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

Week of January 16, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**RESPECT LIFE MASS &
HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**



There will be a special mass this Friday, January 21, at 9AM which will be followed by a Holy Hour of Prayer before the Eucharistic Lord. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.
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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 in-doors by making a phone call or visit.



PARISHIONER CHECK-IN - Father O'Connor 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.

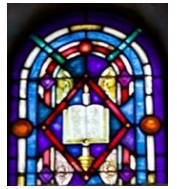


FAITH FORMATION

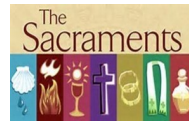
CHRISTIAN INITIATION - Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish and available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who have not yet received First Eucharist or Confirmation. If you have any questions or would like additional information, 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. The next sharing will take place on January 8th. 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?*



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 though out this coming year. The next of the five sessions—"The Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing" takes place Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30PM. Save the dates for future sessions on February 23, and May 18- all Wednesday Evenings at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.



CHURCH ENVELOPES - The new packet of church envelopes was recently mailed to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact the Parish Office. If you do not regularly receive envelopes, we encourage you to formally register in the parish as active parishioners and help support the parish throughout the year. Lastly, we kindly ask you to mark your offering amount on the front of the envelope each week. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of January 16, 2022

SUNDAY

HOSPITALITY After Masses Gathering Space
BAPTISM WELCOME 11:00AM Mass Church
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 12:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
SUNDAY WITH THE SAINTS 3:00PM Rectory Basement
AA OPEN 7:00PM Convent Basement

MONDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM Oak Room
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room

WEDNESDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 6:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
VIRTUS 7:00PM Oak Room
FEAST OF FAITH 7:30PM Rectory Basement

THURSDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
QIGONG 6:30PM Oak Room

FRIDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
AA STEP 7:00PM Convent Basement
AA CLOSED 8:30PM Convent Basement

SATURDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 9:00AM-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
SCRIPTURE SHARING 9:45AM Gathering Space
BAPTISM 12:00PM Church
PENANCE 1:00PM Church



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS The academy and parish office will be closed on Monday, Jan 17, in observance of Dr. King's Holiday. Emergency sick calls will be returned promptly. The church and

Eucharistic Chapel will close after the morning Mass.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 16, 2022

SUN. JAN. 16TH

8AM Vilama Jorge (L)
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Peter & Viola Vaicels,
Joseph O'Doherty, Miguel Torres
12:30PM Gasper DiPeri
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. JAN. 17TH

9AM Lillian Bearese

TUES. JAN. 18TH

9AM Librada Dayao

WED. JAN. 19TH

9AM William D'Souza (Anniv. Rem.)

THURS. JAN. 20TH

9AM Emma Van Buskirk (20th Anniv. Rem.)

FRI. JAN. 21ST

9AM Kate Bergeron

SAT. JAN. 22ND

9AM Raymond Colon
5PM Peter Pizzacarola (3rd Anniv. Rem.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Dan & Cathy Mulcahy, Edward Rennard,
Margaret Littlefield, Patrick O'Dea,
Bridget Ferguson, Irene Jordan,
Lori Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Gerard Hamil, Thomas P. Doonan,
Joan Devaney

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

2022. No need to wait! If you would like to have an Announced Mass offered for a loved one or for a Special Intention this month please contact the parish office with your request. The following dates are currently available:

Sunday, February 13 – 11AM Mass

Wednesday, February 16 – 9AM Mass

Saturday, February 19 – 5PM Mass

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

1/16/2022

I had the privilege of baptizing two cousins last weekend. It's always wonderful to administer the sacrament, but it was especially neat to do it at the beginning of the new year and on the Feast of the Lord's Own Baptism. There is definitely something special for them to remember.

The Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two will have many new and extraordinary events for ourselves, our families, and our parish. The possibilities are limitless if we join together and place our time, talent and treasure at the service of the Master. I know in my heart that the pandemic will finally be managed, and the fruits of yesterday's Synod Saturday will begin to come to fruition in our shared parish life. I wanted to point out a few remarkable things to look out for this year at St. Gregory's.

