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

Week of August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, August 3rd
beginning at 5:00PM**

**Bring your picnic basket and chair
and join us in the
Church Gardens.**

Please see 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
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. Camille Gunning, 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 then we are 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 those others affected by the warm weather by making a phone call or visit.



PARISHIONER CHECK-IN - Father O'Connor recently 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 reawaken from the pause of the pandemic.



FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES for September has begun. Registration forms have been emailed home. Please complete forms and return as soon as possible.

For new registrations, please call 718-347-0525 to schedule an appointment. All new registrations must be done in person. If registering for First Grade, please bring the child's baptismal certificate (with official stamp), original birth certificate and parish envelope number. If registering a child for grades other than First Grade, please bring the child's baptismal certificate (with official stamp), original birth certificate, verification of attendance in a prior faith formation program, verification of sacraments received and parish envelope number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 718-347-0525, Tuesday - Thursday, 10:30AM-3:30PM.

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. Please call Sr. Patricia Anglin (718-347-0525) for additional information.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE. During the summer



months particularly, we ask everyone to be attentive to the way they dress for Mass. Mass is a unique experience in our lives and in our week. What we wear for Mass should be special as well.

Clothes that might be worn to a barbeque, beach party or ball game are not acceptable at Mass. Wearing a ball gown or a tuxedo might be awkward as well. ***Please be attentive to your dress at Sunday Mass.*** Inappropriate dress might be distracting or offensive to others. It also might subconsciously reinforce in the minds of many that our Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection is just another event on the weekend social calendar. For the Christian it is ***THE Event.***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of August 1, 2021

SUNDAY

No events scheduled

MONDAY

No events scheduled

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM Church

GOLDEN AGE LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM
Oak Room

NATIONAL NITE OUT 5:00PM Church Lawn

WEDNESDAY

FOLK GROUP 7:00PM Office Basement

THURSDAY

No events scheduled

FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9:30AM Church

SATURDAY

PENANCE 1:00PM Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of August 1, 2021

SUN. AUG. 1ST

8AM August & Rose Casaban
9:15AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
11AM Brenda Massowd, Victorio David
12:30PM Robert Jacoby
5:15PM All the People of the Parish

MON. AUG. 2ND

9AM Emma & George Van Buskirk

TUES. AUG. 3RD

9AM Eric Wickers

WED. AUG. 4TH

9AM Msgr. Gerard Arella

THURS. AUG. 5TH

9AM Jean Harms

FRI. AUG. 6TH

9AM Sr. Grace Agate

SAT. AUG. 7TH

9AM Robert McGuckain (74th Anniv. Rem.)
5PM Antonia Buttigieg



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ATTENTION SUMMER TRAVELERS -.

For nationwide Mass times and locations call 1-800-Mass Times (1-800-627-7846) or log on to: www.MassTimes.org. Please don't ignore the importance of Sunday Mass every weekend of the year. "The Lord's Day" - as Sunday was called from Apostolic Times-has always been accorded special attention in the history of the Church because of its close connection with the very core of the Christian Mystery: the Resurrection. Don't miss out-wherever you are!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Philip, Nina & Joe Sgori, Brianna Catul, Joe Murzek, Anne Previdi, Mary Lehman, Helen Hurley, Lori Ferrara, Grace & Kenny Leuze

FOR THE DECEASED

Mary Ludemann



THE SANCTURARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES

burning throughout the week of August 1st, have been donated in loving memory of the Francis Moroney, requested by Eleanor Moroney.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

8/1/2021

Not too long ago I had the chance to bum a few free nights away from the parish. I hope you would agree it's not a bad thing to do during the summer. First, I was with my sister for a few days as she rented a beach house and then some close friends upstate welcomed me. I feel they all were happy to have me, but I still am taken back by their hospitality and sacrifice to have me stay over.

Hospitality seems like such a lost art these days. People are too busy to entertain; fear that opening our homes to others will open us to judgment and ridicule; in the era of fast food, a home cooked meal seems so infrequent that one might yearn for the "good ol' days." Jesus himself uses the image of people reclining at a table as a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven. This hospitality stuff must be important.

Because of the pandemic this past year, our parish has been robbed of the chance of opportunities to gather and receive hospitality. Gregorian Hall, the Oak Room, even the Church Gathering Space has been dormant. Such a shame. So un-Christian! Hospitality is a beautiful way to put into practice the love that we have received from Christ when we welcome and reach out to others, better recognizing them as members of His family – our family.

This coming year Hospitality returns. Each parish group will sponsor a "Hospitality Sunday" each month. The coffee, cake, cookies and fruit drink after each Mass will sustain us as we laugh and chat with old friends and hopefully introduce ourselves to new ones. It will be an opportunity to place a name with a face as we linger in the Gathering Space throughout the year. We will be able to extend our Sunday celebration as we go from the Table of the Lord to an opportunity of greeting and connecting with His People.

While food always helps, we can also show hospitality to others on an "empty stomach" when each third Sunday of the month we welcome the newly baptized and their families at the 11:00AM Mass. Without a special blessing and a round of applause, we can also welcome others to our beautiful church with a simple smile. When it's not 100 degrees, we can also show our friendliness to others as we pause in front of church touching base or sharing stories.

