

St. Gregory's Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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Monday - Friday – 6:45 AM

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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of Saint Gregory Parish. 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.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions will be heard from Noon to 1:00 pm on Saturdays to allow both the celebration of the Sacrament weekly, and also 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 visit our website often for news and information.

www.stgregoryparish.com

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

4:00 PM Robert Driscoll (Memorial)

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 AM Amerigo Bergamo (Memorial)

10:00 AM

5:00 PM Michael Wallace (13th Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 106:45 AM William Kennedy, Sr. (36th Anniversary)
and the Kennedy Family**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

6:45 AM John Ahern, Sr. (34th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

4:00 PM William Bulger (2nd Anniversary)

SUNDAY, JUNE 147:00 AM Fr. Jack and Classmates
(40th Anniversary of Priesthood)10:00 AM James & Marie Gurley
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

5:00 PM Bob Norris (5th Anniversary)

Please also keep in your prayers

Donna M. Morrissey, Abby Middleton, Joseph Mazur and Emmanuel Acloque who passed to the Lord recently. May they rest in God's peace. Please also pray that their family and friends might know the gift of God's loving consolation.

OFFERTORY**Sunday, May 31st****\$ 4,917.00 (includes online and mailed in giving)****2nd Collection for the Seminary: \$627.00****Some Important Information**

1. Dispensation from the Sunday Mass Obligation will continue for the foreseeable future.
2. Cardinal Sean *strongly encourages* people in vulnerable populations especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions to continue to watch Mass from their homes.
3. We are expected to limit the number of people who come to the Church. It is not to exceed 40%.
4. Mask should be worn unless one is under the age of two or have an exemption for some medical reason. Parents should judge for children between ages two and four.
5. Social distancing is important. Clearly family members can be close to one another. But in other cases, try to maintain a six-foot distance.
6. There is no Offertory Collection by basket. There will be receptacles at the doors for the offering.
7. There will be no Sign of Peace.
8. Reception of Holy Communion is only by hand. Both the minister of the Eucharist and the communicant will have masks on at the time of distribution.
9. I know we have AC but for the time being it is suggested that proper ventilation be ensured with the opening of windows and doors.
10. We have emptied the Holy Water Fonts removed missalettes, hymnals, bookcases, and literature racks.
11. Between Services the Church (including the bathroom) will be cleaned and sanitized.

On behalf of the Archdiocese, I offered this prayer at an Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace after the death of George Floyd

Ever Gracious God, the horrific murder of George Floyd has left us angry as the words “I can’t breathe” continue to ring in our ears and hearts.

As we ever so slowly move toward a new normal brought about by the pandemic we need to remember that for many Americans, especially our black and brown brothers, the promise of America -- liberty and justice for all – is not a promise that is experienced.

For them racism and its many dire effects are tragically and painfully their normal.

As a city we need to do better. We want to do better. President Obama reminded us last night.

“It falls on all of us regardless of race or station, including the men and women of law enforcement who take pride in doing their jobs the right way every day to work together to create a new normal in which the legacy of bigotry and unequal treatment no longer effects our institutions and our hearts.” (end of quote)

Gracious and loving God as we gather today, we commit ourselves to listening more and with greater intensity to the often-unheard cries of our black and brown brothers and sisters.

We pray for peace in our city, for renewed friendships among neighbors, for solidarity and unity among all the neighborhoods of our city and a greater appreciation and love of all humanity.

Loving God fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our city and nation from racial injustice.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

We have prayed and now, with changed hearts, let us move our feet to action.

Fr. Jack



WELCOME HOME!!!

Like the first Pentecost last weekend was for us a new beginning as we gathered for Sunday Worship for the first time in twelve weeks.

As I mentioned going into last weekend, I was thrilled to again gather to celebrate the Eucharist, but I also had reservations that it was too soon especially if those in the more vulnerable groupings felt ‘obliged’ to attend.

With the assistance of many all seemed to go well. As odd as this is to say, because I long when we can all gather again, I was happy to see that many people decided to postpone their return. In most if not all cases this is a good decision. For those who gathered it was a different experience. Some suggested it was awkward with the taping off of pews, signs up and down the aisles reminding us to safe distance and only two stations for the distribution of Communion. But many more mentioned how wonderful it was to gather together and give thanks to God for the many blessings that have come our way even during this very difficult and challenging time.

As we go forward I am sure that there will be missteps along the way but I intend to follow any further directives that come our way from the Commonwealth, the City and the Archdiocese as we continue through the next several phases. My sense is that the “new normal” will be with us for a while.

If you have any questions, concerns or observations please feel free to call or email me anytime.

It is Good News that we can gather once again to give praise and honor to the God whose love sustains us! Alleluia!

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