

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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6th

SUNDAY
in Ordinary
Time

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." (Sir 15:15-16)

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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 - 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.

EUCARISTIC 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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 730 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Closing Hymn: BB# 443 A Mighty Fortress



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

4:00 PM Stephanie Hernandez (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 AM John Daily (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Octavie T. Olivier, Jeanine Ducasse, and Edgar Dupiton (Memorial)

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:45 AM Ann Thu Huong (Anniversary)

9:00 AM Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

4:00 PM Mark Gill Walsh (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 AM John J. Mulvey, Sr. (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Peg Collupy (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Laurence Maguire, 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 all the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for February

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope..

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory for 2/8/26: \$ 6,147.00

Grand Annual Collection: \$87,423.00

Air Conditioner Donations: \$22,688.00

(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

An immediate capital issue for the Parish is the replacement of our Church Chiller Unit for the air conditioning. It limped through the summer and by early Fall was unrepairable. The estimate received for this work is \$110,537.00.

If you would like to make a donation to replace the chiller, please take an envelope specially marked for this cause. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.



LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY

HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY PARISH

All are Welcome!

Please feel free to take what you need and give what you can. In our community, we take care of each other! Pick-up & Drop Off Location: St. Gregory Church, Under side stairs facing Mother Julia Road, Dorchester Ave in Lower Mills. Please leave shelf stable foods like rice, canned goods and hygiene products in the cupboard. Please do not leave anything outside the cupboard. If full, check back tomorrow and see if there is room.

Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association

Meeting February 17, 2026

St. Gregory Auditorium

•Area B/C Community Police Officers

•Senator Nick Collins

•Forbes House

Dues for the New year are now due. Lower Mills Community Food Pantry: Please help restock the food pantry to help our Lower Mills neighbors. Please bring canned goods to our meeting. **In case of snow storm—the meeting will be cancelled.**

Together we are One

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports parish expenses, initiatives and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, schools and the greater community. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2026 Catholic Appeal.

Adjusted Office Hours for Several Weeks



Please note that for the next several weeks, the rectory offices will be **open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If you need a Mass card, would like to schedule a Mass or for any business matter, please call or visit the rectory during those hours. For urgent matter, call Fr. Jack at 617-298-2460 and when you hear the prompt for Fr. Jack, press 2.



Faith Formation

First Communion Class

No First Communion Class today. Enjoy your Vacation! Class will resume on Sunday, March 1st.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will be held on **Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower church. (A week later than usual, due to February school vacation week.)



Ash Wednesday is February 18th

Below is the schedule for Ash Wednesday and our Lenten prayer opportunities.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ashes will be distributed at the 6:45 a.m. Mass (Upper Church) and the 9:00 a.m. Mass (Upper Church)

Ashes will also be distributed from 4:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. in the Upper Church.

Special Collection on Ash Wednesday

This Ash Wednesday, we invite you to participate in a special collection for **Catholic Charities**—Boston, which serves the Archdiocese of Boston—families in need of food, shelter, advocacy, and emergency assistance. With your partnership, Catholic Charities can continue to be a beacon of hope, offering immediate assistance and the tools for lasting stability through adult education classes, quality child care and job training. Please consider beginning your Lenten journey by supporting our neighbors in need. For more information, visit ccab.org/donate



Lent



Daily Mass

6:45 a.m. Monday—Saturday in the Upper Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Noon to 1:00 p.m.
In the Upper Church

Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings 7:00 PM in the Upper Church

Lenten Disciplines of Abstinence: Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are for individuals from age 14 onwards. As you embrace this discipline, please pray for those who go to bed hungry each night. It is estimated that 37% of families with children (1 in 3 households) in eastern Massachusetts do not have sufficient or quality food.

Lenten Almsgiving

Together with St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, L. Mills, we will be responding to a need for children at Children's Hospital. Next weekend we will provide a list of items required.