May the words of the Gospel and the example and support of others allow each of us to be more welcoming and show greater hospitality to those we encounter, both in our parish and beyond.

God Bless,

Father O'Connor

A COOL PLACE - As we move further into summer and temperatures rising, how fortunate we are to have an air-conditioned church in which to worship daily and on Sundays. We rely on your generous contribution to meet our air-conditioning expenses. Please use the pink envelopes in the church today and keep cool!



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.



SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 8TH-11TH - PARISH MISSION - Father Jerry Fitzsimmons and the Monfort Missionaries Preaching Team invites you to an Autumn Week of Spiritual Renewal. Please mark your calendars now and spread the news about this unique opportunity to rekindle the fire of God's Love within your heart. Further information will be published in the Fall. Come and spend this time with HIM.



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COLLECTIONS - The collection for the week of July 25th amounted to \$6,957 for the parish. The Air Conditioning collection for July 18th amounted to \$1,292 and for July 26th \$160. The collection for the Summer Mission amounted to \$2,154. Thank you very much for your generosity.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 3rd, beginning at 5:00PM. Bring out a Picnic Basket and a comfortable chair to the Church Gardens as St. Gregory's Chats the Night Away, supporting the NYPD, Community Groups, and 2021's National Night Out. Water and chips will be provided. Tables & metal folding chairs will be available for use. Sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - August 1st - 31st -



The parish will be sponsoring a school supply drive during the month of August. Please drop off school supplies in the Gathering Space starting next weekend. Help Needy Kids Raise High

Hopes for Tomorrow! All supplies collected will be distributed to needy children by Catholic Charities.

AUGUST 6TH: THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - The Church recalls how Jesus on



Mount Tabor revealed his glory to Peter, James and John strengthening them as he approached Jerusalem for the final time. By being transfigured with Moses and Elijah, Jesus demonstrated for them that he was the fulfillment of the laws and prophecies of the Old Covenant. Join us for 9:00AM Mass as we celebrate the Father's "Beloved Son."

FIRST FRIDAY is August 6th. There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer after the morning Mass concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Take advantage of this special opportunity if you can.



FOLK GROUP will be returning to lead us in song at the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, August 7th. We will be so happy to have them back!!

ASSUMPTION TRIDUUM: AUGUST 11TH, 12TH & 13TH - 7:30PM - Come out and honor Our Lady in the



Presence of her Son with three evenings of prayer in preparation of the Solemnity of the Assumption. Each evening prayer service will take place before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction. Focusing on the three new titles Pope Francis recently added to the Litany of Loreto: Wednesday will look to Mary as Mother of Mercy, Thursday as Mother

of Hope, and Friday as Solace of Migrants. These evenings allow for an opportunity to come before Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother during these lazy hazy days. Families are invited to attend together as we look to her whom all generations have called blessed. Feel free to invite a friend.

FEAST CELEBRATION - You are invited! Join in a Celebration on the Feast of St. Gregory the Great - Friday, Sep-



tember 3rd. Beginning at the 9:00AM Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Church followed by a Light Breakfast in the Church Gardens. There is no better way to begin Labor Day Weekend than

with your Parish Family and Friends as we celebrate our Patron and each other as we strive to imitate the Great Pope, who strove to be a "Servant of the Servants. Spread the word and invite others to come and join us as we celebrate Pope Saint Gregory the Great!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Prayer shawls are for those who are in need of comfort, to provide hope and healing to those who are most in need of a reminder of God's love for them. This Ministry meets every other Tuesday in the Green Room. If you would like to join our group, please call Maria Altamuro at 516-782-6278.

St. Gregory's School Homecoming- Saturday Evening, November 27th (Saturday After Thanksgiving).



Save the date now and start spreading the word for a special celebration of old friends and great memories - all to take place in the familiar

halls of St. Gregory's!

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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 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.

4. When you're ready, click **CHECKOUT** to view and verify your pending gifts.

5. Click **CONTINUE** then **COMPLETE PROFILE**.

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 and enter your username and password to log in – any time, any place.

TACHS -Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools Admission to the Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens in 2022 is determined in part by the results of the TACHS exam administered this November 6th. Call 866-61TACHS for information. You may also register at: TACHSinfo.com.



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY is offering **Hearing Aid Help & free Speech & Hearing Screenings**. Call 718-990-6480.



The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND CRISIS OUT-



REACH - Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Clinics offer same-day access to individuals in crisis. Individuals may walk into a Catholic Charities Behavioral

Health Clinic or may contact Catholic Charities Call Center at 718-722-6001 for information.

FROM THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Vaccine Locations and Appointments



All U.S. residents 12 years of age and older are now eligible to be vaccinated in NYC. Use the City's Vaccine Finder

to search for a location near you (*not accessible with Internet Explorer*). Note, people who are 12-17 years old can only receive the Pfizer vaccine. Most City-run sites are offering walk-up vaccinations without an appointment. You can also schedule an appointment for certain vaccination sites by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877- 829-4692).

Free transportation to vaccination appointments in NYC is available for city residents 65 and older and those with disabilities who have no other way to get to a vaccination site. To arrange for transportation, call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).

For NYC residents who cannot leave their home, you can sign up for an in-home vaccination online or by calling 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692).