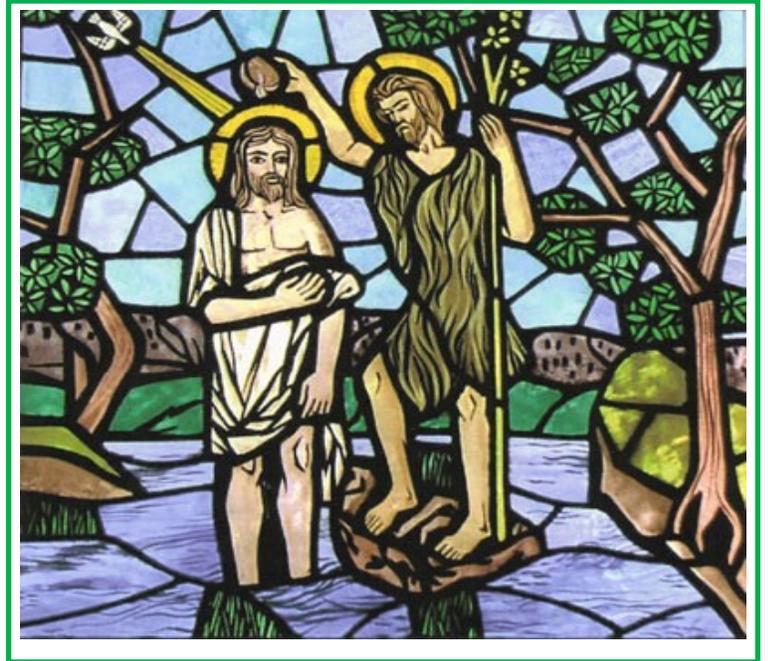

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT
242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of January 9, 2022
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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 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

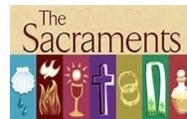
CHRISTIAN INITIATION - Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish and available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics who 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 9, 2022

SUNDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 12:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
RCIA 12:30PM Green Room
BAPTISM 2:00PM Church
AA OPEN 7:00PM Convent Basement

MONDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
BOOK CLUB 7:00PM Rectory Basement
SYNOD MEETING - Filipino Community 7:30PM Church

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 12:00Noon Green Room
STROKE LIFE SUPPORT 1:30PM Gathering Space
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
VIRTUS 7:00PM Oak Room

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
PENANCE 1:00PM Church



UPCOMING HOLIDAY - The Parish and Academy Offices will be closed Monday, January 17th, in observance of the holiday of Dr. King.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 9, 2022

SUN. JAN. 9TH

8AM John & Conrad DeLio
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Robert & Ann Hogg,
Emiliano Noblesala, Miguel Torres
12:30PM Jose De La Fuente
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. JAN. 10TH

9AM Pedro Changco Jr.

TUES. JAN. 11TH

9AM Tom & Helen Mulligan

WED. JAN. 12TH

9AM Barbara Hanley

THURS. JAN. 13TH

9AM Bernadette Ferguson (Birth. Rem.)

FRI. JAN. 14TH

9AM Catherine Lavin

SAT. JAN. 15TH

9AM Mary K. Carroll
5PM Marcella Navarro

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Edward Rennard, Patrick O'Dea,
Bridget Ferguson, Irene Jordan,
Anna Viola, Gerald Graff, Isabel Abreu,
Anne Previdi, Joan Devaney, Lori Ferrara,
Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Iris Diaz

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

1/9/2022

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus might seem a strange way to conclude the Christmas Season as He was about 30 years old when He was baptized and began His Public Ministry. The Purpose of His Birth, however, was to carry out that Ministry and ultimately die and rise for us.

As the Parish of St. Gregory, we, too, share in that Purpose and Ministry. It is beneficial to reflect on that periodically. That is the thrust of this Saturday's Synod.

