7:30PM Church

FRIDAY

No events scheduled

SATURDAY

SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space

PENANCE 1:00PM Church

PARISH MISSION 2021 - NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH - Join with Father Jerry Fitzsimmons in 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. Invite a friend to share in this unique chance for renewal particularly after all that we have been through over the past 18 months. Fr. Jerry will preach at all the Masses next weekend, October 9th & 10th. Prayer cards are by the back of the church. Please pray for the success of our Parish Mission 2021.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of October 3, 2021

SUN. OCT. 3RD

8AM

James & Bridget Murphy

9:15AM

Members of the Purgatorial Society

11AM

Marie Brandt(2), Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sneeby Family

12:30PM

Gary Gunning

5:15PM

All the People of the Parish

MON. OCT. 4TH

9AM

Joseph O'Doherty

TUES. OCT. 5TH

9AM

Robert Melville

WED. OCT. 6TH

9AM

Mary K. Carroll (7th Anniv. Rem.)

THURS. OCT. 7TH

9AM

Barbara Mullins

FRI. OCT. 8TH

9AM

Guillermo Martinez

SAT. OCT. 9TH

9AM

Vincent DeLaFuente

5PM

Vincent Cremona

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, November 7th - 11AM Mass

Sunday, November 14th - 11AM 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

Sunday, December 26th - 8AM Mass

Friday, December 31st - 9AM Mass

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK

Janet Littlefield, Joan Devaney,
Michael Gonzalez, Anne Previdi,
Lori Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Lawrence Reade



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PASTOR'S DESK

10/3/2021

Holy Gifts to the Holy People of God!

Be diligent in bringing the Body of the Lord to those who are unable to join in this Celebration. Help them recall that they are members of the Body of Christ.

"Holy Gifts to the Holy People of God!" With these words the deacons of the ancient Church were sent from the Altar at the end of the Sunday Celebration to bring the Holy Eucharist to those who were not able to attend Holy Mass. Wherever The Lord's Supper was celebrated - whether in countryside or cave, upper room or catacomb - those who could not be there were not forgotten. Remember, the early Christians did not have a church on every corner. In fact, before the year 313 there were no churches at all, so the Celebration of the Eucharist was very limited indeed. We have come a long way.

Despite the strides that the Church has made and the frequency of Holy Mass today, especially in the New York area, there are still some who cannot participate. The majority of these people are those of advanced age and those having various illnesses and impediments. The Church is still united with these individuals through prayer and parish concern. We are also in communion with them when the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring them the Holy Eucharist from the same Altar from which we receive.

To heighten this important connection (and you might have noticed it already), those bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners are being sent out immediately after we all receive the Body of Our Lord. They are dispatched, as it were, on a "Mission on Our Behalf; a mission to strengthen the bond that those unable to partake of Holy Communion still have with the rest of us.

My visits over the years to those who are unable to come to Holy Mass have enlightened me regarding how much these individuals miss the Church. They certainly miss their friends here and a way of life that they can no longer manage, but they also miss Jesus and the chance to receive Him in Holy Communion. Even if they are lucky enough to watch the Mass on TV it is still not the same. These individuals are spiritual giants, many of whom spend much of their day in prayer. Often you and I are the unknowing recipients as they storm the heavens with their prayers and sacrifices. You may ask why do they pray for us when we have never met? They pray for us simply because we are from St. Gregory's.

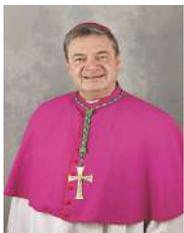
If you have a family member who cannot come to Holy Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please notify the Parish Office. If you happen to meet any of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on their mission simply thank them for their service and bow your head as you would before you yourself would receive the Holy Eucharist.

"Holy Gifts to the Holy People of God!" The next time you hear those words at Mass be mindful that God doesn't always remain in the tabernacle. Yes, for those who came to Him so frequently and devoutly through the years, He now has the opportunity to go to them.

