PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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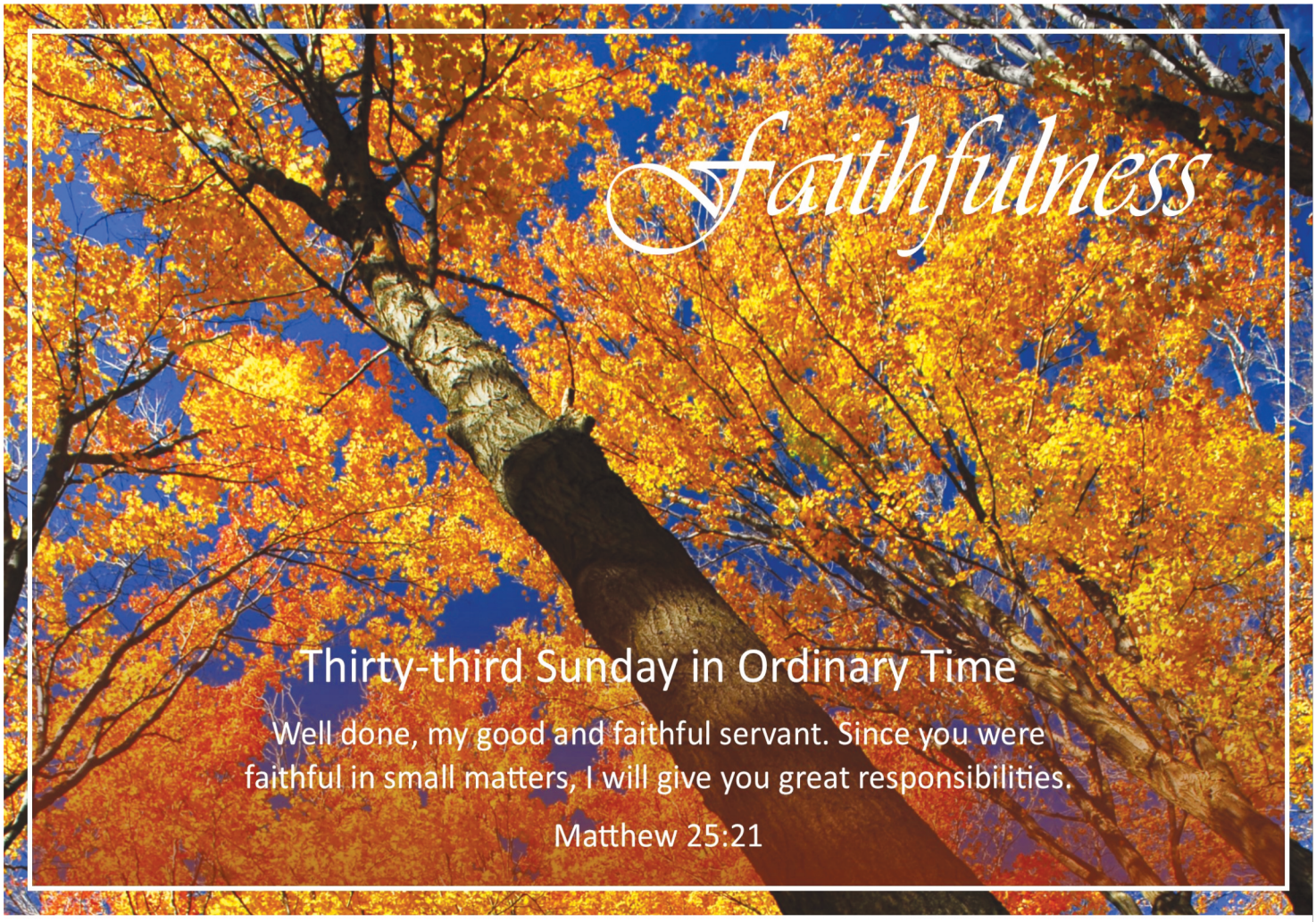

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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.

