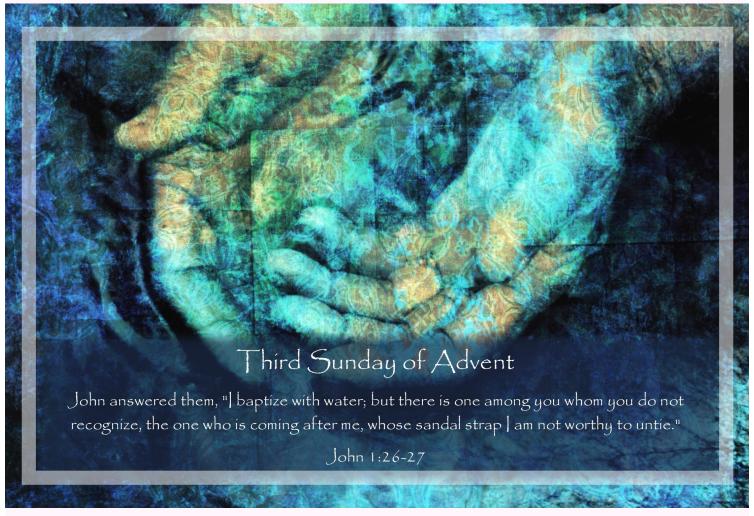
PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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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 - 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.

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

SAINT GREGORY PARISH DORCHESTER, MA



Entrance Hymn: BB# 69 Lift Up Your Heads Closing Hymn: BB# 53 Ready the Way



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00 PM Kathleen M. O'Sullivan (Memorial)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM Helen & Walter Knadler and

Catherine & John Sellon (Memorial)

10:00 AM Frank Nagim (Birthday Memorial) 5:00 PM Noel & Lucy Hebard (Memorial)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:45 AM Dr. J. Stephen Hayes (Anniversary) and

Nora J. Hayes (Birthday Memorial)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Ezeline Andre (Birthday Memorial), Vital 6:45 AM

Andre and Cinneas Families (Memorial)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Noel & Lucy Hebard (Memorial) 6:45 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 PM Kathleen Dwyer Ferrara (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 AM Oddette Inocent-Pierre and

Richardson Pierre (Memorial)

10:00 AM Slan, Andre, & Anastasia Jean-Pierre (Mem)



(See Christmas Mass Schedule) 🎎



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Jane Potenza, Arthur Lacey, Charles Bankowski, and those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

OFFERTORY REPORT

December 10, 2023: \$7,317.00 Grand Annual: \$27,798.00 (goal: \$70,000)

(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.



If you wish to donate in honor or in memory of a loved one, please place your envelope with names in the offertory containers inside the Church or in the rectory Donations will be accepted until Monday, **December 18th.** Please clearly print the names of those you would like to be remembered. Names will be placed on the altar for all the Christmas Season Masses and printed in the bulletin which will be available at the doors of the church for Christmas Masses. Thank you!

Mental Health Matters: A Workshop to Empower Parents

On Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 PM join Dr. Mookie Manalili, a Catholic psychologist from Boston College; retired psychologist and pastor, Father Jim Ronan, and mental health clinician, author, and parent Suzanne Muldoon for a Zoom panel discussion on how parents can best support and care for their children and themselves in the midst of mental health concerns. The panelists will address diagnoses, recommendations, and how faith impacts healing. The complimentary workshop is sponsored by Family Life. For guestions, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756. To register: https://bit.ly/MHMtoParents

There will be no First Communion Class on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas on Sunday, December 24th Chinamas First Communion Class Vacation). Class will resume on Sunday, January 7th in the Lower Church at 10:45 a.m. If class is cancelled due to weather, please visit our website: www.stgregoryparish.com where a cancellation notice will be posted on the home page.

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- St. John Paul II

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 17, 2023**

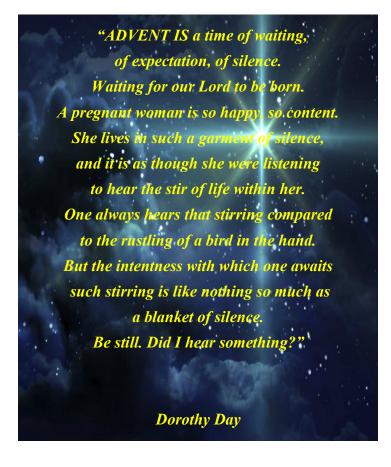
NEW AUXILLIARY BISHOP FOR BOSTON

Cardinal Sean O'Malley announces last weekend that Pope Francis has names Rev. Cristiano Guilherme Borro Barbosa as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Bishop-elect Barbosa currently serves as Episcopal Vicar for the Central Region (which includes Boston) and as Secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship.





This year at all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priest, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org





Christmas Outreach



St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, Lower Mills Campus and St. Gregory Parish have partnered to collect gift cards and essential items for

Tommy's Place and Cradles to Crayons. We are also collecting for Parishioners and School Families in need.

Sunday, December 17th is the last day to drop off items for our Christmas outreach.

Please drop off your items (Gift Cards, New Clothing and New Toys) at the entrance of the church this weekend.

Thank you!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th—Christmas Eve 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM (Upper Church)

Monday, December 25th—Christmas Day 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM (Upper Church)

(There is no 5PM Mass on Monday, December 25th)