

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of February 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Lenten Adoration



Wednesday, February 25

7:30PM

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:

Rev. Edward M. Kachurka KCHS, Pastor
Rev. Nnamdi Eusebius Eze, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Arthur Cutter
Deacon Robert Zeuner
Mrs. Alison Morisi, Faith Formation Director
Mr. Joseph Paniccia, Academy Principal
Mr. Bart Haggerty, Director of Music Ministry
Msgr. Edward A. Ryan, Pastor Emeritus
Msgr. William M. Hoppe, In Residence
Mr. John Reh, Civil Trustee
Mrs. Patricia Brandt, Civil Trustee

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM; 10:30AM; 12:30PM
Weekdays:
Monday - Friday: 9:00AM
Saturday Morning: 9:00AM
Holydays: Vigil Mass: 7:30PM
9:00AM



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 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
Ms. Jennifer Kalin, Parish Receptionist
Mrs. Lina Pichardo, Parish Secretary
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday 9:30AM - 1:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Office of Faith Formation

Gregorian Hall
***New Phone** (516) 564-2417
Email: DRE101074@diobrook.org
Mrs. Alison Morisi, Faith Formation Director
Office Hours:
Tuesday 9:30AM - 11:30AM
Wednesday 11:30AM - 2:00PM
Thursday 9:30AM - 11:30AM

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy of Bellerose

Address 244-44 87th Ave.
Phone 718-343-5053
School Website: www.sgtgca.org
Ms. Deanna Philippe, Principal
Mrs. Elena Contreras, 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 4:00PM. 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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of February 22, 2026

C= Church CB= Convent Basement GH= Gregorian Hall
GR= Green Room GS= Gathering Space OB = Office Basement
OR= Oak Room RB= Rectory Basement

SUNDAY

NO FAITH FORMATION

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 1:00PM-8:00PM GH

AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB

MONDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM C

LEISURE GROUP 1:00-4:00PM RB

FAITH SHARING GROUP 1:00-2:30PM GS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

CUB SCOUTS 6:30PM OR

ADULT CHOIR 7:30PM OB

WEDNESDAY

FAITH SHARING GROUP 3:00-4:30PM GS

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

FAITH SHARING GROUP 4:00-5:30PM OR

LENTEN ADORATION 7:30PM C

FOLK GROUP 7:15PM RB

THURSDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

FRIDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM C

SATURDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 9:00AM-9:00PM GH

LECTIO DIVINA 11:00AM GS

BAPTISM 12:00PM C

PENANCE 4:00PM C



The Altar Breads and Wine which will be used at the celebration of the Eucharist throughout the week of February 22nd have been donated in loving memory of Rosemary Pitz requested by Dean Pitz



The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles burning throughout the week of February 22nd have been donated in loving memory of Rosemary Pitz requested by Dean Pitz

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of February 22, 2026

SAT FEB 21st

5PM Eileen Mulroy

SUN FEB 22nd

8:30AM Conor Mulligan

10:30AM The People of the Parish, Antony Joseph & Mary Antony, Leonor Falcone

12:30PM Rosemary Pitz

MON FEB 23rd

9AM Souls of Purgatory

TUES FEB 24th

9AM Camilo Sansano (Anniv. Rem.)

WED FEB 25th

9AM Hernando Diaz

THUR FEB 26th

9AM Kraus Family

FRI FEB 27th

9AM Savannah Grace Mayo (2nd Bday)

SAT FEB 28th

9AM Marianna Buttigieg, Esperanza Diaz, Miguel Santos, Souls of Purgatory

5PM Souls of Purgatory

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

Cesar Rios, Rose Flint, Ginger Prus, Tony Baratta, Tom O'Shea, Paul Gebhard, Jimmy Walters Jr., Kurt Krotz, Ed Little, Helen Hurley, Nicholas Grippo, Elizabeth Williams, Joseph Muzyka, Mary Sullivan, Alma Carr, Daniel Cronin, Roberto DeLeon, Ed & Patricia Long,

FOR THE DECEASED

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN: [Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#) ,
[Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19](#) , [Matthew 4:1-11](#)
MON: [Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18](#) , [Matthew 25:31-46](#)
TUES: [Isaiah 55:10-11](#) , [Matthew 6:7-15](#)
WED: [Jonah 3:1-10](#) , [Luke 11:29-32](#)
THUR: [Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25](#) , [Matthew 7:7-12](#)
FRI [Ezekiel 18:21-28](#) , [Matthew 5:20-26](#)
SAT: [Deuteronomy 26:16-19](#) , [Matthew 5:43-48](#)

COLLECTIONS

The weekly collection amounted to \$7,575.
The GiveCentral collection amounted to \$1,178 .
Thank you for your generosity!

