

# PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY


*Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton*

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*This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

Mark 1:15 (NAB)

**PASTOR:** Fr. Jack Ahern

**IN RESIDENCE:** Fr. Brian F. McMahon

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**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](http://www.sjp2ca.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday morning.

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



**Entrance Hymn: BB# 130** Forty Days and Forty Nights

**Closing Hymn: BB#139** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

4:00 PM Paul K. Leary (5th Anniversary)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

7:00 AM Anne Thu Huong (25th Anniversary)

10:00 AM Matthew Roper (4th Anniversary),

Jimmy Donovan (6th Anniversary)

Stephen Kane (3rd Anniversary)

Peter Donovan (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM James Monahan (7th Anniversary)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

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

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

6:45 AM Yvonne Andre (L) in Thanksgiving

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6:45 AM Paul K. Leary (5th Anniversary)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

6:45 AM Monsignor Paul T. Ryan (Memorial)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

6:45 AM Peace in Ukraine (2nd Anniversary of War)

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

4:00 PM Claire Barter (Birthday Memorial)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

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

10:00 AM Thomas Trebino (2nd Anniversary)

5:00 PM Maureen Kenny (Month's Mind)

### **The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

#### **Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Barbara Garrity, 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, especially healing for Christian.

### **OFFERTORY REPORT**

**February 11th: \$6,983.00 Utilities Collection: 7,412.00**

**Grand Annual: \$38,243.00 (goal: \$70,000)**

(includes online and mailed in giving)

To give online go to [stgregoryparish.com](http://stgregoryparish.com) and click on button "Give". For help, call Julie in the rectory.



### **Celebrating Black History Month**

#### **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

Pierre was born into slavery in Haiti. When an uprising threatened the safety of his owners, they fled to New York, taking Pierre, his younger sister, his aunt, and two other house slaves with them. In New York, Pierre became an apprentice under one of the city's leading hairdressers, eventually earning large sums of money doing the hair of many renowned women in the city. After his owner died, Pierre financially supported the widow and the rest of the slaves with his earnings. He treated those who enslaved him as if he was a dedicated member of their family. Moved by his goodness and generosity, the widow granted Pierre his freedom shortly before her death. He became a philanthropist for the black community, opening his home to many and purchasing the freedom of others (including the woman who became his wife). At his death, he was one of the most well-known and respected Catholics in New York City and is buried at St. Patrick's Cathedral.



### **2024 Catholic Appeal**

**FORWARD FAITH**

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many

outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your participation and early support of the 2024 Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution has a significant impact on the lives of thousands across the Archdiocese. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now). For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support. The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brother and sisters and move forward in our faith together.

## Supermarket Gift Cards Needed

Thank you to the many who provide gift cards to both Stop and Shop and Star Markets.

The requests for food assistance have been *increasing* week to week with the costs of groceries beyond the reach of many individuals and families.

**We give out over 100 gift cards per month.** New people come to our door each week for assistance. Food Cards are **URGENTLY NEEDED**. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated. Thank you!

There will be **no First Communion Class today**, Sunday, February 18th, as it is February School Vacation Week. First Communion Class will resume on Sunday, March 3rd. If class is cancelled due to bad weather, please visit our website: [www.stgregoryparish.com](http://www.stgregoryparish.com) where a cancellation notice will be posted on the home page.

## Utility Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported the Utility Collection last week. As all of you know the cost of all things, including utilities, has skyrocketed beyond what you or we expected as we prepared our Household and Parish Budgets. Any and all assistance is appreciated, but I also know that many of you are hard pressed, and family comes first.

*Fr Jack*

## Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association Meeting

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

**St. Gregory's Auditorium**

- Area B/C Community Police Officers
  - Senator Nick Collins ● City Councilor at Large Erin Murphy
- As the Globe has been reporting, Steward Health Care, parent company of Carney Hospital, is in serious financial trouble. They are an integral part of Lower Mills. It is important for us as a community to discuss this. I urge everyone to attend this meeting.

*( If there is a snow storm, meeting is cancelled)*

*Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything is depended."*

*-Pope Francis*



## 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 24-26% of families with children in eastern Massachusetts do not have sufficient or quality food.

# Lenten Almsgiving

Once again, we are partnering with the Lower Mills Campus of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy.

This year we are helping **The Cape Verdean Association of Boston**.

**Items needed for seniors and families:** NEW sheets, blankets, comforters, towels, wash clothes, pots, pans, cups, plates, toiletries including toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, body wash and diapers; **Items for Youth Program:** any and all art supplies.

Items may be dropped off at the entrance of the Church or at the rectory by March 24th. Thank you!

**"The mystery of the poor is this:**

**That they are Jesus,**

**And what you do for them you do for Him.**

**It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love."**

**-St. John Paul II**