

# CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

242-20 88th AVENUE, BELLEROSE, N. Y. 11426

Week of February 20, 2022  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Feast of Faith Series



February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM

*The Sacraments of Vocation:  
Marriage & Holy Orders*

### *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:***

**Rev. Edward M. Kachurka KCHS**, 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 9:30AM - 11:30AM  
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

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**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 -**

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 our parish as we try to meet our weekly needs.



**FAITH FORMATION**



**SPIRIT NIGHT**

Thank you to all involved in making Spirit Night a rewarding experience for the confirmation candidates, their families and friends.

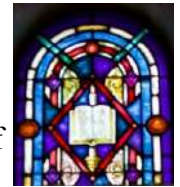


**CHRISTIAN INITIATION** - Do you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a wonderful process in our parish and available to those who feel called to the Catholic Faith. The RCIA is also available for those Catholics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



**CHURCH ENVELOPES** - The new packet of church envelopes for March and April will soon be mailed to all registered parishioners who use the weekly envelopes. If you do not receive the mailing by the first week of March, 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 February 20, 2022

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOC.** 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall  
**BOOK CLUB** 7:00PM Zoom

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**ATHLETIC ASSOC.** 6:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall  
**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



**THE FLOWERS** that adorn our Altar throughout the week of February 20, 2022, have been donated in loving memory of Robert Jacoby (Birthday Rem.), requested by Robert & Mary Jacoby.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of February 20, 2022

### **SAT. FEB. 19<sup>TH</sup>**

5PM Imelda Dela Paz Abayon

### **SUN. FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

8AM Jane Abbatiello (Birthday Rem.)  
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society  
11AM Cornelio, Maria & Laura Santiago,  
Hernan Martinez, Fernando & Adiela  
Jaramillo, Carlos Pabon  
12:30PM Nitida Grullon  
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

### **MON. FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup>**

9AM Frances McQuillan

### **TUES. FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

9AM Mildred Lawson

### **WED. FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup>**

9AM Modesta Peña (80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rem.)

### **THURS. FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Irene Moore

### **FRI. FEB. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Jacqueline Fiorillo

### **SAT. FEB. 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9AM Milrose Porras  
5PM

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



### **FOR THE SICK**

Mary Giuntini, Deborah Rose Schmidt,  
Gerald Graff, Michael Previdi,  
Isabel Abreu, Dan & Cathy Mulcahy,  
Anne Previdi, Edward Rennard,  
Patrick O'Dea, Bridget Ferguson,  
Irene Jordan, Lori Ferrara,  
Grace & Kenny Leuze

### **FOR THE DECEASED**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### From the Pastor's Desk

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, after my arrival here Tuesday at St. Gregory the Great Parish, there has been nothing but kindness and a warm welcome from parishioners and staff, and for that I am deeply grateful. I hope over time to learn your names and to immerse myself into the life of the parish in all its facets as we strive, in faith, to follow the two great commandments that Jesus gave us, to love God and our neighbor.

A question that comes to mind is this: "What is Faith?" To answer that question for me is that Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations. As we journey through these winter days towards Ash Wednesday and the Holy Season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, we should reflect on our faith and ask how strong it is and where is it leading us? Do we trust in God and His infinite love and mercy?

As practical Catholics, we should take advantage of the season of Lent and open ourselves to the mercy of God. Exposing our souls and taking the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will enliven our faith and see that we trust the Lord God without any reservations. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving will bring our faith to life and our sacrifices will be our Resurrection.

Let us remember each other in prayer as we journey towards Resurrection and eternal life! Praised be Jesus Christ, both now and forever.

-Father Kachurka

### **ANNOUNCING ST. GREGORY'S MONTHLY**

**50/50 RAFFLE - \$5.00 to be in it!** Are you feeling lucky? The parish is holding 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 tithe, you can

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

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, February's winner will be picked Wednesday, March 9. Hopefully you will join in a little bit of FUN and a little bit of

**COLLECTIONS**— The collection for the week of February 13th amounted to \$5,006 for the Parish.

The Give Central collections for 2/4/22-2/10/22 Amounted to \$1,597.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Parish!

