

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the
Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him
on the last day

John 6:40



PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

RESIDENCE: Fr. Brian F. McMahon
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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.

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.

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

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Entrance Hymn: BB# 458 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Closing Hymn: BB# 600 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 AM **All Saints Day Mass**

4:00 PM Marie Gardner (Memorial)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 AM Patrick & Francis Harte, Barbara and Joseph Kain, Gertrude Chambers and Charles Murphy (Memorial)

10:00 AM The O'Connell Family (Julia, William J., Helen, John, Mary, James, William I., and Jack O'Connell (Memorial)

5:00 PM Maggie & Thomas Wallace (Memorial)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:45 AM William F. Kennedy, Sr. (Anniv) in Gratitude

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:45 AM Ann Hue Nguyen (Anniversary)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:45 AM Patricia Buckley (4th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 AM Helen and Henry Lunny (Memorial)

10:00 AM Joanne Lobaccaro (Memorial)

5:00 PM Helen Johnson, Clifford Johnson and Susan Johnson (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Edward Burke, 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 Bill Casey, Stanley Dworkin, and all the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for November

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 10/26/25: \$5,662.00

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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

November 2—Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day, as we refer to it, is a feast of God's triumph, in Jesus, over sin and death. It is a time of prayer for all who have died. We are reminded of the promise that we will one day enjoy the vision of God's glory in the kingdom where hope is fixed for all who love and where rest is sure for all who serve. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus, and belief in our own resurrection should convince us to take our life of faith seriously. The words of today's readings urge us to hold fast to the promise of life eternal and to look upon our life as a series of opportunities for believing, hoping, loving, and growing. Such opportunities are unique gifts from God and should not be missed.



St. Martin de Porres Feast Day—November 3rd

Martin was born in Lima, Peru, on December 9, 1579 to Don Juan de Porres, a Spanish nobleman and adventurer, and Ana Velasquez, a freed daughter of slaves from Panama.

His father abandoned the family when Martin and his sister, Juana, were very young. Ana Velasquez supported her children by taking in laundry.

Martin's childhood poverty did not embitter him but made him sensitive to the plight of the poor, and especially the orphans to whom he would devote much of his time and resources. At the age of twelve, Martin began an apprenticeship with a barber/surgeon. He left home and joined the Dominican Order. Martin often challenged his brothers on their racial attitudes. However, it is St. Martin's charity that made him the patron saint of social justice. Martin fed, sheltered and doctored hundreds of families. Last, but not least, he established the Orphanage and School of the Holy Cross, which took in boys and girls of all classes and taught them trades or homemaking skills. St. Martin died on November 3rd, 1639. He died surrounded by his brothers and reciting the Credo, his life ending with the words "et homo factus est".

His funeral was attended by thousands of Peruvians from all walks of life who vied to get a piece of St. Martin's habit as a relic. These pieces of the saint's habit have been associated with innumerable miraculous cures.



THANKSGIVING *Give a Turkey or Get a Turkey*



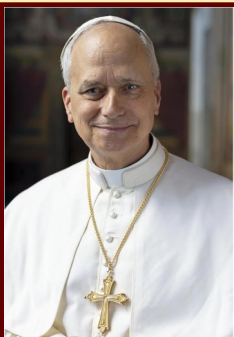
Our celebration of Thanksgiving is around the corner and for many families it will be an opportunity to gather once again to celebrate.

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.

The Nineteenth Annotation Retreat of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

An Invitation to Meet Christ in Prayer, arranged by Fr. John Sassani & Mary Ann McLaughlin is being offered in a group setting for Catholic adults. The number of participants will be limited. These Spiritual Exercises extend over the course of twenty-three weeks and are loosely aligned with the liturgical year. The group will use the ZOOM Format to meet weekly, on line, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon starting on Wednesday, **November 19, 2025 through Wednesday, April 22, 2026.** Mary Ann McLaughlin and Deacon Dan Burns will direct the Spiritual Exercises. For further information please call Mary Ann at 617-682-287 or email: maryannmclaughlin2@aol.com.



Leo P.P. XIV

"I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry."

- Pope Leo XIV
"Dilexi Te"

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline—If you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, dial **988** for free and confidential support by a trained mental health professional. Open 24/7.



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. Envelopes are also at the entrances of the Church where you can add names which will be placed on the Altar. Please, there is no need to place any money in those envelopes.

"They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

St. John Chrysostom



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd.



First Communion Class will meet in the Lower Church Prayer Room on Sunday,

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

Thanks to all who have donated cards 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. Thank you for your continued generosity.

"A generous spirit is itself great wealth."

+ St. Leo the Great, pope (400-461 A.D.)