

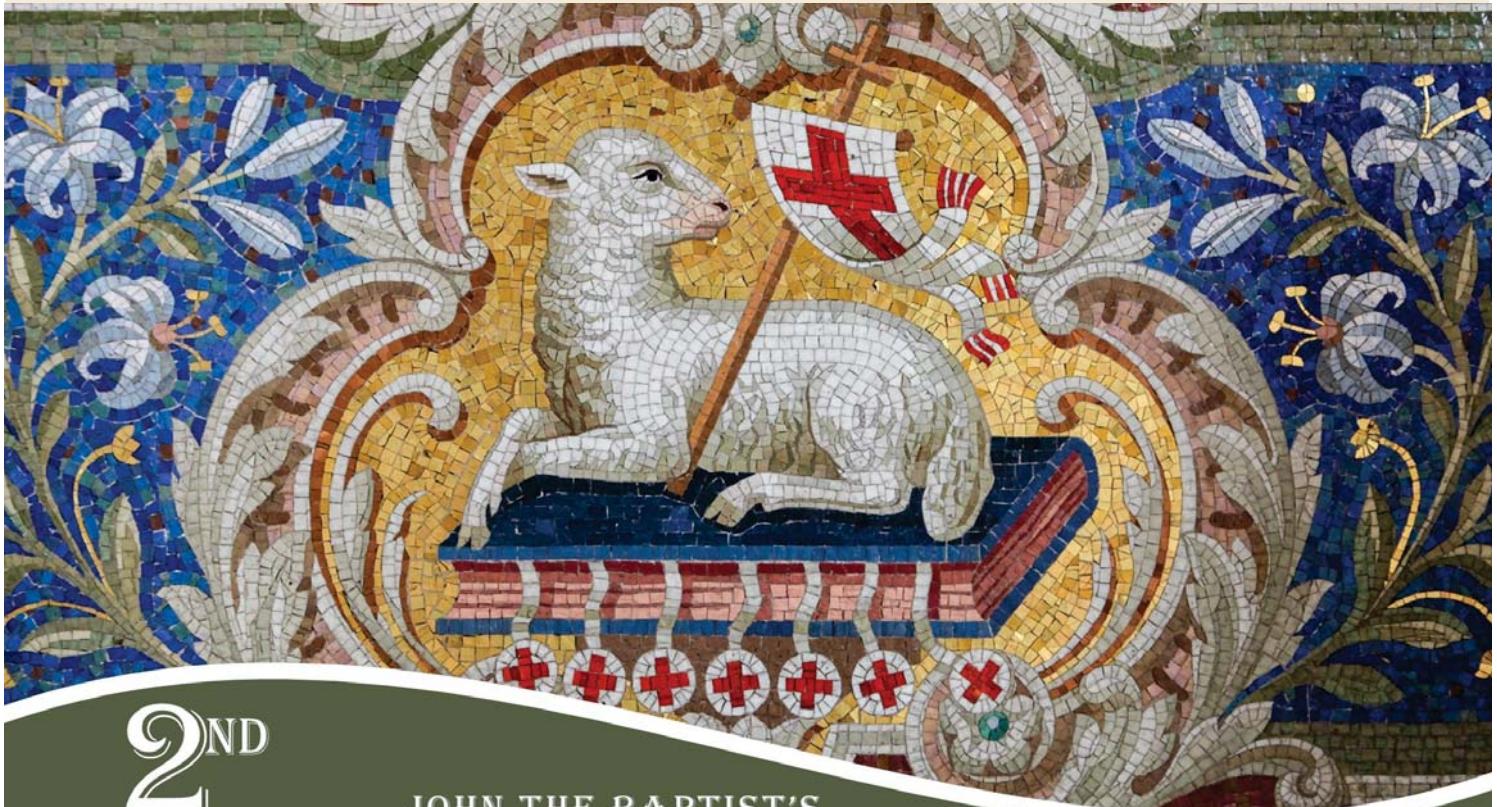
# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## JOHN THE BAPTIST'S TESTIMONY TO JESUS

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."  
John 1:29

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

**RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon  
Fr. James Ojo

**BUSINESS MANAGER:** Julie A. Hayes

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**SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**DAILY MASSES:** Monday - Friday 6:45 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Please call rectory in advance to register.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly and to schedule funerals.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples planning to be married should contact Fr. Jack at least six months prior to the date requested.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** First full weekend of the month after Mass, or anytime by request.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:** First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes begin in October each year. Please contact the rectory for more information.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

*Encourage each other daily while it is still today.  
Hebrews 3:13*



Entrance Hymn: BB# 468 Christ Be Our Light

Closing Hymn: BB# 461 Lift Every Voice and Sing

### Mass Intentions

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17**

4:00 PM Philip Hatton (Memorial)

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

7:00 AM Robert Gaston, Bob Mullen (Memorial)  
And Danny Gaston (Birthday Memorial)

