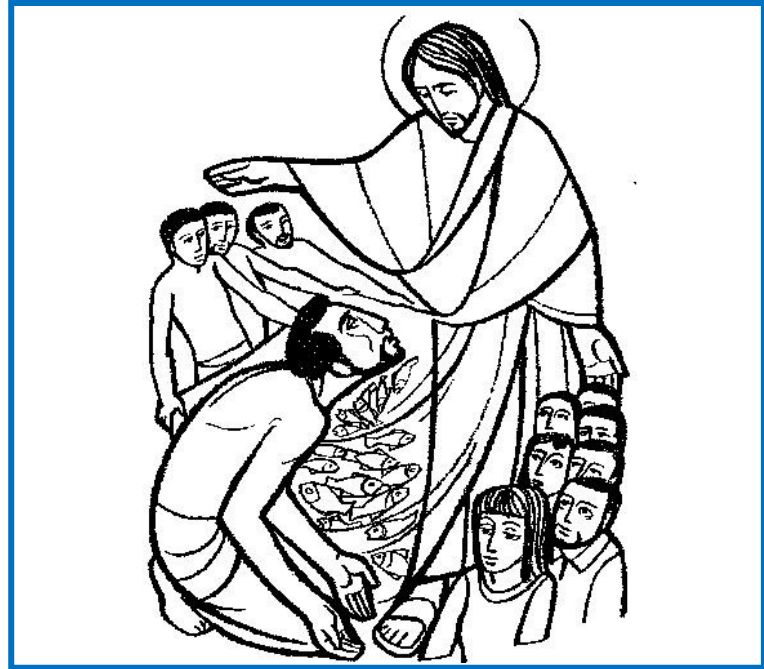


CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

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

Week of February 6, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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:

Msgr. Edward A. Ryan, Administrator
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. 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

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 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.



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 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 9:45-10:45 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?*



CHURCH ENVELOPES - The new packet of church envelopes was 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 February 6, 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
NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION 7:30PM Church

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

STROKE LIFE SUPPORT 1:30-3:00pm Gathering Space
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 6:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
SPIRIT NIGHT 7:15PM Church

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

OPEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

2022. 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 20 – 8AM Mass
Saturday February 26 – 5PM Mass
Sunday, February 27– 11AM Mass, 12:30PM Mass

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of February 6, 2022

SAT. FEB. 5TH

5PM Patrick McWeeney & Mary Cawley

SUN. FEB. 6TH

8AM Jeanne & Frank Denara & Deceased Family Members
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Mary Whelan, William Boland, Robert Schreiner
12:30PM Lawrence P. Dowd
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. FEB. 7TH

9AM Teresa Gaughran

TUES. FEB. 8TH

9AM John F. Egan

WED. FEB. 9TH

9AM Michael Ablaza & Family (L)

THURS. FEB. 10TH

9AM Lynda Hall (L)

FRI. FEB. 11TH

9AM Joseph O'Doherty

SAT. FEB. 12TH

9AM Michelle Bandy & Family (L),
Louis Clemente
5PM Joseph & Maryann Buttigieg

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Deborah Rose Schmidt,
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

Mario Yanni, Brian Hennessy

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM MONSIGNOR RYAN'S DESK – 02/06/22

“Double, double, toil and trouble...” – William Shakespeare

For almost two years parish life has been enormously complicated. Shortly before I retired the parish went into total lockdown in response to the onset of Covid-19. We adapted fairly easily to livestreaming Masses and devotional services, but re-opening presented more of a challenge as changing protocols for mask-wearing, social distancing, entering and exiting church buildings, distributing Holy Communion have kept pastors and parish staffs on constant alert. Added to that have been concerns about meeting financial obligations without the normal Sunday collections, and the interruption of so many devotional and social activities that constitute the very life of a parish. One example of that is the fact that our annual Summer Festival had to be cancelled two years in a row, not only depriving St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy of a major source of funding for its annual budget, but depriving parishioners, former parishioners, neighbors and visitors of a singular opportunity to socialize and just have fun at the onset of summer.

Now, however, this wonderful parish has found that its toil and trouble have doubled and more than doubled with the extremely painful announcement of Father O'Connor's removal as pastor. During his brief tenure with us he showed himself to be an affable, approachable, creative and energetic pastor. His devotional, educational and social initiatives were designed to bring people back together in person as the family that we were before the pandemic. And so we must strive not to allow his situation to drive us apart from one another, apart from the parish, or from the Church, itself. From the time that he arrived here Father O'Connor made every effort to make me feel appreciated and welcome. That will always be a source of gratitude for me.

Now the parish must move forward, albeit with heavy hearts. Because of my previous commitments to St. Anne Parish and Molloy College I will be the administrator for a limited time, but I will be just a stone's throw away and always ready to give assistance and support to Father Johnson, the parish staff and the priest whom Bishop Brennan will appoint to lead this wonderful parish.

ANNOUNCING ST. GREGORY'S MONTHLY

50/50 RAFFLE - \$5.00 to be in it! Are you feeling lucky?

**50/50
RAFFLE**

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 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 this Wednesday, February 9. Hopefully you will join in a little bit of FUN and a little bit of FUNdraising for our Parish

COLLECTIONS– The collection for the week of January 30th amounted to \$528.00 for Snow Removal and \$3,941.00 for the Parish.

The Give Central collections for 1/21/22-1/27/22 Amounted to \$1,407.00.

Thank you to all who donated to our Parish!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS–

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

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!

ROSARY SOCIETY-will meet Monday February 7th at 7:30pm in the Oak Room. There will be a guest speaker for a brief Night of Recollection, followed by a general business meeting and refreshments. All ladies welcome! Bring a friend! New members welcomed. Donations for the Our Lady of Lourdes food pantry will be collected.

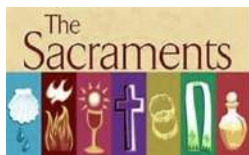
SUNDAYS WITH THE SAINTS: CLASSIC MOVIES WITH HEAVENLY THEMES.

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 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 at 3PM: *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 21st, 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 though 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.

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!

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 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!"



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Queens Deanery Q5 Mass with Bishop Robert J. Brennan

Wednesday February 9, 2022
7:00pm

Our Lady of the Snows Church
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Join with parishioners of
*American Martyrs, Holy Family,
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,
Our Lady of the Snows, Sacred Heart,
St. Anastasia, St. Gregory the Great,
St. Josaphat, St. Kevin, St. Robert Bellarmine*

All Are Welcome!

*Our new bishop hopes
as many parishioners as possible will be present,
so he can meet the People of God throughout the diocese.
Please mark your calendar to be in our church on February 9th
and welcome the eighth Bishop of Brooklyn!*

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 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.

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.

SPRCIAL 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: 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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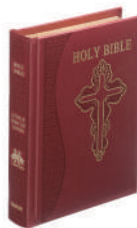


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