

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God sets a father in honor over
his children; a mother's authority
he confirms over her sons.

Sirach 3:2

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Brian F. McMahon
Fr. James Ojo

BUSINESS MANAGER: Julie A. Hayes

MUSIC DIRECTOR: James Busby, D. Mus.

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*



Entrance Hymn: BB# 102 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Closing Hymn: BB# 90 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 PM Kathleen C. Sullivan (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Leo J. Gulinello (Anniversary)
 10:00 AM Kathleen & Joseph Folan (Memorial)
 5:00 PM Julie Rodney, Tucker Hyde, Duette
 Rodney, Jr., and Daniel Rodney (Mem.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

6:45 AM Peace in the World

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:45 AM Mary Sexton (3rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

4:00 PM Frank and Kitty Walsh (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 AM
 10:00 AM George T. Ryan (Anniversary)
 5:00 PM George "Bob" Cheevers (Birthday Mem)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Terrence Guiney, Patrick Slade, and all those who have died recently, that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends.

OFFERTORY REPORT

December 17th: \$8,451.00

Grand Annual: \$31,648.00 (goal: \$70,000)

(includes online and mailed in giving)

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

Rain Rain Go Away

Some Significant Damage to Parish Property

From the summer up until the week prior to Christmas the windswept rains have left their mark on our property. Several times since summer ***rain flooded the church and caused damage to the ceiling and wall in the right front section.*** Prior to fixing this damage, the roof of the Church needs immediate repair. The work will include gutter replacement on the upper and lower right side of the church. The bid also includes removing all the damaged and sagging fascia board and soffit board under the lower gutter, reinforcing the framing, and installing new fascia and soffit board below the lower gutter. **The bid for the church roof repair is \$132,877.** The entire roof will be looked at for other needed repair. Following the completion of the roof repair we will price out the work for the interior wall. Also, **last week's rain toppled three 60-foot trees on the rectory lawn.** Luckily, they fell into each other and did not damage the rectory or cars in the CVS lot.

Unfortunately, there has been no major capital upkeep of the Church, rectory, the houses on Richmond Street, or the High School Building in 20 or more years. My sense is that there is considerable deferred capital work that needs to be addressed over the next several years. In the new year I will have conversations with members of the Finance Council concerning a possible Parish Capital Campaign.

Again, thank you for your support, kindness and understanding.

Fr. Jack Ahern

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta



On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Christmas collection for the Clergy Fund.

If you were not able to donate on Christmas, it's not too late. Please go to www.clergytrust.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 6th from 12 (noon) to 1:00 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard during this time.



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all Masses next weekend, Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th.

New Year's Resolutions: The Pope Francis List

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

Christmas 2023 was a bit more festive this year as many of us were able to gather to celebrate the Birth of Jesus both in our Church and in our homes. I would like to thank Fr. Brian McMahon for celebrating the Mysteries with such joy. My gratitude also to our Director of Music Ministries and organist, James Busby, our cantors Sean Roper, Meghan Blell, and Laura McHugh, who added such life and beauty to the Liturgies. Thanks also to Karen Burciaga and Daniel Meyers who with their violin and Uliann Pipe added even more richness to our beautiful Christmas Eve liturgies. Thank you also to the Greeters, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers, and of course all who came to worship and celebrate the Nativity of the Lord.

I also, extend my deep gratitude to Bobbie and Mike Skillin, who once again brought the Church to its exquisite beauty for the celebration of the Nativity. So many who came to celebrate the Solemnity mentioned how beautiful the Church was. Thank you!

Thank you also to Joe, Sean, and Gregory Bourne for setting up the beautiful outside Creche, for cleaning and maintaining the Church, and helping to bring the beauty of the season to life. Thank you!

Thanks also to Julie Hayes who keeps everything going so smoothly at the Rectory and is extra busy in the office during this Holy Season. Thanks also to Barbara Miller and Christina Willett, who are also most helpful in the rectory.

Lastly, my gratitude to the many parishioners who through gifts cards and offering of money assisted many families to make the Christmas celebration more life-giving and enjoyable. I am blessed to be part of this community.

Fr. Jack