While Lent is later this year, it will have a robust program for everyone here at the parish. Our Lenten Series, *Led by the Spirit*, will build on the success of last year's inaugural series. I am currently finalizing plans for the Parish Mission in November. Father Jerry brought us tremendous graces last year and I hope we can build upon that this autumn.

In June the Festival will be returning in one form or another even if I have to play solitaire with a beer and a sausage and pepper sandwich in the school yard. We need the Festival. It's fundraising is important but being together is even more necessary for the life of St. Gregory's. You will be hearing more about it as the daylight becomes longer.

In September many parishioners will join in the Pilgrimage to Austria and Bavaria with the Oberammergau Passion Play. Part of the reward of traveling halfway around the world is the memories brought home after exploring a new culture with a rich history. Hopefully post pandemic we can make a thanksgiving offering to God like the people of the town did after being spared by the plague. But other benefits that will accompany returning travelers will be the friendship and bonds forged along the journey.

This is all exciting Stuff! I am so glad to be sharing it with all of you at St. Gregory's. Please never think it's silly to invite others to join us for Mass, parties, or other events at the parish. We definitely have something to offer them. And there is a tremendous need for Jesus.

God Bless!

Father O'Connor

ANNOUNCING ST. GREGORY'S MONTHLY 50/50

**50/50
RAFFLE**

RAFFLE. Are you feeling lucky as we look to the promise of a new year? The parish is beginning a monthly 50/50 Raffle for those who like the excitement of a game of chance! You will notice an extra envelope in your

packet each month marked for the 50/50. While it's not part of your weekly tithing, you can simply place \$5.00 in the envelope and throw it in the basket, or you may also return it directly to the Parish Office. Envelopes received after the last day of the month will be included in the next month's game. Extra 50/50 Raffle envelopes will be at the back of the church. Drawings will take place on the Wednesday following the First Sunday of the Month for the preceding month. So, this January's winner will be picked on Wednesday, February 9. Hopefully you will join in a little bit of FUN and a little bit of FUNdraising for our Parish Family.

COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of January 9th amounted to \$5,887 for the parish and \$500 for the Diocesan Missions. Thank you to all who donated to our Parish.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL continues at



St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been 243 **pledges made totaling \$85,265**. So we are just over 60% 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 \$11,000 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!"

CHRISTMAS PLANTS may be picked up by those who donated. The plants will be in the Gathering Space.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? How about spending some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each week? Adoration occurs every Tuesday and First Friday after morning Mass concluding with Benediction. *O Come, Let Us Adore Him!*



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY takes place today following all the morning Masses. Please join us in the Gathering Space and share in some breakfast items, coffee, tea and juices as well as each other's company. We thank the members of the Rosary Society for sponsoring our first Hospitality Sunday of the new year.



Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with Heavenly Themes - Join us this afternoon at 3:00PM, in the Rectory Basement Room for the presentation of *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, the 2018 film directed by Andrew Hyatt about the life of Paul of Tarsus. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments. We will conclude with a short discussion.

SYNOD SATURDAY: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parish Synod last Saturday. All responses will be gathered and synthesized under common themes. The results will be sent to our local deanery and, more importantly, to our Parish Pastoral Council where will review and plan how to implement the discussions.



ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE AND RESPECT LIFE MASS & HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE



This Friday, January 21, is the sad commemoration that abortion on demand is part of the law of our land. The parish will be sharing a bus with Our Lady of Victory to travel to the nation's capitol. Buses will be leaving that morning from Our Lady of Victory Parish in Floral Park. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Maureen Russell at 516-352-5400. If you are unable to make the trip, there will be a special mass this Friday at 9AM which will be followed by a Holy Hour of Prayer before the Eucharistic Lord. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us as we join in prayer for a greater respect of all life in our land from natural conception until natural death.



PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 22ND AT 11:00AM – GATHERING SPACE

The parish is seeking people who would like to help bring together ideas and put them together for the various times and seasons of the Church Liturgical Year as well as various Parish Celebrations. The Liturgy Committee will address themes, musical contributions, decorations and other aspects of our Liturgical Celebrations. Please contact Fr. O'Connor at the rectory to find out more information.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet next Tuesday, January 25th, at 12:00 Noon in the Green Room. New members are welcomed! Join us as we make shawls and lap robes for those in need of comfort, and to provide hope and healing to those who are most in need of a reminder of God's love for them. Prayer shawls and lap robes are available at no cost.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ART CONTEST -

The Family Life Committee is happy to announce this art contest in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.



The children in the parish will enjoy learning more and more about this important person in American history as they artistically bring to life this year's theme: "Martin Luther King had a dream for mankind. What's your dream?" This contest is open to children in the parish from kindergarten to ninth grade. Official poster paper and entry rules will soon be available at the Parish Office, Academy Office and Religious Education Office. Three fabulous prizes on different levels (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 grades) will be awarded. Look out for more details. Good luck to all the children in this year's contest!

RENAISSANCE LUNCHEON POSTPONED!

Due to the increase of COVID infections in our community, we are postponing the Renaissance Luncheon which had been scheduled for February 6th, to a later date which will be determined. We are returning the checks that have been submitted. We look forward to having our annual event before too long.

BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting that will take place via Zoom on Monday, February 21st, at 7:00PM is *The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson.

Lent is on the Horizon.



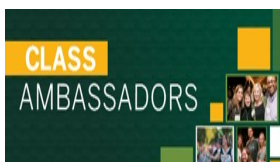
The holy season of Lent is just over a month away. Ash Wednesday is March 2: a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. Now is the time to reflect on your own personal penitential regime. Future bulletins will detail how Lent will be observed as a parish.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

RECENTLY ENGAGED? If you or someone you know was engaged over the holidays don't forget to contact the rectory once a wedding date is decided. Allow plenty of time for the preparations for the Sacrament of Marriage.



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 each graduating class from the Pioneer Class up to the Class of 2010.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY is grateful for its corporate sponsors. Our Walk-a-Thon was a huge success because of you! **THANK YOU!!!**

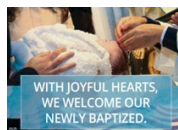
UNA Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - \$250
A & L Scientific Corporation - \$150
CMIT Solutions - \$75
Eastern Spine - \$75
Jillycious - \$75
National Financial Network - \$75
Orkin Pest Control - \$75
Rollin Greens - \$75
Technical Packaging Inc. - \$75

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!"



HAPPY Retirement
TRANSITION. It is with both sadness and joy that I inform you that **Mrs. Patricia McMenamin** has retired from the parish front office as she expects another grandchild next week. Pat or Patti has been a faithful member of St. Greg's and has exceptionally served three pastors in the front office. Her expertise has only been matched by her demeanor these past seventeen years. On behalf of Monsignors Cunningham and Ryan and all of you, I wish her the best as she and her husband, John, open another chapter in the wonderful story of their lives. Mrs. Lina M. Pichardo will take on the duties of Parish Secretary this week. Please welcome her as is the wonderful St. Gregory's Spirit.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY..... WELCOME TO THE CHURCH! St. Gregory's would like to welcome the newly baptized of December:
Charlotte Marianne Berry
Leo Edward Ginty
Rose Michelle Villacres



CALENDARS for 2022 are available for parishioners. They can be found by the doors of the church and we ask you to take one for your household. It has all the parish information on it. We thank Thomas F. Dalton's Funeral Home for the beautiful Catholic calendar this year.



SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP - All parents/guardians with children/adults with special needs or IEP's are invited to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 3rd, at 10:00AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Bayside. For further information, please contact Georgette Lyons at: shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com.

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.



Church Etiquette: As we move further into the winter months, the men of the parish are reminded that it has been centuries long tradition that they remove their hats upon entering church. Also kindly help the ushers to keep the church doors shut so the church will be warm for those worshipping at the next celebration. Thank You.

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