

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 259 At the Name of Jesus

Closing Hymn: BB# 732 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



SATURDAY, APRIL 20

4:00 PM Eileen M. Kelleher (7th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 AM Helen and Henry Lunny (Memorial)

10:00 AM Rev. John Sassani (Anniversary)

5:00 PM Mary and Coleman Costello (Memorial)

MONDAY, APRIL 22

6:45 AM Leo Bibinski (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

6:45 AM Kenny Hyde (Memorial)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:45 AM Nora Hayes (14th Anniversary)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:00 PM Edna M. Fuge (46th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 AM John J. O'Malley (Memorial)

10:00 AM Thomas Williams (4th Anniversary)

5:00 PM Maureen Gunning Dworkin (1st Anniv.)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

The role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Mary Williams, James McDonough, Janice Brown, 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

Sunday April 14th: 6,639.00

Grand Annual: \$43,573.00 (goal: \$70,000)

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

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on **Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** (ET) on Zoom. The topic will be "The Call to Religious Life." If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

Al-Anon Group

Do you have a loved one struggling with alcoholism?

Please join us

as we share our experience, strength and hope.

Wednesdays evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha School Music Room

440 Adams Street, Milton

For more information please contact the Rectory, rectory@stagathaparish.org or 617-698-2439



Project Rachel—Post Abortion Healing Retreats

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women who are experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. The Spring date is Saturday, May 11th. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, please contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Let Anyone Who Thirsts, Come to Me: A Healing Mass for those Impacted by Divorce/Separation

...will be held April 30th at the Pastoral Center from 6:30-9:00 PM. Hosted by Family Life Ministry, the evening includes Confession, Adoration, a witness talk by divorced Catholic Mark Gioia, Mass celebrated by Fr. Jürgen Liias, and prayers for healing. For more information or to register visit <https://bit.ly/LetAnyoneWhoThirsts> or call Emily Elliott (617) 746-5756.

Update on Capital Improvements

Below please find a summary of the critical Capital Improvements for the Parish property.

Church

Church roof: The work on the main roof on the parking lot side of the building **was completed** this past week. With the staging in place, we also did necessary masonry work. The cost is \$159, 000.

Inside Repair: In the next several weeks or more we will begin the decorative walls/statue/pedestal repair. The estimated cost is \$58, 000.

The towers of the Church and the stairways to the choir loft have been taking in significant rain. Repointing and waterproofing will be necessary for the towers. We will also look at what repairs are necessary for the stairwells.

Boston Youth Sanctuary Building

Sections of the roof blew away. The cost of \$43, 276. will be paid fully by insurance. The work will commence in the summer.

Total Cost of Repair to Parish Properties: The net cost for repairs after insurance is \$205,027. We will keep you updated.

Unfortunately, we will need to consider a Capital Campaign to fully address these and other needed repairs and improvements.

2024 Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all who have already responded so generously to the Cardinal's invitation! We have reached 71% of our goal! You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters and move forward in our faith together.

"Only in Christ do we find real love, and the fullness of life. And so I invite you today to look to Christ. When you wonder about the mystery of yourself, look to Christ who gives you the meaning of life." "Jesus is not an idea or a feeling or a memory. Jesus is a living 'person' always present among us. Love Jesus present in the Eucharist."

– St. John Paul II



Unceasing Care

*Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil...*

Psalms 23:4

Few of us escape the "dark valleys" of Psalm 23. Some of us encounter these valleys often, perhaps even daily. They come in the form of unexpected tragedy, persistent anxiety, discouragement, sorrow, depression, many forms of loss, physical debilitation and numerous other experiences of vanished joy and stifled hope.

Psalm 23 was written thousands of years ago to assure each person in their dark-valley times that they are cared for unceasingly by the Good Shepherd. Even though we may be unaware of this presence, the psalmist assures us that this generous divinity never abandons us. Instead, we will be given what we need to make it through our dark valley: repose, refreshment, guidance, courage, nourishment, goodness and kindness.

Read the psalm aloud, slowly. Let each line greet you with a rekindling of hope.

- Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.

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