

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

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

Week of April 24, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY



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
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Sr. Patricia Anglin, O.P., Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
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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

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Phone 718-343-5053
School Website: sgtgca.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.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As we begin our 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal we hope that those of you who have contributed in the past will be as generous this coming year. Remember every dollar we go over our goal comes back to help the parish.

Here is the latest report as of April 18, 2022:

Amount of Goal: **\$96,587**

Amount Pledged: **\$36,265**

Number of Donors: **49**

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. 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.

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.



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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN: Acts 5:12-16, Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31

MON: 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20

TUES: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

WED: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

THUR: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

FRI: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

SAT: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

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?*



EASTER DUTY: After they have been fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year.

This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the USA, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended to include the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent (March 6) until Pentecost (June 5).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of April 24, 2022

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA 9:30AM Church
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS 7:30pm
Rectory Basement

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church
LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM Rectory Basement
REHEARSAL FIRST COMMUNION 4:00PM
Church
ATHLETIC ASSOC. 4:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
BOY SCOUTS 6:30PM Oak Room
CHOIR 7:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOC. 6:00-9:00PM Gregorian Hall
FOLK GROUP 7:15PM Rectory Basement

THURSDAY

REHEARSAL FIRST COMMUNION 4:00PM
Church
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 SHARE 9:45AM Gathering Space
PENANCE 1:00PM Church



THE ALTAR BREADS AND WINE

which will be used at the celebrations of the Eucharist throughout the week of April 24, 2022 have been donated in loving memory of Robert O'Connor, requested by Pat O'Reilly & Family

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 24, 2022

SAT. APR. 23rd

5PM Valentine V. Costanzo

SUN. APR. 24th

8AM Joseph Simmons
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Frances Pipino, John Whelan,
Anthony & Jacqueline Garippa,
Phyllis O'Shea
12:30PM Lawrence P. Dowd
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. APR. 25th

9AM Marie A. Joyce & Edward T. Joyce Sr.

TUES. APR. 26th

9AM Cornelio, Maria & Laura Santiago,
Hernan Martinez, Fernando & Adiola
Jaramillo & Carlos Pabon

WED. APR. 27th

9AM Gerald & Kenneth Mulligan

THUR. APR. 28th

9AM Patrick J. Kane

FRI. APR. 29th

9AM Frances Pipino (7th Anniv. Rem.)

SAT. APR. 30th

9AM Jose Frietas, Tyrone Cabalu,
Frank Rizzo (4th Anniv. Rem.),
5PM Maureen C. Campbell

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Aura Ramirez, Mary Sullivan,
Anne Previdi, Ginger Prus,
Michael Previdi, Anthony Sotire Sr.,
Lori Ferrara, Gerald Graff,
Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I pray that everyone had a joyous and restful Easter. It was wonderful to see so many people at the Masses on Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday. Congratulations to the RCIA candidates who received Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

A special thank you to all who contributed in their ministries and time to make our liturgies very prayerful and our Church beautiful for Holy Week and Easter.

As we prepare to distribute the book on the Wisdom of Fulton Sheen this weekend, this quote stood out to me as I was reading the book:

"In all other religions, one has to be good to come to God-in Christianity one does not. Christianity might be described as a "come as you are" party. It bids us stop worrying about ourselves, stop concentrating on our faults and our failings, and thrust them upon the Saviour with a firm resolve of amendment."

Enjoy the read!

God bless everyone who sent Easter Cards, best wishes, goodies and gifts to the Rectory!

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Edward M. Kachurka

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 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. April's winner will be picked on Wednesday May, 4. Hopefully you will join in a little bit of FUNdraising for our Parish Family.

**50/50
RAFFLE**

COLLECTIONS

The GiveCentral collections for 4/8/22-4/14/22 amounted to \$1,322 for the Parish.

In church collections will be reported next week.

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.



HOLY WATER

We rejoice as Easter is here and the lessening of Corona Virus restrictions continue. At the Easter Vigil this year, Holy Water was blessed and used in the church for the celebration of Easter and will be used throughout the Easter season. The use of Holy Water to bless yourself as you enter church is optional. May we all continue to pray for one another and pray for an end to this pandemic.



THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN As a gift to you we are giving out copies of *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen* after all Masses this weekend. This book is 365 days of inspiration that will encourage you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities will lead you to the peace and purpose you desire. Please only one book per family.

ROSARY SOCIETY



The Rosary Society will meet Monday May 2nd at 7:30pm. We will have our traditional May Crowning and recitation of the rosary. Following will be a general business meeting and light refreshments. Dues for 2022 will be collected at this meeting. Non Perishable food items may be brought for the Our Lady of Lourdes Food pantry. Our Communion Luncheon will be held on Saturday May 21st at NOON at Nancy's Restaurant, Floral Park following Mass at 11Am. The cost of the Luncheon is \$ 40.00 and includes a 4 course sit down meal. Tickets may be purchased at this meeting or by emailing pastorimc@aol.com.

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY of St. Gregory the Great/Our Lady of the Snows will be offering a six session bereavement support group for adults who have experienced the recent death of a loved one. The sessions will be held in the St. Gregory rectory basement from 10:00-11:30AM on these Saturdays: May 7, May 28, June 11 and June 25. To register for this group as well as any questions or concerns, please contact the rectory at 718-347-3707.



BOOK CLUB - The selection for the next meeting that will take place on Monday, May 9th, at 7:00PM through Zoom is *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman.



FESTIVAL NEWS

We are happy to announce that due to improved COVID conditions, the Diocese and the Pastor have given permission to conduct a 2022 Saint Gregory Festival. It's been two years since our last one. After years of dedicated service to our Festival, numerous workers/captains have retired. Because of these situations, the Festival is seeking individuals to fill these vacancies in order to run a successful and safe Festival. If interested or just looking for additional information, please contact the rectory.




ST. GREGORY'S THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing. Please visit www.sgtgca.org for more information or to schedule a tour.



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.

Queens Deanery #5 Welcomes
THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



Monday, May 2, 2022
(Vigil of Blessed Carlo's 31st Birthday)
7:00 p.m. Mass

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church
34-24 203 Street
Bayside, NY 11361

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Machalski,
Main Celebrant & Homilist

Blessed Carlo Acutis was beatified on October 10, 2020 and could be the first Millennial Saint!

Blessed Carlo was noted for his cheerfulness, computer skills, his love for soccer and deep devotion to the Eucharist.

"The witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis indicates to today's young people that true happiness is found in putting God in first place and serving Him in our brothers and sisters, especially the least." - Pope Francis

Join us with the clergy, parishioners, families and students throughout Queens Deanery #5 to pray through Blessed Carlo Acutis' intercession, celebrate his birthday, venerate his relic, and receive his prayer card.

Queens Deanery #5 Parishes

American Martyrs	St. Josaphat
St. Anastasia	St. Kevin
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	St. Robert Bellarmine
St. Gregory the Great	Sacred Heart
Holy Family	Our Lady of the Snows

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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS SPRING FAIR



CWV Spring Fair will take place today, Sunday April 24th, from 9:00AM-3:00PM at American Martyrs in Bayside.

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 Thursday May 12 at 10AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bayside. For further information please contact Georgette Lyons at: shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com .

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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 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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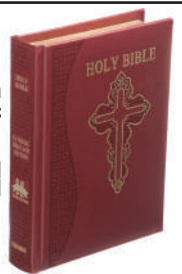
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