

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

Week of January 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

Wednesday February 2nd
9:00AM Mass

~~~~~

**FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE**  
**BLESSING OF THROATS**

**Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:00AM Mass**

**Please Read Bulletin for details**

*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](http://saintgregorythegreat.com)  
Parish Email: [stgregoffice@aol.com](mailto:stgregoffice@aol.com)  
**Miss Jennifer Kalin**, Parish Receptionist  
**Mrs. Lina Pichardo**, 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](http://sgtgea.org)  
**Ms. Lynn Alaimo**, Principal  
**Mrs. Catherine McMahon**, 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.



 **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 9:45-10:45 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. Saturdays mornings at 9:45. *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 through out this coming year. The next of the five sessions—"The Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders" takes place Wednesday, February 23 at 7:30PM. Save the date for future session on May 18- Wednesday Evening 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.



**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.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Week of January 23, 2022**

**SUNDAY**

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

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

**ADORATION** 9:30AM Church  
**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** 12:30PM Green Room  
**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

**THURSDAY**

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

**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

**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  
Saturday, February 19 – 5PM Mass  
Sunday, February 20 – 8AM Mass, 11AM Mass, 12:30PM Mass  
Sunday, February 27– 11AM Mass, 12:30PM Mass

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Week of January 23, 2022**

**SUN. JAN. 23<sup>RD</sup>**

8AM Daniel J. Smith  
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society  
11AM Josefina Perez, Catalina DelaTorre & Norma Duenas & Ruben Magale, Anne & Bob Hall, Deceased & Living Members of the Foley, Leabo & Mazza Families  
12:30PM Arthur Bingay (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Rem.)  
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

**MON. JAN. 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Rosario Macatangay

**TUES. JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Maria Gonzalez

**WED. JAN. 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Sergido & Modesta Pena (59<sup>th</sup> Wedd. Anniv.)

**THURS. JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Gasper DiPeri

**FRI. JAN. 28<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Albert Cavicchi

**SAT. JAN. 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Fr. Szymon Galazyn  
5PM Caroline Kowalczyk



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**FOR THE SICK**

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

**FOR THE DECEASED**

Carmela Miata, Patrick J. Kane, Orleunce D. Davis



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

1/23/2022

When we were forced to postpone St. Gregory's Alumni Homecoming 2010 last November, I was reminded by more than a few people how important Catholic Education is. But not Catholic Education in the abstract but rather as evidenced in the faces of the people talking to me. These men and women, a little older and a little more weathered, were filled with a joy and faith that was very palatable and very much rooted in the person of Jesus Christ.

We are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful alumni of our school, and, are equally blessed to have such fine students coming and going through our academy doors today. Each child is special as parents and educators come to realize. Each child needs to be nurtured in so many ways and we at St. Gregory's are so privileged to assist in that growth. The school children of today will not only be the St. Gregory alumni of the future but they will be future leaders of our Church and community.

Next Sunday begins Catholic Schools' Week 2022. It is a time to thank God for the gift of Catholic Education. It is a time to thank God for the people we know who went to Catholic Schools since that time and how education helped them be the people they are. It is a time to Celebrate a valuable aspect of the Church, whether or not, we have kids, or have them in Catholic Schools.

Unfortunately, our celebrations will be a bit muted again this year because of the pandemic as our highest priority is the safety of the academy community. Nevertheless, you can always find great nuggets on the academy website: [sgtgca.org](http://sgtgca.org). Certainly, we can celebrate those who know who attend Catholic Schools and we can definitely recall our own experiences if we attended one ourselves.

It's a wonderful week to celebrate our school children. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the honored place of Catholic Education in the life of our Church and society. It's a perfect time to Thank God that St. Gregory Catholic Academy continues to thrive and serve our children and our world.

So, mark your calendars— Catholic School's Week is almost here!

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 \$4,559.93 for the parish. Thank you to all who donated to our Parish.

**2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** continues at St. Gregory's. Tallies show that there have been 247

**pledges made totaling \$87,221.** 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 \$9,000 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!"



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet 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

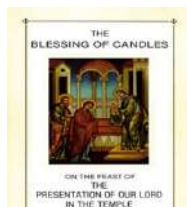


Family Life Committee is happy to announce this art contest in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The children in the parish will enjoy learning more about this important person in American history as they artistically bring to life this year's theme: "Martin Luther

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 is 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. Submissions should be handed in by Wednesday January 26, 2022. Good luck to all the children in this year's contest!

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

takes place Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and marks the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas when Christ was brought to the Temple and seen as a Light to the Nations. The candles and oil lamps that will be used in church will be blessed at the 9AM Mass. Anyone who would like to bring candles from home and have them blessed is most welcomed. Please keep your candles with you for the blessing that will begin at the very beginning of the Mass at 9AM.



**BLESSING OF THROATS**

Next Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats will take place at the intercessions of the 9AM Mass. All are invited to ask God's blessing during these winter months and certainly remember the intercession of St. Blaise as we continue to confront the coronavirus pandemic.



**DEANERY MASS WITH BISHOP BRENNAN.**

Gather with others from the local Deanery on Wednesday, February 9 for a 7:30PM Festive Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church 258-15 80th Ave, Floral Park 718-347-6070. All are invited & most welcomed as we pray for the success of the synod and greet our new shepherd.



**MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

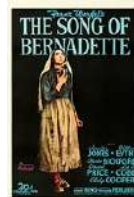
A monthly Mass for individuals and families with children and adults with special



needs is offered on the first Sunday of the month at the 12:30 parish Mass followed by Hospitality in the Oak Room. 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 assist 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!

*Sundays with the Saints: Classic Movies with Heavenly Themes. This afternoon at 3PM.* 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 February 20: *The Song of Bernadette* (155 minutes) the 1943 film directed by Henry King about the life of Bernadette of Lourdes.



**BOOK CLUB** - The selection for the next meeting that will take place via Zoom on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**RECENTLY ENGAGED?** If you or someone you know was recently engaged 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!"

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

St. Anne's Council Knights of Columbus, 263-15 Union Tpke, Glen Oaks, is having a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 26th, from 3pm to 9pm. Our blood banks are in serious need. Your donation can save a life! For information or appointments, please contact Charlie Vaicels GK at 917-561-8463. Walk-ins also welcome.

**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.



### 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.