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Parishioners who used the envelopes and need a total of their 2021 church contributions, should feel free to contact the Parish Office during regular office hours.

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**– The Parish Office will be closed Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> for Presidents’ Day. Emergency sick calls will be answered in a timely manner.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ART CONTEST -**



The Family Life Committee was happy to sponsor the Dr. Martin Luther King Art Contest. Please take a moment to enjoy the artwork in the Gathering Space. The theme for this year’s contest is: “Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream for mankind. What’s your dream?” Three fabulous prizes on different levels (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 grades) will be awarded.

Good Luck to all who entered!

**SUNDAYS WITH THE SAINTS: POSTPONED CLASSIC MOVIES WITH HEAVENLY THEMES.**

**There will be no movie this afternoon.** The presentation of *The Song of Bernadette*, the 1943 film directed by Henry King about the life of Bernadette of Lourdes, will now be shown on March 20, at 3PM. The movie will be shown in the Rectory Basement Conference Room and will conclude with a short discussion. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments.



**FUEL COLLECTION**



The annual “Fuel Collection” is taking place this week. There is an additional envelope in the church packet that requests your generous contribution to defray the costs of the parish. We ask every parishioner to be as generous as possible so that our parish buildings may remain warm and comfortable for everybody.

**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.



**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 this Wednesday, February 23 at 7:30PM in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Save the date for future session on May 18 at 7:30PM.



**LENT IS ON THE HORIZON**



The holy season of Lent is just around the corner. 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

**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.



**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!”

**ST. GREGORY’S SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION -**

Anyone interested in helping with our Alumni Association, please call the Rectory 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.



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**SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP** -All parents/guardians with children/adults with special needs or IEPs are invited to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday March 8th at 10AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bayside. For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at: shreligiousedbayside@yahoo.com .

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE** The AOH is hosting it's annual Dinner Dance on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9PM at the Irish American Center in Mineola. A fun way for family and friends to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Buffet dinner, music by Shannon Breeze and an Irish step dancing demonstration. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$15 for children. For tickets contact Bill Corrigan 516-459-8300 or Tim Quinn 646-400-1956 by March 7<sup>th</sup>.



**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 a 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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**GIVECENTRAL**- St. Greg's is now accepting online donations through GiveCentral, a new safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contributions. GiveCentral is designed specifically for Catholic organizations and hundreds of parishes have found success with it. It is used widespread throughout our diocese. The site allows you to make one time or recurring payments on a schedule that works best for you, using any credit or debit card or electronic (ACH) bank withdrawal. It's similar to automatically paying other bills you might have. Having flexible giving options will make it easier for you to support St. Gregory's.

Please visit GiveCentral and take a few minutes to set up your contributions. Your generosity and support at this time are both much needed and greatly appreciated!

### HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP FOR GIVECENTRAL:

1. Visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and click on the **FIND MY CHARITY** button.
2. Type our parish name or our zip code (**11426**) in the search box and click on our picture when it appears below.
3. Choose an **EVENT** to which you would like to donate, entering the amount, frequency and date, then click **ADD TO MY GIFT BASKET**. You may **ADD MORE** or **CHECKOUT** at any time.
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6. Complete the simple registration form, then click **REGISTER AND CONFIRM GIFT** to submit. That's it-you're registered! Check your email inbox for a GiveCentral welcome email from **support@givecentral.org** (Sometimes your computer might place that first email in the "Spam" folder.) You can return to GiveCentral at any time to make changes to your information or contributions. It's that simple. Visit **[www.givecentral.org/login](http://www.givecentral.org/login)** and enter your username and password to log in – any time, any place.



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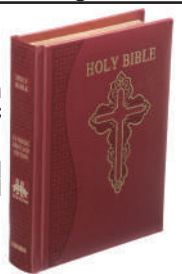
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