The Synod, which was called by Pope Francis, will meet in the Fall of 2023, but the work from parishes around the world has already begun. Besides how our deliberations will be beneficial here at St. Gregory's, our feedback and suggestions will be gathered first with those of our local deanery and then the diocese. After that phase, each diocese will send to the National Bishops' Conference (for us in the USA, in Washington), which will create a larger document from the diverse responses from Catholics all over. Finally, the various Bishops' Conferences throughout the world will send information to Rome to be discussed in October of 2023.

That sounds like a long and arduous journey, and it is. But remember that it starts with you! It starts this Saturday in the Oak Room.

Our discussions will be framed by these seven questions.

1. *If Jesus were here today, what words would he give us to direct our future?*
2. *Why do you think the universal Catholic Church exists?*
3. *What makes our parish unique and special?*
4. *What do I as a member of St. Gregory's expect of my parish?*
5. *How should we reach out to the broader community from our parish?*
6. *What do our demographics suggest that we do for the future?*
- 7.

WORSHIP

PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY

SERVICE

TEACHING

Which of these five essential elements above do we need to focus on AND WHY?

I am grateful for this time with you this Saturday. In addition to helping Our Holy Father and the Universal Church with next year's synod, it gives me the opportunity to hear from you and listen to your concerns. Unfortunately, to be overly safe we will not have food at our conclusion and so we will be before noon.

Merry Christmas! I look forward to seeing you this Saturday at the 9AM Mass!

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 FUNraising for our Parish Family.

COLLECTIONS - Below is a listing of previous Sunday collections and special collections:

Religious Retirement -	\$ 1,081
Catholic Charities -	\$ 1,087
Christmas Flowers -	\$ 2,636
Christmas Day -	\$ 9,750
December 26th -	\$ 8,341
Christmas Gift -	\$26,910
New Year's Eve -	\$ 2,313
January 2nd -	\$ 9,773

Thank you to all who so generously donated to our Parish.

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!*



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.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting that will take place on Monday, January 10th, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement, is *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali.

The meeting of the **PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY** that was to take place this Tuesday needs to be rescheduled. Members will be notified through email.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet this Tuesday, January 11th, at 12:00Noon 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.

SYNOD SATURDAY: January 15th. In preparation for the General meeting on Saturday, January 15th, Father O'Connor will be meeting with members of the **Filipino Community at 7:30PM on Monday, January 10th.** The meeting will be held in the church and last one hour. Please spread the word. If you have any questions, please call Fr.



O'Connor at the Parish Office. Don't be left out! Remember the General Meeting of the entire Parish will be January 15th, Synod Saturday, beginning with the 9:00AM Mass.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will take place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21st. 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. Seats are allotted on a first come first served basis.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY takes place next Sunday 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. Hospitality Sundays take place each month letting the unity shared around the Altar flow into our solidarity as the Family of St. Gregory's.



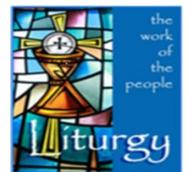
Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with Heavenly Themes - Come out on a



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 Sundays at 3:00PM, in the Rectory Basement Room and will conclude with a short discussion. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments. The next presentation is January 16th: **Paul, Apostle of Christ** (99 minutes) the 2018 film directed by Andrew Hyatt about the life of Paul of Tarsus.

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 (718.347.3707) to find out more information.



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!

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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.

HOLD THE DATE! - Make new friends and have more fun in 2022! **The Renaissance Group** invites all adults to join us at our annual luncheon at Villa D'Este on Sunday, February 6th following the 12:30 Mass. For \$48.00 per person you will have a champagne punch toast, salad, pasta and your choice of one entrée from a selection of five. A vegetable, soda, coffee or tea, and dessert are also included. A cash bar will be available. Please RSVP and pay either Pat Tweedy (516-354-4736) or Marion Tannuzzo (516-358-4102) by January 30th.

You're Invited!

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 Tuesday, January 11th 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.



BULLETIN ADVERTISERS. We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at (631) 249-4994.

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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 the 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!"



I am
You are
We are
the CHURCH
together

