

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

Week of November 14, 2021
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with
Heavenly Themes*



Therese
The Life of Therese of Lisieux,
the Little Flower.

at 3:00PM
Rectory Basement

A short discussion will follow the film.
Please feel free to bring your own refreshments.

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 anyone else needing to stay 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.



CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT ceremony for the class of 2022 will take place at the 9:15AM Mass Sunday, November 21st. All Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors will be present and seated in the front pews of the church. All these young men and women are enrolled in our parish Confirmation program. Please support them. Prayer cards with each candidate's name will be in the back of the church. Please take a prayer card and pray for the candidate throughout their preparation for Confirmation.

Confirmation Commitment



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!"



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of November 14, 2021

SUNDAY

RCIA 12:30PM Green Room

SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS 3:00PM Oak Room

MONDAY

ARISE 4:00-5:30PM Gathering Space

BOOK CLUB 7:00PM Rectory Basement

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 7:30PM Oak Room

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church

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

ARISE 1:00-2:30PM Gathering Space

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

BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

ADULT CHOIR 7:30PM Church

CONFIRMATION MEETING 7:30PM Zoom

CHAMBER SINGERS 9:00PM Church

WEDNESDAY

FOLK GROUP 7:15PM Church

THURSDAY

QIGONG 6:30PM Oak Room

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 November 14th have been donated in loving memory of Margaret Ann Nicoll, requested by the Nicoll Family.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES burning throughout the week of November 14th have been donated in loving memory of Joseph, Maryann, Antonia, Nazzareno & Josephine Buttigieg and Angelo, Jane & Michael Tabone, requested by Monica Tabone.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of November 14, 2021

SUN. NOV. 14TH

8AM

Mary Hughes

9:15AM

Members of the Purgatorial Society

11AM

Matilda Ammendolea, Marianne Grossi (Anniv. Rem.) Dominick & Moon Cheng

12:30PM

Mario Palumbo

5:15PM

All the People of the Parish

MON. NOV. 15TH

9AM

Deceased members Dayao-Gaspar Families

TUES. NOV. 16TH

9AM

Edmund Egan (Anniv. Rem.)

WED. NOV. 17TH

9AM

Paul Stemmler

THURS. NOV. 18TH

9AM

Efren Gener

FRI. NOV. 19TH

9AM

Louise & Xavier Ardini

SAT. NOV. 20TH

9AM

Mary K. Carroll

5PM

Joyce Bowe

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

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

FOR THE DECEASED

THE FLOWERS THAT ADORN OUR ALTAR

throughout the week of November 14th have been donated in loving memory of Joseph, Maryann, Antonia, Nazzareno & Josephine Buttigieg and Angelo, Jane & Michael Tabone, requested by Monica Tabone.



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THE PASTOR'S DESK

11/14/2021

What a Week of Blessings! It began last Sunday as we recalled the Dedication of this Church that we all hold so dear. Then there was without a doubt a wonderful special spirit filling the parish this past week. Certainly, through the grace of God and the assistance of Fr. Jerry and the Missionary Team there was a tangible joy, peacefulness and challenge. But there was also the support that we gave each other throughout the week. Even Mother Nature smiled upon us with the extraordinary weather we had! Oh, so beautiful!

But this Sunday begins a new week! Where do we go from here? How can we all share in the call to inward conversion that is vital to the life of each and every Christian? Usually, when I feel a bit challenged for answers on such profound questions, I usually look to the Church's Liturgy and three upcoming days are a perfect place to start.

Next Sunday is the Last Sunday of the Church Year and the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. If I'm serious about any inner conversion, I have to first honestly recognize that I am in need of improvement. I am not the King! Jesus is! And while the divide between me and God is ungraspable, so is His closeness to be in the Incarnation of His Son. Jesus is close to me precisely to help me change! Make a point to spend some time with Him next Sunday afternoon as He whispers and guides you in the silence.

While Thanksgiving Day is a US holiday so many of us will partly celebrate it around the Altar where we offer our greatest gift of Thanksgiving: The Eucharist. I think it would be hard to change if I was not aware or appreciative of all the blessings that are around me; not only on a given day but also throughout the growing years of my life. The goal is to change to be more like Christ. Just as the bread becomes His Body at Mass, so I strive to be more like Him when I am aware and grateful of His Presence.

The last day to reflect on or should I say the first, is the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent Season begins not only the new Church Year but it also allows us to reflect once again on the Mystery of the Person of Jesus as I change throughout my life. The challenge is what do I do with this annual opportunity? Am I a little wiser to gain a new insight or two into the vital calling that we all share: conversion of heart or more simply inner change? I sure hope so!

