

PARISH OF SAINT GREGORY

Dorchester—Mattapan—Milton

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways
above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

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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
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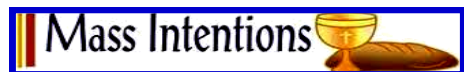
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday morning.

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



Entrance Hymn: BB# 433 All the Earth

Closing Hymn: BB# 393 Sent Forth By God's Blessing



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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:45 AM Rev. Anthony Nguyen (Anniversary)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:45 AM Micheline Herisse Paux (L) In Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 AM Peter Spiro Davis (Month's Mind)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00 PM Claude Ostine (5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 AM Dagoberto Barrientos (Memorial)
10:00 AM O'Connell Family (Julia, William J, Helen, John, Mary, James, William I (Memorial) and John "Jack" O'Connell (3rd Anniv.)
5:00 PM Linda Iwanski Florence (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.

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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

Catholic Schools Office Announcement

I want to draw your attention to a flyer we are making available to you on behalf of the Catholic Schools Office.

The Congress made available a Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program which, if approved by the governor, would offer eligible families of children in both public and private schools, tutoring, after school care, transportation, books, tuition, technology, hearing equipment, speech services, and much more. The funds would be administered by several approved Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) of the tax donors choosing.

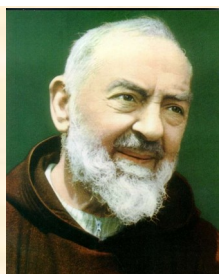
The Schools Office wants to make sure families are aware of this program and to encourage your support for letting the state know this is important for all students and families, regardless of where they attend school.

Fr. Jack

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!



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
Feast Day: September 23rd

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina** on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer. "



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Our second collection today will benefit Clergy Trust, the organization that provides for the health care, wellness, and retirement needs of all our active and senior priests in good standing. I can tell you firsthand that knowing we have the support of the Clergy Trust allows me and my brother priests to focus more of our attention on serving God and His people. If you'd like to go online to make your donation, you may do so by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting clergytrust.org. You can also take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church to bring home and send in later. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Fr. Jack



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

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.