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 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ACADEMY - LOWER MILLS
Lisa Warshafsky, Principal
Tel: 617-265-0019, Website:www.sjp2ca.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 553 Lord of All Hopefulness
Closing Hymn: BB# 599 Soon and Very Soon

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
4:00 PM Kim Johnson (Anniversary), John Johnson & Catherine Ann Gouzoule (Memorial)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:00 AM In Gratitude to family and friends, living and deceased of Nora, Annmarie & Bill Kennedy
10:00 AM Ann Hue Nguyen (Anniversary)
5:00 PM Helen, Clifford and Susan Johnson (Mem)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:45 AM Joanne Lobacarro (Memorial)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
6:45 AM All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
6:45 AM Veterans, Living and Deceased

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
6:45 AM All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:45 AM All Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
4:00 PM James & Winifred O'Sullivan (Memorial)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:00 AM Parishioners & Friends of St. Gregory Parish
10:00 AM Prosper Akpabie (Memorial)
5:00 PM Maggie & Thomas Walsh (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Stanley Dworkin, Ann Bennett, Ginette Exantus, 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 for the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for November

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory 11/08/26: $9,646.00
(includes online donations)

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



November: The Month of All Souls

During the month of November, we remember in a special way all those who touched and continue to touch our lives with their love, wisdom, joy, grace and peace, and now live in the presence of God. In the front lobby of the Church there is a Book of Remembrance where you can add the name(s) of your deceased family and loved ones. **"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."**

-St. John Chrysostom

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The award-winning Daughters of St. Paul Choir is holding their ' We See His Glory Christmas Concert" on Saturday, December 12th at 7pm and Sunday, December 13th at 3PM at the Natick High School Theater. Join us for an evening of joyful music, stories, & prayer. For details & ticket information visit Pauline.org/concert or call 617-676-4458.

Restoration Retreat:
Hope and Healing for the Divorced and Separated

This one-day retreat at the Pastoral Center, Braintree on Sat. Nov. 21st from 8:30AM-5:00PM will led by Carolyn Klika of Abounding Joy Ministry, focusing on the hope and healing offered by Christ to those who have undergone the trial of divorce or separation. Join others for talks, small group sharing, Adoration and Confession, and a vigil Mass. An in-person or Zoom option is offered. For registration visit bit.ly/RetreatForDivorcedandSeparated or email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org for more information.



THANKSGIVING
Give a Turkey or Get a Turkey



Our celebration of Thanksgiving is around the corner and for many families it will be an opportunity to gather once again to celebrate. In keeping with tradition St. Gregory's Parish hopes to be able to offer Thanksgiving Meals to families from our School and the neighborhoods of Dorchester and Mattapan. Last year we were able to assist some 200 families. If you wish to assist us in this outreach, please consider a $20.00 donation. You may place it in an envelope, label it for "Thanksgiving" and either place it in the receptacles at the entrances of the Church that we use for the Offertory Collection or mail it to the rectory. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

St. Gregory Parish Mental Health Ministry'

Are you interested in being part of a Mental Health Ministry here at St. Gregory's?

Pope Leo XIV dedicates his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them.

His hope, as well as mine, is that the Church may be an "open house" where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope.

He prays that the Church may become "a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear."

I do not know what this ministry will entail, but if you are interested in beginning a conversation about the possibility of beginning this ministry, please speak to me after Mass or leave a message at the rectory or though website: www.stgregoryparish.com.



Parish Giving

Grand Annual Collection 2026

Sometimes life seems to go by very quickly and in our haste, we sometimes fail to take stock of our blessings and give thanks for what we have. In this season of Thanksgiving, I am most grateful for your continued and generous support of me and the parish.

This year the parish had strong financial results, with revenues exceeding budget and good operating expense control, despite inflation.

This weekend we begin our Parish's Grand Annual Collection. I am asking you to consider a gift that will help us address two financial concerns.

First, and perhaps most important, I would love to reduce significantly or illuminate the balance of an outstanding long-term loan to the archdiocese for $140,288.00.

Second, the front of the Church, especially the two steeples, needs to be repointed. With every nor'easter rain pours in. Unfortunately, the estimate is $450,000. Given that, I have applied for a Preservation Grant through the City of Boston and the Commonwealth. This though is usually a long-term effort.

Given the above, I ask you to consider a gift for the Grand Annual Appeal. You can do this with a one-time gift or done with monthly payments.

The Finance Council is optimistic that, through your continued generosity, the financial footing of St. Gregory Parish will continue to be on solid ground. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Finance Council listed below. Again, thank you for your continuing support, kindness and understanding.

Fr. Jack

"On the wounded faces of the poo
we see the suffering of the innocent
and, therefore,
the suffering of Christ himself."
Pope Leo XIV
"Dilexi Te"