

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

Matthew 13:24

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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

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Psalm 86:5

Entrance Hymn: BB# 213 Praise to the Lord

Closing Hymn: BB# 581 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



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)

MONDAY, JULY 20

6:45 AM Nanci & Roges Lamothe & Christina
(Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

6:45 AM Isabelle Karpowich (Memorial)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:45 AM Jack Connors (2nd Anniversary)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:00 PM Robert Driscoll (14th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:00 AM Sheila Young (Memorial)

10:00 AM Coley Flaherty (Memorial)

5:00 PM Coleman & Mary Costello (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for 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 7/12/26: \$5,710

Venezuela Collection: \$1,150

Peter's Pence/Catholic University: \$578.00

(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

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The Gospel today speaks to some everyday realities. Gardeners dealing with weeds growing among good plants, bakers knowing the importance of yeast in bread baking. Jesus uses parables to teach us lessons that we can identify with. At a deeper level, these parables highlight the importance of being discerning, of being patient, of allowing the life of God to grow and bear fruit in our lives. St. Paul reminds us that the Spirit is present to help us recognize where and how we are called to grow in discipleship. What new growth is God nurturing and encouraging in you? How might you be "yeast" helping the life of God grow in others? Reread today's gospel and pray for the grace to apply Jesus' message to your daily living.



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.

Are you recently engaged?



Transformed in Love is the marriage preparation of the Archdiocese of Boston. Parishes and their engaged couples should visit <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/for-couples/transformed-in-love/> for "Eight Steps for Engaged Couples" as well as the dates and locations of the various *Transformed in Love* and *Transformados en el Amor* workshops.



A Summer Prayer

Rev. Austin H. Fleming

From "A Concord Pastor's Comments"

Help me find a place to meet you, Lord:
a shady place, a grove of grace,
where you and I might meet and sit
together in the silence, in the shade, away
from all the noise that fills my soul...

Help me find a summer refuge at the shore
or in the fields or up atop some mountain:
a grotto of your presence, Lord, a haven
where I'll find with you the peace
my heart desires...

This summer, Lord,
help me find a place to meet you
down the road or out of town
or even close to home:
a place where we might meet and sit
together in the silence, in the shade,
in the prayer that makes us one...

Amen.

*You need not travel far to find a summer
place to meet the Lord and spend some
time with him in prayer: your back yard
or local park will do, your porch, your deck
or just favorite chair close
by an open window... Wherever you are,
he's with you; wherever you travel,
he's by your side; wherever you go,
he'll be there to meet you,
whenever you arrive.*