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Independence Day

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We the People of the United States
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Welfare, and ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States
to be kept constant for Senate and House

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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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

I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOREVER, MY KING
AND MY GOD.

Entrance Hymn: BB# 712 Lift High the Cross
Closing Hymn: BB# 393 Sent Forth By God's Blessing



SATURDAY, JUNE 27

4:00 PM Catherine Ann Gouzoule, John Johnson
and Kim Johnson (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 AM Helen and Mary Moran (Memorial)
10:00 AM Debbie Bell McIntosh (Memorial)
5:00 PM Charles (Mickey) Johnson (Memorial)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

6:45 AM Emelia M. Fiske (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

6:45 AM Jack Sellon (Memorial)

THURSDAY, JULY 2

6:45 AM Gerald P. Lewis (3rd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JULY 3

6:45 AM Chris Brown (Memorial)

SATURDAY, JULY 4

4:00 PM Nancy Coughlan (Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

7:00 AM Leo J. Gulinello (Birthday Memorial)
10:00 AM United States of America
5:00 PM In gratitude to family and friends, living &
deceased, of Nora, Bill & Annmarie Kennedy

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 July

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory 6/21/26: \$6,652.00
Promoting the Gospel \$418.00
Assumptionist: \$2,899.00
(includes online donations)

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

St. Gregory's Air Conditioning System



As you may know (and feel) the air conditioning system is up and running. With Easter faith I ordered the unit and with your incredible generosity we reached our goal. Thank you very much.

Fr. Jack



A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 100 years, Sunset Point Camp in Hull has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 low-income, at-risk children aged 6-13 from Greater Boston without regard for their race, nationality, or religious affiliation.

Nearly 450 city-based boys and girls travel to Hull, Massachusetts each summer for a one- or two-week overnight camp experience letting them enjoy the fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support and simply have fun. Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities.

They have mentioned that they always need donations of the following items for the kids at the camp: **Sunblock (we have been told the higher the SPF number, the better)** • **Bug spray** • **Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)**

So, the next time you are shopping or on Amazon.com, please consider picking up some of the items above and dropping them in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. Thank you!

**May "my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be full."**

John 15:11

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist

A few weeks ago we celebrated the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This solemnity draws our attention in a special way to the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Christ. The entirety of His body, blood, soul, and divinity is contained in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Although the Eucharistic elements appear to be bread and wine, they are actually the Body and Blood of Jesus. This mystery is called the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This mystery can be a difficult one to accept, as it defies what our senses tell us. When we receive communion, we see and taste bread and wine. But despite these things, we believe by faith that the bread and wine have become, in substance, Jesus' Body and Blood, and are no longer bread and wine. This happens through the actions of the priest during the Mass and the work of the Holy Spirit in a process called **transubstantiation**.

Some Protestants believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but is not really Him. According to this belief, the celebration of the Eucharist is a memorial of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Catholics, however, believe that the Eucharist is not a symbol at all. The strongest evidence for this comes from Jesus in the Gospels. At the Last Supper, He says, "Take, eat; this is my body" and "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:26–28). As Catholics, we take Jesus' words here literally. Thus, when we celebrate the Eucharist, we believe that we are not only memorializing Jesus' sacrifice, but that we are also *participating* in the eternal sacrifice of Jesus, who exists in His divinity outside of time, by re-presenting it at the Mass.

It is important to note that some Protestants do believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. They believe that this occurs through consubstantiation as opposed to transubstantiation. People who adhere to the idea of consubstantiation believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus coexist with the bread and wine that are the Eucharistic elements. That is, they believe that the host is both bread and Body, and that the chalice contains both wine and Blood. Transubstantiation, on the other hand, is the idea that the *full substance* of the elements becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, meaning that they are no longer bread and wine.

We cannot fully understand the mystery of transubstantiation. Nevertheless, Catholics have faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and believe that through the reception of Holy Communion, we are joined to Jesus and to the members of His Body, the Church. By receiving the Eucharist, we believe that we will receive eternal life (John 6:54). (Catholic TV)



Join Archbishop Henning for
the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!
June 26-28, 2026

In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will pass through the Archdiocese of Boston from June 26th through June 28th with special events in Lexington, Plymouth, and along the Freedom Trail. This pilgrimage is an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ, to be one nation under God. Learn more at bit.ly/NEPBoston.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Because of the upcoming Holiday weekend, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Saturday, July 11th from 12:00p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Confessions will also be offered during this time

Anointing of the Sick



Anointing of the Sick will take place after all the Masses on Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th.

Prayer for Protection of the United States

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Archdiocese of Boston)

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