

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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17th

Sunday

in Ordinary Time



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44

Parable of the Hidden Treasure, Rembrandt

PASTOR: Fr. Jack Ahern

RESIDENCE: Fr. Brian F. McMahon
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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 - 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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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

And we know that all things work together
for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Entrance Hymn: BB# 722 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Closing Hymn: BB# 480 Let There Be Peace on Earth



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)

MONDAY, JULY 27

6:45 AM Linda Guerrier (2nd Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

6:45 AM Michael McEleney & Billy Geary (Memorial)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 PM Camden Family (Living and Deceased)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 AM Peg Gulinello (Birthday Memorial)

10:00 AM Mary Ellen Balasalle (Memorial)

5:00 PM Carlo Clermy (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 August

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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 7/19/26: \$6,734.00

(includes online donations)

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



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.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Archbishop Henning invites all couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 25th at 3:00 PM** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, go to: <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass-5/>

Restoration Retreat: Hope and Healing for the Divorced and Separated—November 21, 2026

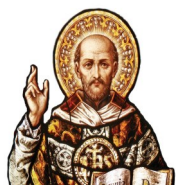
This one-day retreat at the Pastoral Center, Braintree on Sat. Nov. 21st from 8:30AM-5:00PM will be led by Carolyn Klika of *Abounding Joy Ministry*, focusing on the hope and healing divorce or separation. Join others for talks, small group sharing, Adoration and Confession, and a vigil Mass. An in-person or Zoom option is offered. For registration visit bit.ly/RetreatForDivorcedandSeparated or email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org for more information.



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.



Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Feast Day: July 31

Ignatius believed that God desires to draw us into a personal friendship, an ever-deepening relationship, to ongoing conversion. In our embrace of this invitation, we embrace our God who calls us to act in new, bold ways that reconcile our world, bringing about justice, peace and compassion.

In the vision of St. Ignatius, we seek to **“find God in all things.”** We dedicate ourselves to the **“greater glory of God”** and the good of all humanity.

I hope you enjoy the following poem which highlights for me that faith brings with it a Falling in love with God.

Fr. Jack

Fall in Love

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than falling in Love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of
bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with
joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

Joseph Whelan, S.J.



When traveling this summer, for nationwide Mass times and locations, please visit www.masstimes.org

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our first reading we hear that God was pleased with Solomon's request for an understanding heart! Take note, Solomon does not ask for riches or a long life or even an untroubled life. His request may give us pause to consider what we put values on, what priorities we have, and think is important. Would our answer be like that of Solomon? To help us be clearer about what is important, Jesus gives us two additional short parables: the pearl of great price and the hidden treasure. Do we consider our faith as a pearl of great price, or a treasure to seek? These readings give us much food for thought and prayer about what we value, what we pursue, and who we want to be!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 1st from 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m., and every first Saturday of each month at noon for Adoration. Confession will also be available at this time.

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world.”

Pope Saint John Paul II

Anointing of the Sick

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, it will be offered after all the Masses next weekend, August 1st and August 2nd, or by appointment.

Thoughts on Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

“Let us pray together that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones. May it become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.”

Pope Francis