

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

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

BUSINESS MANAGER: Julie A. Hayes

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Dr. James Busby, D. Mus. RIP

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.

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# 585 Sing to the Mountains

Closing Hymn: BB# 582 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



SATURDAY, JULY 11

4:00 PM Arnold Fuge (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

7:00 AM Bob Lawley and Family (Memorial)

10:00 AM John and Dorothea Ahern (Memorial)

5:00 PM Mass of Healing—for Parishioners facing medical challenges

MONDAY, JULY 13

6:45 AM Hedwig Bibinski (Memorial)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:00 PM Patricia Marie (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:00 AM Mary C. Mulvey (Anniversary)

10:00 AM Jack Connors (2nd Anniversary)

5:00 PM Michael & Margie Joyce (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Karen Davis, Christopher Holmes, Andrew Hoppie, 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 all the sick and suffering.

Pope Leo's Intention for July

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Supermarket Gift Cards are Always Needed

All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you know. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our neighbors in need of a little assistance. Thank you also to the many neighbors who stock the Lower Mills Community Pantry hosted here on the Parish grounds next to the Church on Mother Julia Road.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory 7/5/26: \$7,381.00

(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



As you may know (and feel) the air conditioning system is up and running. With Easter faith I ordered the unit and with your incredible generosity we reached our goal. Thank you very much.

Fr. Jack



A REQUEST FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

For over 100 years, Sunset Point Camp in Hull has provided a dream vacation at the seashore to over 40,000 low-income, at-risk children aged 6-13 from Greater Boston without regard for their race, nationality, or religious affiliation.

Nearly 450 city-based boys and girls travel to Hull, Massachusetts each summer for a one- or two-week overnight camp experience letting them enjoy the fresh air, learn new talents, receive academic summer support and simply have fun. Sunset Point Camp is operated by our friends at Catholic Charities.

They have mentioned that they always need donations of the following items for the kids at the camp: **Sunblock (we have been told the higher the SPF number, the better) • Bug spray • Flip flops (boys/girls ages 6-15)**

So, the next time you are shopping or on Amazon.com, please consider picking up some of the items above and dropping them in the plastic bin identified for this purpose in the narthex. Thank you!

**May "my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be full."**

John 15:11

Archbishop Richard G. Henning "God Bless America"

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was covering a parish on Long Island in my home diocese. As it was for so many around the world, it was a dramatic and frightening moment. The parish was located about one hour from Manhattan, and two of the parish families lost loved ones in the attack on the Twin Towers. Many other families were awaiting news of family as the collapse of the towers had damaged infrastructure for the "landline" phones and the cell networks were overwhelmed by the traffic. With people walking out of Manhattan over the bridges and with trains and subways paralyzed, many family members only arrived home late into the night. In the locked-down parish school and around the community, the level of fear and anxiety was palpable.

It was clear that people needed a place to gather and they needed the reassurance of faith. At about 6 p.m. that evening, we started tolling the parish bell. Within the hour, the church, the yard, and the sidewalks had filled with people, and we began the celebration of Holy Mass. It was a deeply moving and meaningful moment of prayer connection. In the quiet after Holy Communion, someone started singing "God Bless America." Hundreds of voices within and around the church took up the song. It was a heartfelt prayer and many faces streamed with tears. We did not know it at that moment, but all over the region people had gathered in their churches and many of them also spontaneously sang: "God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above"

Originally composed by the Jewish immigrant American Irving Berlin during the First World War (1918), the song became famous after being sung by Kate Smith in 1938 as the United States faced the threat of a second great war. In 2001, it became medicine for the soul of a wounded nation. It expressed hope, unity, and longing for peace and goodness. It was matched by deeds of solidarity and care for neighbor and friend. During and after the attacks, so many risked themselves to help others. People looked at each other and their lives differently. They appreciated the gift of life, and they wanted to help and to strengthen each other. And they implored God to bless the nation.

On July 4, 2026, we will mark 250 years since the reading out of the Declaration of Independence. I know that we are often a divided nation. I know that too many see fellow Americans as enemies or rivals. I know that some now think that America's flaws invalidate her promise. I remember the unity and resilience of Sept. 11, 2001, and I grieve for the angry divisions of 2026. No nation is ever perfect. For all our imperfections, this nation has a founding vision worth honoring and celebrating. That vision spoke of the fundamental dignity of every human person. Abraham Lincoln knew just how challenging it was to live that vision in concrete reality. In a moment of terrible and violent division, he reminded us of a nation "conceived in liberty" and of "unfinished work." He summoned us to "increased devotion" to secure a "new birth of freedom" and to see that "government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth."

As a Catholic, I know that my true citizenship comes from heaven, yet I cannot help but love my earthly country. I love her promise, her people, and her possibility. When I see our flag, I think of that founding vision and generations of struggle and sacrifice. I think of the work yet to be done and the summons to do our part in this generation. And I pray to God for the United States of America. I pray for the healing of division, for comfort for the afflicted, and for reverence for the gift of life. I pray for the peace and prosperity of my "home sweet home." God bless America, land that I love ...



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will take place after all the Masses this weekend, Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th.

Special Collection Today for Venezuela Relief

Noting the immense suffering and loss of life occurring in Venezuela. With the death toll approaching 1,000 and likely to surpass that, more than 3,000 having been injured and thousands more missing the Church has mobilized and is bringing immediate relief to the people impacted. Archbishop Henning has requested that Parishes take up a special collection for relief efforts. **A collection will be taken up this weekend, July 11-12.**

For this special collection, parishioners are asked to address their checks to **St. Gregory Parish**, with "Venezuela Relief" in the memo. Each parish will send the funds collected to the Archdiocese to be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Archbishop Henning said, "through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."



Society of African Missions (S.M.A.)

It is a joy to welcome once again a SMA priest for the summer. This year we are privileged to welcome Fr. Bernard ("Fr. Ben") Masaba Asuka who is from Kenya and was ordained in 2005.

This will be time for Fr. Bernard to be renewed and a grace-filled time for us as we come away with a deeper sense of the universal Church. It is a time of developing cultural exchange and learning, a time to mutually encourage each other's faith.

