

SAINT GREGORY PARISH

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WELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! We extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners. *We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here! Newcomers are encouraged to register as members of the Parish. Registration forms are available in the entryways of the Church and in the Parish Office and can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to the Parish Office.*



Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so

I send you. John 20:21 (NAB)

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

DAILY MASSES: Monday - Friday: 6:45 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Second Sunday of every month at 11:00 AM, in the upper Church. Please call rectory in advance to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: Noon—1:00 pm on Saturdays 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: Anytime by request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Saturday of the month from Noon—1:00 pm.

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.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers upon entering the church.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10**

4:00 PM Paul Hastings (Birthday Memorial)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 AM Mary C. Mulvey (Birthday Memorial)

10:00 AM Olive Lai Choy (3rd Anniversary)

5:00 PM James J. Smith (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 AM Edmund, Margaret & Mary Holmes(Mem)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

6:45 AM Marie Khong (Memorial)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

6:45 AM Kennedy & Looney Families

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

6:45 AM Victims of Boston Marathon Bombing

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 AM Vincent Tran (Memorial)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

4:00 PM Eileen M. Kelleher (4th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 AM Henry & Helen Lunny (Memorial)

10:00 AM Raymond Ryan (1st Anniversary)

5:00 PM Helen Saniuk (2nd Anniversary) and
John Saniuk (25th Anniversary)**Please keep in your prayers**

Please pray for Marie E. Jean-Baptiste, Johanna F. McKenna, Eileen Desmond, Joseph K. Walsh, Marie Clorette McGuffie and all those who have died recently that they may rest in God's peace. Please also remember their families and friends that they might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

Clergy Trust Easter Collection—Sunday, April 4, 2021**\$9,321.00 (includes online and mailed in giving).**

To give online go to stgregoryparish.com and click on the green button "Get Started". For help, call Julie at the rectory.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, points us to the merciful love of God, and the forgiveness of sins, that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery – the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – made present for us in the Eucharist.

"In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God. ... Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." ... And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief ... He does not close the door, He waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by Divine Mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in His open side, and he discovers trust." (Pope Francis).

The full Gospel is clearly illustrated in the Image of The Divine Mercy, which includes the words "Jesus, I trust in you".

As Our Lord said to St. Faustina, on this special day of the Church's liturgical year "the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the fount of My Mercy... On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (from the Diary, entry# 699).

As individuals and as a Church we must be about mercy. We need to trust in God's gentle mercy, and we recognize that we are called and invited to be individuals and a Church that is more merciful and compassionate.



Easter Collection—Support our Priests

On behalf of my brother priests, thank you for your support of the Easter collection for Clergy Trust. If you were unable to make a donation last week, but would still like to contribute, please go to Clergytrust.org or scan the QR code below. Thank you!

Fr. Jack



As states like Massachusetts are opening up and vaccines keep getting into more arms, it can feel like the end of the pandemic is here. But health officials want to remind you that it's not over yet, and to "please, hold on a little while longer." Here's what you need to know this morning:

Covid Precautions

With the arrival of Spring and its beautiful weather and more and more individuals receiving their vaccinations I am seeing more life and energy in our neighborhood and in the Church. That is a good thing but let us continue to exercise caution and remember that for many it is still too early to be venturing out to Mass. Please remember that the dispensation from the obligation for Sunday Mass continues and that the Cardinal and I encourage people to be safe. I look forward to the day where all of us can again gather, but now is not the right time for many.

Thank You for Helping Our Neighbor in Need at Easter and throughout the Year

Thank you to the many donors who have so generously provided Stop & Shop and star Market food cards as well as cash that have been given out to local families in need, ensuring that they can have an Easter dinner and mark this most holy feast. We are always so moved by the generosity of our parishioners!

ACCESS TODAY'S READINGS FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE WHILE AT MASS

We are no longer allowed to have missalettes in the pews because of the pandemic, but you may follow along by accessing our website on your smartphone.

Go to: www.stgregoryparish.com

Click on: **Daily Bible Readings**



Easter Gratitude

Holy Week and Easter were not the same as in years past. The celebrations were a bit more subdued and gatherings were limited because of our concerns for our safety and the safety of others. But many were still able to come to Church to participate in Holy Week services and the Easter celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, and it was a joy to be with them. My intention at the Masses was for those who for very good reasons were not able to be with us and are very much missed.

I would like to thank Fr. Brian McMahon for celebrating the Mysteries with such joy. My gratitude also to our Director of Music Ministries and organist, James Busby, our cantors Sean Roper, Meghan Blell and Nicole DeGennaro and organist Dan Sullivan, who added such life and beauty to the Liturgies. Thank you also to the Greeters, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers, and of course all who came to worship and celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

My gratitude is also extended to Bobbie and Mike Skillin, who brought the Church to its exquisite beauty for the celebration of the Resurrection! So many who came to celebrate mentioned how beautiful the Church was decorated. Thank you! Thank you also to Joe and Sean Bourne for cleaning and maintaining the Church, and helping to bring the beauty of the Easter season to life. Thank you.

Thanks also to Julie Hayes who keeps everything going so smoothly at the Rectory and is extra busy in the office during this Holy Season. Thanks also to Barbara Miller and Kathy Flaherty, who assist in the rectory.

Lastly my gratitude to the many in the parish who through gifts cards and offering of money assisted many families to make the Easter celebration more enjoyable and blessed. I am truly blessed to be part of this community.

Fr. Jack Ahern

*The great gift of Easter is hope-
Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in
God, in His ultimate triumph, and His goodness and love,
which nothing can shake.*

-Basil Cardinal Hume