

CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

242-20 88TH AVENUE, BELLEROSE, NY 11426

Week of March 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Patrick's Day
Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 7
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 March 1, 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

FAITH FORMATION 9:15AM GH
COMMUNION RETREAT 10:30AM C
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 1:00PM-8:00PM GH
AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB

MONDAY

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH
ROSARY SOCIETY 7:30AM OR

TUESDAY

ADORATION 9:30AM C
ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH BUS 10AM-2PM
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
FESTIVAL MEETING 7:30PM OR

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

THURSDAY

ACADEMY MASS 9:00AM
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH

FRIDAY

ACADEMY MASS 9:00AM C
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9:30AM C
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 4:00PM-9:00PM GH
AA CLOSED MEETING 7:00PM CB
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM C

SATURDAY

LECTIO DIVINA 11:00AM GS
PENANCE 4:00PM C
ST. PATRICK'S DANCE 7:00PM GH



The Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles
burning throughout the week of
March 1st have been donated
in loving memory of Anthony Pete Cosentino
(36th Anniv. Rem.)
requested by Barbara Ann Cosentino

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of March 1, 2026

SAT FEB 28th

5PM Souls of Purgatory

SUN MAR 1st

8:30AM Members of the Purgatorial Society
10:30AM The People of the Parish, Souls of
 Purgatory
12:30PM Margarita Vispo

MON MAR 2nd

9AM Lorraine Oliger

TUES MAR 3rd

9AM Jane & Michael Tabone

WED MAR 4th

9AM Souls in Purgatory

THUR MAR 5th

9AM

FRI MAR 6th

9AM Rose Flindt

SAT MAR 7th

9AM Joseph K. Joseph, Mary Fagan,
 Camelia Suqui (L), Souls of Purgatory,
 Jeyraj Pillai
5PM Anthony Pete Cosentino
 (36th Anniv. Rem.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



FOR THE SICK

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

Cesar Rios, Peter Agate

SECOND 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 12:1-4a](#) , [2 Timothy 1:8b-10](#) ,
[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

MON: [Daniel 9:4b-10](#) , [Luke 6:36-38](#)

TUES: [Isaiah 1:10, 16-20](#) , [Matthew 23:1-12](#)

WED: [Jeremiah 18:18-20](#) , [Matthew 20:17-28](#)

THUR: [Jeremiah 17:5-10](#) , [Luke 16:19-31](#)

FRI [Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a](#) ,
[Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46](#)

SAT: [Micah 7:14-15, 18-20](#) , [Luke 15:1-3, 11-32](#)

COLLECTIONS


The weekly collection amounted to \$5,149.

The Ash Wednesday collection amounted to \$1,601

The GiveCentral collection amounted to \$1,243 .

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!



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2025**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN



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.

With gratitude, I thank you for making this possible.


May God bless you and your families always.

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

DONATE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Donate flowers, 

Altar Breads and Wine, 

Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles 

Donate for an entire week, in memory of, or in honor of a loved one.

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.



EMPOWERING GROWTH IN GHANA


CRS RICE BOWL By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope

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, March 4th 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.



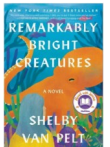
ROSARY SOCIETY

The Next meeting for the Rosary Society will take place on Monday March 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Oak Room for our traditional Irish celebration. Refreshments will include Irish Soda Bread and Irish Coffee. As always, we welcome all ladies and hope to see some new faces who may consider becoming members. There will be the collection of non perishable food items as well for the food pantry at Our Lady of Lourdes. Hoping the weather is good and we see many of you there since we missed last months' meeting!




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 .




THE RENAISSANCE GROUP

 will be holding it's annual Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space. We are pleased to have Msgr. William M. Hoppe as our Guest Speaker! Come and enjoy a light supper, reflection, and fellowship! All adults are welcome! If you can join us, or you have any questions, please call Cathy/John Reh at 718-347-5756.

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

 We are grateful to those merchants and businesses that support our weekly bulletin by placing an ad. We ask all parishioners to patronize these merchants and anyone is welcomed to take out an advertisement by calling the bulletin company at 631-249-4994.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS GROUP MEETING

 We invite parents/guardians with children/adults with all special needs or IEP's to join us to share and exchange ideas in an informal setting. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 12th. For information contact Mrs. Lyons at 718-631-1307 or email at shreligiousdbayside@yahoo.com

FRIENDS KEEP HOPE ALIVE, INC. The Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus offer home care for the elderly in their homes. There is the option of 24 hour live-in care or hourly working shifts, both at affordable rates. For more information call 718-888-7708 or 646-434-9325.



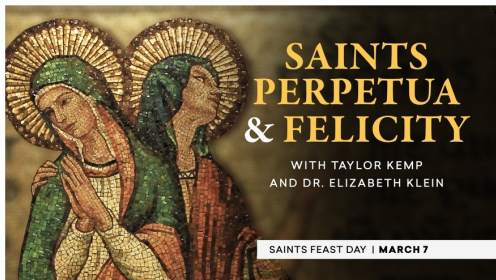
This Week on Formed

Week of March 01, 2026



Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.



The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

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TO REGISTER VISIT:

[HTTPS://STGREGORYSATHLETICASSOCIATION.SPORTNGIN.COM](https://stgregorysathleticassociation.sportngin.com)

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Sponsored By
St. Gregory's Holy Name Society,
St. Anne's K of C 2429, and AOH Div. 14/22

Saturday, March 7, 2026
7-11 PM

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Mike Sweeney (917) 567-8909
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Services for adults (18 and older):

- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

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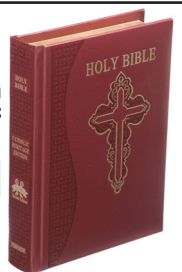
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