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Seventh Sunday of Easter



*Father, You gave Him authority over all people,
so that your Son may give eternal life to all You gave Him.*

John 17:1,2

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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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 - Saturday 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.

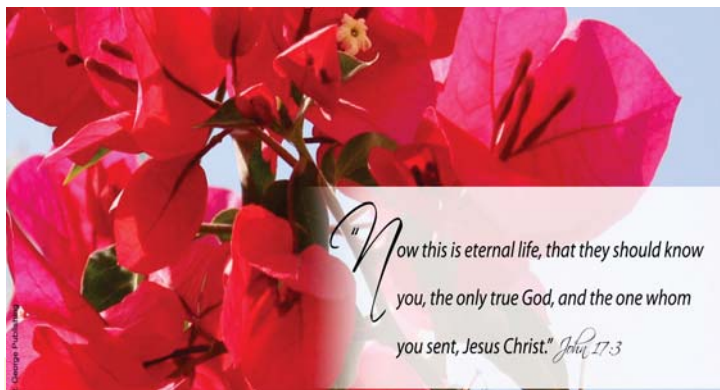
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month
from Noon—1:00 p.m.

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# 432 Canticle of the Sun

Closing Hymn: BB# 219 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing



SATURDAY, MAY 16

4:00 PM Kerry O'Sullivan (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 AM Peg Gulinello (2nd Anniversary)

10:00 AM Kieran Coughlan (Anniversary)

5:00 PM Mary Driscoll (3rd Anniversary)

MONDAY, MAY 18

6:45 AM Mary Magdalene Thanh Do (Anniversary)

TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:45 AM Chloe Margaret Cook (2nd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

6:45 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 21

6:45 AM Campo Yolandas (Memorial)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

6:45 AM Leo Bibinski (Memorial)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:00 PM Patricia Fuge (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:00 AM Moreen Hernon (5th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Mary Theresa Minh Phuong (Anniversary)

5:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Pierre Napoleon, and 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 May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory 5/10/26: 7,497.00

(includes online donations)

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com click the green button "Give". For help, call Julie in the rectory.

Collection for Seminarians

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood.

Catholic Appeal—Together We Are One

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Henning's invitation to contribute to the Catholic Appeal. Through early **support, our parish has already reached 89% of our goal** and, together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support! To donate today go to

Bostoncatholicappeal.org

St. Gregory's Air Conditioning System



Last Fall, I shared with you that the Church Chiller Unit for the air conditioning barely limped through the summer and needed to be replaced.

The estimate that we received to replace the Chiller Unit for the Church is **\$110,537**. As of now we have raised **\$68,790**.

With Easter faith I ordered the unit so that it can be in place for the summer weekend Masses, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

If you would like to make a donation to replace the chiller, please take an envelope especially marked for this cause. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

Fr. Jack

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our neighbors in need of a little assistance. Thank you also to the many neighbors who stock the Lower Mills Community Pantry hosted here on the Parish grounds next to the Church on Mother Julia Road.

May—A Month to Remember Mary, Our Blessed Mother

Believe as Mary believed, say 'yes' to God

At the end of last year on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Leo XIV prayed the Angelus and invited the faithful to believe as Mary did, and to welcome Christ into their lives.

"The 'yes' of the mother of the Lord is wonderful, but so also can ours be, renewed each day faithfully, with gratitude, humility and perseverance, in prayer and in concrete acts of love, from the most extraordinary gestures to the most mundane and ordinary efforts and acts of service," the Pope emphasized.

"In this way, Christ can be known, welcomed and loved everywhere, and salvation can come to everyone."

In his address, the Pope highlighted how the Lord gave the Virgin Mary "the extraordinary grace of a completely pure heart" in light of the coming of Christ. As the Angel Gabriel greeted her by saying "Hail, full of grace: the Lord is with you," she discovered and welcomed her mission "with the wonder typical of the humble," the Pope continued.

"With faith she responded with her 'yes': 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word'."

He emphasized how this grace was able to bear fruit in Mary "because she, in her freedom, welcomed it, embracing the plan of God."

"The Lord always acts in this way: he gives us great gifts, but he leaves us free to accept them or not," the Pope insisted.

He, in fact, cited St. Augustine, who said "we also believe, because that which came to be [in her] can also benefit us." Pope Leo thus encouraged the faithful to believe simply as the Blessed Virgin did and welcome whatever mission God calls one to.

"Our Mother Mary always wants to walk at our side, to remain close to us, to help us with her intercession and her love".

Pope Leo

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's readings stress the importance of individual and communal prayer. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that the disciples along with Mary, Jesus' Mother and some women devoted themselves with one heart in prayer. Listen closely to the gospel and you will hear Jesus praying to his Father for **us!** Consider the effect prayer had on Jesus, Mary and the disciples! Take time to develop a daily habit of prayer and when you do – over time you will notice that your prayer, your relationship with Christ is bearing the fruit that Jesus asked his father to grant us.

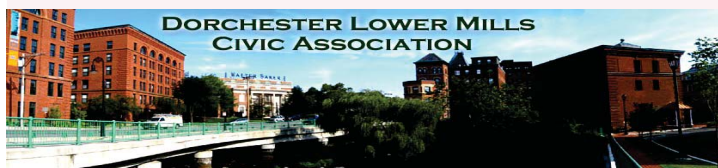
NEW Church Listening System

The headphones and the FM loop are available on a table outside the sacristy door.

For those who have some difficulty hearing, we have installed a new listening system.

There are three ways to access the system:

1. with headphones;
2. FM Loop for those who have the FM feature built into their hearing aids. Password is: **saint-gregory**
3. Phone App: download LISTEN WIFI app to your phone



Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM St. Gregory's Auditorium

AGENDA

- Area B/C Community Police Officers.
- 1016 Washington St. Demolish existing building, erect 22 units. Changes made to original proposal.
- Carney Hospital update on proposed development
- Election of officers and Executive Board

Easter Peace

As we come close to the end of the Easter Season let us recall the words of Pope Leo as we entered this Season of Grace.

"Peace be with you all! This is the first greeting spoken by the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your family, and among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world."

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"He has risen." Matt 28:6

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