Thank You, Father Jerry!

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 for whom you wish to have prayers offered during November. Return the envelope with your offering in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of November 7th amounted to \$9,741 for the parish. Thank you very much for your generosity.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been 222 **pledges made totaling**

\$74,538. So we are just at 55% 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!"

LEFTOVER DECORATIONS. Now that Halloween is over you may be wondering what to do with your holiday decorations. At the church we have begun our harvest decorating and we will gladly accept your pumpkins, corn stalks, gourds, etc. that are still in good shape. Feel free to drop your decorations at the Parish Office during the week.



Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with

Heavenly Themes. Come out this Sunday afternoon, at 3:00PM in the Rectory Basement, for the showing of *Therese*, the 2004 film directed by Leonardo DeFillipis, about the life of Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Duration: 96 minutes. A short discussion will follow the film. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting that will take place on Monday, November 15th, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement, is *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The selection for the December 13th meeting is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

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 CDs 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.



MARRIAGE

**RYAN LICCIARDELLO
And
MARIA MARTORI
November 13, 2021**



FOOD DRIVE

FOOD DRIVE ENDS NOV. 20TH

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.

THANKSGIVING LITURGIES will take place



Wednesday, November 24th, at 7:30PM and Thursday, November 25th at 9:00AM. Let us come together as a parish family and give thanks for God's bounty shared among all of us. Each family is

asked to bring one food item to be blessed and returned to your table at home. Each family will receive a decorative placemat containing prayers to be offered before the Thanksgiving meal. Come join us in our greatest expression of Thanksgiving, the Eucharist.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY is happy to announce that it will again have its **SCRIPS** (gift cards) fundraiser. Ordering your gift cards through St. Gregory's will save you time and benefit the School. All orders are due by December 6th, to insure that cards are received in plenty of time for Christmas. Forms are available in the Gathering Space and at the School. Orders can be dropped off at the Parish Office and School....Also...

SWEATSHIRT FUNDRAISER SALE! Support the school while getting your child or family member a great sweatshirt. This hooded green sweatshirt has been approved as a part of the official uniform. The cost of each sweatshirt is \$35. Order forms are available at School Office and in the Gathering Space.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS may be picked up in the sacristy or at the Parish Office. Please make sure your name is crossed off the list when you get your workbook. The new Church Year begins on Saturday evening, November 27th. Thank you for your ministry.



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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: 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.

Our Lady of Snows is offering a monthly support group for newly bereaved on the first Tuesday of each month. The group meets in the Parish Office Meeting Room on 259th Street, between Union Tpk. and 80th Avenue.

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM SALE -Nov 27th &



28th - Samer Awwad; a representative from a nonprofit organization called Land of Peace, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes,

religious artwork, and rosaries - all made of olive wood, which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly declined Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been severely affected. The goal of this mission is to build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. The sale will be in the Gathering Space after all the Masses.

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.

Class up to the Class of 2010.

ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER & PRAISE!:



Wednesday, December 1st, at 7:30PM, in the Church.. You are invited to join with our ministers and the entire parish family, as we are lead in prayer, praise and meditation on *Preparing our*

hearts to hear the voice of one calling, prepare the way of the Lord by Rev. Alonzo Cox, Pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Crown Heights. Join us as we prayerfully prepare for His Birth.

CHRIST OF THE CAROLS - Monday Evening



December 6th at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Come and reflect on the importance of hymns and some theological aspects of some favorite Christmas Carols. O

Come, O Come, Emanuel and a wide selection of Christmas carols will explain not only the Incarnation but beyond Bethlehem. O Come, O Come and join us on Monday, December 6th.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY presents: "Bluegrass and Religion", an exploration of gospel songs in Bluegrass and how they change when performed by pop artists. Presented by Dr. Peter Ward on Tuesday, November 16th, 7:00-8:30PM in St. Thomas More Church at St. John's. To join online, go to www.stjohns.edu/church.



JOIN GIRL SCOUTS - It is time for fun with friends and new adventures - STEM - LIFE SKILLS - OUTDOORS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP. Make a difference.

There are opening for adult volunteers. It is rewarding to work with the young ladies and help them develop courage, confidence and character. Training and support are available for our adult volunteers. Registration is only \$25 for girls and adults. For more information, please contact Mary Ann at girlscout9103@gmail.com. In-person and/or virtual meetings depending on the comfort level of members.

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.