God Bless!

Father O'Connor

NEW BISHOP NAMED FOR THE BROOKLYN DIOCESE



Pope Francis has named the **Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan** as the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Bishop Brennan was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1989 and an Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre in 2012. He has been the Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, since 2019.

Bishop DiMarzio will be retiring as of November.

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2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been **190 pledges made totaling \$64,607**. 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 September 26th amounted to \$665 for Summer Recovery and \$7,071 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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS on ST FRANCIS' FEAST DAY will take place tomorrow, October 4th, at 4:00PM in front of the main entrance to the church on 88th Avenue.

ROSARY SOCIETY will once again be meeting, starting on Monday, October 4th, at 7:30PM in the Church, with our rededication and recitation of the Rosary. We will follow with a socially responsible meeting in the Oak Room. After the meeting, we will have our traditional "Ice Cream Social". Please bring a non-perishable item for Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry. We hope to see many of our members as well as any new ladies who would be interested in joining this group that dedicates themselves to Our Blessed Virgin Mary.



ROSARY CELEBRATION - This Thursday, October 7th, is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.



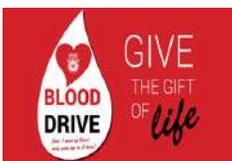
Join us at 7:30PM that evening as we honor Our Lady and celebrate the prayer of the Church that has been prayed for centuries.

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 *Apeirogen* 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 after the 30th, 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.

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.



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.

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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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, Thursday, November 25th, at the 9:00AM Mass.



THE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT ADULT CHOIR will meet for rehearsal on Tuesday, October 5th, 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, at the Parish Office or email bart@saintgregorythegreat.com,

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.

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, beginning today, October 3rd, 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 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!



BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN EIGHTH BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

Bishop Robert J. Brennan was born on June 7, 1962, to Robert and Patricia Brennan, in the Bronx. The oldest of five children, Bishop Brennan has two brothers and two sisters, 14 nieces and nephews and three great-nephews and a niece.

He was raised in Lindenhurst, New York, where his parents still reside. Bishop Brennan attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School in Lindenhurst and St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, in West Islip. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and computer science from St. John's University, Queens, New York.

Bishop Brennan studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York, and was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, on May 27, 1989, by Bishop John McGann and was first assigned to the Church of St. Patrick in Smithtown. In 1994, he was appointed Secretary to the Bishop, working in this capacity for three bishops: the late Bishop John McGann, the late Bishop James McHugh and Bishop William Murphy. He resided at St. Agnes Cathedral and served at this parish during those years.

In 2002, he was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. In 2010, he was appointed Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach.

On July 25, 2012, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, leaving his position as Pastor in Long Beach. He then resided in the parish of Our Lady of Peace in Lynbrook.

Bishop Brennan's strength lies in parish pastoral activity. Even while in diocesan work, he has been afforded the opportunity to engage in many elements of parish life, in the parishes where he resides as well as in a variety of parish settings. This work has included catechetical ministry, Catholic schools, pastoral care for the sick and youth ministry.

While at the Cathedral Parish of St. Agnes, Bishop Brennan came to know the Latino community in the parish and began to study Spanish. He says this opened new doors in parish ministry and has given him the chance to come to know and love the Latino community on Long Island. A particular focus of his episcopal ministry has been in service to this community of some 400,000 Catholics. He speaks of the vibrance of their faith as a source of inspiration.

While at Rockville Centre, Bishop Brennan has served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Health Services as well as various diocesan boards and committees. He has served as Chaplain for the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Nassau County. He serves on the Board for the Institute for Catholic Schools at his alma mater, St. John's. He served in several capacities on the Catholic Faith Network including serving as one of the co-hosts of the award-winning program Insight.

With the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Brennan served as a member of the Committee for Catholic Education, the Administrative Committee and the Priorities and Plans Committee.