10:00 AM James Sena Cozzo (5th Anniversary),  
Joseph Campisi (4th Anniversary) and  
Julio Bala Sena (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM Maureen Kenny (Birthday Memorial)

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

6:45 AM Vincent Sue (Memorial)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

6:45 AM Rev. Paul Ryan (Memorial)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

6:45 AM Annie Skalecki Woloschuk (Anniversary)

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

6:45 AM Teresa Thu (Memorial)

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

6:45 AM Mary Magdalene Thuy Nguyen (Anniv)

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

4:00 PM Kitty and Frank Walsh (Memorial)

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

7:00 AM Paul and Elizabeth Clark (Memorial)

10:00 AM Rita Fraser (9th Anniversary)

5:00 PM Nancy Jennings (Anniversary)

#### **Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends. Please also pray all the sick and suffering.

#### **Pope Leo's Intention for January**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

#### **OFFERTORY REPORT**

Offertory will be reported in the weeks to come.

Grand Annual Collection: \$87,023.00

Air Conditioner Donations: \$3,890.00

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#### **LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY**

#### **HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY PARISH**

All are Welcome!

Please feel free to take what you need and give what you can. In our community, we take care of each other!

Pick-up & Drop Off Location: St. Gregory Church, Under side stairs facing Mother Julia Road, Dorchester Ave in Lower Mills. Please leave shelf stable foods like rice, canned goods and hygiene products in the cupboard. Please do not leave anything outside the cupboard. If full, check back tomorrow and see if there is room.

#### **From the Office of Family Life**

#### **Love Your Marriage Retreat**

This one-day retreat for married couples will be held on January 31st at the Pastoral Center, Braintree. It will be led by Family Life and *Our Outpost*, a Catholic ministry designed to help couples intentionally develop vibrant marriages through healthier communication, conflict resolution, and decision making. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes meals, materials, Mass, and more. For more information and registration, visit [bit.ly/loveyourmarriageretreat](http://bit.ly/loveyourmarriageretreat).



#### **Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

**St. Gregory's Auditorium**

#### **AGENDA**

- Area B/C Community Police Officers.

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**In case of snow storm, meeting will be cancelled**



### Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Prayer Life

#### Moved Him to Justice

*A reflection by Fr. Bryan Massingale*

In April we will mark the 54th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. He was killed in Memphis while supporting sanitation workers on strike who were protesting for a living wage. He died while actively planning for a massive Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C. to dramatize the cruelty of poverty for a complacent nation. He was martyred for his uncompromising advocacy of equal rights for all.

He also died shortly before he was to make an extended retreat at the Trappist monastery at Gethsemani in Kentucky under the direction of spiritual master Thomas Merton. This retreat receives little attention in celebrations of King's life. But it points to something essential for understanding his importance to Christian believers. His Christian ideals and religious convictions not only grounded his political strategies but also provided the reservoir of courage needed to endure racial persecution, unrelenting harassment, and the constant threat of death. Without an appreciation of King's faith, our understanding of the man and the movement that transformed America is both limited and inadequate.

For example, one of King's spiritual disciplines as a young pastor was carving out significant time each week for prayer and meditation as a part of his sermon preparation. Later in his life, even in the midst of a crushing speaking calendar and the incessant demands of national leadership, King often would spend what he called a "prayer-centered day" in a motel while he traveled, longing for the "spiritual renewal" obtained through inner quiet and contemplative prayer.

In his 2015 pastoral visit to the United States Pope Francis reminded us that America is a great nation "when it fosters a culture which enables people to dream of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do." King would remind us that only a mature spirituality and deep prayer enabled him to dream and act for justice. He provides a model for the kind of socially engaged holiness that our nation so desperately needs.

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,  
what are you doing for others?"**

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*



### St. Gregory's Air Conditioning System

An immediate capital issue for the Parish is the replacement of our Church Chiller Unit for the air conditioning. It limped through the summer and by early Fall was unrepairable. The estimate received for this work is \$110,537.00.

If you would like to make a donation to replace the chiller, please take an envelope specially marked for this cause. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

### Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards or money to help those in need. New people come to our door each week for assistance. All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know! If you cannot get a card yourself, we would be happy to get it for you. Please make checks payable to St. Gregory Parish and put "food card" in the notation. You can also donate online by going to [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com) press the "Give" button and then select "Food Pantry Donation". Thank you for your continued generosity.



### Adjusted Office Hours for Several Weeks

Please note that for the next several weeks, the rectory offices will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you need a Mass card, would like to schedule a Mass or for any business matter, please call or visit the rectory during those hours. For urgent matters call Fr. Jack at 617-298-2460 and when you hear the prompt for Fr. Jack, press 2.

*"Eternal God, out of whose mind is  
this great cosmic universe, we bless you.  
Help us to seek that which is high, noble and good.  
Help us in the moment of difficult  
decision. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a  
warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a  
brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color."*

*Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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