

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

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The Lord is kind and merciful

Psalm 103:8

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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# 578 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Closing Hymn: BB# 434 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00 PM Mark Monday (10th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 AM Idyrene & Daniel Phillip (Memorial)

10:00 AM Andy & Nellie Miskell (Memorial)

5:00 PM Fred Karpowich (Memorial)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:45 AM Anne Christine Herisse (L) In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00 PM Thomas & Mary Cunningham, PFC Robert Cunningham & Joseph Cunningham (Mem)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 AM The Gaffey Family (Memorial)

10:00 AM Margaret Barcelou (Birthday Memorial)

5:00 PM Paul Lewis (Memorial)

Please keep in your prayers

Please pray for Veronica Obidi, 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 September

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 9/6/26: \$7,373.00

(includes online donations)

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



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

**Are You Interested in
Becoming a Catholic?**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation. If you are interested in having a conversation about this process, feel free to contact Fr. Jack at bowdoin9043@gmail.com or by calling him at the rectory.



***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 experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a ***Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat***. Fall dates are Saturday, September 19th and Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, November 14th. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, please contact the office at *ProjectRachel:508-651-310* or help@projectrachelboston.com

Early Bird Special

Milton and South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, September 19th from 7:00 a.m.—8:40 a.m.

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary Road, Milton

Men and women—please come and listen to this powerful witness talk by Susan and Brian Middleton as they share about how their teenage daughter, Maria, embraced suffering to save souls while dying from a brain tumor. A petition for sainthood is being considered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

**Are you in a crisis? Call or text 988 or
text TALK to 741741**

Help is available. Speak with someone today!



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend marks the Churches' Celebration Grandparents and the elderly. The theme draws on a powerful promise from Scripture: "I will never forget you". In his message for the sixth celebration of the day, Pope Leo XIV reminded Catholics that this promise should shape how all treat the older adults in their lives.

"The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people."

Here are two practical takeaways from Pope Leo's message for the day.

1. Make a real human connection, not just a digital one.

"The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness." Pope Leo encouraged young people to "revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents," elderly family members and "even those who have no one to visit them."

2. Don't be afraid of human frailty.

"It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life," wrote Pope Leo.

All people are in need of one another, the pope said, and embracing this need is a strength that can "become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace."

**To all grandparents and the Elderly ---
our gratitude and love!**



Next week's special collection benefits the Clergy Trust so that they can continue to provide health and wellness programs and support for all of our active and senior priests. For more information, go to clergytrust.org



If you have a child entering the **second grade or third grade** this September and wish them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May, or if you have a child in the **Eighth grade** and wish them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March, please reach out to Julie Hayes in the Office 617-298-2460 or email: stgregoryparish@gmail.com

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



Tuesday's Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Standing by the cross of Jesus [was]
his mother . . .
John 19: 25-27

Standing by the cross is a mom holding her young daughter's hand as the little girl is being wheeled into surgery.

Standing by the cross is a mom looking for her son who has disappeared somewhere in the dark shadows of the city.
Standing by the cross is a mom as her daughter pours out her heart, as her son tries to figure out his life.

So many moms stand by the crosses endured by their children, moms desperately trying to help them find their way to Easter morning. On this feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, we remember Mary's loving presence at her son's cross on that horrible Good Friday; let us pray and reach out this day to moms - and dads - standing faithfully in the shadows of their children's crosses.

From Deacon Jay Cormier

Pope Leo XIV prayed,

"May we receive from Our Lady of Sorrows the strength to recognize that life is not defined only by the evil we suffer, but by the love of God."