

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM AT ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

After much prayer and discernment, our parish has decided to embark on a Stewardship Program this fall. Our objective is simple: allow us to get **better at connecting with you**, make it **easier for you to connect with your faith community**, and **help sustain our parish**.

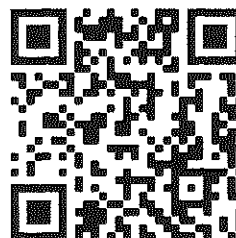
You will receive a mailing at your homes detailing the Program and its necessity. To ensure it is a true success, we ask that you kindly respond by one of the following ways:

1. Your mailing will include a response form. Please complete it and mail it to our parish office. You are also welcome to use the form below.
2. Complete the form online at www.cfbq.org/PSP

Help Sustain our Spiritual Home

As resilient as we are, COVID-19 has exposed some underlying financial vulnerabilities, especially considering that our parish relies heavily on cash and envelopes. We need to come together to sustain our spiritual home. You can help us now by enrolling in electronic giving.

Please scan the QR code to get started!



I/we support my/our parish offertory using:

Online Giving: (Circle one)

Weekly

Bi-weekly

Monthly

Envelopes:

☐ Weekly

☐ Monthly

Please Send Envelopes, I/we have not been receiving them.

Please include your

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

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INCLUDE PARISH NAME: _____

My/our Consistent Contribution was: \$

☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly

My/our New Consistent Contribution will be:

| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 60 | 75 | 90 | 100 | 125 | Other |
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☐ I/we have increased my/our offertory contribution as indicated above through Online Giving.

Envelope # (if applicable):

Full Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

We have initiated a very important stewardship program to help our parish. It is designed to better connect with parishioners and sustain our offertory.

- If you can believe, it takes \$18,500 per week to run our parish. With current weekly offertory at approximately \$7,000 and a 25% decline experienced over the four-month period during COVID-19, we will have to remain prudent with expenses and still find a way to serve the pastoral needs of our 1,150 parishioners.

- Some of you may have already received a letter detailing the Program and highlighting its necessity. If you have not received it, please be on the lookout this week. Please prayerfully read it over and consider responding by mailing the response card included to the parish office or filling one out at www.cfbq.org/PSP.

- If each year we all do a little more, over time, it will make a major difference not only in our parish community but also in our spiritual life and in our discipleship of helping to do God's work.

- There are a variety of ways to support St. Gregory's in addition to envelopes. Please view our parish website if you are interested in enrolling in online giving, a convenient and hassle-free option which allows you to budget your time and resources by using a credit card or bank account of your choosing.

- We are living in uncertain times. As you have seen in the news, a second wave of this pandemic is affecting the world and our neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens. This situation is fluid and requires us to remain flexible as we receive directives from government officials and our Diocese. Know that at St. Gregory the Great we are following every guideline possible to keep you and your families safe.

- These safety precautions are costly and are an expense we will continue to prioritize to ensure we can safely gather in faith and fellowship.

The reality that none of us can predict the future is a reminder that we need to find new ways to sustain our parish community. One way to do this is by signing up for online giving with GiveCentral. Online giving with GiveCentral is safe, financially and for your health, you would not have to rely on the postal service to deliver your weekly gift, and it is the most reliable way to keep up with our weekly expenses.

- Prayerfully consider the parish needs and respond by returning the response form found in your mailing, in this week's Bulletin, online, or by visiting our parish website.

Thank you, once again, for your continued generosity, support, and commitment to St. Gregory the Great.