ST. GREGORY'S MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE



Special 50/50 envelopes are included in your envelope packet and are also available at the back of the church. The winner for the month of February will be chosen on Wednesday, March 4th .

GIVE CENTRAL

St. Gregory the Great Church is accepting online donations through GiveCentral, a safe, secure, and paperless way to make your contributions. GiveCentral is designed specifically for Catholic organizations and 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. Please visit www.givecentral.org and take a few minutes to set up your contributions. Your generosity and support at this time are both much needed and greatly appreciated!



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Message from Bishop Brennan

My dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your prayers and sacrifices have strengthened the mission of the Church here in Brooklyn and Queens.

This year's theme — **Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity** — has come alive through your generosity.

Because of you, ministries are flourishing, families are cared for, youth and young adults are formed in faith, newcomers are welcomed, Catholic education is strengthened, and vocations are being nurtured for the future of our Church.

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May God bless you and your families always.

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

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IMPORTANT NEWS FROM ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC ACADEMY

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Deanna Philippe as our new Principal. Ms. Philippe brings over 21 years of Catholic school leadership experience, including 9 years as a successful Assistant and then Principal within the nationally recognized Cristo Rey Network. Throughout her career, Ms. Philippe has led school communities with clarity, compassion, and faith, supporting teachers, partnering closely with families, and ensuring that Catholic values guide daily school life. We are confident that her experience, people centered leadership, and commitment to Catholic education will be a tremendous blessing to St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy.

We express sincere appreciation to Mr. Paniccia for his dedication to the school and wish him well.

Ms. Philippe will begin on February 13th, 2026, and has been appointed Interim Principal, providing strong and steady leadership as the Board conducts a comprehensive search for a permanent principal to begin in Fall 2026.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

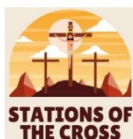
Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

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 (February 22) until Pentecost (May 24)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will take place each Friday during Lent at 7:30PM in the church.



LENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION CRS Rice

Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope. Rice Bowls are available At the back of the church.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Small Faith Sharing groups will meet weekly during Lent. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory 718-347-3707 for more information, space is limited.



LENTEN HOLY HOURS

Please join us for Lenten Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, February 25th through April 1st at 7:30PM in the church.



THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY will offer an eight-week evening support group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8:30 beginning on March 3rd through April 21. For further information, location and to register for this group, please contact Maureen at (718) 343-3242.

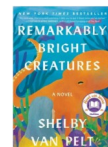


MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

A monthly Mass for individuals and families with children and adults with special needs is offered on the first Sunday of the month. The next mass will take place on March 1 at 10:30AM 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. We look forward to sharing and celebrating Sunday Mass together!

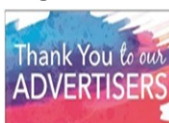
BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Monday, March 9th, at 7PM in the Rectory Basement. The selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.



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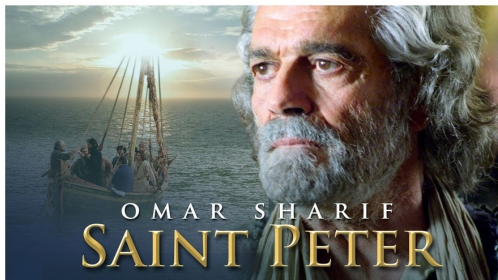
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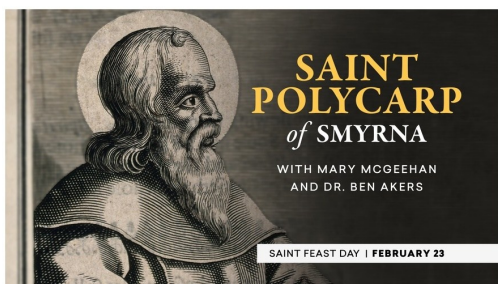
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Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

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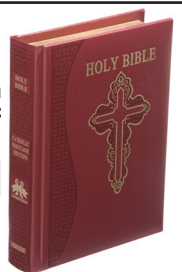
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