

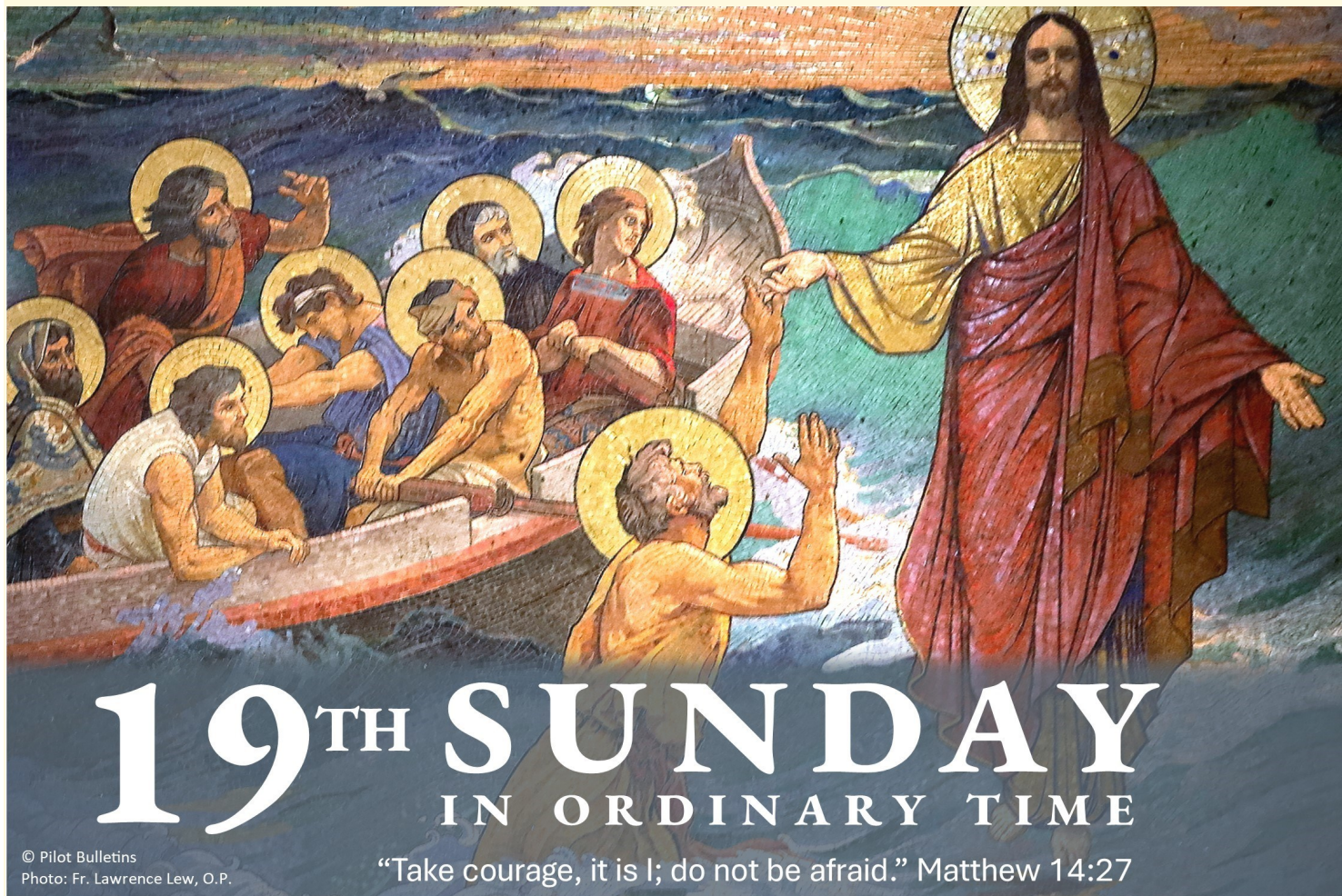
PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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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# 313 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Closing Hymn: BB# 445 How Can I Keep From Singing



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

4:00 PM James Busby (Memorial)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 AM Frank "Danny" Gaston (Birthday Mem.)

Irene Murphy (Memorial)

10:00 AM Armando & Florence Dizio (Memorial)

5:00 PM Papalegis Family & Dorothy Karpowich (Mem)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

6:45 AM Philip Thua Do (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:45 AM Frank "Danny" Gaston (Memorial)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:00 PM The Clancy Family of Duxbury

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 AM Edward W., Margaret & Mary Holmes (Mem)

10:00 AM George and Barbara Roper (Memorial)

5:00 PM Bob and Jean Golka (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Daniel Leary, Gerard Danger, Rosemond Boyer, 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 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 8/2/26: \$7,171.00

(includes online donations)

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reading from the first Book of Kings recounts the prophet Elijah's encounter with God. Much to Elijah's surprise, God did not come to him in the wind or the earthquake, rather God came in a tiny whispering sound. In the Gospel, Jesus takes time apart to be quiet in God's presence, to listen to God. The storm which the disciples encounter was anything but and caused them to be frightened and uncertain about Jesus' presence. The scriptures today remind us that whether we are seeking some quiet prayer or facing a difficult or stormy situation, God is present desiring to relieve our fears and to give us hope. Be attentive then to the way God comes to you.

Remember our Homebound

If you or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to recovery from surgery, an illness or can simply no longer attend Mass Please let us know. Call Julie in the parish office, 617-298-2460 and we will make arrangements to have communion brought to you. Please make the call, we are here for you.



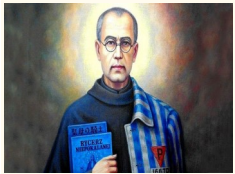
LOWER MILLS COMMUNITY PANTRY HOSTED BY ST. GREGORY PARISH

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.

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Feast Day—August 14th

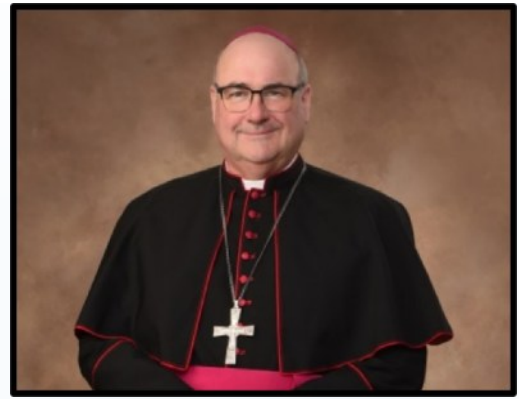
"I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv—then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded *Knight of the Immaculata*, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata"—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carboic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to you, the parishioners of St. Gregory Parish, on meeting your 2026 Catholic Appeal goal. I am continually moved by the faith, generosity, and the goodness of the people here in the Archdiocese of Boston.

This year's theme, "**Together We Are One**", has been a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus and our call to be united to the Body of Christ.

Thank you for partnering with me as co-workers in the Lord's vineyard as we support and sustain His work and His ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard G. Henning
 Archbishop of Boston

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LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Please search in your heart to become a Lector and/or a Eucharistic Minister. Take advantage of this wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. All of us are equally worthy in His presence! All Mass times have a need. Young adults and High School students are welcome! If interested, please call the rectory at 617-298-2460 or contact us through the website: www.stgregoryparish.com